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Restructuring of South Central Jurisdiction proposed

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI)—A preliminary proposal calling for the elimination of all program boards of the South Central Jurisdiction will be released soon, according to a report at the recent meeting of the Jurisdictional Council.

According to the Rev. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Tex., chairman of the special Ad Hoc Structure Committee, the preliminary draft to be mailed soon to Jurisdictional leaders for comments and suggestions, calls for the abolition of all jurisdictional boards and agencies. There would be a representative

Jurisdictional Program Council and an Administrative Council.

The plan has not been finalized and suggestions are being requested by the committee before it meets again May 10, 1972. The final proposal will be presented to the quadrennial Jurisdictional Conference meetings in Houston next July.

In other action the Jurisdictional Council, headed by Dr. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Nebr., approved general plans for 1972 Jurisdictional leadership training events. Proposals for these

events came through the Committee on Coordination, Research and Planning headed by Dr. Sidney Roberts, Dallas, Tex.

Because of expense and distance, Dr. Roberts said the Committee is strongly supporting regional training events as well as those held at Mt. Sequoyah.

The Rev. Robert Robertson, Dallas, Tex., chairman of the jurisdictional Communications Committee, reported that the Rev. Dr. William A. Holmes, pastor of University United Methodist

Church, Austin, Tex., will be the radio preacher for the 1972 series of the Protestant Hour.

Representatives from several United Methodist institutions within the Jurisdiction also spoke before the Council. These included the Rev. Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, president of the board of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly; Dr. Don Holter, president of St. Paul School of Theology; and Dr. J. D. Quillian, Jr., dean of Perkins School of Theology.

Dr. Dykes to deliver Young Lectures at Malvern

Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, will be the speaker for the 1971 J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young Lectures to be held at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, Oct. 24-26.

The series will open with the evening service on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. and will continue through Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., according to the pastor, the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft.

An informal reception and fellowship hour following the lectures on Sunday and all weekday lectures will offer an opportunity for visits with Dr. Dykes.

The Young Lectures are a gift to First United Methodist Church and the Malvern community by members of the J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young family as a memorial to their parents and to the memory of their two deceased sons, John Murry Young and Gordon E. Young.

Dr. Dykes, who is a native of Louisiana, has served as pastor of the Shreveport church for 16 years. He received the B.D. degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., and the D.D. degree from



Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr.

Centenary College. He served as pastor of the Zwolle Methodist Church after which he became associate pastor of First Church, Shreveport. In 1948 he became pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville. In 1955 he returned to Louisiana to be pastor of First Church, Shreveport.

Arthur Honeychurch, minister of music, will be in charge of the special music during the lectures.

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Jonesboro First Church to sponsor Marriage Enrichment Weekend

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend which concentrates on the enrichment of husband-wife relationships will be held at Cherokee Village, Oct. 29-31, under the sponsorship of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

Leaders for the weekend will be Mrs. Virginia Law, director of the family worship department of The Upper Room, and Dr. Carl Clarke, a clinical psychologist from the University of Florida.

Dr. Clarke originated, outlined and

researched the Marriage Enrichment program under a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Essentially, the program presents a process for increasing both the awareness and the verbal sharing of feelings in marriage, especially those of love, joy, closeness and commitment. It concentrates on the positive aspects of marriage rather than the negative ones and on the strengthening of healthy marriages rather than the healing of shaky ones, according to Mrs. Law.

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick Religious Emphasis speaker at Texarkana

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, senior minister of First United Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill., will be the speaker for the interdenominational preaching mission sponsored by the Religious Emphasis Committee of Texarkana, Oct. 17-19. He will be speaking in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Ark. at 400 E. Sixth St.

He will be preaching a series of sermons on the Parable of Jesus under the general theme: "Happy Are Your Ears."

The opening session will be on Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. with the subject of the opening message "Tune In." The subjects for the Monday and Tuesday messages will be: Monday: 10:30 a.m. — "Like a Radio-Active Isotope," 7:30 p.m. — "A Son, A Samaritan and a Scoundrel"; Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. — "Don't Be Surprised by the Surprises," and 7:30 p.m. — "Why Kill the Storyteller?"

Dr. Kirkpatrick is a B.D. graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., and earned the Ph.D. degree at Drew University, Madison, N.J. Before becoming pastor of the Evanston church he was the pastor of St. Mark Methodist Church, Atlanta,

Ga. He is a leader in world Methodist theological discussions and is chairman of the Commission to Study the Structure of The United Methodist Church.

The Religious Emphasis Committee is interdenominational and ministers and laymen from churches on both sides of the line in Texarkana participate in the program.

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Benevolent giving increased last month

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists supported their church's basic benevolence fund at a higher rate in September of 1971 than a year ago, but with one quarter of the fiscal year remaining, more than half of the annual World Service goal of \$25,000,000 is to be raised.

According to figures released here October 6 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, giving to the World Service fund totaled \$11,896,095 for the nine months ending September 30, a decrease of 5.65 per cent from the same period a year ago. Receipts for the month of September were \$1,509,924, an increase of 6.82 per cent above September of 1970.

In the report as a whole, ten categories of benevolence and administrative funds showed increases for the nine months compared to a year ago, while six categories showed decreases.

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News in Brief

The principal of Ewha Girls' High School in Seoul, one of the Korean Methodist Church's educational institutions, is a member of a five-person delegation from South Korea engaged in preliminary talks with a North Korean delegation about a proposal for locating and possibly reuniting families in the divided country.

Little Rock Districts to hold joint Mission Study Workshop

A Fall Mission Study Workshop for the Little Rock Districts of the Little Rock and Southwest Conferences will be held October 19th at the Capitol View United Methodist Church, 301 Pulaski Street, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The workshop is designed to give local church leaders wide acquaintance with all materials to be used in their church-wide Mission Study programs. There will be six groups available:

1) Audio-Visuals—A showing of a sample of films and film strips available to supplement your mission study. Presented by the Rev. Bill Robinson and the Rev. Gary Goldman.

2) New Machines and The New Humanity—Presented by a panel of lay women from the Mabelvale United Methodist Church.

3) The New Generation in Africa—Presented by Mrs. Walter Hazzard.

4) The Invitation—Matthew on Mission—Presented by Dr. Edward Hollenbeck.

5) Youth Study Material—Presented by the Rev. Joe Arnold.

6) Children's Study Material—To be announced.

Mission Study Materials will be available for purchase. So be prepared to buy samples of material in which your church may be interested.

LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL IN BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Jim Wiseman of Searcy, North Arkansas Conference Director of Lay Speaking, is the teacher for the Lay Speaking School being conducted Oct. 14-28 in First United Methodist Church, Batesville.

There will be five two-hour sessions, according to Marvin Gaither, Batesville District Lay Leader. The schedule of the classes is: Oct. 14—7 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 17—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Oct. 21—7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Oct. 24—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Oct. 28—7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

DR. AND MRS. E. T. WAYLAND TO MAKE ILLINOIS THEIR HOME

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Wayland have sold their home in North Little Rock and will henceforth be making their home with Dr. and Mrs. Ewing T. Wayland in Mount Prospect, Ill.

Their new address will be 108 S. Waverly Place, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056.

Dr. Wayland was editor of the Arkansas Methodist from 1940 until his retirement in 1957.

Hendrix Theatre Arts season to open Nov. 17

The theatre arts department at Hendrix College has announced its program for the school year.

"The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee, directed by Kenneth Gilliam, will be presented November 17-21. The authors are known for hit plays, "Inherit the Wind" and "Auntie Mame."

"The School for Wives" by French playwright Moliere and directed by Mrs. Capp Shanks will be presented February 14-19.

During the spring term no major production will be presented. Instead, several student produced programs like readers' theatre and one-act plays are planned. Dates for these productions will be April 25-28.

The theme for the theatre arts department for the year is Involvement '72. During the fall and winter terms students will be given the opportunity to act, design sets and assist in the overall production of the two major

Fund honors Dr. and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Jr.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — A fund has been established at Oklahoma City University honoring President and Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Jr.

The initial contribution to the fund to provide an endowed professorship in history was made by Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Wells of Hunter, Okla. Mr. Wells is a member of the OCU Board of Trustees.

The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Luther T. Dulaney, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Dr. Whitten, OCU president since 1970, has been affiliated with OCU since 1958, having served as professor of history, administrative dean, vice president for administration and twice as acting president.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Whitten have served the Methodist Church in many capacities. She served two years as president of the Oklahoma Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and will be a delegate to the 1972 Jurisdictional Conference. He served three years as a district lay leader, has been a member of a number of general, jurisdictional and conference boards, was a delegate to the General Conferences in 1968 and 1970 and will be a delegate to both the Jurisdictional and General Conferences in 1972.

TO MINISTERS AND LAITY OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

I am now at home and improving after having surgery at the Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock. Mrs. Cross and I would like to thank the Ministers and Laity of the Little Rock Conference for their visits, prayers and all communications.

Rev. Noel Cross, Pastor
Dermott United Methodist Church
Dermott, Arkansas

productions. During the spring term, students will be given the opportunity to direct.

Further information about the productions and admission tickets may be obtained by calling or writing the Hendrix College Box Office.

Program Directors to Local Churches

The Program Directors of the Arkansas Area are most grateful to Dr. Alfred A. Knox for giving us the opportunity to share with the local churches of Arkansas important emphases in the Church Calendar. We trust that this weekly column will help local churches as they plan their activities.

Two significant observances are immediately ahead of us. **World Order Sunday** is Oct. 17. This year's theme is for each church to do its own thing. There are so many important issues related to world order. Many good materials have been suggested through Conference channels. The current church school curriculum resources offer help as does the September issue of "The Interpreter."

After your church has selected an emphasis, a program should be developed that will continue after the specific observance of World Order Sunday. Efforts at peacemaking might well begin with most members of the congregation. Emphases could include learning to live together at home, in the church and school, and in the community. However, peacemaking should not stop with information. It should involve local church members in activities for peace.

Today, these issues deeply concern more and more people. Though greatly disturbed, many do not know where to turn for leadership and information. World Order Sunday can help bring a Christian world perspective into their thinking. It can help them find ways to relate constructively to efforts for peace and world order.

Reformation Sunday is Oct. 24. This

day can be used effectively to call to our attention the great fundamentals of our Christian heritage: Protestantism, Methodism, and Ecumenism. Reformation Sunday is promoted by the Work Area on Ecumenical Affairs. Therefore, it seems important that rather than giving exclusive emphasis to the church's division, we emphasize its unity and the need for continuing reform. This can be a great day in any church. It can be a day in which our people are helped to see the reality of Christian ideals, and urged to validate them by daily conduct.

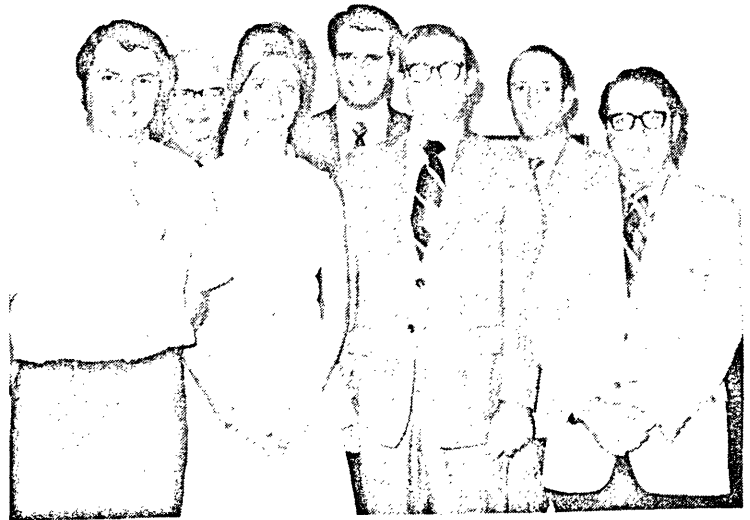
Dates to Remember

The North Arkansas Conference premarital counselling workshops will be conducted as follows: Oct. 18, Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, for Fayetteville and Fort Smith Districts; Oct. 19, First United Methodist Church, Searcy for Batesville and Conway Districts; Oct. 20, First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro for Jonesboro, Forrest City and Paragould Districts.

The purpose of these workshops, to be directed by Dr. DeForrest Wiksten of Dallas, is to help ministers counsel wisely with couples before marriage.

A Consultation on Camping for the South Central Jurisdiction will be conducted at Mt. Sequoyah, Oct. 25-27. Conference teams from the Arkansas Area will be attending.

The Youth Council of the Little Rock Conference will meet at First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m.



Church-Wide Mission Studies were introduced in a District Fall Mission Conference held at Fairview Church in Camden, Tuesday, Sept. 28. Shown is the leadership team for the conference. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Darrell Van Smith, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Camden; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent; Mrs. Fred Haustein, district coordinator of Children's Ministries; the Rev. Ed Matthews, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff; the Rev. Allan Bonsall, associate pastor at First Church, Magnolia; the Rev. George Tanner, district Missionary secretary, and the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul's Church, El Dorado. Twenty-seven churches in Camden District were represented by 128 United Methodists.

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Editor's
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Some Suggestions
for Our
Correspondents

We are indebted to a great number of our readers who serve us as formal and informal correspondents, channeling the news of the local churches and the districts into our office. We would not be able to provide the wide coverage of local activities without this help, and we hope you will continue to render this service.

We would like to make suggestions about the preparation of your material in order that we might serve you better.

If at all possible, we would like to have your material typewritten—double-spaced with the margins rather wide in order that we may make notations to the printer. When copy comes in single-spaced we simply do not have room for the routine editorial notations and the corrections that must be made.

Then, there are some who have developed the habit of writing all of their material in capital letters. This is a great inconvenience to those who are editing it and for the printers. We do hope that those who have been following this style will change to the normal format in which the material will be set.

Occasionally we receive material which bears the notation, "Please print this without changing it." Your staff must have the right to decide just where stories will go and how much space they will occupy. Local stories must be seen in relation to other local stories and must frequently be rewritten to preserve the style which your paper has chosen to follow. Often we must eliminate long lists of names, thinking in terms of the appeal of the material for those beyond the local church from which it comes.

Finally, it is often necessary for us to delete comments of evaluation concerning events and personalities. We have been criticized for being too objective in this connection, but we feel that this is an obligation of our editorial responsibility.

Please keep the news coming, understanding we will use it as best we can.

We would like to share with you this week some of the material included in the current issue of *Street 'n Steeple*, publication of the General Board of Evangelism. It seems appropriate to call your attention to a number of significant developments which indicate an intensification of interest in evangelism in the church around the world.

The lead story tells of the decision of the World Methodist Council to emphasize evangelism during the next five years. Following one of the largest debates at the Denver meeting in August, the council approved the program presented by its Committee on Evangelism, chaired by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Ohio. This program of "intensified mission to the world" calls Methodists to "emphasize the reality and necessity for the inward personal experience of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit and the necessity to fashion a just social order in which all people, especially those who hitherto have been deprived, may live a truly human experience."

The council named an 18-member steering committee to develop and correlate the global program in keeping with the six-fold purpose adopted: "To affirm the relevancy and adequacy of the Christian faith for this age; to initiate a worldwide mission and evangelism offensive; to lead persons into a personal experience of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to encourage within Methodism the unity of the entire Christian church and a global consciousness; to stimulate new strategies and forms of ministry to persons and society; to give mutual encouragement to the body of Christ."

The resolution emphasized that "every effort shall be made to work in concert and cooperation with other communions and churches." However, it said, "the human need is so urgent and the divine compulsion so great that Methodism must respond immediately." Those making the presentation at Denver emphasized that where possible the evangelistic efforts would be within an ecumenical context. It was pointed out that a major thrust in the United States will be

through the interdenominational Key '73 evangelism movement.

In answer to some criticisms of the resolution, those presenting it said the worldwide Methodist effort would not "set personal salvation over against social salvation."

The council did adopt an amendment which calls on Methodist churches everywhere to make efforts to "study and understand the phenomenal revival of religious interest and expression" among people, especially youth, around the world, in order to claim this religious enthusiasm for Christ, "become open to the 'astounding changes' in life style; accept all people 'regardless of what they look like and how they speak.'" This was an appropriate emphasis as the world Methodists urged all of their member denominations to give special attention to reaching youth.

The *Street 'n Steeple* article echoed the voices of a number of global leaders as they endorsed the program.

Dr. Alan Walker of Australia, who received The Upper Room Citation for 1971 during the Denver meeting, pointed out some interesting global statistics concerning the broadening challenge for evangelism. He said that 32 per cent of the world population was Christian in 1900. This had dropped to 30 per cent by 1960 and, he asserted, if present trends continue, the proportion by the year 2000 will be 15 per cent. For this and other reasons, he maintained, "the world and the church are facing

their greatest challenge, and now is the time for worldwide action."

Dr. Leslie Davidson, general secretary of the Home Mission Department of the British Methodist Church, pointed out that the only time a rather steady downward membership trend was broken was in 1953, the year of a previous world Methodist evangelistic effort. However, he emphasized that the motive for the new program was not statistical — "not more people who will give more money, but a movement for Christ and the Holy Spirit."

Dr. Joseph Yeakel, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, spoke for the programmatic aspects, saying structure as well as commitment to evangelism is important. Referring to the significance of Methodism's participation in Key '73 and its possible meaning for the program adopted by the World Methodist Council, Dr. Yeakel said, "Although it is not possible to say at this time exactly what will carry over from Key '73 into the World Methodist emphasis, it is unlikely that the programmatic designs and experiments being tried in Key '73 will have no effect on the World Methodist design. In fact, it is highly possible that Key '73 will be the primary contribution of the American Methodist bodies to the world emphasis."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"Stop apologizing for the Christian message," Dr. Peter Berger, a Lutheran, said while speaking to a Consultation on Church Union plenary session in Denver. The Rutgers University professor called for the repudiation of those who seek to subvert the Christian faith and lashed out at "phony" campus ministers with "insane enthusiasm for the counter culture." Dr. Berger insisted that the church should speak out and act against injustices, but from its own perspective and not that of the culture.

Nigeria has made "a remarkable recovery" since the Biafran surrender ended that nation's civil war in 1970, according to the Rev. Richard B. Griffiths, who coordinated Quaker Service rehabilitation work there for 15 months. The United Church of Christ clergyman praised efforts made by the Nigerian federal government to unify the country, adding that observers believe no nation has better handled the aftermath of a civil war. Two successful planting seasons have helped to improve the health of the war-ravaged people, however, the minister said that the susceptibility of people to disease will remain high because of starvation and inadequate nutrition during the war.

A "mix-mill" machine that is expected to prevent thousands of Congolese infants from dying of starvation has been donated by the Ralston-Purina Co. in St. Louis to the Presbyterian Church of the Congo. William Lane, vice-president of the company, authorized the gift following a series of coincidental encounters. Valued at \$25,000, the equipment produces soybean meal and prevents it from spoiling. Detailed instructions concerning its use and maintenance, provided by the donor, will accompany the gift.

Former Justice Arthur J. Goldberg, one-time ambassador to the U.N., will join the faculty of American University, United Methodist-affiliated school in Washington, D.C. The former Secretary of Labor has taught at Princeton and Columbia. In January he will become University Professor of Law and Diplomacy at American University's law school. Dean Gordon A. Christenson said the appointment gives support to his plans for training lawyers to play the part of decision-makers in modern society.

Taking note of Layman's Sunday, an annual observance for 24 Protestant denominations, President Nixon said, "Let us rededicate ourselves to working in the interest of others, motivated both by our love of God and our love of the country he has so richly blessed. And let us go forward together in our daily lives, sustained by his generous blessings on us, to build a better world for future generations." The 1971 theme for the annual observance is "In the Interest of Others."

The Methodist Church of South Africa has made no contributions to the World Council of Churches since the ecumenical agency issued grants to "liberation groups" in southern Africa in 1970, according to an announcement by the Rev. C. E. Wilerson, president of the denomination. Most South African churches holding membership in the WCC objected strongly to grants made to African groups which fight apartheid (racial separation). Some recipients are reported to have used guerrilla tactics.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Bd. and a former missionary to China, described the Chinese mainland as a "colossus" from the standpoint of size, natural resources and human capabilities. Addressing a Southern Baptist Communications Conference, he quoted Historian Arnold Toynbee as saying, "The 21st Century may be the Chinese century." Commenting on Red-China-U.S. relations, Cauthen advised taking "the long, long look—wait, watch, listen and address ourselves to the people, the masses, with love and concern . . . We should be slow to make any agreements, for when a Communist makes an agreement, it is a step toward an objective out in the future."

Evangelist Billy Graham, addressed his comments to the younger generation during his recent opening night sermon of the Dallas Crusade. He said of the rock opera, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," "There are a lot of things about the rock opera I don't like . . . But one thing I do like, it's asking the right question, 'Jesus Christ, who are you?'"

One-quarter of the South Pacific's million people are still unevangelized according to the Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson, a New Zealand Methodist clergyman. Reporting on a meeting of the Pacific Conference of Churches, he said that the unevangelized people include the Indian population in Fiji and many in Papua-New Guinea, the Solomons and the New Hebrides. The conference contended that the church should expose witchcraft, strengthen its own pastoral ministry, and encourage governments to provide better health services.

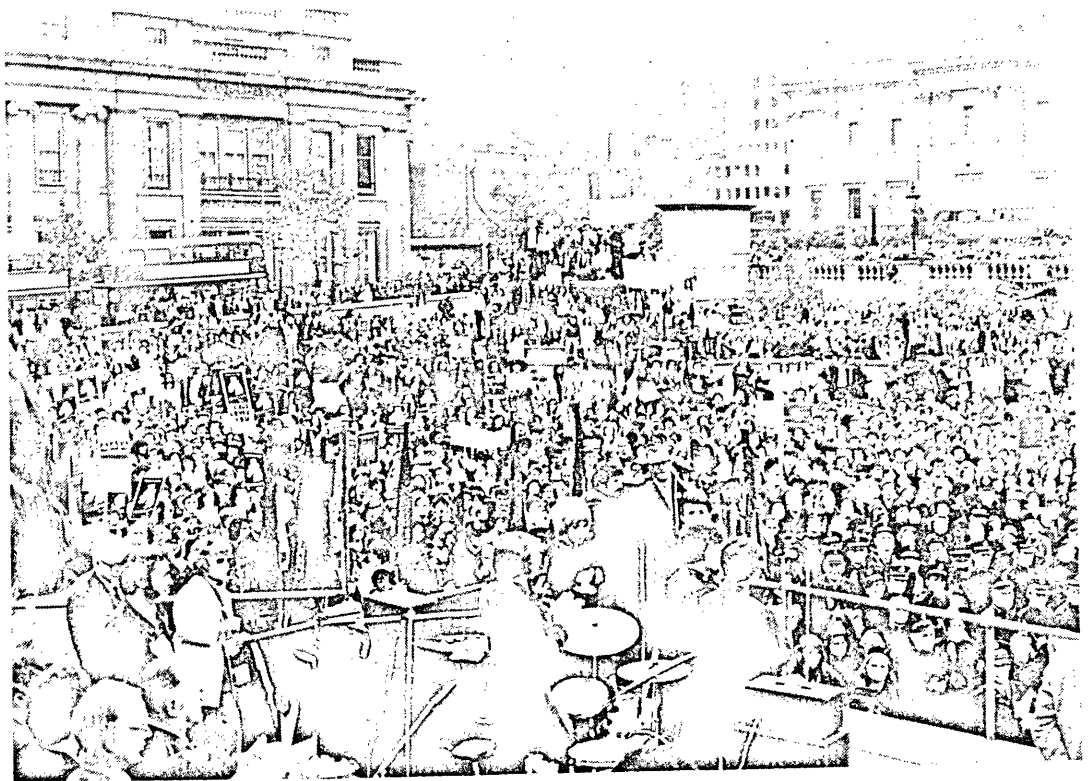
More than 1,000 Lithuanian Roman Catholics protested in an open letter to Soviet authorities in Moscow that freedom of worship is being denied by Communist leaders in Lithuania. Viewed as part of a growing effort by religious groups to pressure the Soviet government and the ruling Communist Party to implement constitutional guarantees, the Lithuanians' letter said "newspaper and radio tell us, there is freedom of religion in the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic, but in reality this is not so."

Augsburg Publishing House, a division of the American Lutheran Church, has been placed on the Minneapolis tax rolls for 1972 by City Assessor Gordon Moe. A 1965 decision by Hennepin County District Court held that the publishing house is tax exempt because its activities of printing and distributing religious materials are within the legal definition of church property. Albert E. Anderson, general manager of Augsburg, said the question of whether it must pay taxes will be decided in the Minnesota Supreme Court. However he expressed the belief that nothing has changed to void the 1965 ruling and said the house prints only religious-educational material.

The recent Presbyterian "Celebration of Evangelism" held in Cincinnati drew overflow crowds and as sessions closed it was announced that \$25,000 have been set aside to carry on the effort. Mrs. Billy Graham, one of the organizers of the assembly sponsored by Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, said the celebration was an example of "the contagion of infectious Christianity." The Rev. Robert Pitman, a Dallas pastor, said the joining in common concerns by conservative-evangelicals and liberals in the event could only happen because "God's been in it."

Minneapolis Star and Minneapolis Tribune have announced a new policy which will eliminate illustrations and limit the size of advertisements for sex-oriented films. The newspapers will continue to scrutinize copy for movie ads, said Harold Hughes, advertising director. "In recent weeks, the rules (asking for reasonableness and tastefulness in copy presented by the theaters) have been so flagrantly disregarded that we have decided to adopt a new policy," he said.

Approximately \$500,000 for projects in Africa and Asia have been allocated by Lutheran World Relief. The funds will assist agricultural, educational and welfare services in Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. The largest grant goes to Nigeria and will help establish oil palm plantations in five villages, purchase canoes for fishermen, dig wells, and establish better medical and health education services.



LONDON — A huge crowd estimated at over 40,000 fills London's Trafalgar Square to take part in a Nationwide Festival of Light. The festival — designed to support love, purity and family life and denounce pornography and moral pollution — brought tens of thousands of "believing Christians" from all parts of Britain to London. In addition to the London activities, church services were held throughout the country during the festival and beacons were lighted on more than 250 hill-tops. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

"HELEN WILSON NIGHT" was observed at First Church, Arkadelphia, on Sept. 26. Miss Wilson, a Methodist missionary to Bolivia, was the speaker for the evening worship service. Dr. John P. Miles is the pastor.

DR. WILLIAM A. HOLMES, minister of University Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., is the preacher for a Week of Renewal in First Church, Conway, Oct. 10-14. In addition to his messages at the evening worship services, he is meeting with a number of small groups throughout the week. The Rev. Ben Jordan is the pastor.

BERNARD CAMPBELL, superintendent of Hot Springs National Park, was the speaker for the meeting of the Men of the Churches at Oaklawn United Methodist Church. The Rev. Fred Arnold is the Oaklawn pastor.

THE REV. JAMES M. MEADORS, Jr., pastor of First Church, Walnut Ridge, is in Wichita, Kans., Oct. 6-13, participating in a regional workshop for Senior High youth and their parents on "Love, Sex and the Christian Faith." In his absence, the Laymen's Day Service on Oct. 10 was under the direction of Henry Rainwater, church lay leader.

THE REV. MAURICE C. WEBB, associate pastor of First Church, Little Rock, was the guest minister for the Sunday evening worship service at First Church, Blytheville, Oct. 3. Mr. Webb was a business man in Blytheville before he entered the ministry. The pastor is Dr. Virgil D. Keeley.

MISS HELEN WILSON, missionary to Bolivia and a native of Hot Springs, was the guest speaker at First Church, Malvern, at the evening worship service on Oct. 3. The pastor is the Rev. Charles Ashcraft.

DR. CLINT BURLESON, pastor of First Church, West Memphis, was the guest preacher for a Preaching Mission at Cavanaugh United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Oct. 10-12. The pastor is the Rev. Larry D. Powell.

DR. DON CORLEY, director of Pastoral Care at the Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, was guest speaker in Crossett United Methodist Church, September 26. Eric Bauer, chairman of the work area on education, was in charge of the program launching Christian Education Week and teacher recognition. The Rev. Ferris Norton is the Crossett pastor.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, Camden District Superintendent, was the guest preacher in a series of revival services at First Church, Clarksville, Oct. 10-13. The Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox is the pastor.

DR. WALTER HAZZARD, president of Philander Smith College, was the speaker for the Hope District Laymen's Banquet held at First Church, Nashville, on Oct. 9. The Methodist Children's Home Choir provided special music for the occasion.

DR. PEARL McCAIN, missionary to Japan now on pre-retirement furlough, spoke at First Church, Marked Tree, on Oct. 4. The Women's Societies of Christian Service of the Lepanto and Tyronza churches joined with the Marked Tree women for the occasion.

DR. STEVE CARRINGTON of Welsh, La. was the co-ordinator for the Lay Witness Mission held at Green Forest, Sept. 24-26. The Green Forest pastor is the Rev. S. Woodrow Woods.

MABLEVALE UNITED Methodist Church began the study of "Technetics - Man and His New Machines" on Sunday evening, Oct. 3. Members of a panel which presented the main areas of concern in the opening session were: Ann Cook, Ann Briley, Zena Jones, Katherine Sue Denney and Joyce Moore. The pastor is the Rev. Ben Hines.

OSCEOLA FIRST CHURCH members are making an eight-week study of the book of Matthew. The Bible study is being sponsored by men, women and youth, beginning on Sunday, September 19. Ralph E. Wilson is study leader for adults; Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Howard are in charge of the youth study. The Rev. Arvill Brannon is pastor.

AN ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR will be held in First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs next Tuesday, October 19, from 9:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Luncheon will be served from 11:30-2:00, at \$1.25. Gift items to be sold include: antiques, decoupage, baked goods, jams and jellies, needlecraft, used books, plants, religious items, and a cook book prepared especially for the fair. Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. W. A. Goodrum is chairman.

DISTRICT GUILD MEETINGS

Conway District WSG -
Lakewood Church, Fairway and Topf, North Little Rock
Sunday, October 17, 1:30 p.m.
registration

Little Rock District WSG -
Winfield Church, 16th and Louisiana, Little Rock
Sunday, October 24, 2:00 p.m.
registration

DR. EDWIN B. DODSON, pastor of First Church, Camden, was the guest preacher for revival services at First Church, Gurdon, Oct. 3-7. The pastor is the Rev. Cagle E. Fair.

ROBERT J. WILSON is serving as chairman of the Every Member Commitment Campaign at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Don Riffin is chairman of the Budget Committee. The Rev. Edward W. Harris is the pastor.

THE REV. LEON WILSON, pastor of First Church, Earle, was the speaker for the Oct. 5 meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, West Memphis. He showed slides and related his experiences during a recent trip to Russia. The West Memphis pastor is Dr. Clint Burleson.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY of Mrs. Grady Reagan have presented a sprinkler system to Winfield U.M. Church, Little Rock, in her memory. This is a fitting memorial to this lovely lady who planned, planted and cared for the shrubs and flowers. The youth of Winfield have furnished a recreation room as a memorial to Bob Weddle. Both these memorials were dedicated in a recent Sunday morning service by the pastor, Dr. J. Edward Dunlap.

LAKEWOOD UNITED Methodist Church, North Little Rock, is engaged in a four-weeks' study of "A Plan of Union" developed by the Consultation on Church Union. Leaders for the sessions, which are being held on Sunday evenings during October, are Herbert Hoxie, Dr. Olin Cook, the Rev. John B. Hays, and Branch Fields.

THE FIRST CHURCH PLAYERS, drama group of First Church, Helena, presented a skit, "To Tell the Truth," at a recent fellowship program at First Church, West Helena.

THE REV. O. R. FINDLEY, a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, is the guest preacher for the revival services being held at Lexa United Methodist Church the week of Oct. 10. The pastor is the Rev. William C. Haltom.

THOMAS COLEMAN, local coach and youth counselor, installed the new officers of the UMYF at Marvell United Methodist Church, Sept. 26. They were: Beth Campbell, president; Jeanne Schaffhauser, vice president; Bill Hall, treasurer; Mary Haley, secretary; and Pamela Wise, reporter. The Rev. W. Roy Moyers is the pastor.

THE RED-WHITE SUB-DISTRICT UMYF of the Batesville District met Sept. 27 at Kensett United Methodist Church. After a fellowship period the Kensett young people presented a skit on teen-age drug abuse. The Rev. Omma L. Daniel is the pastor of the host church.

LAYMEN'S DAY SERVICES

RICHARD WILLS, was the speaker, and Mrs. Don Taylor conducted the worship service for Laymen's Day at Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff. The pastor is the Rev. John Walker.

THE SPEAKER for Laymen's Day at First Church, Brinkley, was Dr. Jack Barnwell, a member of First Church, Cabot. The Brinkley pastor is the Rev. John R. Chapman.

LAYMEN'S DAY SPEAKER for the Okolona Circuit was Jess Murrell of Kaufman, Tex. This circuit furnished Laymen's Day speakers for two other churches. Robert McGill, the lay leader at Trinity, brought the message at First Church, Lewisville, and Clayton Franklin, lay leader at Center Grove was the speaker at First Church, Gurdon. The Rev. David Hankins is the pastor of Okolona Circuit.

MRS. C. A. DAWSON, a charter member of First Church, Marked Tree, was the speaker for Laymen's Day in that church. She spoke on "Our Heritage," with the charge lay leader, Wylie Key leading the service. The pastor is the Rev. William M. Wilder.

DR. BILL BAKER, vice president for student affairs at Arkansas Tech, was the speaker for the Laymen's Day Service at First Church, Hot Springs, on Oct. 3. The pastor is Dr. George F. Ivey.

CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRYOR was the speaker for Laymen's Day at First Church, North Little Rock, Oct. 10. The pastor is the Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers.

THE AUGUSTA United Methodist Church held a "Total Layman's Day," October 10. Lay Leader Edwin Jimerson planned the program, including the ritual. Donald Huenefeld introduced the speaker for the day, Bill Johnson from West Memphis who is president of the Forrest City District Methodist Men. The Rev. Lowell Eaton is minister at Augusta.

JAMES DOUGLASS, minister of music at Western Hills Church, Little Rock, was speaker for Laymen's Day services in that church. Gene Walden, lay leader, was in charge.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

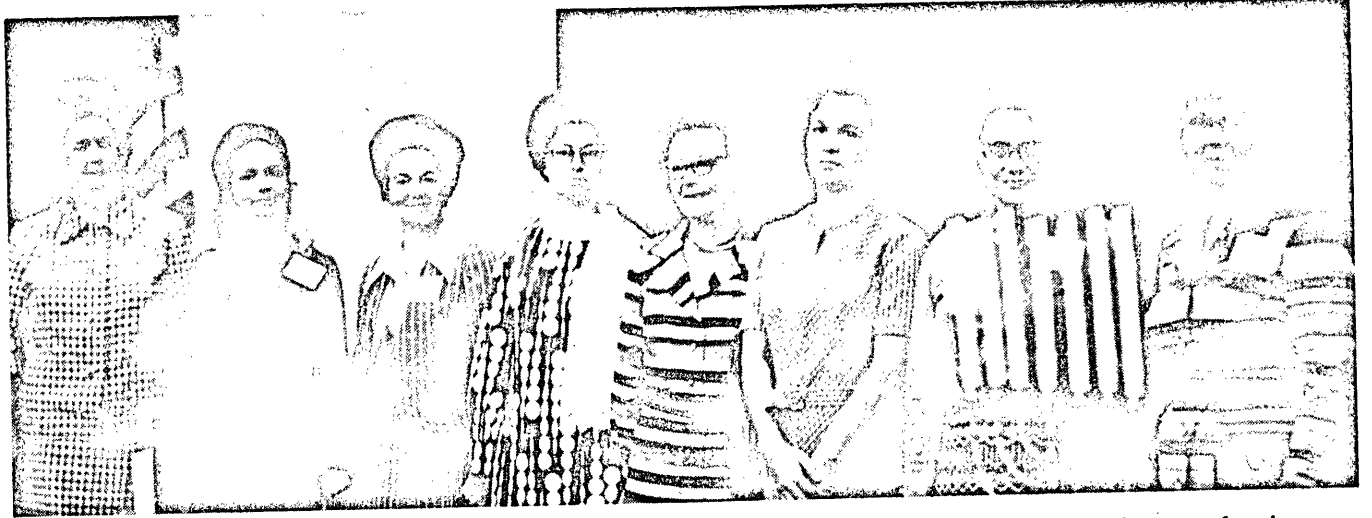
Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 17—Sunday	John 8:33-42
Oct. 18	Gal. 5:1-6
Oct. 19	II Thessa. 3:1-5
Oct. 20	I Pet. 2:11-17
Oct. 21	Hosea 14:1-9
Oct. 22	Matt. 10:5-13
Oct. 23	Rom. 3:19-26
Oct. 24—Sunday	Rom. 8:31-39

North Arkansas Conference WSCS officers elected



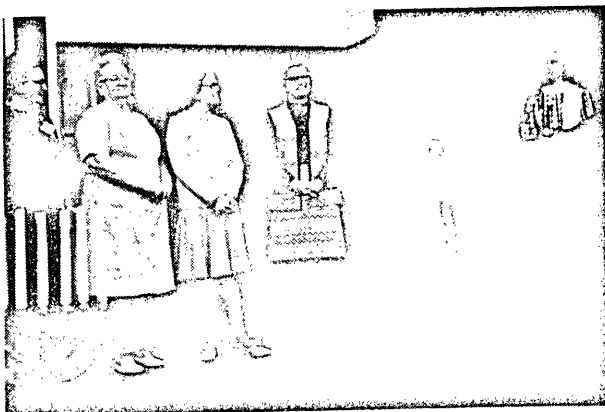
The president has her "right-hand man" on the left in this meeting. Mrs. Rod Thrasher, right, has served as secretary of the conference for the four years Mrs. Johnson has been president.



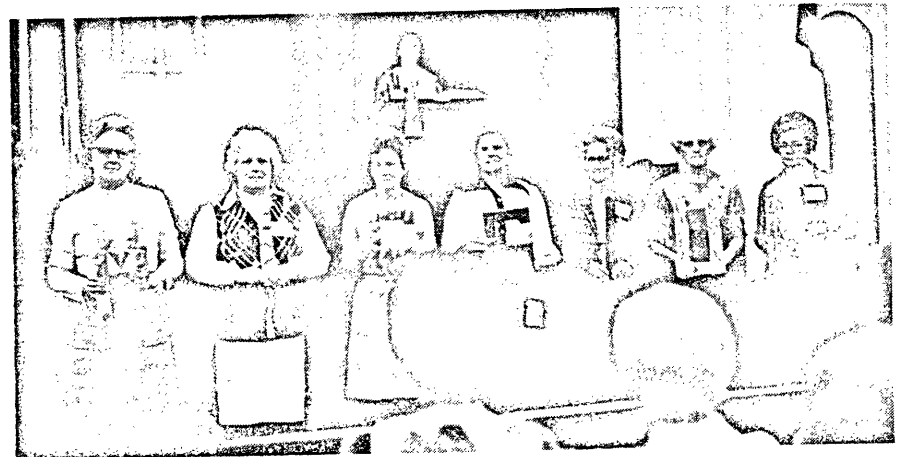
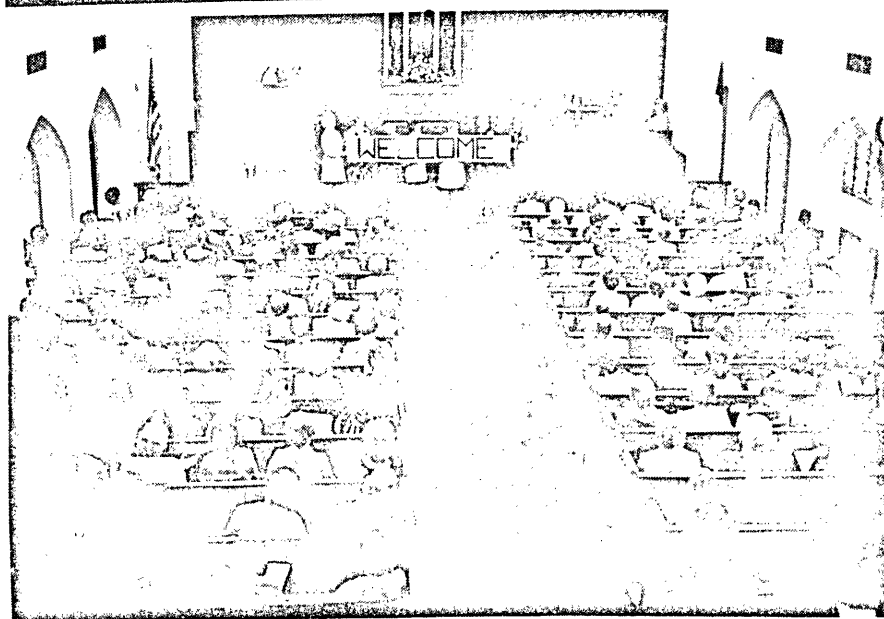
These officers will be serving the Women's Society of Christian Service, North Arkansas Conference, for the next two years. From left: Mrs. Joe Crumpler, Fayetteville, will be president; Mrs. Hugh Hardin, Fort Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Eggensperger, North Little Rock, secretary; Mrs. James Nix, Brinkley, treasurer; Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Batesville, chairman missionary education; Mrs. James Chandler, Jonesboro, Christian social relations; Mrs. Earl Hughes, Forrest City, spiritual growth; and Mrs. Leon Woolbright, Fort Smith, chairman of nominations. Mrs. Lula Baker, not shown, is the new secretary of program materials.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway sits between out-going and in-coming presidents at the Tuesday night dinner. From left: Mrs. Howard Johnson, Bishop Galloway, Mrs. Joe Crumpler, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Fred Pfisterer, and the Rev. Wm. Watson, host district superintendent. Blytheville hostesses served 250 persons preceding the message by Bishop Galloway in the sanctuary.



Retiring officers honored with Special Memberships were, from left: Mrs. W. H. Ford, nominations; Mrs. John Page, literature; Mrs. Rod Thrasher, secretary; and Mrs. Howard Johnson, president.



District treasurers made the "Pledge to Mission" for the Women's Society. District chairmen made the pledge for Guilds at the weekend meeting. The combined pledge was \$110,000. Above, district treasurers are, from left: Mrs. Loyd Nofsiger for Batesville Dist.; Mrs. Ed Davis, Conway Dist.; Mrs. Gerald Tweedy, Fayetteville Dist.; Mrs. T. L. Findley, Forrest City Dist.; Mrs. James Lloyd, Ft. Smith Dist.; Miss Leton Adams, Jonesboro Dist.; and Mrs. Harry Hurt, Paragould District. Mrs. James Nix, at lectern, is conference treasurer.

North Arkansas women conclude meetings

The program emphasis was on inspiration last week when members of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service of the North Arkansas Conference gathered in Blytheville for annual meetings, the first to be held in the fall season.

Speakers setting the tone included Dr. Willis Alderson, administrative assistant to the president of Hendrix College, who gave the Biblical background for the program theme "Peace Through Christ;" Bishop Paul V. Galloway, who related the world outlook to the local crossroad scene; and Mrs. Fred R. Pfisterer of Louisville, Kentucky, who spoke three times during the five days of meetings, challenging the women to new highs in consecration and service.

A spirit of dedication was manifested by the presence of two retired missionaries: Miss Edith Martin of Harrison, who spent 37 years in the Congo, and Dr. Pearle McCain, now of Little Rock, after 42 years spent in

China and Japan. Mrs. Bernice Rogers, told of her work on the home mission scene as Church and Community Worker in 12 rural churches of the Batesville area.

The business, presided over by outgoing president, Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton, included election of officers, who were installed by a former conference WSCS president, Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro. Officers and highlights of the meetings are pictured above.

Mrs. Joe Crumpler, the incoming president, has served as conference vice-president during the past four years, and was chairman of the program for the annual meeting held in Fort Smith in 1970, and for the Blytheville program last week.

The Guild program was presided over by Mrs. Truman Stephens of Fort Smith, who was present in spite of broken bones sustained in a recent fall. Guild officers will serve another year, Mrs. Glenn Hammond of North Little Rock, secretary, was program chairman for the weekend meeting.

The invitation of women from First Church, North Little Rock, to hold the next meeting there was accepted.

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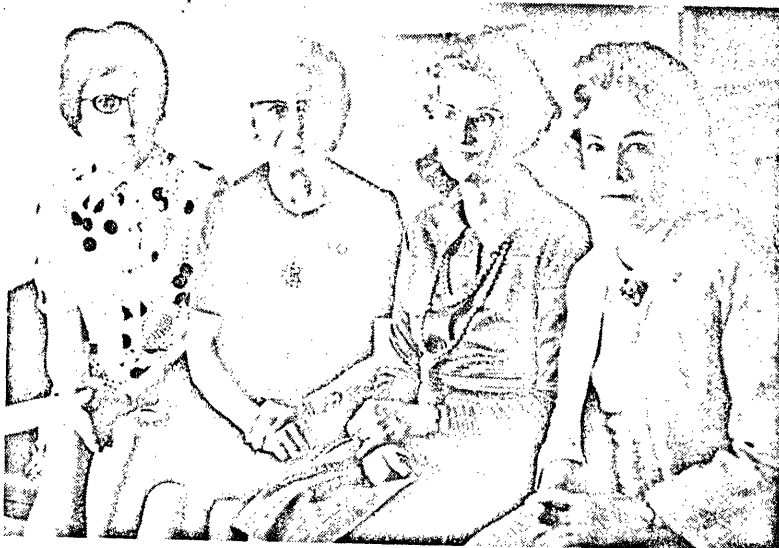
The Blytheville sanctuary was filled with delegates and visitors as the annual WSCS meeting convened.

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From the Guild scene at Blytheville



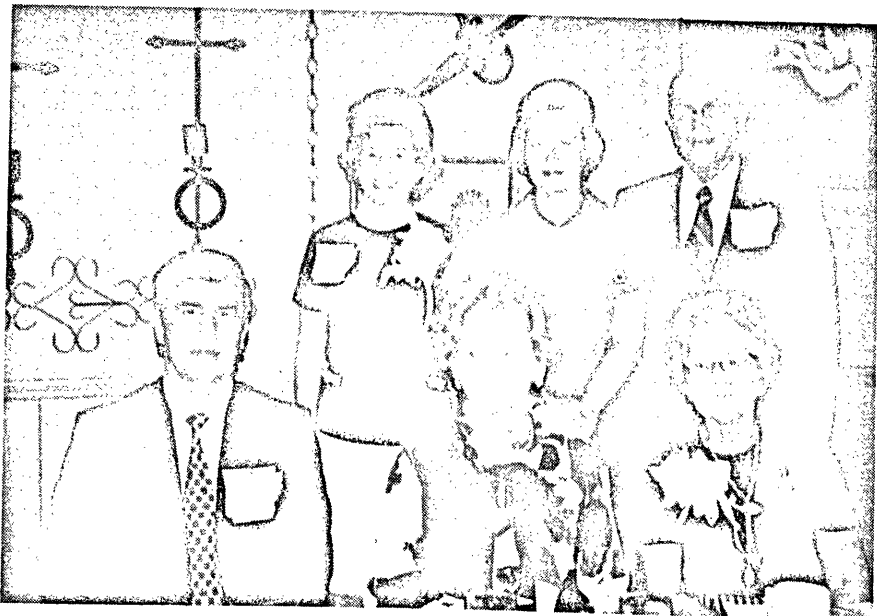
Missionaries serving as resource persons at Blytheville were Edith Martin, left, of Harrison, who served 36 years in the Belgian Congo, and Dr. Pearle McCain, formerly of Searcy, now living in Little Rock, who is retiring after 42 years in China and Japan.



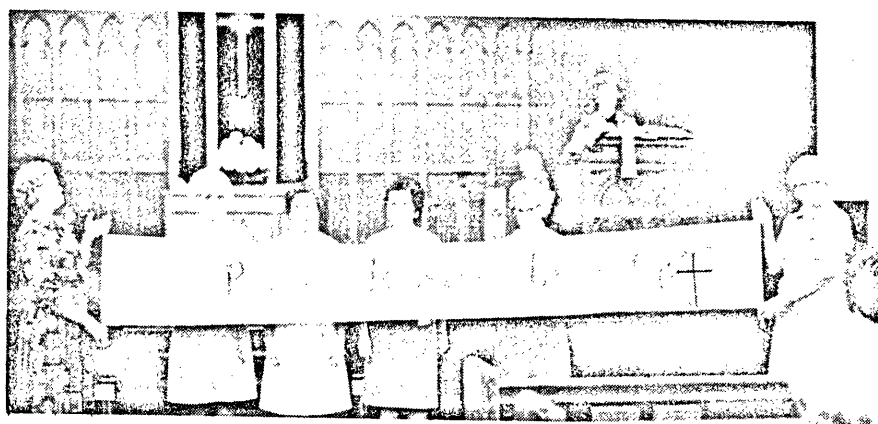
The Wesleyan Service Guild elected these leaders to attend the Regional School of Christian Mission to be held next June at Mt. Sequoyah. From left: Mildred Scott, Thelma Hartronft, Clarissa Stephens (who goes by virtue of her office as conference chairman) and Helen Henderson.



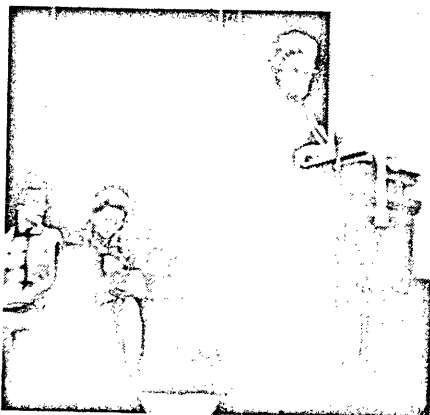
Mrs. Fred Pfisterer of Louisville, Kentucky, was present as resource person during the five days of meetings of the North Arkansas Society/Guild in Blytheville. She brought three messages on the conference theme "Peace through Christ."



At the Guild banquet Saturday evening, in the Blytheville Holiday Inn, principal speaker was Dr. Willis Alderson from Hendrix College, seated at left beside Mrs. Truman Stephens, conference chairman, and Mrs. Katherine Durham, toastmistress. Standing: Mrs. Wm. Shaneyfelt, president of the Blytheville hostess Guild, and the host minister and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Keeley.



Seven district chairmen of Guilds present the theme of the annual meeting held in Blytheville last week. Chairmen and districts are, from left: Miss Irene Forrest, Batesville; Mrs. Thelma Hartronft, Fayetteville; Mrs. Everett Wakefield, Fort Smith; Mrs. George Disinger, Jonesboro; Mrs. Dalton Henderson, Paragould; Mrs. Lillie Burgess, Conway; and (at lectern) Mrs. D. C. Neal, Forrest City.



AT LEFT:

Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson led the opening worship for the Guild weekend.

In the literature room, Mrs. John Page (left) chairman of program materials, makes a transaction with Mrs. John Beisel (center) of West Memphis, and Mrs. Louise Murray of Siloam Springs.

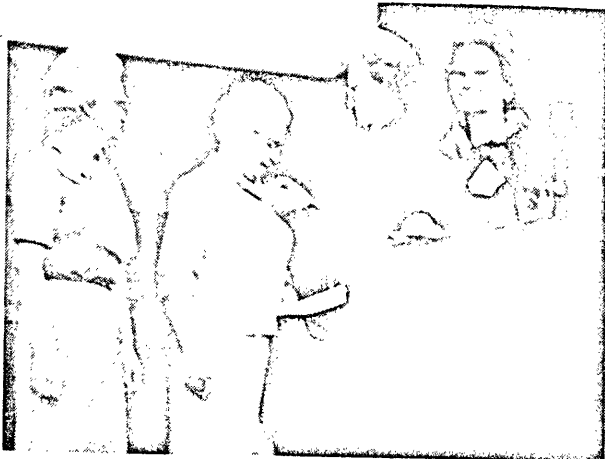


AT LEFT:

Retiring WSG officers were presented Special Memberships by Mrs. Truman Stephens (right), conference chairman. Norma Faye Wilson places the pin on Mrs. Eva Vogel, retiring secretary of spiritual growth. At left is Katherine Durham, who served as program committee chairman.

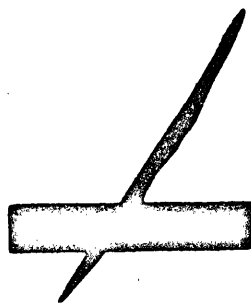
AT RIGHT:

Mrs. Rex Warren, standing at left, was chairman of registration for the Guild meeting and is pinning name tags to the delegation from North Little Rock First Church: Mrs. Henry Lorish, Mrs. E. L. Vint, and Mrs. Harold Womack (who is a former WSCS president).



The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 24: God Heals Broken Humanity

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61: Ephesians 2:11-19; Colossians 1:21-23

MEMORY SELECTION: When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand the ways in which God has healed broken humanity through the centuries, in order that we may appreciate the challenge the church has in our day to be his agents in healing.

Many people are discouraged and pessimistic about the future of the church today because of the widespread alienation in our world. There is no denying that there are many grounds for pessimism, but only so long as we forget the history of God's dealing with his people.

We do not need to belabor the evidences of brokenness in our world, and yet there are some who would hide their heads in the sand and ignore all that is going on around them. Individuals find it hard to communicate with those who are closest to them, and group stands against group in a world with so many problems that we need all of God's children standing together in order that we might be used as his healing agents.

Just a few weeks ago United Methodist leaders of the South Central Jurisdiction gathered for a training enterprise at Mount Sequoyah using a rather unusual theme: "The Church: An Agent of Change?" The question mark which followed the wording of the theme branded it as out of the ordinary. Why do you suppose the planners of that program put it in the form of a question? Were they implying that the church was not fulfilling its function in this responsibility?

Our lesson today calls our attention to the manner in which God has stepped into his broken creation in other days and pulled the pieces together. In the play "Green Pastures," God is pictured as making periodic journeys to earth to encourage men to return from their divisions and brokenness. "Ole man Adam and his chillun" are pictured as a sorry lot, but "de Lawd" does not give up on them. He will not give up on us in our days. There is hope in the challenges that the church is accepting in our time with reconciliation as its highest priority.

When we talk about the brokenness of humanity, it is so easy to avoid the examples that are close to home. All of us know about the war, and some have felt the agony of it ourselves. We do pray for an early end to the conflict in Vietnam, but while it is coming we cannot ignore our responsibilities for alienated persons and broken lives right at our doorsteps. We must put ourselves into proper relationship to these needs if we are to serve as God's agents of change so that there will be no question marks about our responsibilities and our effectiveness.

Let us see what our biblical material has to say to us.

"HE HAS SENT ME TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED"

Isaiah 61 stands out as one of the great passages of the Bible. When Jesus was given an opportunity to read the scripture in the synagogue at Nazareth he chose these words with their very per-

sonal note of hope for the people of Israel when they were in exile. The prophet, whom we call Second Isaiah, declared that the spirit of God was upon him commissioning him to be God's healing agent in Israel's difficult days. One cannot read these words without feeling God's power as it flowed into his servant.

This concept of endowment of powers is found at other places in the Old Testament, particularly in Micah and Zechariah. To interpret this passage as exclusively messianic is to deny the important place of this particular prophet of the exile. He felt God's power flowing into his life for the work to be done in his own day—that of bringing comfort and assurance to the captives. He was God's messenger of good tidings to the sorrowing and suffering.

The fact that Jesus chose this passage for his reading in the Nazareth synagogue indicates that he felt it also applied to his mission among men. He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:16-21). Isaiah's phrase "good news" properly becomes "the gospel" with this reading. He declared to his neighbors and to all mankind that God had given him a peculiar mission—that of revealing God's concern for the sick and deprived.

When Jesus sent out his own disciples, he charged them with two major tasks—preaching and healing. When the church came into being it took over these dual responsibilities. His followers have best discharged their mission when they have combined the proclamation of the gospel with works of mercy. If we understand our responsibilities as church members, then each of us must say with Second Isaiah and with Christ, "He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted."

CHRIST'S RECONCILING WORK FOR US

In a brief passage from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:21-23) we have a classic statement concerning what Jesus accomplished for men through his life, death and resurrection. The Phillips translation says: "And you yourselves, who were strangers to God, and, in fact, were through the evil things you have done, his spiritual enemies." Paul speaks directly to men concerning their alienation from God. The writer goes on to affirm that what happened to reconcile man to God was the result of God's initiative. At another place Paul said, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Alienation is an ugly word wherever we see it and the reality it represents is still less beautiful. Although Paul first emphasizes man's need for reconciliation with God, he moves on to remind his readers that there is another variety of estrangement—man against man. He says that God has done that which was necessary to bring man back to him. This was the gift of Christ which someone has called "the cement that holds the world together." As Paul writes to the Colossians to tell them that the great "good news" is that this reconciliation has been made possible.

In verse 23, Paul warned the Colossians that this fellowship with God would continue so long as they remained firm in the faith and held fast to the truth.

A NEW RELATIONSHIP THROUGH CHRIST

Another background passage, Ephesians 2:11-19, brings us to the reality and necessity of reconciliation among men. Here we learn the reality of a new

fellowship of man with man. Ephesians 2:13 says: "But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ." Paul claims that the cross is the instrument whereby man-made divisions are broken down.

The power of the Christian gospel to unify and to break down the dividing wall of hostility between alien groups is amazing. True, there have been times when the gospel divided men, but Paul was affirming that the unifying power of this gospel cannot be ultimately thwarted. New meaning is being given to this passage in our own day as we see the way in which Christians are turning their backs on many old forms and ideas in their concern to be agents of reconciliation.

We are discovering that the brokenness of life need not remain in pieces; it can become whole again. To accomplish this was the mission Jesus felt God had given him to do. Churchmen everywhere are finding new meaning and a deepened Christian experience as they find what God wants them to do about the brokenness of our own time. How wonderful it is to discover that we are no longer enemies of God or of one another! This is the new relationship we find through Christ who was "sent to bring good tidings to the afflicted . . . to bind up the brokenhearted."

BRINGING THE SCRIPTURE CLOSE TO HOME

This is a lesson which has to be brought out of the pages of the Bible to the needs and hurts of people in our own time. We can hear Jesus speaking in Nazareth and think his words are so exciting. The big question is can we hear him speaking and feel the same kind of excitement about the alienated people who live all about us.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says to us in Adult Bible Studies: "We can have little hope that our condition will become better until we take an honest look at ourselves and the world, making a genuine assessment of our present condition and confessing that our condition is of our own making."

A real danger inherent in this lesson is the possibility that we will overemphasize the part God has played in this process of reconciliation and minimize the part we must play as persons. This is a divided world and God wants it back together. But it is far from his spirit to affirm, as some people do, that "The problems of broken humanity will be solved when God wants them solved." How can we read from the Bible and not feel that we must become a part of the great moving tide of reconciliation which is moving through the church and across the world.

The Bible is full of instances of God's use of people to relieve suffering, and out of this lesson comes the feeling that he is again putting out his hand to us and asking that we help bind up the brokenness in our world.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

Out of the United Methodist General Conference of 1968 came the quadrennial emphasis on reconciliation with its challenge for a great offering which would involve this church of ours in many new experiences. Every other church that we know anything about is also engaged in exciting adventures of involving themselves with the alienated. Slowly but surely the church is coming to see that it is not an end in itself, but is a servant of God in this world to complete this task which he feels is so important.

Included in the projects of the Fund for Reconciliation are great numbers of sincere efforts to undergird the efforts of all of the minority groups in our land toward self-determination and self-realization. Out of this program has also come convictions about our task to help restore the brokenness in Vietnam when that war is over. If you have not visited some of these projects you are depriving yourself of a blessing and you cannot fully understand what this lesson is all about. Do not close this lesson today without a determination to find out more about this emphasis on reconciliation. Find out what your church is doing about it, and become concerned yourself.

Crusade Scholarship program in 26th year

NEW YORK (UMI) — More than 2,000 persons have studied under a church-supported program of international education that is entering its 26th consecutive year with the start of the 1971-72 academic season.

Included in the 2,012 are 130 persons studying this year under the Crusade Scholarship program of the United Methodist Church. They are attending colleges, universities, seminaries, medical schools and other higher educational institutions in 19 countries plus the United States and Puerto Rico.

The program is administered by the national Crusade Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist Church, of which Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., is chairman and of which Miss Margaret Swift, New York, is full-time executive secretary. Representa-

tives of three denominational agencies — Board of Missions, Board of Education, Division of Interpretation — comprise the Committee.

A principal source of financial support for the Crusade Scholarship program is the offering, taken in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday. The Women's Division of the Board of Missions also appropriates funds for Crusade Scholarships. Since the program was started, more than \$4,500,000 has been given to educate Crusade Scholars, as those studying under the international program are called.

The 68 students in the U.S. for the 1971-72 academic year are studying in 33 schools in 18 states and the District of Columbia. The 51 Crusade Scholars studying in other countries are in schools in India, Fiji, Mozambique, England, Brazil, Canada, Zam-

bia, Rhodesia, Philippines, Congo, Greece, Switzerland, Germany, Indonesia, Nigeria, Portugal, Argentina, Australia and New Guinea. Thirteen Crusade Scholars are studying at either Evangelical Theological Seminary or the University of Puerto Rico.

As in past years, the U.S. is represented by the most Crusade Scholars studying in America, with 40. The majority are black Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians or members of other minority groups. From an overseas country, Rhodesia has the most Crusade Scholars studying in the U.S., seven, followed by the Philippines with four, Korea and Brazil with three each, Liberia with two and, with one each, New Zealand, India, Japan, Indonesia, Fiji, Argentina and Malaysia.

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The Rev. Homer Noley of the Nebraska Conference has been appointed as a staff executive for American Indian work—a division of the National Board of Missions in the United Methodist Church. Noley, a Choctaw, was born, reared and educated in Oklahoma. After graduation from St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City he was assigned by the Nebraska Conference to work among American Indians there. In 1969 when the Conference was considering possible projects to be financed with Nebraska's share of the Fund for Reconciliation, Noley was named to head the American Indian Task Force. The establishment of a special ministry for the American Indian resulted.

lanta, Ga., presided as chairman of the committee.

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BRITISH PASTORS' WIVES MAY WIN RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN FURNITURE

LONDON (RNS)—The wives of British Methodist clergymen may get the right, for the first time in history, to own their own kitchen tables, beds, stoves, parlor chairs and refrigerators.

By overwhelming votes, all but two of the denomination's 34 synods decided that ministers and their families should own manse (or parsonage) furniture. Since the days of John Wesley—Methodism's founder—in the late 13th Century, furniture has been furnished and owned by the churches.

When a "manse family" moves, as they do frequently in the Methodist system, they have only their clothing and personal effects to transport.

"This is what all wives want—a home of their own," said Mrs. F. C. Bond, wife of the superintendent of the Lincoln area, when the vote was tabulated.

Final approval for the change must be given by the annual Conference of the Methodist Church. The synods voted on a report which proposed the transfer of furnishings in homes to the clergymen. In some areas, amendments stipulated the amount of furniture allowance ministers will get and set plans for assessing present manse contents.

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As the earth can produce nothing unless it is fertilized by the sun, so we can do nothing without the grace of God.—Vianney

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Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere. Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind, spare to us our friends, soften to us our enemies.—Robert Louis Stevenson

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The breeze of divine grace is blowing upon us all. But one needs to set the sail to feel this breeze of grace.—Ramakrishna

Committee stresses interdenominational cooperation for deaconess/home missionary activities

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Increasing cooperation with other denominations' activities in related fields was stressed here recently at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Committee on Deaconesses/Home Missionary Service.

Among other things, the committee voted to cooperate with eight other churches in the U.S. and Canada in setting up and administering an ecumenical orientation seminar for new candidates for the diaconate in the summer of 1972. Action also was

taken to support the 11th triennial international meeting of Diakonia in June of 1972 in New York, and funds were approved to support the North American Diakonia organization.

United Methodists comprise almost two-thirds of the almost 1,400 members in the North American group, Miss Allene M. Ford, executive secretary of the committee, reported.

A good portion of the session here was devoted to review of possible legislation for the 1972 General Conference. Bishop John Owen Smith of At-

the British scene



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

At the end of the month of September beacons, many of them on historical sites, were lit all over Britain, as a symbol of protest against the increasing tide of pornography, and the over-permissiveness of society which the organisers of the Festival of Light want to oppose. Returned missionary to India, Peter Hill is the prime mover in the protest, and he says that this movement, which has gained the support of television celebrity Malcolm Muggeridge, pop-singer Cliff Richard, and Bishop Trevor Huddleston, is intended to offset the "systematic corruption of the young" as he sees it.

The movement got off to a slightly uncertain start at Westminster Central Hall in the heart of London, when the first big meeting of its campaign was

almost broken up by organised heckling. Some commentators thought that the meeting failed to strike the right note for the occasion — there was too much "testimony" and not enough facts. This method of organising the meeting played into the hands of members of the Gay Liberation Front and a number of groups who had come just to wreck the gathering.

The proceedings were interrupted by boys dressed as nuns, and white mice were released on the floor of the Hall. This meant that much of the meeting was held in an uproar, but those who came to mock, although they did not stay to pray, might yet find that they did the cause of their own brand of "freedom" not much good.

The Freethinker the Humanist organ, not noticeably on the side of organised Christianity, made an acid comment on the way in which the opponents of the Festival of Light went about their business. It said: "We know that many of those who claim they are concerned about our morals are simply acting in defence of the status quo, and are prepared to censor, repress and discriminate against those whose value and outlook are different to their own. Nevertheless they have the right to make their view known, and if they so wish, to spend their money organising events like the Festival of Light. And while they should be challenged, questioned and exposed, there is no excuse for organised barracking and shouting down their speakers."

While some people see the Festival of Light as the means of shedding the

gloom, there is still no doubt that it is time that the debate about the nature of society which can produce the kind of obscenity and pornography which is now so prevalent was taken seriously.

The fact is that there are many people who do not take a repressive attitude to life, and are well aware that there are obscenities like war and want as well as obscenities about sex, who are deeply concerned about the moral tone of the country. The question is whether a really fruitful dialogue can be got going between those who want freedom of a total kind, and those who fear that such freedom simply means licentiousness.

In some ways the Festival of Light goes in danger of over-simplifying the issue — there are deep psychological factors at work here which need to be taken into account. But, at least the organisers want to point in the direction of light and not darkness, true progressiveness and not regressiveness, a positive way of life and not a negative one. What kind of allies can they look for in society? If they can show that they are not fanatics who want to deny life or diminish the warmth and reality of human response, they may well find that very many people who form the not very vocal majority will be with them. The danger is that if they are opposed in the way they were in the Westminster Central hall, they become more fanatical themselves, and one more well-meaning effort will vanish in clouds of over-stated polemic.

Board of Evangelism emphasizes minority concerns

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UMI) — During its final meeting of the 1968-72 quadrennium the United Methodist Board of Evangelism gave major attention here September 29-October 1 to ministries among black and Hispanic Americans, restructuring possibilities, and several ecumenical evangelistic programs.

The 60-member board also paid tribute to 11 retiring members including Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Lincoln, Nebr., president.

Featured speaker at a dinner honoring the retirees was Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary for 26 years of the former Methodist Board of Evangelism. The world-known lay evangelist who "has no home, only a mailing address" had not attended a meeting of the board since his retirement in 1965.

A strong plea for the church to implement both personal salvation and social liberation was made during an evening presentation devoted to minority concerns.

The Rev. Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Nashville, Tenn., director of bi-lingual ministries for the Board, said no other mission field is as fertile and responsive to the Gospel as that which is present among Hispanic Americans, 80

percent of whom are not related to any church.

"Besides all the problems of inadequate education, poor housing, lack of jobs, and bad health, it can be categorically stated that their souls are empty," he declared.

Among those joining Dr. Escamilla on the program was the Rev. Josafata Curti, campus minister at Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo. Mr. Curti is president of Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans (MARCA).

MARCHA objectives call for better Hispanic-American representation on church agency membership and staffs and for the election of at least one Hispanic American bishop.

Concerns and ministries of black United Methodists were featured on a "Tonight Show" hosted by Assistant General Secretary George Outen. Other black participants included staff members Cornelius L. Henderson and W. Maurice King and board members Thomas V. Bryant, Jeffersonville, Ind., and Miss Marzena Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.

In his annual president's message, Bishop Moore said the image of the United States and the church could be improved through a greater use of

the Christian witness of black and red and brown men. "It is going to take this in Africa and Asia and the Continent south of us to win love, respect and confidence."

The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Board called for an emphasis on "commitment, renewal and nurture" in future priorities of the board. He reported on several major evangelistic emphases involving the board including: "Key '73", a broad-based, pan-Christian effort in North America and a five-year evangelism program initiated by the World Methodist Council meeting this summer in Denver.

In his banquet address, Dr. Denman, 78, said the greatest mission field today is the United States. "I may be pessimistic but I don't think the United States can evangelize the world. We are imperialistic, we are militant, and we are dropping bombs."

In addition to an analysis of evangelism and the church, Dr. Denman gave his opinions on several current issues: —condemned abortion.

—said the only thing Americans had to show for Vietnam is a "political dictatorship."

—was critical of President Nixon's interest in China, saying, "the main

interest of the U.S. in China is the China dollar, not the China people."

—expressed concern about the pending Supreme Court appointments. "For 15 years the Court has magnified the rights of the individual and now there will be a swing back to the rights of property."

—said bigness may destroy the church "just as it has business." "During the Depression businesses closed but churches didn't. In the thirties individuals went on welfare. Today corporations are going on welfare."

—said he hoped Congress would not pass the prayer amendment to the Constitution. "Why should we want math teachers to teach our children to pray when there is the home, the family?"

Retirees honored by the Board were: Bishop Moore; Bishop Edward J. Pen-dergrass, Jackson, Miss.; Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Charles W. Mead, Omaha, Nebr.; Truman W. Potter, Charleston, W. Va.; Harry W. Zechman, Palmyra, Pa.; Maggart B. Howell, Waco, Tex.; R. P. Lay, Shreveport, La.; David A. Duck, Cordele, Ga.; George W. Chant, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Thomas V. Bryant, Jeffersonville, Ind.

YOUNG ADULTS PLAN TASK FORCES TO CONSIDER KEY ISSUES

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Plans to begin communication with young adults across the United Methodist Church in connection with a series of eight issues and the forthcoming General Conference were mapped by a caucus of about 50 young adults here Sept. 18-19.

According to Dick Johnson of San Francisco, Calif., the group authorized task forces in such areas as minority group liaison, communications, legislation, investments, sexism, publishing interests, life styles, and church structures.

It was reported during the session that eight of the 1,000 delegates to the 1972 General Conference are young adults, and another eight are jurisdictional conference delegates.

The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster

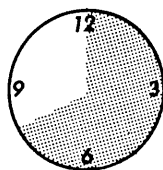
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Alaska Methodist University reopens with new president

NEW YORK (UMI) — With a new president and a new chairman of the board of trustees, Alaska Methodist University (AMU) in Anchorage has opened for the 1971-72 academic year with an enrollment, according to latest reports, of more than 600 full and part time students. Because of financial difficulties, there were reports earlier this year that the school might not open for the fall term, but the board of trustees decided to move ahead.

An Alaska fund drive for \$200,000 has been scheduled. A \$100,000 gift to AMU from the Atlantic Richfield Company was announced in July. State officials, including Gov. William A. Egan, are reported exploring how public funds might aid the school, on at least a temporary basis. The National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, which founded and is still related to AMU, says it continues to seek aid for the university through Advance Special gifts. AMU remains the only four-year private institution of

higher learning in Alaska.

New AMU president is Dr. John O. Picton, 48, a research and development specialist with the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory in Portland, Ore. A United Methodist layman with 20 years of educational and administrative experience, the school's third president said one of his primary concerns is "to work closely with the entire university community to develop long-range plans for AMU and to move as rapidly as possible to implement them."

Announcing Dr. Picton's appointment was the Rev. A. C. Wischmeier, superintendent of the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church and newly elected (in late September) chairman of the AMU board of trustees. Also at the September meeting, the board named Alaska residents to head most of its committees, which is intended to relate the school more closely to the Alaska scene.

Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday to emphasize "people problem"

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Church involvement in approaching the "people problem" of drug and alcohol abuse will be emphasized on Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday, November 14.

"This is only one day in the life of the church," stated the Rev. Larry Wayman and the Rev. Phyllis Wayman, husband-and-wife team of educational program coordinators for the Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse, Board of Christian Social Concerns. "It can serve as the beginning of an education-action involvement for churches as they consider

their role in dealing with addicts and problems related to use and misuse of drugs."

The Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse has developed two new resources as supplements to a drug educational packet, *The Drug Puzzle*, produced last year. A community action guide, titled *Doing It*, outlines the conditions and guidelines for church involvement in drug problems. A special issue (October) of *engage* magazine, titled *Ups/Downs*, features articles and resources dealing with the problems related to sedatives and stimulants.

"As a whole these several pieces," says Bishop James S. Thomas, chairman of the CSC Board's Division of General Welfare, "the drug education packet, the church guide to community action, and the special issue of *engage*, provide local churches with the necessary resources for beginning to build comprehensive drug education and action programs."

Stressing that the misuse of alcohol and drugs is "really a 'people problem' not a chemical problem," the Waymans urge churches to consider Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday as a time for new action this year.



Seated at Sept. 23 dinner for the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at Southern State College in Magnolia, left to right, W. A. Geddie, the Rev. Allen Bonsall, Wesley Foundation director, Andrea Stanley, the Rev. Howard Williams and Thornton Stewart.

REV. ANDREW W. HAMILTON

The Rev. Andrew Wilson Hamilton, aged 82, of Murfreesboro, died Oct. 4. The funeral service was held on Oct. 6 at First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, with the Rev. George W. Martin, the Rev. Harold Brent and the Rev. James Richardson participating.

A retired member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, his pastorates included Center Point, Mineral Springs, Murfreesboro, Delight, Mena and Lewisville.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Belle McClarkin of Louisiana, Mrs. Irene Searcy of Arizona, Mrs. Marie DuBose of Lewisville and Mrs. Jewel Adams of Alabama; a brother, the Rev. Jesse M. Hamilton of Arkadelphia; a sister, Mrs. Stella Barrows of Washington State, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He who serves God hath a good master.—Torriano

MRS. ELIZABETH MOORE

Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Barr Moore, 74, of Fisher died on Sept. 26 in a Wynne hospital. The funeral service was held Sept. 28 in the Fisher United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John McCormick and the Rev. Sherman Waters officiating. Burial was in the Fisher Cemetery.

She was a native of Mississippi and a retired school teacher, having taught in Fisher and Jonesboro schools. She was a charter member of the Fisher Church and was serving as chairman of the work area on missions.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the WSCS of which she was a charter member. She had served three years as president and was vice president at the time of her death.

Survivors are three sons, Jake Moore of Weiner, Earl Moore, Jr. of Marked Tree, and Philip Moore of Fisher; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Mahon of Oracle, Ariz. and Mrs. Emalene Holleman of Wynne; 14 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Children's Art project to focus on "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Children of all churches are invited to participate in a nationwide Children's Art Project in 1972. The plan was conceived by the interdenominational committee for One Great Hour of Sharing. Next January and February individual children of each church are invited to create artwork that will express the meaning of One Great Hour of Sharing. Any art media may be used, but photographs may not be entered. The artwork is to be exhibited in the local church during the Sundays of Lent to focus attention on the meaning and importance of the special offering.

If the church is interested in the nationwide aspect of the project as many as five of the best art pieces may be selected for display at the Interchurch Center in New York City. Selection should be based on artistic merit and

the quality of the child's statement.

The artwork should portray what the child feels about what the church does in situations around the world as the result of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Teachers, wanting more information, may order resource materials by writing Church World Service, Room 626, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

Each piece of artwork sent for the national exhibit should carry the artist's name, age, address, and his own explanation of what his work is about. Include with the shipment a single sheet of paper with the information about each artist, and an individual photograph of him, if possible.

The art pieces become the property of Church World Service. In addition to being included in the national exhibit some selections will be used in the 1973 publicity materials for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Entries should be carefully packed. Packages should conform to postal regulations concerning size—limit of 78" including the length plus girth. Note on the outside of the package "First Class Letter Enclosed" and put an eight-cent stamp on the package to cover postage for the information sheet enclosed.

News in Brief

The Rev. Albert Outler, noted United Methodist professor and ecumenist, is in England completing massive research on a four-volume edition of the sermons of John Wesley. The work is to be published by Oxford University as part of a 25-to-30 volume Wesley Works Project sponsored by four United Methodist seminaries.

Report on Little Rock Conference VCSs

by Mrs. John L. Tucker,
Conference Coordinator Children's
Ministry

An in-depth study of churches reporting vacation church schools reveals many and varied types of schools—with emphasis on meeting needs of persons through quality teaching and depth of purpose.

Interesting facts concerning innovations beyond the traditional

- An increase in Intergenerational Schools (for all age levels) involving parents
- Summertime V.C.Ss. (one day each week for 10 weeks)
- Interdenominational Schools (Cluster groups for churches of very small membership)
- Charge vacation church schools
- Day Camp Setting (10 days), elementary children using V.C.S. literature
- Waiting list of youth for teaching in V.C.S.
- Church sends youth to teach in V.C.S. for children in Indian Mission

Interesting stewardship facts:

Motivation of children to give generously to their choice of the following projects:

- Children's Fund for Christian Mission (An undirected offering channeled to worthy projects through the

Interboard Committee on Projects of Missionary Education, Nashville, Tenn. The "Lit Lit" (Christian Literature) project is only one of many—too numerous to mention—in this category)

- Pfeifer Memorial Hospital, Pediatric Wing for Children, La Paz, Bolivia
- Camp Tanako
- Methodist Children's Home
- World Service Center
- Aldersgate Camperships
- UNICEF
- Foreign Student Fund (Children share with church in support of foreign students)
- Poverty program (money to buy "(3) little pigs")
- Children's Colony
- Local church projects (Example—\$12 payment on church bulletin board)

Total giving by children accepting one of the listed projects \$1,139.27

ANOTHER INTERESTING FACT:

Through Coaching Conferences (Conference level) and District Vacation Church School Workshops, all staffed by volunteer workers, we train at least 1,000 persons to teach in V.C.S., thus children have more than matched personnel with money gifts.

An elementary class of children of the Little Rock Conference reflected good stewardship in the following words: "We're thankful we can share with children around the world."

Letter from the Schislars

(Dick Schisler, missionary to Brazil, has many friends in Arkansas. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and is the son of missionary parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Schisler, Sr., who grew up in Bono and Jonesboro, Arkansas.)

To: You (our friends and supporters)

After 18 years working at the general headquarters of The Methodist Church of Brazil, in big Sao Paulo, Dick created the leadership to take over his pioneering job as editor-in-chief of Methodist publications. We were therefore free to heed the urgent call of our bishop to return to the parish ministry - today's great frontier in the Church.

We are now in Passo Fundo, the wheat capital of Brazil's southernmost state. The Schisler name in this city of 100 thousand is a well-established tradition, for Dick's parents were educational missionaries here for 30 years.

Here Dick is pastor of a 1,000 member downtown church and seven outlying chapels, plus being district superintendent, secretary of Evangelism for the conference, head of Dorcas School (bread-earning courses for unemployed women). He also directs a nursery school and five kindergartens, keeps up a radio program, and is in charge of several community projects. Jokingly, we have told friends that what Passo Fundo needs is an OCTOPUS for a pastor!

Methodist influence in Passo Fundo has been so strong for 60 years that it permeates even the Roman Catholic Church. As a result, there is fine cooperation between both churches in community development. In future letters we will tell you how we taught 500 to read and write ... started a Grandmother's Home ... opened a new chapel with a moving funeral ...

But let us slip in something about the family: Edith makes possible Dick's constant activity. Besides her care for our children she makes possible the combination hotel and restaurant that our home is turned into by the constant presence of pastors and laymen coming through for meetings and get-togethers. She also is a strong arm of our Christian education program in the chapels and in our music ministry.

DEBORA JANE (18) and SUSANA (17), spent February in one of the poorest parts of Brazil, working in a mission clinic on the muddy banks of the Sao Francisco River. Debora, who hopes to enter medical school next year, even helped to deliver babies. Later Susanna was elected queen of our Methodist high school.

Our boys KENNEDY (11) and MILLARD (10) both were elected presidents of their grades at school and both are doing well in piano.

Continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers,

Dick + Edith Schisler
Dick and Edith Schisler

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Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

"Help your brother's boat across, and lo! your own has reached the shore." (Author Unknown)

From the Low Road

You who have caught more stars that you can hold
Should pass them out to some of the less fortunate,
And if your blossoms far exceed your needs —
For some of these one rose would be enough.

If you own laughing waters, rich with song,
Please share their melodies with folks like this.
They are the ones who sweep their hearths and dream,
While hungering for soul-food more than bread.

So, if by chance your measure overflows,
Please drop some crumbs along the way
For those who are less fortunate.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris

Flowers To The Living

Flowers blooming on the lawn
E'er bring a daily treat.
They fill our hearts with ecstasy
And make the day complete.

Underneath the winter soil
The bulbs are free from strife
Until the warmth of spring arrives
And brings them back to life.

It ever takes that hidden force
Of nature to produce
By changing dormant bulbs to plants
And putting them to use.

Within our power there ever lies
Each day a dormant deed.
It takes the warmth of ardent love
To fill a human need.

We miss the joy of living
By what we fail to do.
It only takes a heart's desire
And zest to follow through.

Kindness shown in time of need
Brings joy when we impart.
It dropeth as a gentle rain
Upon a hungry heart.

We bring flowers to the living
By what we do or say.
A thoughtful deed or word of praise
Will bring a brighter day.

—by L. M. Frazier

CHRISTIE AUTHORS REVIEW ARTICLE

Dr. M. Francis Christie, Dean of the College at Hendrix College, is the author of a review article published in September/October issue of "The President's Bulletin Board," a publication of the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Education, The United Methodist Church.

Dr. Christie reviews the book "Against the Odds," by William Moore, Jr., which is a study of the two-year college and its mission to the high risk student. There are now more than 2,000 of these two-year community

colleges enrolling upwards of two million students. Since all of these colleges operate on an open door policy, a large number of their students are high risk or marginal students.

Dr. Christie expressed the opinion that "Against the Odds" provides a basis of theory and information for a more adequate view of the two-year college and its efforts to serve an important segment of American life. He added that the church-related college should place high on its agenda, its relationship to the two-year college, the educational futures of high risk students and the education of teachers for careers in the community colleges.

October "Interpreter"
tells where
benevolence dollars go

EVANSTON, ILL. (UMI) — Vignettes, stories, pictures and charts giving a glimpse of where general benevolence funds of the United Methodist Church are spent are featured in a 24-page section in the October issue of *The Interpreter*, program journal of the denomination published by the Program Council's Division of Interpretation.

"If you are like most United Methodists, you want to know what your church does with the money it asks for," says an editorial note to the special section. "Here . . . we try to answer that question."

In addition to glimpses of how each general agency uses the funds it receives, there are sections on special benevolences, an article on "stewardship," and another on "A Layman's View of the Church Dollar."

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NOVEMBER "TOGETHER" PRESENTS REPORT OF TASK FORCE ENTITLED "THE CHURCH IS . . ."

PARK RIDGE, ILL. (UMI) — A 24-page report entitled "The Church Is . . ." based on hundreds of interviews, is presented in the November issue of *Together*, national United Methodist magazine, published in mid-October.

A seven-member task force worked more than a year on the report. Editor Curtis A. Chambers described the project as one of the largest in the magazine's 15-year history.

The section, which takes up one-third of the issue's 72 pages, is illustrated with church activities such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and committee meetings, and with photographs of several of the United Methodists surveyed.

Interviews were conducted in person and by mail among United Methodists ranging in age from 11 to 91. Most of the 24 pages contain direct quotations from United Methodist lay persons; some ministers are quoted briefly, and editorial material is added primarily to bridge from one section to the next.

Also on the theme of "the church" in the November *Together* is a report on one family's odyssey across the church on a research project for the Program Council's Division of Interpretation, and an editorial "viewpoint" on what people expect from the church.

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White House Conferences Under Review

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists who have been delegates to any of four White House Conferences during President Nixon's administration are being asked to indicate whether they would be interested in participating in a meeting Feb. 3-5 in Washington to prepare what is called a "Report to the Church" on the conferences.

Calling the meeting, and asking for

Hendrix honor grad returns to teach math

Dr. Tommy K. Teague, formerly of Crossett, has joined the Hendrix College faculty as assistant professor of mathematics.

Graduating from Hendrix with high honors in 1965, Dr. Teague was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a NDEA Fellowship to attend Kansas University where he earned the M.A. degree in 1967. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University this year.

Dr. Teague is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, American Mathematical Society, Alpha Chi, and American Association of University Professors. He has been an assistant instructor at Kansas University, a graduate assistant at Michigan State University, and assistant professor at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

He is married to the former Mary Jane Crum of Fayetteville, also a graduate of Hendrix. The Teagues have one child, a daughter, Jennifer, aged 2.

They are members of the First United Methodist Church in Conway.

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UMCYM chooses four priorities

EVANSTON, ILL. (UMI) — A "statement of purpose" calling for greater participation by youth in the United Methodist Church has been released here by the denomination's Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM).

The statement notes that the UMCYM has chosen four priorities to receive "the major portion of the council's energies and resources"—minority empowerment, draft education and resistance to militarism, reconciliation of value systems and life styles, and hunger, over-population, and environmental stewardship.

At a session in Denver, Colo., this summer, the UMCYM re-affirmed an earlier decision that income from the Youth Service Fund would be used primarily to support work in the priority areas, even at the cost of staff and other administrative needs.

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indication of delegates' interest, is the United Methodist Inter-board staff Committee on Health and Welfare, comprising staff members from five national agencies—Board of Education, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, Board of Christian Social Concerns, National Division of the Board of Missions, Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. Purpose of the meeting, said Miss Betty Letzig, New York, who is representing the Inter-board Staff Committee in organizing the Washington sessions, is to hear reports from the White House Conferences, discuss them in small groups, formulate recommendations to the five parent agencies and perhaps to congregations, and "where necessary" prepare recommendations for possible 1972 General Conference consideration.

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