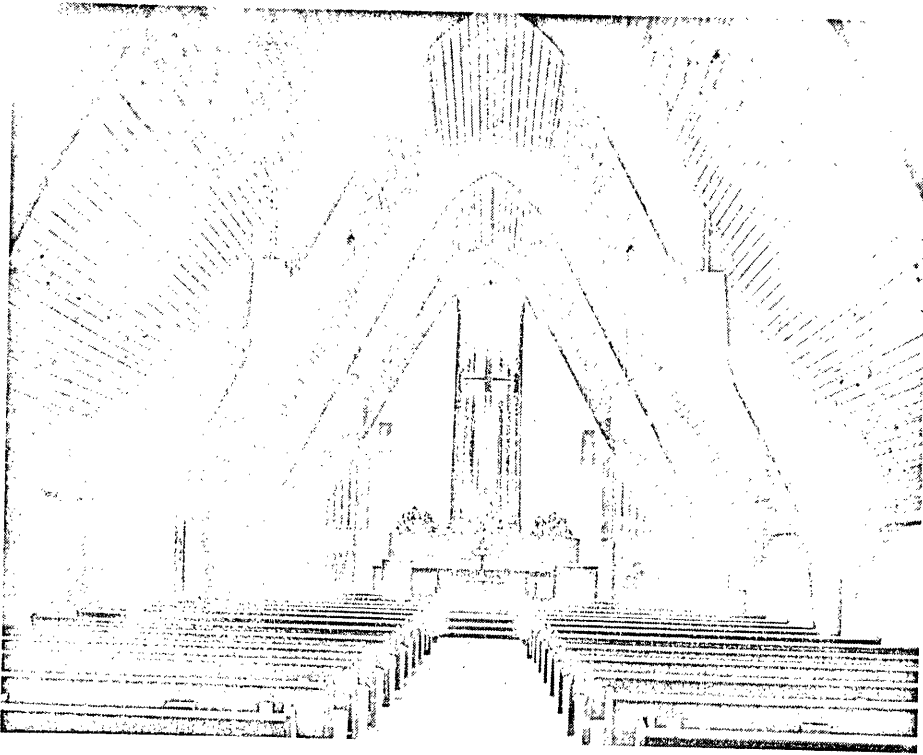


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A capacity congregation of almost 400 attended the Service of Consecration for the new building of First United Methodist Church, Des Arc, on Oct. 31. Bishop Paul V. Galloway officiated for the service, assisted by Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent, and the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, the pastor. This photograph of the interior of the new sanctuary was taken by Bobbie Borgen of Jacksonville.

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Quadrennial Emphases to include South Vietnam projects

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)—Approval of two rehabilitation projects in South Vietnam was announced here Oct. 27 by an official of the United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Raoul C. Calkins of Dayton, executive secretary of the denomination's Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, reported that \$50,000 had been authorized for the projects by the Quadrennial Emphasis executive committee. Dr. Calkins stated these grants are in addition to 7 grants previously made from the Fund for Reconciliation for rehabilitation in Vietnam. The total goal for the Fund is \$20,000,000 of which 10% of the amount raised is to be used for such grants.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., is chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

An amount of \$40,000 will be used to assist in re-establishing a high school in Hue City, and \$10,000 will go toward rebuilding the Anh-Sang Day

Care Center and CUU—The Elementary School for Refugee Montagnard Children.

There are an estimated 7,000 or 8,000 children in Hue who are unable to find a place in any secondary school, public or private. The day-care-center grant is to help build a community facility which will respond to the needs of families with three to six-year-olds who are orphaned or have working parents. Current facilities are inadequate and badly over-crowded.

Funds for the projects will be channeled by the Fund for Reconciliation through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

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Second fire heavily damages Fayetteville church

Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was heavily damaged last Thursday night in a fire which police called "arson." It was the second time in 23 months that the church has been struck by fire.

Repairs after the Dec. 14, 1969 fire cost more than \$500,000. The extent of the damage in this latest fire had not been estimated Friday.

Dr. Joel A. Cooper, the pastor, told

the *Arkansas Methodist* on Friday that fires were started in both the front and the rear of the sanctuary. The altar with its beautiful carving of the Last Supper and the dossal curtain behind the altar were completely destroyed.

Pew cushions were piled in the center aisle and set afire in the rear of the sanctuary totally destroying the doors leading to the narthex. Dr. Cooper could not say what damage had been suffered by the church's organ.

The person or persons responsible for the fire placed hymnals against each of the return air duct openings along the outside aisles of the church. They also piled pulpit choir furniture near the chancel rail and apparently attempted to set another fire there.

The Central Church congregation held worship services Sunday at Mt. Sequoyah just as they did following the fire in 1969.

November 16,
sixteenth annual meeting

Council of Churches Assembly to meet at Aldersgate

"Moving from Reaction to Interaction" will be the theme for the 16th Annual Assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches when it meets Nov. 16 at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, according to S. H. "Herb" Allman, president.

The major address for the meeting will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Coy C. Lee of Sallisaw, Okla., pastor-at-large, Synod National Ministries, Oklahoma-Arkansas, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The General Board of the Council will meet at 8 a.m. at the camp dining hall to clear the day's schedule and any late items of business to be brought to the Assembly. No business will be acted on by the Assembly unless it appears in the printed workbook or is cleared at this breakfast.

Denominational representatives to the Assembly will meet in caucuses at 9:30 a.m. to consider matters that are

to be brought before the Assembly.

Assembly business will be acted on in the regular session which begins at 10:00 a.m. The morning session will close with a worship service which has been planned under the leadership of Richard C. Butler, Jr., chairman of the Council's Ecumenical Committee.

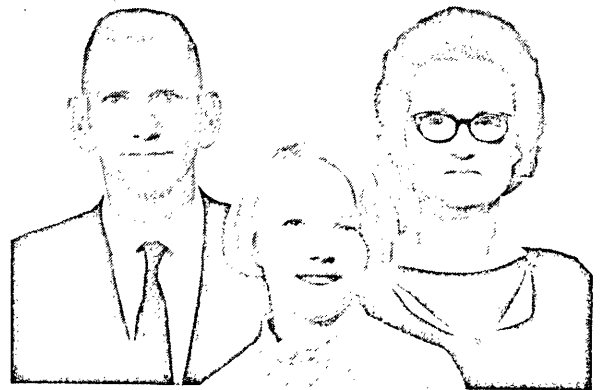
In his address at the 1 p.m. session, Dr. Lee will speak on the major emphasis of the Assembly which is "a Biblical basis for our union and what it means to us as we try to implement it in our communities." His address will be followed by a discussion which is led by a reactor panel.

Adjournment is planned for 3:00 p.m.

Reservations for the luncheon should be made through the Arkansas Council of Churches, Box 6011, Little Rock, Ark. 72206.

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Superintendent
Garland Thompson,
daughter Phyllis
and Mrs.
(Desiree) Thompson.



Tanako has new Superintendent

The Board of Trustees of the Little Rock Conference Camp (Tanako) announces the employment of Garland Thompson as the new Superintendent. Thompson, a West Virginian by birth, recently retired after twenty-three years in the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. Thompson, a native of Watson, Arkansas, will supervise the operation of the Tanako kitchen. Their daughter, Phyllis is fourteen, in the eighth grade, and will be attending Lakeside Junior High in the Hot Springs Area.

The Thompson family is already residing at the camp, and have transferred

their church memberships into the fellowship of the Oaklawn United Methodist Church.

The Board is extremely pleased to make this announcement, and welcomes Garland, Desiree and Phyllis to Camp Tanako.

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When a youth decides for Christ, this could be for him a short step, but for mankind it could become a great leap forward toward a better world.

Program Directors to Local Churches

FUND FOR RECONCILIATION

The leadership of each local church will want to include plans for the special emphasis on the Fund for Reconciliation, Nov. 21. Many fine projects have been developed through the use of this fund. One of our recent columns carried the story of projects within the state partially supported by the national portion of the fund. In addition to these, there are many other local or district sponsored projects within our state.

THE ADVENT SEASON

The liturgical color purple is used during the Advent Season (Four Sundays preceding Christmas, beginning Nov. 28). In order that the real Advent spirit of joyful anticipation may not be lost in the commercial excitement which precedes Christmas, many churches are attempting to make their members more mindful of Advent as a season preparation.

Here in the United States the use of the Advent Wreath has recently become popular. It has been used for centuries in Scandinavia and Western Europe and lends itself well to the teaching of the meaning of Advent. One candle is lighted on the First Sunday of Advent, and another each Sunday thereafter until by Christmas all four candles are lighted.

Pastors have received samples of little devotional brochures entitled, "Thanksgiving Worship in the Home," "Advent Worship in the Home," and "Christmas Worship in the Home." Councils on Ministries should be planning to make the Advent Season a great spiritual experience. A catalogue of Audio-Visual materials for this season will be printed next week.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

Pastors will receive material soon containing Student Recognition Day Material. The recommended day for recognizing our students is Dec. 26.

GEORGIA DAILY JOINS STAFF OF GOVERNOR BUMPERS

Miss Georgia Daily, Texarkana, Ark., who served as the first director of the office of Methodist Information for the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and later served in the same capacity for the Louisiana Area with headquarters in Shreveport, has accepted a position on a special task force in the office of Arkansas' Governor Dale Bumpers.

A graduate of Texarkana High School, Texarkana College and Scarritt College, Miss Daily has been serving since 1968 as a member of the Model Cities staff in Texarkana.

The staff force on which she will be serving will be responsible for liaison between the governor's office and federal programs.

ELECTIONS '72 PLATFORMS AND PRIORITIES

This Convocation on the Relation of the Church to Politics during an Election Year will be conducted Jan. 11-14, 1972 at the Church of the Reformation, 202 E. Capitol Street, Washington, D.C. 20002. The purpose of this Convocation is to inform all interested lay and clerical membership of the church in the South Central Jurisdiction concerning the legislative process and to acquaint them with the critical issues which will confront the nation in the 1972 presidential election. The Seminar / Convocation will remain strictly non-partisan while focusing on the issues of the campaign.

DATES TO REMEMBER

National Training Center for Human Relations and Organizational Skills, Oklahoma City, Nov. 14-20, 1971.

Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, First Church, Little Rock, Danho Room, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.

General Assembly of the State Council of Churches, Aldersgate, Nov. 16.

Higher Education, Finance Committee, Headquarters Building, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.

Youth Service Fund Workshop, Little Rock Conference, Lonoke, 9 a.m.

Christian Social Concerns Executive Committee, North Arkansas Conference, First Church, Forrest City, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.

Executive Committee of the Program Council, North Arkansas Conference, Headquarters Building, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.

HONOR SOCIETY AT HENDRIX INDUCTS 13 NEW MEMBERS

Blue Key, an honorary service organization at Hendrix College, has inducted 13 new members for 1971-72. They are, Steve Barden, Russ Chitwood, Tom Kumpuris, Mike Millar and Ralph Scott of Little Rock, Cliff McBryde and Randy McPherson of North Little Rock, Bill Dedman of Camden, Carl Crow of Hot Springs, Bill Temple of Fort Smith, Sammy Jones of Marianna; Hank Henley of Scarsdale, New York and Eddie Langley of Monroe, Louisiana.

Blue Key is an honorary organization of twenty-five men who have shown outstanding qualities of leadership, service and academics. Its members are chosen from the leaders of the junior and senior classes.

Officers for Blue Key this year are, president, Lee White of Brinkley; vice president, Jim Tom Wilcox of Clarksville; Mackey Yokem, secretary and Jim Primm, treasurer, both from Little Rock.

Little Rock Conference to hold Youth Service Fund Workshop

James Ling from the Youth Service Fund Office in Nashville, Tenn. will be at the United Methodist Church in Lonoke from 4 until 8 p.m., Nov. 23, to lead a Little Rock Conference-wide workshop on Youth Service Fund. Each district in the Little Rock Conference will be limited to ten youth for this event.

All those interested and desiring to attend should contact their District Youth Coordinator. Coordinators are listed below:

Arkadelphia District — Mrs. Lau-

Hendrix College receives \$1,000 Sears gift

Hendrix College has received a gift of \$1,000 from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, according to Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president.

Grants totaling more than \$7,400 will be distributed to eight privately supported colleges and universities in Arkansas this week by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation, Harold Anderton, a spokesman for the Foundation said.

The Arkansas colleges and universities are among more than 1,000 private, accredited two-and four-year institutions across the country which are sharing in \$1,500,000 in Sears Foundation funds.

DR. ARGUE AUTHOR OF "THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH"

Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and a member of the General Board of Evangelism, is the author of the "Thought of the Month" in the current issue of The Upper Room.

Based on a portion of Matthew 20: 7, the article develops the thought that "What a man dreads above all else is to think of himself as useless."

HENDRIX PROF ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE NATS CHAPTER

Harold Thompson, associate professor of music at Hendrix College, was elected president of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, when the Association held its state auditions at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock last Friday.

Rebecca Smith of Hot Springs, a voice student of Thompson's, won first place in the division for sophomore female voices.

Also accompanying Thompson and singing in the auditions were Hendrix students, Bill Quinn, Leslie Swindler, Alice Elrod and Judy Spears. Debbie Rife was the accompanist.

State auditions sponsored by the Association will be held again in February 1973 on the Hendrix College Campus.

rence Smith, 1031 Wallace, Malvern, Ark. 72104
Camden District—Rev. Allen Bon-sall, Box 1290 SSC, Magnolia, Ark. 71753

Hope District—Rev. David B. Wilson, Box 488, DeQueen, Ark. 71832

Little Rock District—Mrs. Mattie Mac Rice, 6412 Brentwood Rd., Little Rock, Ark. 72207

Monticello District — Rev. Virgil Bell, 303 S. Cherry, Hamburg, Ark. 71646

Pine Bluff District—Rev. Jack Wilson, Box 357, Sheridan, Ark. 72150

There will be no cost involved except for travel to and from Lonoke. The church at Lonoke will furnish the evening meal for all participants. Registration deadline is Nov. 15. Please contact your District Coordinator on or before that date.

—Rev. Joe Arnold
Conference Youth Coordinator

TV PROGRAM POSTPONED

Word has come to us announcing the postponement of the CBS television program "Lamp Unto My Feet" which was to have depicted the work of McCurdy School at Espanola, New Mexico. The program had been scheduled for Nov. 21. McCurdy School became part of the mission program of the United Methodist Church at the time of the merger of the EUB and Methodist Churches.

UNICEF reports

PLEASANT PLAINS UMYF meet each Monday after school with Mrs. Bernice Rogers as adult counselor. A hamburger supper was enjoyed just before Halloween and the group went collecting for UNICEF. The amount collected was \$50.58. The Rev. J. T. Holland is the pastor.

THE SALEM-CONGO Charge collected over \$140 for UNICEF during the Halloween weekend. The Rev. Don R. Williams is pastor.

THE UMYF OF HARRISBURG Church conducted the UNICEF drive on Wednesday evening, October 27. Some 38 youths and 8 adults participated and raised \$200.

CROSSETT YOUNG PEOPLE collected \$72.20 for UNICEF preceding the Halloween party. The Rev. Ferris Norton is pastor.

AT LONOKE, 45 students from the UMYF and high school Key Club collected \$240.66 for UNICEF. The party afterwards was held in the Presbyterian Church.

ALL CHURCHES of Russellville report almost \$350 collected for UNICEF. Forty-seven youth from First United Methodist brought in \$115.33.

The Changing Role of the Missionary

From all over the world come stories which tell of exciting changes that are taking place in the role of the Christian missionary. It is important that we understand these changes and see ourselves in relation to them. The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions, underscored many facets in the changing image of the missionary during his annual report to the recent meeting of the Board of Missions in Minneapolis.

There are many ways to explain the image and impact of the new missionary in the life of the church and in the life of the world. Students in this field and those who have responsibilities for administering the mission program of the church are seeking to understand all of the things which speak to the role of the missionary in our world today. Tracy Early has written on the theme of the changing missionary in the November-December issue of *The Interpreter*, an article which we commend most highly and which we would like to summarize here.

We are shown how the goal of carrying Christianity from the homeland to foreign fields has changed to one of assisting Christians in areas where the church is now established. Many of the churches started by American missionaries in other days have become independent. This does not mean that they no longer need monetary assistance from the United States, but it does mean that there is a new relationship between the church at home and the church overseas. The new churches are quite aware of their new status and they want to have a share in the selection of personnel who will work in their countries and want to participate in the disposition of funds.

Since the days of Communist takeover in China and the departure of Christian missionaries, United Methodist missionaries have been seeking to reevaluate their relationships to social and political structures in the lands where they work. National leaders are now taking charge of the church organizations, determining policy and methods. In this

changing political scene there is a growth of nationalism with a concurrent insistence of people that they want to control their own lives, making it incumbent on missionaries from outside, especially Westerners, to avoid all attempts at domination.

In addition, the governments of some countries have placed serious restrictions on the activities of missionaries. Some nations are quite critical of any efforts to gain members from other religious faiths and will grant entry visas only for missionaries who will perform a service they consider essential and for which there are no qualified national citizens. The uneasiness of governments about missionaries having a political impact sometimes reaches the point that the missionaries are expelled, as recently happened to United Methodists in Algeria and Taiwan.

In Latin America there is an intensified spirit of nationalism which is influencing the churches. Against such a background, it is to be expected that serious study of the role of the foreign missionary should be made. At the recent Board of Missions meeting in Minneapolis, an important item on the agenda was a long-range study of the Board's role in Latin America. This report was not acted on finally, but was referred for study and consideration at a later date.

Reports at the recent Board meeting reveal a smaller number of United Methodist missionaries overseas. The number reached a peak of about 1,575 in 1960, was about 1,170 this current year

and will be something less than 1,000 next year. Mr. Early's article says: "The decline in the number of missionaries has resulted partly from a decrease in gifts for overseas work. This cut-back has resulted from both financial pressures confronting local churches and the growing concern to meet needs in the United States. The decrease in gifts has been especially serious because it has come in a time of inflation that has made even more dollars necessary to carry out programs at the same level."

Another report made to the Board of Missions indicates that there is a real "generation gap" between the older missionaries and the younger ones. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, an assistant general secretary of the board serving in the World Division, said, "The young missionaries find it difficult to understand why the older missionaries are not calling for change as radical and rapid as they would like to see." However, Dr. Stockwell indicated that the gap between the old and young is often bridged when dealing with a specific situation. He said that in working together in dealing with a specific situation—perhaps the challenge of an urban ghetto—"both are forced to get past their stereotypes and work together to change the situation. In this way each makes his contribution to fulfilling the church's mission in an age of change."

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COMMUNICATING WITH THE COMMUNICATORS

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, it was my privilege to spend a most helpful day in Shreveport as part of a Communications Conference which brought together a number of leaders in the communications industry with decision-makers of the United Methodist Church in that section of Louisiana.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton was the host for the five-hour meeting in the Shreveport Petroleum Club. Cecil E. Bland, Jr., associate program director, had planned the meeting very carefully with the Rev. Hugh Baker. The basic purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the two groups of leaders to get to know each other.

Eight staff members of newspapers and radio and television stations in the Shreveport area were present for the entire meeting.

Resource persons from outside Louisiana were Tom MacAnally of the United Methodist Information office in Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Gene W. Carter of the TRAFICO staff with offices in Dayton, O.; and the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, chairman of the Communications Council of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Louisiana Conference program director, started the program with a fine presentation on "What is the Church Interested in Communicating?" He was followed by Winston B. Linam, general manager of Television Station KSLA in Shreveport who spoke on "What Are the Media Interested in Communicating?"

There was complete participation by the group as Mr. MacAnally, Dr. Carter and Mr. Robertson led discussions centered around "How the General Church Communicates," "What Problems Have You Had in Communicating?" and "Church and Media Response to Problems in Communicating."

This was one of the best conferences of this nature I have ever attended, and I feel sure that all of those present were brought much closer together.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Pearl S. Buck, Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning authoress, will be a 1971 winner of a Layman's National Bible Committee award for her recently published children's work, *The Story Bible*. The announcement was made by Myron L. Boardman, president of the interfaith lay organization which sponsors National Bible Week (Nov. 21-28). Miss Buck, the daughter of China missionaries, said that her father, a Greek and Hebrew scholar, did not encourage her to read the Bible in English "because of mistranslations." But she remembers deriving "great pleasure and profit" from a volume of Bible stories and hopes that this re-telling of selected stories from the Bible, may do the same for children today.

"Calling our Continent to Christ" will be the theme of Key '73, an interdenominational evangelism effort scheduled for 1973. The theme and a program for the year-long event were adopted by the Key '73 Central Committee at a meeting in St. Louis. More than 100 denominations, and evangelistic groups have representatives on the committee. The calendar drawn up by the 16-member executive committee suggests various plans ranging from television specials to local Bible studies and prayer meetings.

Hundreds of churchmen from throughout Greece, as well as representatives from other countries gathered for the dedication of the new Greek Evangelical Church of Thessaloniki. Dedication of the structure, which seats 600, climaxed a 10-year construction program. Financial assistance came from the evangelical churches of Switzerland and Germany, the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Service. Addressing the gathering, the Rev. Werner Schmidt of Switzerland, said that the Gospel had been spread to the West from Thessalonica 2000 years ago; and that through the Reformation the same Gospel had come back.

Marking the beginning of his second term of office on Nov. 1 South Vietnam's President Thieu called on fellow countrymen to pause for a minute of silent prayer for peace at 9 a.m. The proposal, made in a letter to the Prime Minister and announced on the government television network, included suggestions that sirens or bells should sound briefly to mark the time to begin the prayer and that all traffic and other activity should halt.

Why, a professor of Christian ethics at Chicago Theological Seminary asks, do the Jesus People come almost entirely from the suburbs? Dr. Victor Obenhaus, raised the question at a seminar on ethical and moral concerns in suburbia held at Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul (Minn.). He suggested that a reason might be that suburban ideology is "bankrupt," and the Jesus Movement has given suburban youth a sense of purpose.

The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India has appealed for funds to aid a self-help and rehabilitation project in a famine-stricken area of Ethiopia. Funds are being collected as a token response to the aid Indian churches have received over the years. Dr. K. Rajaratnam, federation secretary, said "We out of our poverty, should do something if only to begin to practice the exercise of giving in the name of God, an important element of the missionary dimension of the Church."

The Rev. Richard Wurmband, leader of an organization called "Jesus to the Communist World," which has headquarters in Glendale, Calif., is reported to have written President Nixon asking him to intervene in behalf of "100,000 imprisoned Chinese Christians" when he visits Peking. Wurmband, speaking in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, said the "underground church" of Russia is growing faster than the church in the rest of Europe. He recalled Khrushchev's boast that Communists will "bury" the U.S. and its children will some day live under Communism. Instead, the minister noted, Stalin's daughter now lives in the U.S., under capitalism, and his granddaughter was baptized in a U.S. church.

Plans for six regional offices and a training institute for minority leadership were announced in New York by the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO). The institute will be located in Washington, D.C. Sites for the regional offices have not been chosen. IFCO is a coalition of church agencies and minority organizations devoted to community development. The Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., director, said the regional offices will "focus on immediate needs and concerns of community people in a given area."

The 17-room mansion Gen. Neal Dow built for his bride in Portland, Maine in 1829, has been turned over to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as its new state headquarters. Gen. Dow, known as the "father of prohibition," fought for the cause in Maine for 20 years and succeeded in 1851. Maine was the first dry state and remained so until 1934.

High school students at Cheney, Wash. and at nearby Medical Lake have launched voluntary prayer groups that meet in schoolrooms before classes begin for the day. Representing a wide spectrum of denominations from Catholic to Pentecostal, the students say a personal relationship with Christ is the only criterion for participation in their program. "Basically, it is just for spiritual strength for our day," said one youthful participant.

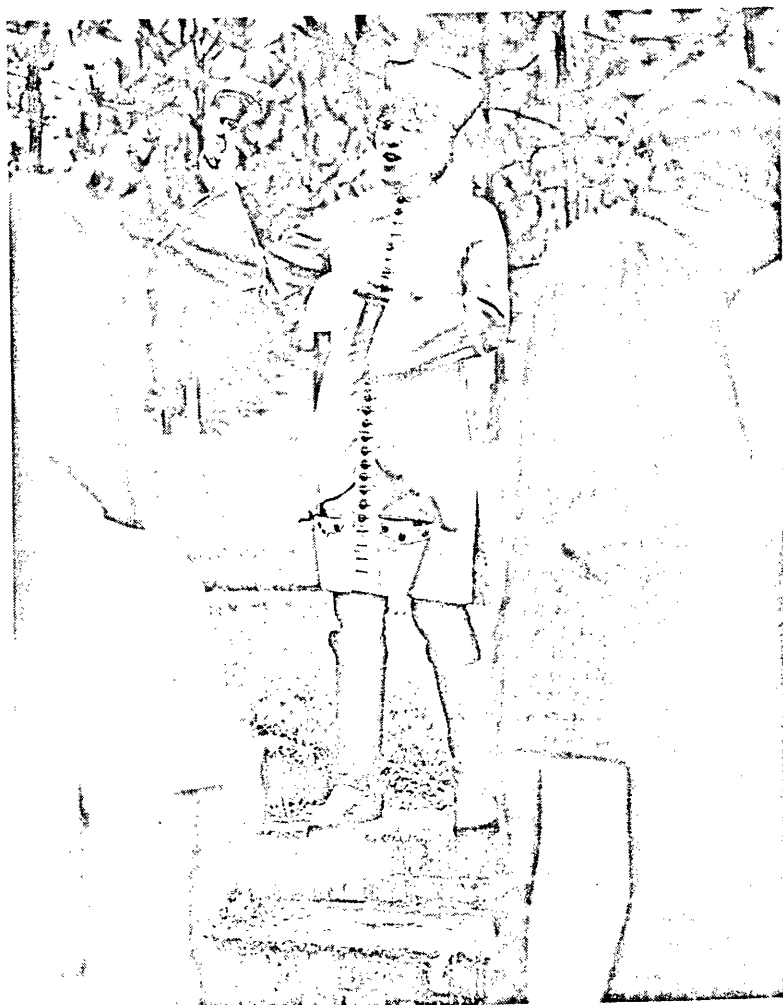
Vatican Radio welcomed the admission of Communist China to the United Nations, but expressed "sorrow" over the expulsion of Taiwan (Formosa). "While the admission of the Chinese People's Republic to the UN can be welcomed as favoring the cause of peace and justice, the broadcast said, "the expulsion of Formosa arouses great sorrow."

Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey, spiritual leader of some 27 million of England's baptized Christians, envisions the scheduled entry of Britain into the European Common Market as an occurrence in which "Christian influence will help to prevent a united Europe from being introverted and selfish and will lead it to be a Europe which gives all it can to the wider service of a desperately needy world." Because complex constitutional legislation has to be drafted and approved by Parliament, the scheduled date of actual entry is not until Jan. 1, 1973.

Father Gilbert Hartke, founder and head of the speech and drama department of Catholic University (Washington, D.C.), told the Woman's Nat'l. Democratic Club that "for too many years the United States has sought the comforts of the flesh and only dabbled in the things of the spirit." He said Americans "have analyzed and categorized our emotional life and we have only pampered and spoiled our social, intellectual and spiritual life." Hartke noted that the Roman empire "fell because it fed the flesh and starved the spirit."

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) is planning a consultation on how to use its ordained clergymen, partly because it seems to have an over-supply of ministers. The Church's policy-making General Assembly was told that as of March there were 800 ministers "available" for calls to congregations with only 175 openings in churches of 200 or more members. In addition to representatives from Church agencies, the consultation will include one clergyman and one layman from each geographic presbytery and synod, plus others as designated.

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Centenary College (United Methodism's School in Shreveport, La.) students are reverting to some old fashioned methods to speed up communications on the campus. Plagued by constant complaints of a lack of communication among students the Student Senate has resurrected the town crier of yesteryear. Rick Clark, a sophomore economics major from Dallas, Tex., dressed in the garb of the early American patriot, will roam the campus ringing his bell, barking out "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" and reading his announcements everywhere more than ten students are gathered.

Methodists of Arkansas are challenged to include an Advance Special for Aldersgate Camp in their 1972 budgets

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October 22, 1971

The Aldersgate Camp has been one of the most useful institutions of the Board of Missions and for the State of Arkansas. All three of our Methodist Conferences have recognized the good work that it does and each has approved the Camp as a Conference Advance Special.

I recommend it to all of you as a worthy place which deserves our gifts and our help. We are fortunate to have good personnel and good programs, and I hope that we can help to add to its present and future service.

Paul V. Galloway
Bishop Paul V. Galloway

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I, personally, would like to see these Aldersgate ministries expanded, but without substantial additional financial support they cannot be maintained at their present level. Because of this conviction and because I have witnessed this important work being done right here in Little Rock, I am going to make a personal investment. I am, also, going to ask my church to assume an Annual Advance Special for Aldersgate Methodist Camp, and I am asking that you prayerfully consider what you and your church or some group in your church can do!

Cordially yours,

Charles W. Richards
Charles W. Richards, President
North Arkansas Board of Missions

JAMES T. MCGUYRE

James T. McGuyre, 60, owner of the McGuyre Chevrolet Co. in Foreman and member of the Foreman United Methodist Church, died on Oct. 24 in that city.

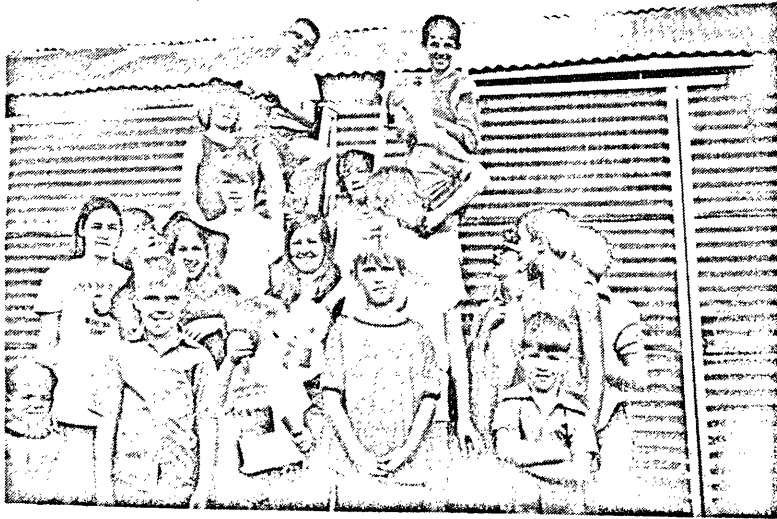
A native of Alexandria, Ark., he had lived in Foreman since 1932 and had served that city as mayor and as city recorder. He was a member of the Little River County Fair Association, the Red River Valley Association and the Arkansas Auto Dealers Association.

The funeral service was held in Foreman United Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Richard Poss, and a former pastor, the Rev. Clyde Swift, officiating. Burial was in Dollarhide Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louise Smith McGuyre; a daughter, Mrs. Kelsey Moore of Foreman; a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Ware of Little Rock; two half-sisters, Mrs. Chester Taylor of Dallas, Tex. and Mrs. Ernest Crosssett of Dardanelle, and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Marion Crank, Paul Hawkins, Worth Matteson, Jr., Loyd Reid, Ulys Reid, Kenneth Price, T. B. Sharp, Jr., and Ray Sikes.

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Members of Marysville-Silver Hill UMY shown with boys at Magale Manor (Methodist Children's Home in Magnolia) took time out from painting a storage barn undergoing renovating which will convert it into use as a play area for the children. However, the UMYs had more in mind than the painting of a barn—in addition they were planning to take the boys to the Southern State-Millsapps College football game the following weekend, and arranged the "barn-painting" as an opportunity to get to know the boys. This enterprising UMY group has engaged in numerous service projects in their own community and on Halloween they collected more than \$110 for UNICEF. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is pastor of the Marysville and Silver Hill churches.

FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD will be held in Washington Avenue Church where the Rev. Kenneth Renfro serves as pastor. Other North Little Rock ministers who will be guest preachers, November 21, 22, 23 and 24 are the Rev. Sam Teague, the Rev. Byron McSpadden Dr. Myers Curtis and the Rev. Gerald Hammett.

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NEWS IN BRIEF


Study has begun on a possible new plan for uniting black and white annual conferences in South Carolina after the black conference rejected a revised plan accepted earlier this autumn by the white conference.

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NEWS and NOTES

THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT Youth Rally will be held Saturday, November 13, at Wiggins United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Julia Hilliard is president of the District Youth Council. Theme for the day is "The Way It Is; The Way It Needs to be Done."

THE REV. JOE E. ARNOLD, associate program director of the Little Rock Conference, brought the Sunday morning message, October 31, in Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, where his brother, the Rev. Fred H. Arnold serves as pastor.

THE REV. JAMES T. RANDLE, director of the Arkansas State University Methodist Student Center, was the speaker in First Church, Jonesboro, October 31. The pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Worth Gibson, and 25 couples from First Church were attending the Marriage Enrichment Weekend at Cherokee Village.

METHODIST MEN OF CENTRAL Church, Fayetteville, have elected these officers: John Fox, president; Lt. Col. Ralph Treat, vice-president; and R. W. Willis, secretary-treasurer.

THE CHILDREN OF COLLEGE Hill United Methodist Church, Texarkana, went out to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF on Saturday, October 30, under the adult leadership of Mrs. Jean Beard, Mrs. Patsy Nicholas, Mrs. Dorothy Orr and Mrs. Cynthia Porier. Residents of the area responded by giving more than \$50 for the cause. The Rev. Carl E. Beard is the pastor.

DeWITT AREA MINISTERS began a series of pulpit exchanges on Sunday, October 31. The Rev. Loyd Perry, pastor at Almyra-Deluce and Prairie Union, preached in the DeWitt Church; the Rev. Thurston Masters, DeWitt pastor, preached at Camp Shed and Gillett; the Rev. James Richardson, pastor of the Gillett-Camp Shed Charge, was in the pulpits of Pleasant Grove and St. Charles; the Rev. W. A. McLean of the St. Charles-Pleasant Grove Charge, preached at Bayou-Meto and Lodges Corner; the Rev. Robert Irvin of the Bayou-Meto Charge preached at Almyra and Deluce-Prairie Union Churches. This exchange plan will continue each fifth Sunday.

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S/SGT. AND MRS. CARL G. BENNETT are the parents of a son, Charles Paul, born October 16 at the LRAFB, Jacksonville. Mrs. Bennett is the former Shirley Ann Martin, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Martin of Lavaca.

DR. WALTER HAZZARD, president of Philander Smith College, will preach in First Church, Hot Springs, November 14. The Philander Smith Choir will present special music for worship at 11 a.m. Dr. George F. Ivey is host pastor.

DR. ELOIS FIELD, dean of the Nursing School at the Med Center in Little Rock, spoke on "The New Nurse Practitioner Program" at the October 25 meeting of United Methodist Men in St. Luke Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is pastor.

THE REV. EUGENE EFIRD, director of the Arkansas Guidance Foundation, spoke in Highland Church, Little Rock, October 17, concerning prisoner rehabilitation. The Rev. Bryan Stephens was host pastor.

THE REV. JAMES D. KEITH, pastor of Sylvan Hills Church, was the preacher for the revival held at the Perryville United Methodist Church the week of October 24. The Perryville pastor is the Rev. A. C. Madison.

THE REV. W. L. DOUGLAS of St. Paul Church, Fort Smith, attended the "Symposium on Medicine and Religion" held at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas, in October.

THE REV. EDWARD W. HARRIS, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20. He is one of six ministers who are members of that board, along with seven laymen.

LONOKE UNITED METHODIST Men held the annual Ladies' Night at Anderson's Restaurant in Beebe. The speaker was the Rev. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home. The Rev. Michael Clayton is the pastor.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH of Fort Smith observes Laymen's Day each fifth Sunday. Ralph Jennings, lay leader, was in charge of the October 31 service. The Rev. Pryor R. Cruce is the pastor.

THE ATKINS CHANCEL CHOIR was entertained by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Pollard, on Thursday evening, October 28. Fried fish, hush-puppies, salads and desserts were served to the 22 guests.

MURFREESBORO FIRST Church observed Laymen's Day on Sunday, October 31. Roy Dawson, a certified lay speaker, brought the message with Roland Bryant, lay leader, in charge of worship. Mr. Dawson is a retired teacher who taught in high schools and colleges in Arkansas and Florida for many years. The Rev. Harold W. Brent is pastor.

LAY WITNESS MISSION AT COLLEGE HILL

E. H. "Tank" Harrison, police officer from Memphis, Tenn., was the coordinator for a Lay Witness Mission held Oct. 1-3 at College Hill United Methodist Church, Texarkana. Laymen from several states participated, and the pastor, the Rev. Carl E. Beard, reports that members in their evaluation called it "the greatest event in the life of the church."

Many small groups are now meeting regularly and there is a new enthusiasm among the youth.

Several of the College Hill laymen participated in a Lay Witness Mission held Oct. 29-31 at the Federal Correctional Institution, Texarkana, Tex., for which Dr. Herbert B. Wren of Texarkana served as coordinator.

WESLEY CHURCH of Little Rock observed Laymen's Day with Lay Leader A. T. Miller presiding. Speakers were: Cecil Robinson and Mrs. Shirley Jenkins speaking on the theme "In the Interest of Others." They were introduced by Mrs. Brenda Evans, WSCS president. Youth participating in the worship service were Ettaticia Wines and Darren McNeal. The Rev. W. D. Lester is their pastor.

THREE CHORAL WORKS presented by the Sanctuary and Motet Choirs in First Church, El Dorado, October 24, were Schubert's Mass in G, Faure's Cantique de Jean Racine, and Mozart's Regina Coeli. Dr. Jerry Cortez, assistant professor of speech at Southern State College, Magnolia, presented readings from the poet William Blake. Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh, ministers of music, directed the service.

PRIMROSE CHURCH, Little Rock District, held its fourth Sunday night fellowship supper and program on October 24. The guest speaker was Elise McKee, a junior at Hendrix College. Miss McKee, born and reared in the Congo by missionary parents, spoke about the religion of the Congo and the work of missionaries there. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is the Primrose pastor.

TYRONZA UNITED METHODIST Church had local laymen as speakers on Laymen's Day. Robert Earl Gill, Bill Barton and R. D. Gill brought the messages. The Rev. Cleve Yarbrough is their pastor.

NEW OFFICERS of HARRISBURG Methodist Men's Fellowship are: Kenneth Branum, president; Edsel Terrell, vice-president; Charley Stinson, secretary-treasurer. In the first meeting at which these new officers presided, the club had a ladies night and a program on the hospital program of the Shriners, which was presented by Don Butler of Paragould and Clyde Gathright of Monette. The Rev. Bob Orr is the Harrisburg pastor.

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.

Nov. 14—Sunday	Eph. 5:15-20
Nov. 15	Psalms 26:1-12
Nov. 16	Psalms 50:14-23
Nov. 17	Isaiah 51:1-3
Nov. 18	Amos 4:1-5
Nov. 19	Philp. 4:4-8
Nov. 20	Col. 4:1-6
Nov. 21—Sunday	I Tim. 4:1-5

WHEN VANTREASE METHODIST Men met in El Dorado for supper recently, Hercle C. Teague presided. He introduced M. L. Danford, an employee of Murphy Oil Company, who spoke on the topic "Blood Banks." The benediction was given by the Rev. P. D. Alston, retired minister. The Rev. Kirvin Hale is the Vantrease pastor.

CHIEF JUSTICE Carleton Harris of the Arkansas State Supreme Court was the Laymen's Day speaker at Wynne United Methodist Church, October 24. The Rev. Warren D. Golden is the Wynne minister.

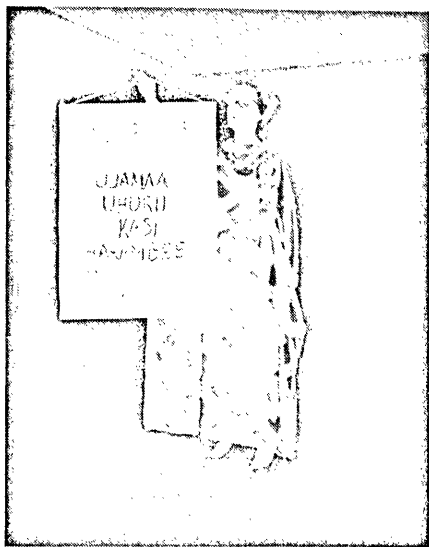
THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH in First Church, Hope, are coordinated by the Rev. Jerry Westmoreland, associate pastor and minister to youth. Recent activities included a morning worship service, October 24, in which 17 young people participated. Jan Dillard, Byron Mann and Steve Routon were the speakers. Youth have also assumed the responsibility of ushering at the evening services. The members decided on a safe and sane Halloween weekend. Junior highs went on a hayride Saturday night. Mid Highs sponsored a party with spook house and apple bobbing following the Sunday night service. The Rev. Norris Steele is senior minister.

THE HARRISBURG UMY had a Rent-a-Kid Day October 23. Some 30 youths worked all over town. Proceeds from their activities will go to finance their program. They concluded the day with a hay-ride and weiner roast, inviting the youth organization from the local Baptist Church to share with them.

THE GREATER LITTLE ROCK Literacy Council will meet on Tuesday, November 16, at the Little Rock Library, Louisiana at Eighth Streets, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sam Pallone and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway are co-chairmen of the Council.

THREE NIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS music are scheduled at Blytheville's First Church next week. The Rev. Jimmy Bass, Methodist minister from Nashville, Tenn., will sing Sunday through Tuesday nights, Nov. 14-16, in a return engagement. Dr. Virgil Keeley is host pastor.

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In colorful Swahili dress, Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Jr. reported on the Seminar for Methodist women which she attended in Lincoln, Nebraska, in August. She recently made reports at the Conference WSCS meeting in Blytheville, and the Batesville District meeting in Mountain Home.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT WSCS MET AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

The 32nd meeting of the Batesville District Women's Society of Christian Service was held Thursday, October 21, at First United Methodist Church, Mountain View. Miss Fern Cook gave the morning devotion and Mrs. James Moffitt, host president, gave welcome remarks.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis, district president, presided at the business session, attended by 85 persons. Only three new officers were elected. These are chairmen of: Christian social relations—Mrs. Donald Moore, spiritual growth Miss Fern Cook, and nominations—Mrs. M. L. Kaylor, Mrs. Nobia Johnson, past president of the conference WSCS, installed the officers. Mrs. Lewis presented out-going officers, Mrs. Clyde Whitley and Mrs. Virginia

Mills with pins for their work.

Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary from Japan, brought the morning message on "The Role of the Church in the Far East."

Mrs. Ann Murphy reported on the National Seminar of Methodist Women which she attended in Lincoln, Nebraska, in August. Mrs. Bernice Rogers gave a report of her Church and Community Work, illustrated by a banner showing her territory.

Mrs. Thelma Baldrige was in charge of the Pledge Service, during which representatives made pledges to missions for local societies.

Other participants on the program included Mrs. Ben Owens, song leader, Mrs. Allenette Ford, scripture interpretation through dance; and District Superintendent Floyd Villines; prayer.



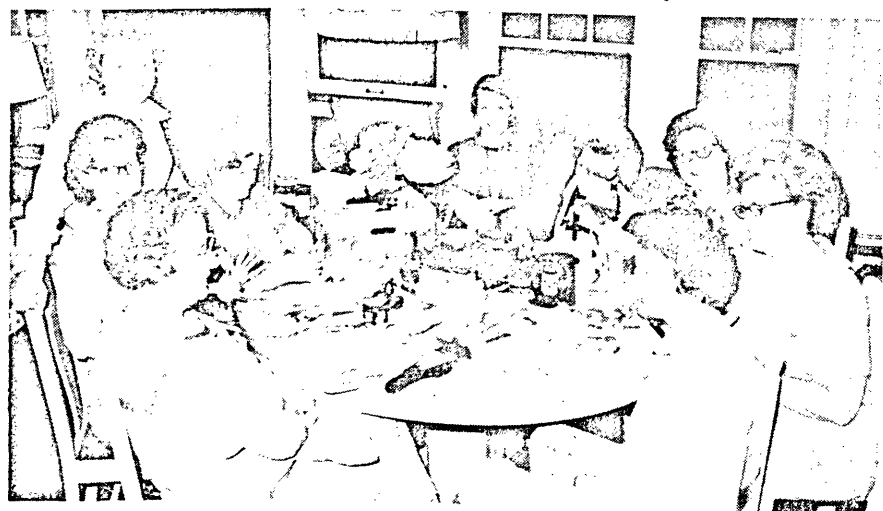
Among the distinguished guests at the Little Rock District WSCS annual meeting, held in St. James Church at Little Rock, Oct. 27, were: from left, Mrs. Russell McKinney, former conference president and former national vice-president of Methodist women; Mrs. John Christian, conference chairman of mission education; Miss Helen Wilson, missionary to Bolivia and featured speaker of the day; and Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference WSCS president.



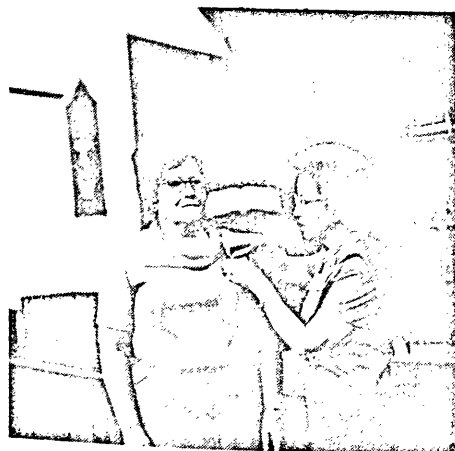
Serving as officers of the Little Rock District WSCS are: front row, from left, Mrs. Bill W. Moore, vice-president; Mrs. John W. Stephens, president; Mrs. Harriet Kelley, secretary. Back row: Mrs. Robert C. Redus, program materials; Mrs. Ollie Mason, spiritual growth; Mrs. E. C. Reid, Christian social relations; Mrs. Charles Griffin, nominations; Mrs. Pat Paulus, missionary education.

AT LEFT:

Mustin Lake near Camden was the autumnal setting for the Camden District Parsonettes retreat Friday and Saturday, October 23-24. Nine preachers' wives and two guest husbands shared the fellowship. After breakfast, the group was dismissed with a meditation by Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent. ABOVE: The group shared Christmas ideas and worked on projects.



Mrs. Carol Burns Smalley, at left, was guest speaker at the October 24 meeting of Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock District. She was introduced by Mrs. Louise Pate, district chairman of Guilds, who presided.



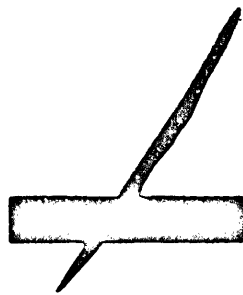
Louise Pate, out-going district WSG chairman, was presented a Special Membership, a gift to missions in her honor. The gift was from the St. Paul Guild, of which she is a member. She is being pinned by Imogene Knox, St. Paul WSG president.



Gladys Icenhower, at left, conference chairman of Guilds, installed the Little Rock District officers at the meeting held in Winfield Church. Florretta Skinner, second from left, of the Pulaski Heights Blanche Burnett Guild is the new district chairman. Mrs. Norma Ramsey (holding the chart), from Des Arc, was elected to the nominating committee. Mary Florence Scobey is the new secretary. Mary Sue Shepherd (not shown) was elected chairman of the nominating committee.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 21: God Conquers Evil

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Romans 5; 8:28-39; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

MEMORY SELECTION: In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To undergird our faith in God's purposes and in his power so that we may share with him in ultimate victory over the evil in the world and in our lives.

In today's lesson we will be looking at one of the major emphases of our doctrine of God—that which recognizes evil in the world which he has created and which affirms that he is able to overcome it. We will again be leaning heavily on Paul's letter to the Romans, one of the most profound theological documents in the Bible.

Through the ages men have sought to come to answers to the questions raised by pain, suffering and sorrow in their world and in their personal lives. Job struggled with God as he sought an explanation for the great load of sorrow and heartbreak that flooded in upon his life. Others have tried to ignore the existence and question the reality of evil. None of these is the stance a Christian should take, and Paul tries to explain why in the fifth chapter of Romans.

Unless we understand the wide alienation which had come between God and man through evil, we cannot begin to appreciate the magnitude of the gift of his Son—something so great and wonderful that it deserved to be referred to as "good news." As Dr. Lawrence C. Hays says in Adult Bible Studies: "Although the fact of evil in the world seems to contradict the Christian claim that creation is essentially good, it is precisely this belief in the goodness of creation that enables the Christian to understand sin and have faith that evil can be conquered in life."

As we come close to the end of our study of the nature of God we realize that we must confront the problem of evil in our world. As we have moved through a catalogue of his many attributes we question the presence of evil and wonder how it fits the love, goodness and majesty which are a part of his nature. The question is put this way in Adult Leader: "Assuming that God is love and wants the best for man, that God is powerful and can do all that he wills, why does he allow evil in the lives of his people? Should not all of God's actions be consistent with what we can learn about the nature of God?"

As Christians we are more concerned with overcoming evil than we are with explaining it. The message of our memory selection today is one which has lifted men from the depth of despair in many ages and one which strengthens our determination against the difficulties which we see all around us. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37)

THE REALITY OF JUSTIFICATION

How is it that Christians can celebrate and rejoice in this kind of world? Why should personal joy and happiness be the cornerstone of the Christian's faith, especially when there is so much suffering and sorrow in the world? One has answered these questions by saying, "The Christian is called upon to rejoice—not because he is spared the common elements of all human suffering—but because he sees in Jesus Christ the one who gave meaning

and purpose to suffering, and who is the assurance that hope is not in vain." Yes, Christians can talk about rejoicing in their faith, not because they have been spared trials and tribulations, but because they know one who gives them peace, joy and hope.

Paul tells us why Christians should not be always in a state of turmoil concerning the evil around them. "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) We will note that he uses three different terms to explain what happens to a person who has an experience of salvation through Christ—justification, freedom, reconciliation. We hope that we can help you come to an understanding of these three words which are so important in the Christian's vocabulary.

To understand the word "reconciliation," we must see the whole of Paul's line of reasoning. Earlier in his letter to the Romans he has pointed out that all men have sinned against God and are therefore under his judgment. Then he affirms that God has taken the initiative to bring man back into a right relationship. This has been made possible through the gift of his Son, and it is by believing in Him that we avail ourselves of this gift. Dr. Gerald R. Cragg says (Interpreter's Bible): "The man who receives a new standing in God's sight discovers that a new life opens before him, a life marked by an increasing appropriation of what God's mercy offers and inseparably related to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ."

BEING "PUT RIGHT" WITH GOD

Since man has made those wrong choices which have alienated him from God, he must be "put right" with God if he is to know salvation. To be restored to a right relationship with God requires that there be an answer to evil, for sin separates man from God. Man does not have this answer, but he can find it in God. Paul insists that there is a dual source of justification: it is the work of God and it is the work of man.

First of all, justification is by grace. God takes the first step. He approaches man with the offer of reconciliation, not because man has earned it with any good works but because God chooses to open the way because this is his nature as a loving father. It is through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that this gift is made available. Someone has said, "We do not need to know why and how God does this; we need only to rejoice that it is so."

However, Paul makes it clear that man is not automatically justified because of God's nature, or because Jesus died and arose from the dead. Man has a part in his justification. He must respond to what God has done for him. This response we call faith, a word which means more than just believing. It also includes doing something about what we believe.

Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston speaks of "the peace of God" which Paul says will result (International Lesson Annual): "The peace referred to may be related to having been declared righteous, free from condemnation. It points to the term 'reconciliation,' used later, since it is peace with God. This is not a negative peace or a peace of indifference but rather the peace of right relationships."

THE FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION

The apostle lists three types of Christian experience which are the result of justification. This is not a feeling within us, but is a declaration from God. Unless we believe that God has declared us righteous, we will not be able to appreciate the cor-

responding fruits in our lives.

The first fruit is peace with God. Can we deny that this is every Christian's richest possession? It is his through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the means whereby a rebellious sinner can accept the fact that his enmity with God is over. In recent years authors of religious books have known that the surest route to success is with a title that suggests the contents can do something to promote inner peace. We can recall three such books in recent years: **Peace of Mind**, **Peace of Soul** and **Peace With God**. We do not like to be at war with God, and the man has found a taste of heaven who has replaced hostility and guilt with quiet and tranquility.

Paul mentions the second fruit in these words: "Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand." Dr. Cragg suggests that the language is that of an eastern court where only a few special ones could come. The rest were excluded, unless they could find someone to introduce them. The Christian stands in a grace relationship to God and does not have to depend on anyone else to approach God for him. Paul reminds us that it is through Christ that we have this new status with God.

The third fruit is "hope and glory." The pertinent passage says: "We rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God." When he was alienated from God, man fell short of God's glory, but in Christ he looked forward to living for God's glory and one day being made like him. The Christian is acutely aware of his imperfections, but he has confidence that he will stand one day in his presence. The tone of this third fruit of justification is rejoicing and celebration, and these should be dominant characteristics of the new creature of whom Paul speaks.

REJOICING IN SUFFERING

Paul had not gone far in this chapter when he changed the emphasis from that of rejoicing in the hope of glory to telling Christians they should "rejoice in suffering." Normally we do not think of suffering as bringing glory or joy. Why then does Paul make such a statement? The answer is in what suffering can do for one.

Just as the suffering of Christ has been used to overcome evil, so Paul is sure that the character resulting from a proper approach to suffering is another of God's rich gifts to man. It is easy to affirm that hope is a ground for glorying, but it is a daring paradox to affirm that we can also boast because of hardship.

Dr. Cragg says: "The explanation is not hard to find. Justification is the prelude to a life of steady progress in spiritual understanding and in moral development. It is possible for a man to recognize that the expectation of future good—the full appropriation of the glory of God—goes hand in hand with the acceptance of present hardship."

But more than this is also involved. Exhilaration amid suffering is due to a recognition of the value of the discipline which it supplies. But this is possible only in a world which we have reason to believe is friendly.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS CONCERNING PAUL'S TEACHINGS

Although Romans has been one of the most important theological stones of which the foundation of the Christian faith has been built, many misunderstandings have resulted from what he said. Some have felt that the assurance here promised that they would be above sin and would never again be bothered by temptation.

Paul recognized that some might say that, and so he testified later in Romans that he knows personally that such is not the case. As Dr. Lawrence C. Hay says: "Paul, like us, recognized that he was in the grip of forces that were too strong for him. But then he reaffirmed, as we must, that his victory over sin was not the result of his efforts but of the work of God in Christ. It is Christ who makes possible the conquest of sin. Trusting in the love of God, we stand victorious over sin and death."

This new life is a gift and is not forced upon us. Let us accept God's victory over sin and death as the fundamental fact of our existence.

Spiritual and theological basis for Fund for Reconciliation re-emphasized

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI) — A reaffirmation of the spiritual dimension and of the Biblical and theological basis for the 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis of the United Methodist Church emerged from a meeting here Oct. 26-27.

Meeting at the same time as the United Methodist Board of Missions was a special committee of Quadrennial Emphasis Committee working on recommendations to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference next April. Theme of the Quadrennial Emphasis is "A New Church for a New World," and it has primary thrusts in a \$20,000,000 Fund for Reconciliation, a Bible Study program and a national voluntary service program.

Bishop James K. Mathews, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Boston Area and chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis, chaired the special committee meeting. Following the meeting, Bishop Mathews made this statement:

RENAME REFORMATION DAY? 'FAITH RENEWAL DAY' URGED

RAHWAY, N.J. (RNS) — A United Methodist congregation here proposed that other area churches join it in abandoning a stress on "breakaway" in observations of the start of Protestantism.

Specifically, Trinity church wants to rename Reformation Day (Oct. 31) as "Faith Renewal Day."

The invitation to bring about the switch came from Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Paul N. Jewett, and the lay administrative board.

"Such revision does not discredit Luther or any other Reformer," Mr. Jewett said. "It simply puts the emphasis where it should be—on God's continuing work to 'make all things new,' especially the church through our faith."

The congregation's administrative board cited "changes already sweeping major denominations and apparent in Roman Catholicism since Vatican II" in urging a new conception of Reformation Day.

In keeping with the proposal, the Trinity board sent its congratulations to St. Mark's Catholic church in Rahway on its centennial.

Reformation Day marks the anniversary of the posting of 95 theses for debate on a church door by Martin Luther in 1517. Discussion of those theses is credited with launching the Reformation.

"The Fund for Reconciliation was created in response to the teachings of Jesus about the will and judgment of God, and in recognition of God's concern for those who are in need because of discrimination. The program specifically acknowledges and testifies to God's initiative in reconciling men to Himself.

"The purpose of the Quadrennial Emphasis, as stated by the 1968 General Conference is: 'Renewal of the church through three interrelated responses of significant witness: The Church and the Word, The Church and Its Work, The Church and the World.'

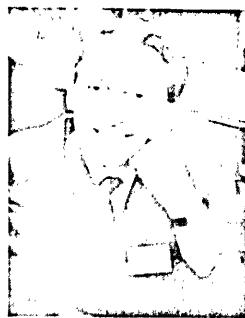
"Bible study has been an important part of the Quadrennial Emphasis and is being conducted simultaneously with the raising and use of the Fund for Reconciliation. Every church has been challenged to make a fresh study of the Sermon on the Mount. Half a million special printings of the Sermon on the Mount were distributed for study and 10,000 study kits — filmstrips, records and study guides — were sold. They have been used in at least a third of the United Methodist congregations for spiritual renewal.

"The second phase of the Bible study, 'The Life and Teaching of Jesus,' was released eight months ago, and already more than 98,000 copies of the book and almost 23,000 copies of the leader's guide have been sold. All of this emphasizes Scriptural Chris-

tianity. The program has not been mere humanism but has constantly reiterated the understanding that anyone in Christ is a new creature.

"Because of the Fund for Reconciliation, hundreds of youth have participated in the United Methodist Voluntary Service program, most of them in difficult places. Hopeless persons in Vietnam have been rehabilitated by our program for amputees and the homeless. Black Community Develop-

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

To talk about the British scene is quite impossible without returning to the terrible plight of the people of Northern Ireland. This province, without its own government, based in Belfast has for a long time regarded itself as an integral part of the British Isles, and the present agony of the area is one which is very much part of the British concern.

The IRA "provisionals" are not a true branch of the Irish Republican movement, but, as many think, anarchists whose aim is to provoke a situation which will lead to the withdrawal of British troops and the starting of civil war in Northern island are active in a terrible manner so that not a week passes without further outrages of bombing and shooting—two more Irish policemen have been killed in cold blood as I write.

The heart of the problem is what the moderates who, paradoxically form the greater proportion of the population, feel paralysed by the situation as the menace grows especially through the city of Belfast. The gunmen have been taking control by the simple and ruthless method of shooting and killing without any regard for humanity. They finance their activities by bank raids, and pick up perhaps 5,000 pounds a week by this method. Business is grinding to a halt and the life of the city is almost at a standstill in some areas.

The economic problem is the urgent one, because businesses, shops and offices are in danger of closing down, one theatre already has done so, and the National Theatre which can only keep going because of subsidy has only twenty or thirty people in its audience at the opening of a new production.

The concern of Christians is deep

ers are helping ghetto churches to be relevant and better servants of our Christ. Seed money has been provided for low-cost housing projects. Many members of minority groups have been helped to become whole persons.

"Approximately 800 projects have received assistance from the Fund for Reconciliation. The whole Gospel of redemption has been furthered, and love of God and neighbor increased.

"More than 50 annual conferences in the church are emphasizing the Fund for Reconciliation at Thanksgiving, and others have set special dates between now and April in an effort to reach the full \$20,000,000 minimum goal set by General Conference."

yet it seems that little can be done from England, hence the sense of impotence which grows.

In his address to the Convocation of the Anglican Church in England, the Archbishop of Canterbury said this: Our hearts at this time go out to the people of Northern Ireland, both Protestants and Roman Catholics. We know that there are Christians of all churches in Northern Ireland who want only to have peace, restraint, tolerance and mutual respect.

"Their leaders have been courageously upholding these Christian aims, as when the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland condemned the use of violence, and as when the Anglican Primate and his colleagues spoke out against the fallacy that Catholics as a whole are supporters of violence.

"We pray that those who bear Christian witness may be strengthened in their efforts to uphold faith against those fears, which, bound as they are with a long history, are really faith's opposite."

These words illustrate the real feelings of the great majority of people, and the idea that this is in any sense a "religious" battle is one which is completely rejected by all the leaders of the denominations in Ireland itself. The difficulty lies in the fact that the fears and prejudices of peoples have been exploited mercilessly by those who want to see a political end to British rule in Ulster, and the lengths to which they are prepared to go are outlandishly ruthless.

The declaration by the Home Secretary that British troops will continue their peace-keeping role lays upon our forces there a very grave responsibility, and the hope is that Mr. Brian Faulkner, the present Prime Minister, will manage to hold together the very many strands which make up the people who belong to his party which sees itself as an integral part of the British way of life. The prayers of Christians must undergird those who are struggling to keep things going in what is now a beleaguered city and the general hope is that at the last wise counsel will prevail.

Some hopeful signs are present that the army has begun to make some impression, and this is due not least to the fact that under the most terrifying provocation, the discipline and steadiness of the troops has been a positive revelation, and a living contradiction to the ridiculous and malicious charges of the IRA that they are the representatives of oppressors.

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Missions Board votes cuts in budget and personnel

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Consideration of budget and personnel cuts and adoption of resolutions on Pakistan and the World Council of Churches marked the annual plenary session of the United Methodist Board of Missions here.

Directors of the agency, one of the largest church units in the nation, approved a \$34,474,474 budget for 1972, 5.8 per cent (or \$2.4 million) less than the 1971 figure.

Of the total, \$19,400,899 was set for overseas missions through the board's World Division. A National Division received \$11,644,577.

The World Division reported that the missionary force in 1972 will be 950, a drop of 450 since 1969. A "limitation of funds" and the "increased strength" of Churches in mission lands were given as major reasons for the decline.

A study group on personnel stressed, however, that "we do not share the prophecies of doom foretelling the demise of the missionary movement."

Tentative goals for 1972-76 were passed by the lay and clerical members of the agency. These included interpretation of the Gospel in "word and action," interpretation of a Biblical understanding of mission, sustained emphasis on the global nature of mission and strengthening efforts for "peace, justice and more fully developed societies."

Dr. Tracey K. Jones, the board's general secretary outlined changes in the patterns of mission. He said that the concept of white Americans taking the Gospel to "heathens" overseas was being supplanted by more mutual interaction between Western Churches and newer Christian groups in Africa

and Asia.

The board asked President Nixon to halve foreign aid to Pakistan in an effort to produce a negotiated settlement of the troubles in the country's eastern area. The U.S. was also urged to give massive help to India to aid 9 million East Pakistani refugees who sought refuge there.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, head of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, said the Pakistani refugee situation is the "worst human tragedy of modern history."

He said \$4 million is required daily to care for refugees. Dr. Haines urged the denomination to give \$1 million in aid over the next 90 days.

A vote of confidence in the World Council of Churches was unanimously adopted. The resolution particularly noted recent criticism which appeared in the Reader's Digest of a WCC Program to Combat Racism. Under the program, "humanitarian" grants have been made to "liberation" groups, some of which reportedly use guerrilla tactics against white minority regimes in southern Africa.

"We assert the basic integrity of the WCC," the mission board said. "Anything which weakens its faithful witness threatens the health of the whole church."

Prior to the board's plenary session, directors of each of three divisions—World, National and Women—met separately.

A policy decision on investments came before the World Division. A ban on making profits from companies "deeply involved" in making or promoting gambling equipment, liquor, tobacco or armaments was reaffirmed.

At the same time, the division said

it would use its investment funds to oppose pollution, support fair and equitable employments and to eliminate apartheid (racial separation) in southern Africa.

Decisions did not include any provision to sell stock already owned in companies having policies the mission board dislikes.

Sale of securities, the division said, would have a "minimal impact on the corporation and minimal effectiveness" in advancing social goals. The likelihood of more church-spurred proxy fights was indicated.

Operations of Gulf Oil in Angola have been the particular target of Church groups which argue that U.S. investments support, in effect, the colonial rule of Portugal. Kent S. Manning, a Gulf vice president, defended his firm's role in Angola in an informal session during the Minneapolis board meeting.

The Agency's National Division urged the United Methodist General Conference of 1972 to continue a Black Community Developers Program. Since 1969, the program has recruited 46 workers for development linked to black rural and ghetto churches.

National and Women's Divisions each voted \$7,000 in 1972 for a ministry among returning Vietnam war veterans, war resisters and the families of both.

Demands for funds from American Indians, who made a presentation to the board, were referred to a committee.

The board learned that in the year ending Sept. 30, a fund for building loans to congregations had increased \$5 million, reaching a high of \$35.5 million. The first new loans since June 1970, were approved. Five allocations totalled \$520,000.

The Rev. Leon Smith, director of Ministries in Marriage for the United Methodist Board of Education, has been named to a three-year term as chairman of the committee on legislation of the American Association of Marriage and Family Counselors.

Two agencies for United Methodist women to unite

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Representatives of United Methodist Women voted here to unify two denominational women's groups.

The decision, made by the annual meeting of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, will require the approval of the Church's General Conference in 1972.

Plans call for bringing together "one new inclusive organization" of the present Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Guild. The latter is primarily for employed women.

A new name will be selected for the merged organization, which will include local groups having about 1 million members.

Officials of the Women's Division stressed that neither the WSCS or Guild were being "phased out," but one absorbing the other.

The plan is to move toward a new organization with greater flexibility and one potentially attractive to women who have taken part in either of two groups.

The decision to propose the new inclusive structure followed a year of study in which formal and ad hoc gatherings of United Methodist women made essentially the same recommendations.

Organized women's work in the denomination will continue, should a new plan be approved, to stress mission, according to the three top officials of the Women's Division.

Mrs. Wayne Harrington, division president; Miss Charlotte Ann, chairman of the Wesleyan Society Guild Committee, and Miss Thelma Hoover, staff executive of the division, issued a joint statement in which they described mission as entailing "varied concerns as support of local and overseas missionary work, spiritual growth, leadership development, theology, women's liberation and host of social justice issues."

Health/Welfare Council adopts new standards for some agencies

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — New standards for United Methodist-related agencies serving children and youth and for chaplaincy services have been adopted by the denomination's Health and Welfare Certification Council.

Adopted unanimously, the children and youth standards list 63 points governing agency organization, administration, personnel, personnel policies and specific services. A total of 52 agency administrators and board members, as well as nationally-known child and youth care experts, assisted in development of the document.

The chaplaincy standards were also adopted unanimously and are designed to set guidelines for hospital administrators in setting up pastoral care programs. They represent the first such standards the council has developed.

Among other things, the standards give denominationally-related hospitals, depending on size, the option of developing volunteer chaplaincies through local ministerial associations, or of adding a full-time chaplain to the staff.

In other actions at its session Octo-

ber 15, the council gave "certification," the highest recognition achievable, to Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind., the Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center, Charlotte, N. C., the United Methodist Home, Elyria, Ohio, and the Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio.

Nine homes for the aging were not approved for "certification" because they did not meet all of the professional standards required by the council.

Affiliation status was given Asbury Towers, Bradenton, Fla. Five other agencies were given affiliation, pending receipt, review and approval of necessary documents.

To date, the council said, 75 per cent of the some 330 agencies related to the United Methodist Church have achieved either "affiliation" or "certification" status.

Lambuth College, a 128-year-old United Methodist-related college in Jackson, Tenn., is featured in the October issue of the Holiday Inn magazine.

Preachers and choirs for 1972 General Conference announced

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Selection of ten choirs to participate in worship services at the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, Ga., and seven pastors for afternoon preaching hours has been announced.

According to the Rev. Irving L. Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla., a vice-chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program for the conference and head of its program committee, the pastors who will be heard are the Revs. Charles L. Allen, Houston, Texas, April 17; Robert M. Blackburn, Orlando, Fla., April 18; Emerson S. Colaw, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 19; A. Cecil Williams, San Francisco, Calif., April 20; Wayne K. Clymer, Naperville, Ill., April 21; John B. Warman, Pittsburg, Pa., April 24; and W. Harold McElvany, Rockford, Ill.,

April 25.

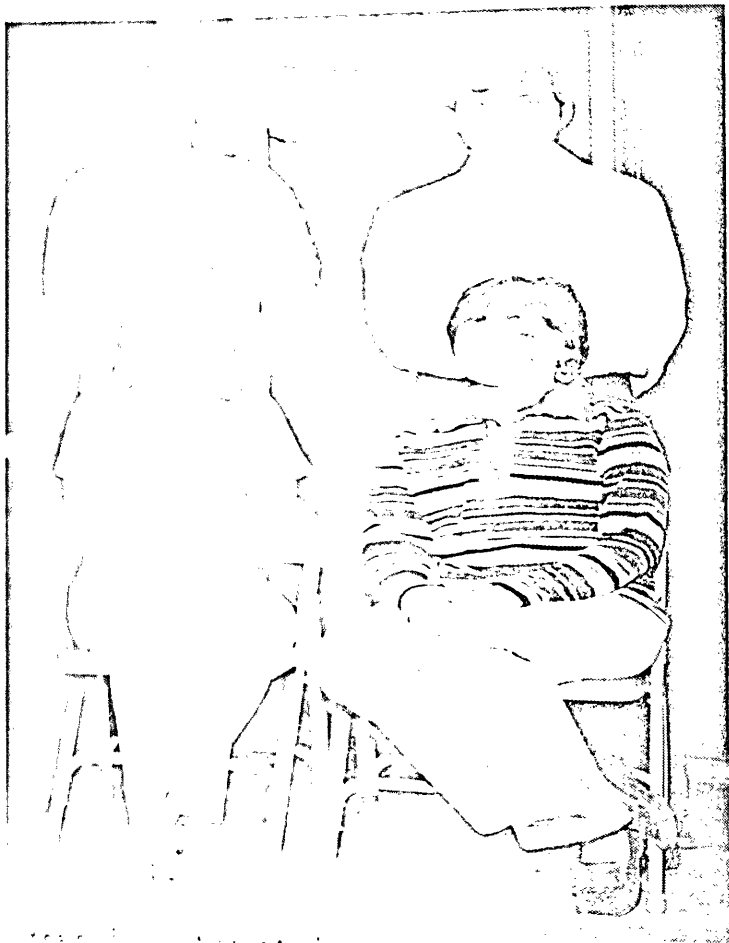
Choirs to participate in the conference, according to Prof. Carl Young of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, will be the Columbia College Choir, Columbia, S. C.; Brevard College Glee Club, Brevard, N. C.; McMurry College Choir, Abilene, Texas; Baldwin Community United Methodist Choir, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mt. Zion Methodist Church Choir, Washington, D. C.; Lebanon Valley College Choir, Annville, Pa.; Juniper Singers, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; College Choir and Candler Choir, both of Atlanta; and the Emory, Henry College Choir, Emory, Ga.

The 1972 General Conference will open April 16.

Wesley Foundation—

Little Rock, Arkansas

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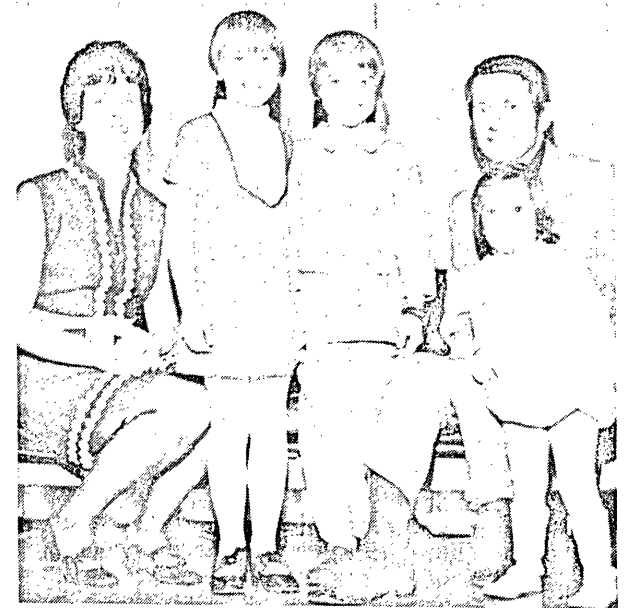


Some of the student officers: (Standing, left to right) Kathy Warford, vice president, and the resident couple in the Wesley Foundation facilities, (seated) the resident couple in the Wesley Foundation facilities, (seated) the resident couple in the Wesley Foundation facilities.

The Wesley Foundation building is located at 5605 West 12th Street, adjacent to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. It is available to each of the 700 students enrolled at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Under the direction of Dr. Sam Jones, it includes opportunities for friendship, counseling, service, recreation and leadership.

The Wesley Foundation building is equipped with an office, library, a large fellowship room, and a daily for student use. The foundation wants students to be active in their education and broadening their experiences," Jones said. The group sponsored joint activities with the Methodist Student Center

Some of the members of Wesley Foundation present for recent snack supper-folk music fellowship occasion. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Sam Jones, director, Bryan Leveritt, Joyce Leveritt, Lanny Tillery, Ralph Tillery, Lisa Milan, and Scott Stephens. The group was entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Fallon Davis (shown below). The couple sang original folk songs with guitar accompaniment. (Dorothy and Fallon are members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock and sing in their church's Chancel Choir).



Wesley Foundation Director Jones (at right) derives moral support from the distaff side of his family shown here. FROM LEFT: Wife Nancy, and their daughters Nan, Lucy and Margaret. The family was welcomed recently with a reception in their honor sponsored by the Wesley Foundation Board of directors and wives.

and nearby Oak Forest United Methodist Church meets regularly on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The group includes persons from U.A.L.R. and the University of Arkansas Medical Center, as well as other college-age persons from Oak Forest Church and the surrounding area.

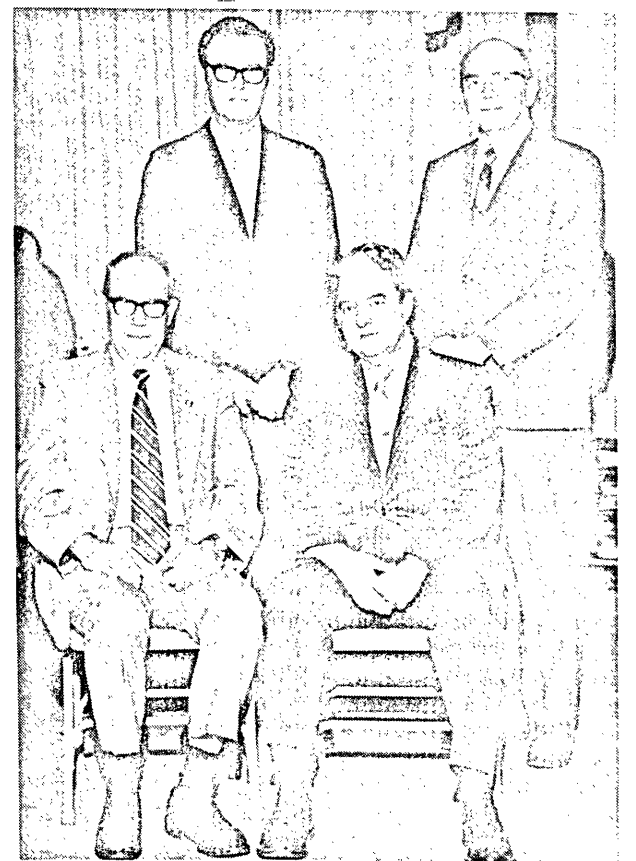
Currently in use as a guide for discussions is the book entitled, "The Unfolding Drama of the Bible," by Bernard W. Anderson. A recent discussion on the "Dead Sea Scrolls" was led by Dr. Harold Woolard, chairman of the Humanities Division of U.A.L.R. Other discussions have focused on the book "In His Steps" by Charles M. Sheldon.

Leadership for the weekly sessions is provided by class members themselves.

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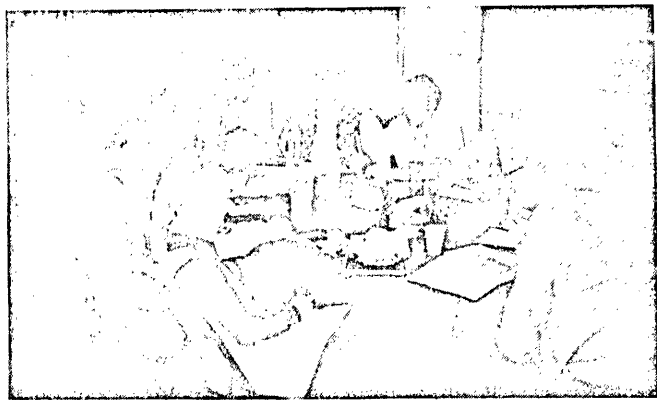


Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent, addresses Wesley Foundation Board during business meeting which preceded the reception honoring the Joneses. The board includes some 34 pastors and laymen from United Methodist churches in the Little Rock and North Little Rock area. Those who appear in photo are (left to right): Charles Tarleton, Dr. Joe Taylor, the Rev. William A. Stewart, Dr. Edward Dunlap, and the Rev. Alf Eason.



Wesley Foundation Board officers elected recently were: (left to right) Charles Tarleton, a vice-president of Worthen Bank, chairman; Francis Robinson, vice-chancellor for finance at UALR, treasurer; the Rev. William Stewart, pastor of Oak Forest Church, vice-chairman, and the Rev. John Workman, pastor of Markham Street Church, secretary.

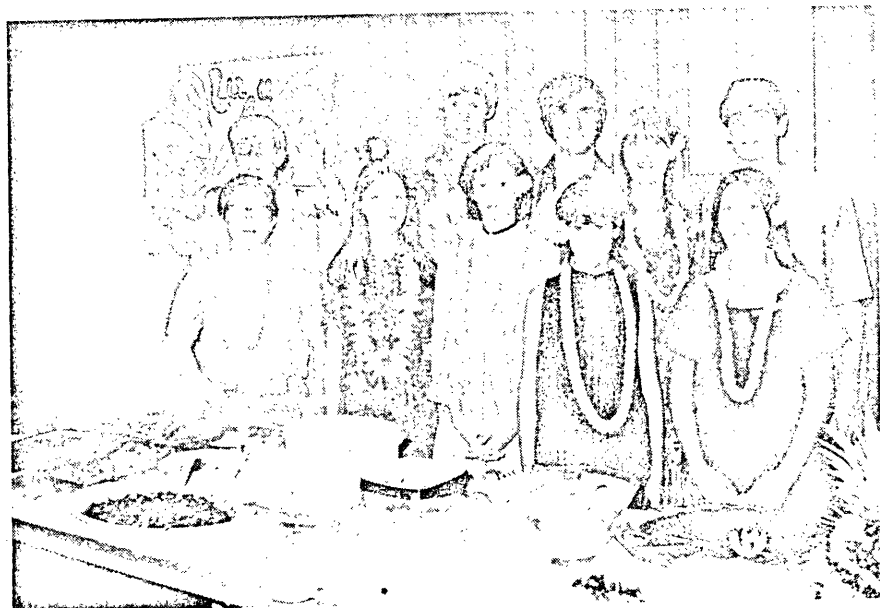
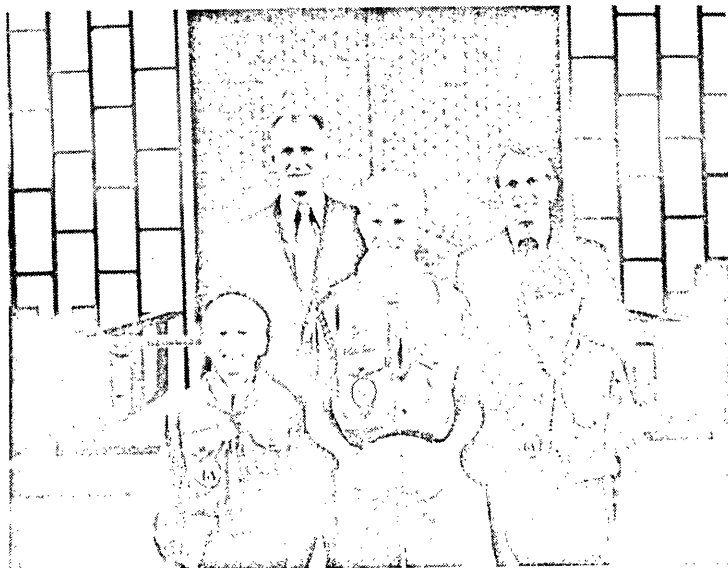
JONESBORO DISTRICT COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY



Jonesboro District Council on Youth Ministry members photographed at meeting held Saturday, Oct. 30 at Caraway United Methodist Church. TOP: (left to right) Freddie Taylor of Victoria; Mike Orr, Harrisburg; Beth Stone of Bay; Curtis Collier of Blytheville; Alice Rhodes of Osceola; Sharon Dallas of Caraway; Rita Goodart of Hickory Ridge; Cheri Swingle of Marked Tree; Debbie Sparks of Nettleton; David Watson of Monette. LOWER PHOTO: Council on Youth Ministry in session.

Officers elected: Chairman, Cheri Swingle; vice chairmen, Alice Rhodes and Beth Stone; Secretary, Rita Goodart. **Task Force:** Sharon Dallas, chairman, Debbie Sparks, Freddie Taylor, and David Watson. **Publicity chairmen:** Mike Orr and Curtis Collier. **Adult Counselors:** Richard Moore and Vicki Moore of Blytheville; James Randle, campus minister at Arkansas State University; Jerry Canada, District coordinator of Youth Ministry.

Representatives of Boy Scout Troop III, sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church, Russellville, with football autographed by members of the '71 University of Arkansas football team. The troop with a membership of 35 was honored by the West-Ark Area Council of Boy Scouts for having the most new members during the March 1 to August 31 period. Rankin Baker, chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee of the Mt. Magazine District presented the football. Shown here, left to right, Randy Alford, Roy Alford, church committee member, Jim Knight, Jr., Scout leader; Scoutmaster Tommy Hipp, and David Hipp.



Members of the Rector UMY shown at Hawaiian Luau. Between 75 and 100 persons took part in an evening of fellowship at the church. The Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis is pastor.

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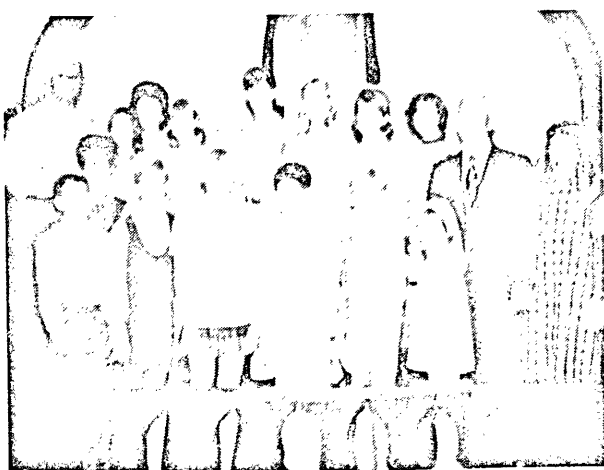


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"Come Alive Singers"—junior high group of Marmaduke United Methodist Church. The group presented the Christian folk musical "Come Alive" for the Grace Curtis UMY Sub-district meeting on Sept. 20 and for the Greene County United Methodist Men's Club on Sept. 21, and by popular request performed the musical twice in their home church. Guest appearances have also been made at Shiloh, Macedonia and Simmons United Methodist Churches. Their counselor, Mrs. Nancy Guthrie, directs the group, assisted by Ronnie Guthrie, co-counselor. Mrs. Marie Butler is pianist and T. L. Jenkins plays the adult role of the Apostle Paul; the Rev. Charles P. Reed is pastor.

XYZ CLUB ELECTS AT HOT SPRINGS

The XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Club of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, held its regular monthly luncheon meeting in the church October 26, with Dewey Thompson presiding.

Mrs. Henry Murphy, nominating committee chairman, presented the following slate of officers for 1972; Mrs. Prentice Adams, president; Mrs. J. M. Eastburn, first vice-president; Floyd Thompson, second vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Thompson, secretary; W. J. Simpson, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Hull, musician; the Rev. Clarence Holland, song leader; Mrs. W. J. Simpson, sunshine chairman; the Rev. Henry Jinske, publicity.

Ben Burton, speaker for the program, was introduced by Mrs. Helen Myers. He and his wife and four children were recently designated as the "All American Family from Arkansas." Residents of Garland County, they are members of First Church, Hot Springs. Mr. Burton spoke concerning the qualities a family should have, and emphasized that a stronger nation is dependent upon stronger families.