

Arkansas Guidance Foundation objectives a growing challenge to church groups

By E. Eugene Efird

Thanks to all of the Methodists who have been giving their continued support since our beginning back in 1967. It is only through the support of many individuals and churches that we have been able to continue to advance our program against many odds.

It is our desire to offer you and your church an opportunity for local missions so that you can see the power of the Gospel with your own eyes and experience the thrill of helping young lives to find direction and purpose.

In keeping with our original goals and purposes suggested by our very name, the Foundation has become a coalition of several groups with common goals and interests. This avoids duplication of effort and provides for greater effectiveness. For an example, our group counseling program was developed by the Rev. Gary Goldman and existed for nearly a year independent of the foundation. While it is designed primarily for normal youth from good homes, it will also be beneficial to youth at New Life House who

have no parents or home and other youth who are delinquents.

Our Women's Auxiliary also developed independently. They have united with us to avoid needless duplication of organization, incorporation and effort.

All of our work involving prisons is a cooperative program with the Arkansas Prison Ministry, which is officially represented by eight church bodies. They have been conducting a pre-release program through their coordinator, A. J. "Steed" Joyce.

This has helped us to begin pre-release visitation by volunteers. The prison visitation is the prerequisite for an effective one-to-one program in the community. The one-to-one program is at present an alternative to our original halfway house work. A one-to-one program will always be needed to serve the largest number of inmates from prison.

You can help with the following immediate objectives.

Greater Little Rock residents can provide jobs for 16 and 17-year-old residents of New Life House. These are youth without homes or parents. Few of these have been in any legal trouble, but they do need guidance and help. We need odd jobs, full, and part-time jobs. At present, the Juvenile Services are asking us to use New Life Home and our other resources to

get 45 neglected-dependent boys out of the training schools. They are there simply because they have no home or parents. They may, however, "graduate" on to prison if we don't provide a home for them.

We will need volunteer men or couples who will become personal friends or mother and father to them. You will need to visit them once each week and be ready to help during times of crisis.

We need volunteer men from any part of the state who will visit Tucker Intermediate Reformatory once each month. Groups from a number of towns are interested.

We need another twenty-five volunteer men from Central Arkansas who will visit at Tucker Farm on Sunday evenings. Some may be accepted as one-to-one friends or job advisor to a young parolee leaving Tucker Farms. Most of the young men on parole will be 18-23, with some as young as 14. Our visitation at Tucker has been well established and it is time to expand.

Our Women's Auxiliary is preparing Christmas boxes for the 50 women at the Women's Reformatory. You can help by sending toothpaste, body powder, cosmetics or the money with which these items may be purchased.

We are excited about interest in volunteer correctional work in many parts of the state. We were in Helena last week as they made plans for a volunteer program there.

We need persons who can give a

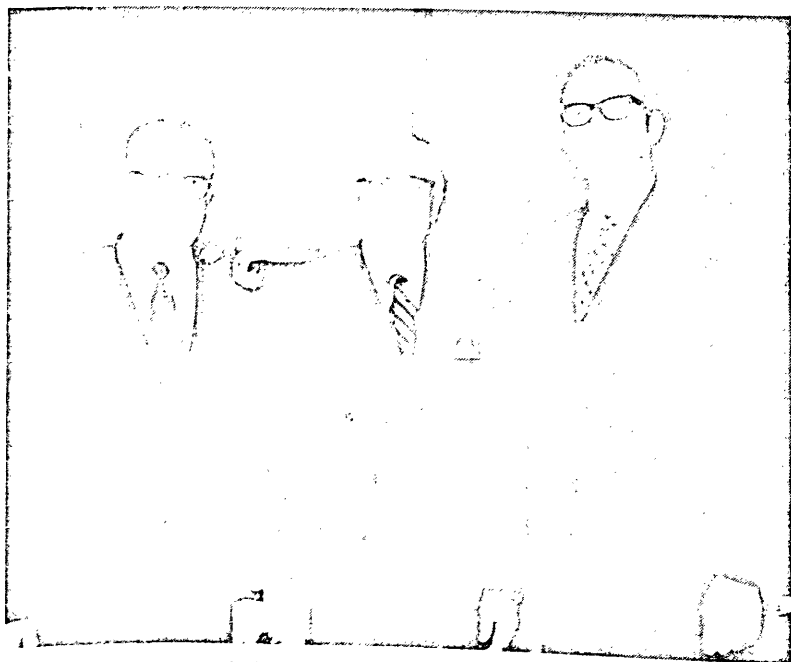
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1971

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Participants in dedication of Jonesboro First Church dedication of Education Building, left to right: the Rev. J. William Watson, Jonesboro District superintendent, Bishop Paul V. Galloway, and the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor.

Jonesboro Education facility dedicated

Bishop Paul V. Galloway was the guest preacher at First Church, Jonesboro, in the morning worship service on Sunday, Nov. 14. At the close of the service, he led the congregation in a dedication service for the Education Building at First Church.

Jonesboro First Church's Education Building complex is composed of a two-story Christian Education Building, a 200-capacity chapel and a prayer room. It was begun in 1961, completed in 1964 and the final payment made in July, 1971. Ministers serving First Church during the planning, building, and debt-retirement stages of the Education Building were the Rev. J. William Watson, Dr. Paul Bumpers, Dr. Alvin Murray, Dr.

J. Ralph Clayton and the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, present minister.

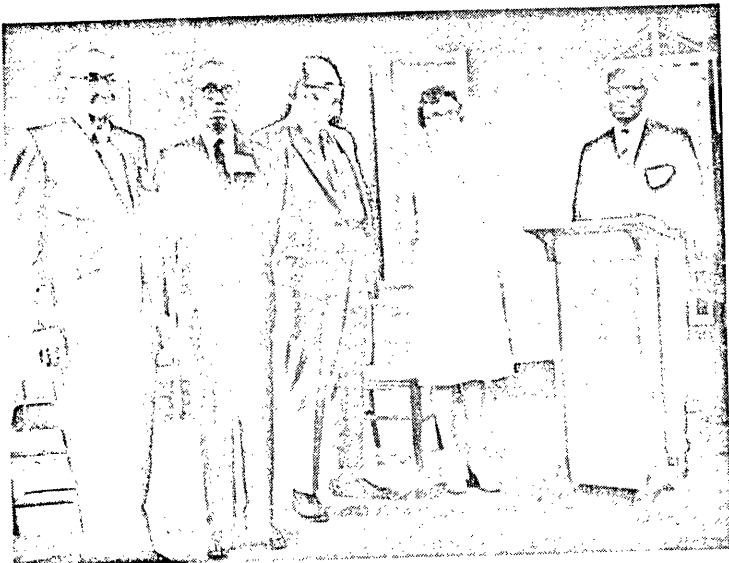
The morning worship service and dedication climaxed a great weekend for the people of First Church. Bishop and Mrs. Galloway, the Rev. and Mrs. J. William Watson (district superintendent, Jonesboro District), and the Rev. and Mrs. Worth Gibson were guests of Mercantile Bank at the Arkansas State University — University of Texas at Arlington homecoming football game on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening, open house was held at the parsonage of First Church honoring Bishop and Mrs. Galloway and the Watsons. Three hundred guests called to greet the honorees.



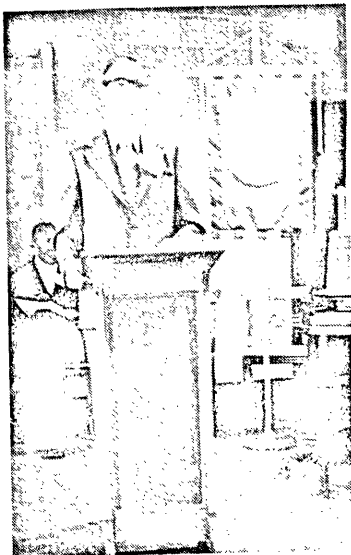
Photographed at open House which followed dedication. FROM LEFT: Bishop Galloway, Harold Smith, and Watson.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heringer, Mrs. J. William Watson, Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Galloway at open house.



The Rev. W. T. Keys of Hope, chairman of the Nominating Committee, right, installed the new officers for the Arkansas Council of Churches at the Nov. 16 meeting at Camp Aldersgate. The officers are (from left): S. H. "Herb" Allman, Hot Springs, president; the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum, Little Rock, first vice president; Floyd Sexton, Texarkana, second vice president; and Mrs. Jack Barrier, Jr., Little Rock, secretary.



The principal speaker for the Assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches was Dr. Coy C. Lee, United Presbyterian executive from Sallisaw, Okla.



Members of the reactor panel at the afternoon session of the Council Assembly were (from left): Dr. Ben Collins, Little Rock; the Rev. Nolan Pierce, Russellville; Dr. Myers B. Curtis, North Little Rock; and the Rev. C. R. Thompson, Little Rock.

Scholarship gift honors the Cades

Miss Carol Beth Cade of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cade of Lincoln Nebraska have given a gift of \$200 to the Scholarship fund at Hendrix College in honor of their parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Cade, 1510 Walnut Street, Arkadelphia. Cade is a retired member of the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The C. D. Cades celebrated a wedding anniversary on November 23, and the gift honored that occasion.

The scholarship aid provided will be awarded to Hendrix Junior, Lynn Boone of Plummerville, Arkansas.

HENDRIX CHOIR TO PRESENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT TRINITY IN LITTLE ROCK

The Hendrix College Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. Robert McGill, will present a Christmas Candlelight Service at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Joe Taylor is pastor of Trinity Church, located at Mississippi at Evergreen in Little Rock. Harry Scher is organist-choirmaster. The service of candlelight and choral music will be open to the public.

CLARK KELLY TO PRESENT ORGAN RECITAL AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

Clark Kelly of the music faculty at State College of Arkansas at Conway, will present an organ recital at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, on Tuesday evening, Nov. 30 at 8 o'clock. Kelly, a Henderson State College graduate, is a former student of Mr. John Summers, host organist and choirmaster, and for a time was assistant organist at First Church.

As a Fulbright Scholarship recip-

Opportunities for Continuing Education are announced

Opportunities for the continuing education of ministers have been announced by two institutions.

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., will offer a two-hour credit course in "Theology and Practice of Evangelism," Jan. 10-21, 1972, and within the same period will conduct a "Conference on Preaching," Jan. 18-20.

Leaders for the credit course will be: the Rev. George G. Hunter III, New Life missionary of the Board of Evangelism, The United Methodist Church; the Rev. Chester E. Custer, director of services to local churches and educational institutions for the Board of Evangelism; Dr. Earl H. Furgeson, professor of preaching and pastoral theology, Wesley Seminary; and Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, dean and professor of systematic theology, Wesley Seminary.

Leading in the three-day conference will be: Bishop James A. Armstrong of the Dakotas Area; the Rev. David J. Randolph, assistant general secretary, Christian Community Section, Board of Evangelism; and Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary, Board of Evangelism.

Tuition for the course is \$60. Lodging and meals will be extra and are the responsibility of each individual. Lodging is not available at the seminary. Application forms may be secured from the Registrar, Wesley The-

ient, Kelly studied organ under Anton Heiller in Vienna, Austria during 1969-70. The final rendition on the recital program will be a composition by Heiller. While in Vienna, Kelly studied harpsichord under Isolde Ahlgrimm. He received the master of music degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. earlier this year.

Kelly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelly, members of Little Rock's First United Methodist Church.

ological Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

The Rev. Jerry Canada, chairman of the Continuing Education Committee of the Board of Ministry of the North Arkansas Conference, has asked us to say that scholarship aid is available for ministers in that conference.

A wide range of programs are available at the Ecumenical Continuing Education Center at Yale University. This center is a new type which has no degrees or credit, but provides a stimulating learning environment in which each participant can "do his own thing."

Some of their programs for 1972 are:

"Theology and Imagination"—creativity of media, i.e., films, tapes, dances, etc.—March 6-16, 1972, May 2-12, June 19-23.

"Ministering to Business Culture and Suburbia"—focus on theology of the laity, churchmanship and mission, Jan. 23-29, Apr. 4-14.

"Parish Planning Conference"—focus on parish evaluation, program development and skills, Feb. 14-22, July 5-15.

For further information concerning the opportunities at Yale contact Dr. Parker Rossman, Dean, Center at Yale for Ecumenical Continuing Education, 363 St. Ronan St., New Haven, Conn. 06511.

THE WYNNE UNITED Methodist Church held a revival the week of November 14-19. Preaching twice daily was Dr. Roy I. Bagley, superintendent of the Camden District. Harry Fondren, Jr. was song-evangelist. The Rev. Warren D. Golden is the Wynne pastor.

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GUIDANCE

part of themselves to youth facing a crisis of understanding, growing up, drugs, lack of home and parents, and those with behavioral problems who lack direction and purpose.

If you are not ready to give of yourself, you can send your money. The United Fund hurt us in October and November. Now we are behind on mortgage payments and other bills. Some matching money will soon be available for a greatly expanded program, provided our churches will respond. The possibilities are exciting. We hope you will be a part of us.

Our address is: Arkansas Guidance Foundation, P. O. Box 2118, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Long Term Teaching Service Noted at Searcy First Church

The bulletin of First United Methodist Church of Searcy recently gave space to listing names of past and present church school teachers and their years of service. Noteworthy were those who have served 20 or more years.

20 years—Mrs. T. W. Killough; 21 years—Mrs. Howard Edwards; 22 years—Mrs. S. J. Allbright; 23 years—Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Adam Melton, Mrs. R. P. Powell; 25 years—Floyd Bradberry, Sr., Mrs. Elzin Darden, Homer Fulbright, Joe Pierce, Sam Sullivan, Mrs. Melvin Wilkerson, Jim Wiseman, Mrs. Jim Wiseman; 26 years—Eugene Dodson, Mrs. Paul Kessler; 30 years—Mrs. Billy Rogers, Mrs. Sam Sullivan.

Especially noteworthy — 45 years, Mrs. Ray Yarnell; 50 years, Mrs. E. S. Davis; and 52 years, Miss Irene Forrest.

Dr. Charles Richards is the pastor.

NOVEMBER 25, 1971

CONFRONTING THE WORST OF HUMAN TRAGEDIES

As we sit at our tables on Thanksgiving Day and praise God for the many good things with which we have been blessed, we cannot avoid the disturbing thoughts which come to us because of the terrible situation concerning the Pakistani refugees in East India. The mass exodus of more than 9.5 million people from East Pakistan has resulted in what has been described as "the worst human tragedy of modern history."

Such an evaluation was given to the United Methodist Board of Missions at its recent annual meeting by Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, who was recently in India on an inspection trip to the area in which the refugees are concentrated.

This flood of humanity fleeing from the man-made tragedy of civil war in East Pakistan — sandwiched between the storms and tidal waves which have struck twice recently in the same region—has resulted in a degree of human misery which is almost beyond description. Each time we read about the problem or see it recorded in pictures, we recognize that we must find a way as individuals and as members of the United Methodist Church to reach out and help.

Dr. Haines, who has a remarkable sensitivity to the needs of suffering humanity around the world, painted a most dismal picture of this situation along the eastern border of India. He spoke of a belt of refugees from 20 to 30 miles wide extending for a distance of about 1300 miles. Within this area, seven million refugees are located in camps, while the remaining two and a half million are scattered around the countryside. Because of flooding conditions in the area, some of the camps have as much as three feet of water flowing through them. The conditions remain unsettled throughout Pakistan, and a steady stream of people continue to flow out.

The Indian government deserves high praise for the work they have been doing in response to the paralyzing crisis. Dr. Haines said: "India is caring for

seven million people at a cost of \$4 million a day. Eventually she will come to the point where she cannot support this kind of effort." He also spoke words of praise for the efforts of the church agencies, including the World Council of Churches, Catholic Relief Services and the Indian churches.

We would hope that the United States will find a way soon to lend more assistance than she has yet done. The Indian government has appealed to the world community for \$400 million, but only a fourth of that has been forthcoming.

We agree with Dr. Haines that in the long run a political solution must be found to this problem. Although some have tried to picture it as a religious war between Hindus and Moslems, the Methodist relief expert says, "It's really a civil war. The present trouble came about as a result of East Pakistan's effort to gain its independence and become a separate nation . . . an effort which West Pakistan forces ruthlessly resisted."

Christians form a relatively small minority of the Pakistani population, but Dr. Haines reported that one-third of the Christian community of East Pakistan is now in refugee camps in India.

The relief expert told the Board of Missions that the earlier threat of a cholera epidemic is past, largely because of controls instituted by the Indian government. However, new health problems are constantly arising where shelter and sanitation facilities are practically non-

existent. Now it seems that the refugees are most threatened by gastro-enteritis and pneumonia. Several hundred thousand lives will be lost because of these diseases, Dr. Haines predicted.

The coming of winter is also a problem among these people. According to recent news stories from Religious News Service, more than two million blankets have been started on their way to the refugee camps. But even this is small assurance that any kind of adequate protection can be offered against the coming of freezing weather.

Funds from the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief are being channeled through the Christian Agency for Social Action, Relief and Development, an arm of the National Council of Churches of India. Dr. Haines is working in close cooperation with Bishop Joseph R. Lance, chairman of India UMCOR. Funds are being applied to the purchase of powdered milk, medical supplies, and tarpaulins—as well as for blankets. In addition the agencies are buying \$500,000 worth of clothing—the commonly worn saris for women and dhotis for men—along with pullover sweaters.

In this great human tragedy, we must all seek ways to share what we have.

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the Editor's Corner



A Proposal For Broader Representation

From time to time in the period between now and the 1972 General Conference, we will be talking with you in this column about proposals that will be before the body. We hope you will be wanting to react to these suggestions, and that it will be possible for us to base a column on your responses.

The Rev. W. Hewlett Stith, Jr., associate editor of the Virginia Advocate, has submitted a petition which asks that body to consider making the Annual Church Conference (composed of all church members) the body that elects at-large members of the Administrative Board. Under such a proposal the Church Conference would become a required meeting instead of an optional one.

In writing about this proposal in a recent issue of the publication he serves, Mr. Stith said: "This setup would overcome much local frustration, restore legitimate power to the local church member, and at the same time go a long way to stabilize the economic life of the church."

Concerning the relationship to the economic program of the church, he said: "In the local congregation, how can the church member who is not a church official be heard? He does not vote on the church budget or church policies. He doesn't even elect a representative who will vote on these matters." He suggests that some members, caught up in such frustration, decide to vote with their offering envelopes. Granting that this does not happen very often, Mr. Stith believes that it would be a healthy thing to provide local church members a vote—not just with their offering envelopes, but with personal involvement in the decision-making which a vote on members-at-large of the Administrative Board would provide.

Please give this proposal your careful consideration and let us hear from you concerning its merits. We would hope that this would be a valuable service to our delegates who will be voting on this and other issues at General Conference.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Although it was defeated by only 28 votes — a closer margin than many observers expected—the "Prayer Amendment" is dead—at least for this session of Congress. One highly-controversial word in the bill was deleted during debate on the issue. Congressmen voted to substitute "voluntary prayer and meditation" for "non-denominational prayer," since critics of the amendment had asserted that it was impossible to define "non-denominational" prayer.

Former Justice Tom C. Clark of the Supreme Court addressing a consultation on religion and education in Austin, Tex., emphasized that the Court held that "there is no constitutional objection to the use of the Bible as a reference work, its study for its literary and historic values, the teaching of comparative religion and the study of the history of religion and its place in the development of present civilizations." "This is a far cry from banning religion from the public schools," Clark said.

When it defeated the proposed Prayer Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the House of Representatives "recognized the rights of religious minorities not to be coerced by law or custom into practicing the religion of the majority," said Dr. Robert E. Van Duesen, an executive of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. Van Duesen said "It is incumbent upon church leaders to devise alternative means by which the impact of religious faith on American culture, within proper Constitutional boundaries, may be strengthened."

An estimated 1,000 Protestant churches are expected to participate in the Evangelism-in-Depth program in southern Chile next April, according to the Rev. Rafael Baltadana, adviser for the program. He said government officials appear willing to cooperate with the movement. Chilean President Salvador Allende, a Marxist, has declared that his government will respect and defend the principle of freedom of religion. Plans for the ambitious project were developed by 150 evangelical pastors of southern Chile, the nations agricultural "breadbasket" which has a population of about 4 million.

A three-day meeting on the place of religion in education, sponsored by the Texas Conference of Churches, re-emphasized the need for a "religious dimension" in public school education. Although participants agreed that "problems involved in learning about religion in the public schools have not been resolved," The Consultation on Religion and Education agreed that teaching "about" religion is legal and that new teaching styles will be required to meet "the increasing appetite for religious learning." The Consultation, held at the University of Texas in Austin, was sponsored by the TCC in cooperation with representatives from 13 other organizations and institutions in Texas.

Eternity magazine, the evangelical Protestant monthly published in Philadelphia, has devoted a sizeable part of its November issue to Roman Catholic renewal. "It's quite a drastic turn-about for Eternity to be warmly praising developments in the Roman Catholic Church," said editor Dr. Russell T. Hitt, "but after all, some amazing things have been happening among Catholics, especially since Vatican II." Eternity, founded 21 years ago, styles itself a "conservative" Protestant publication.

Addressing a major agency of 5,000 British industrialists and businessmen meeting in London recently, Evangelist Billy Graham said moral integrity is the core of every human relationship and western civilization will not survive another 10 years unless moral and spiritual values are quickly restored. "There is a real danger that man, caught up in a technological fantasy, shall cease to be human," he said. He told of \$5 billion dollars changing hands in the U.S. last year in bribes, pay-offs and kick-backs; of sweaters labeled "Made in Britain" which were actually made in Philadelphia of Japanese yarn, and of about \$75 million being spent each year for fake academic degrees. However, the evangelist expressed encouragement over the religious awakening among young Americans, and "their revolt . . . against the lack of integrity and sincerity of their elders."

Religious News Service reports a Lutheran pastor deeply involved in work with young people who says he sees something "Satanic" in the "Children of God" group—an offshoot of the current Jesus movement. A writer-teacher "entrenched" in the Jesus movement in Seattle was critical of the "Children of God" emphasis on turning all goods over to the community and the requirement that children leave their parents. An Episcopal priest added that the movement is "unbalanced and extreme. God's order is that the basic unit of society is the family. What these young people need is a Christian home where there are people of all ages—not just youth all of one age."

An emergency campaign to collect a million blankets for East Pakistani refugees in India is being conducted by Christian Aid, the service arm of the British Council of Churches. The first goal of 50,000 blankets has been achieved, but Christian Aid workers in Calcutta have indicated that even a million blankets may not avert the death of thousands of Pakistani children from exposure.

Pope Paul VI urged Christians to deepen their belief in the "certainty" of their rising from the dead, and to make this belief operative in their lives here and now. Addressing pilgrims in St. Peter's Square the pontiff said, "Brothers, let us preserve and strengthen our belief in the certainty of our future life, and let us bring this belief into action in the present."

GREENCASTLE, Ind. — Jackie Christman, a 19-year-old basketball star from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., has returned from a women's basketball tourney in Caracas, Venezuela, "sadder and wiser" but spiritually strengthened. Her squad — the Puerto Rican National girls basketball team coached by her father, the Rev. Norman Christman, a United Methodist minister — finished with a 1-9 won-lost record in 13 days of competition.

Jackie was especially distressed by her team's 158-20 trouncing at the hands of the Mexican women. "It just isn't piddling girls basketball," she declared. "You have to get in there and fight. It was a real test of our patience, especially for a Christian."

Now that she's back at DePauw, the 5-foot-7, 125-pound center must contend with her major athletic problem. It seems the men at the United Methodist school don't take her "avocation" (basketball) seriously and she has had to quietly but firmly elbow her way onto the male-dominated courts to practice.

A church serving three denominations — Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Methodists—will be built at Pin Green in the Stevenage New Town district of Hertfordshire in England. Under present plans, the church will seat 250 people; six services will be held each Sunday, two of them united services. A community center also will be built.

Dr. Warren L. Ziegler, co-director of the Education Policy Research Center of Syracuse University Research Corp., says that an emerging shift in the focus of science is away from nature to human nature. Speaking to the Institute on Modern Religious Communications Dilemmas, the futurist issued as the primary challenge the need of the church "to invent its own future" rather than passively react or adapt to the future created by others. Ziegler said the business of religion is to move mankind from expectations to hope.

The 1971 American Jewish Year Book, just published, sets the latest estimate for the world Jewish population at 13,951,000. The U.S. has the largest Jewish community—5,870,000. After the U.S., countries having the largest Jewish populations are the Soviet Union, 2,620,000; Israel, 2,560,000; France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000 and Canada, 280,000, according to the statistical compilation.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, elected president of the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies, speaking of the role of the "Jesus-freaks" in current youth culture, said the movement has the merit of being a "return to God and His authoritative word" but at the same time, he added, "their existential orientation and shallow doctrinal logic left them vulnerable to extreme charismatic claims and to fanatical excesses." Dr. Henry is professor-at-large at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and editor-at-large of Christianity Today magazine.

The world treasurer for the Seventh-day Adventist Church told its top officers that the U.S. economic crisis "could vibrate throughout the entire church." Kenneth H. Emmerson said that "some church leaders feel members are giving as much as they did before and forgetting the weakening buying power of the U.S. dollar."

(RNS Photo)



NOVEMBER 25, 1971

El Dorado choir on Louisiana tour

The Sanctuary Choir of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, made a tour of Louisiana with stops in three churches to present concerts this week.

The 31 young people, under the leadership of Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh, ministers of music, spent Saturday night, November 20, in Alexandria where they sang in two morning worship services at First United Methodist Church. The group presented the Sunday evening worship service in Broadmoor United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge. On Monday evening, Carrollton United Church of New Orleans was host to the choir.

Before returning home last night, the group expected to visit the French Quarter, Tulane, Loyola, Michoud Assembly (NASA), museums and other points of interest in New Orleans, and Hodges Gardens near Many, Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mayfield accompanied the Betenbaughs and the choir in the church bus.

In Alexandria, Dr. Bentley Sloane was host pastor; in Baton Rouge, Dr. Barry Bailey; and at Carrollton Church, the Rev. J. P. McKeithen is minister. Dr. Alvin T. Murray is pastor of First Church, El Dorado.

In thankfulness for present mercies nothing so becomes us as losing sight of past ills.—Lew Wallace

"ARKANSAS MOTHER 1972" ENTRY BLANKS AVAILABLE

The search for Arkansas Mother 1972 has been launched according to Mrs. Tullie Wyrick, President, Arkansas Chapter of American Mothers Committee.

Nomination blanks are available through the state chairman or any member of the organization.

State Mothers must be qualified to represent the Mothers of America in all responsibilities attached to her role as "Mother of the Year." She must embody those traits highly regarded in mothers; courage, cheerfulness, patience, affection, understanding, and a homemaking ability and be an active member of a religious body.

Entries must reach the state chairman before March 1. Any organization may enter a candidate for the coveted title. The state winner will go to New York in April for the National Awards Week activities.

Mrs. R. L. Kilpatrick of Texarkana is the current State Mother and has assumed the chairmanship of Young Mothers chairman. Mrs. Wyrick's address is 226 Oakland, Magnolia, Ark. 71753.

DR. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will attend the annual meeting of the denomination's Commission on Archives and History when it meets in Indianapolis next week. Dr. Bearden is a member of the Executive Committee of the Commission.

Program Directors to Local Churches

EMPHASIS ON THE BIBLE

Religion in American Life Month is the month of November. The purpose of this observance is to stress the role of faith in our national heritage and to cultivate worship attendance. The November-December issue of *Interpreter* includes a feature on Religion in American Life. National Bible Sunday, Nov. 21, National Bible Week, Nov. 21-28, and Worldwide Bible Reading, Nov. 25-Dec. 25, are all important emphases for the local church.

The purpose of the first two observances is to stress the place of the Bible in today's world and to call attention to the work of the American Bible Society. The third is to encourage daily reading of the Bible. You will want to refer to pages 3-4 in the September *Interpreter* for more information regarding these three programs.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day, November 25, both a harvest festival and a religious celebration, has been a part of the culture of many groups of people throughout history. It has taken many forms and has been observed at different times in the year, but usually at harvest time. Traditionally, at the beginning of every Jewish meal, whether private, social, or religious, the head of the family or host takes bread in his hands and says the "beraka" or thanksgiving, "Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the world, who bringest forth bread from the earth."

We would do well both in church and home to express our appreciation to God with impromptu prayer, or

DATES TO REMEMBER

American Broadcasting Company's TV presentation of *THE VIOLENT EARTH*, Nov. 26, 9 p.m.

Paul Smith, General Board of Missions, will visit the Conway, Batesville, and Paragould Districts on Nov. 27, 28, and 29.

A Youth Revival will be conducted at the Mallalieu Church, Ft. Smith, Southwest Conference, Nov. 26, 27, and 28.

Columbia Broadcasting System's TV presentation of *TREASURE ISLAND*, Nov. 28, at 4 p.m.

The Executive Committee of the North Arkansas Conference Program Council will meet in the Danho Room, Headquarters Building, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.

District Secretaries of Evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference will meet in the Danho Room, Headquarters Building, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m.

The Executive Committee of the Little Rock Conference Program Council will meet in the Faulkner Class Room, Headquarters Building, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.

we may use a written prayer such as this one from the Book of Worship: "O God, we praise thee, we give thanks to thee for thy bountiful providence, for all the blessings and all the hopes of life. Above all we praise and adore thee for thine unspeakable gift in thine only Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let the memory of thy goodness, we beseech thee, fill our hearts with joy and thankfulness to thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

FELLOWSHIP OF RETIRED SERVANTS North Arkansas Conference United Methodist Church

BELOVED RETIRED SERVANTS:

As this season of Thanksgiving draws near again, we would call to remembrance through this greeting, that we are members of a blessed fellowship. And through this greeting, to remind us that we are remembered, and are remembering, one another. Though we do not often see each other's face, yet our hearts are bound together by our faith in God's love and care for us. We give thanks for the privilege and blessing of being a part of God's family of servants.

Perhaps Paul best expresses our faith and gratitude in his words to Timothy:

"I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did. I thank him as I remember you always in my prayers night and day. I remember your tears, and I want to see you very much, that I may be filled with joy. I remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also. For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, His Spirit fills us with Power and love and self-control." (2 Tim. 1: 3-8)

Another reason for our thanksgiving this year is that, according to reports from many churches, the Holy Spirit is at work, bringing many to experience a new life in Christ for the first time, and leading many others to a deeper commitment of life to Christ and the church. Let us rejoice and be glad, that though we may not be able to be as active as we would like to be, God's work is still going on in a wonderful way.

Since Annual Conference, the following have joined the Roll in Heaven: Rev. Jack Glass, Mrs. Marguerite Potter, Mrs. Minnie Hook.

Well may we declare with the Psalmist, (Psalm 73: 28)

"But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works."

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MRS. THOMAS C. KENNAN, SR.

Mrs. Thomas (Myrtle) Brashear Kennan, 68, of 1628 W. Ridgeway Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas, died November 15th in Fayetteville. Born October 31, 1903 in Moreland, the daughter of the Rev. David W. and Nora Burris Brashear, she was a member of Central United Methodist in Fayetteville, having moved to Fayetteville two years ago from Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Kennan was an active member of the W.S.C.S.

Survivors are the husband, Thomas C. Kennan, Sr., of the home; one son, Thomas C., Jr., of El Paso, Tex.; two

daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Wallis, Richardson, Tex., and Mrs. Nancy Vernon of Jackson, Miss.; three sisters, Mrs. Jewell Carman, Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Maxine Cook, Matagorda, Tex., and Mrs. Mary Alice McConnell, Webb City, Mo.; her stepmother, Mrs. Sarah Brashear, Joplin, Mo.; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted Nov. 17 at Clapp Auditorium on Mt. Sequoyah with Dr. Joel Cooper and the Rev. Lee Cate, a nephew of Mrs. Kennan, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville.

CORRECTION

The youth of Nashville United Methodist Church collected \$179.40 for UNICEF instead of the \$17 erroneously reported to last week's *ARKANSAS METHODIST*.

AUTHORS WANTED BY NEW YORK PUBLISHER

Leading book publisher seeks manuscripts of all types: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, scholarly and juvenile works, etc. New authors welcomed. For complete information, send for free booklet JL. Vantage Press, 516 W. 34 St., New York 10001

NEWS and NOTES

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, Center and Eighteenth, Little Rock, will be the setting for a membership drive and silver tea sponsored by the Girls' Training School Auxiliary on Sunday, November 28, from 4 until 6 p.m. The Choir from the school will sing at 4:45 p.m. Mrs. P. D. James is president of the Auxiliary.

THE REV. DAVID B. WILSON of DeQueen was guest speaker for a Preaching Mission held in Marshall, Texas, November 14-19.

GRACE CHURCH WSCS of Searcy will hold the annual bazaar on Thursday, December 2, in the fellowship hall of the church, beginning at 8 a.m. In addition to handmade articles and baked goods and candies, there will be tables of "surprise" packages and "white-elephant" items. Lunch will give a choice of sandwiches or spaghetti. Mrs. Lou Ella Robertson is WSCS president and Mrs. Lucile Walker is bazaar chairman. The Rev. Lewis Ernest is pastor.

JUNIOR HIGHS of First Church, Hot Springs, attended a weekend retreat at Mt. Nebo, November 13 and 14. The 45 young people were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Trieschmann, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Meek, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnipper. Dr. George F. Ivey is their pastor.

A REVIVAL IN PIGGOTT First United Methodist Church had as guest evangelist the Marianna pastor, the Rev. Leonard Byers. Services were held the week of November 14. The Rev. J. B. Harris was host pastor.

THE REV. JERRY OTWELL, minister of the Batesville Episcopal Church, was guest speaker in Central Avenue United Methodist Church on Sunday night, November 14. Dr. Charles Casteel was host pastor.

THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN Mission was the subject when the Rev. James Sockey of Quinton, Oklahoma, spoke in Cavanaugh United Methodist Church at Fort Smith, November 14. His message on Sunday evening was the climax of the mission study conducted during the past month. The Rev. Larry Powell is pastor.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST Church of Searcy held a revival Sunday through Friday, November 14-19, with the Rev. Ellsworth Watson, Bald Knob minister, as evangelist. The Grace pastor is the Rev. Lewis Ernest.

IN CONWAY, THE WESLEY Church Chancel Choir may be heard over Radio Station KVEE each Tuesday and Saturday at 11 a.m. on "The Hymn of the Hour." The series began November 23 and will continue for four weeks. The Wesley pastor is the Rev. Britt Cordell.

THE REV. BOB EDWARDS, Jacksonville pastor, attended the training course in "Organizational Skills for Local Church Work," held in Oklahoma City at the St. Francis Retreat Center the week of November 14.

LADIES APPRECIATION NIGHT was sponsored by the Men of Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith. The dinner program was held in Jan's Restaurant, November 18. The Rev. Charles McDonald, district superintendent, was the speaker. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

"THE DANGERS of Pornography in the Community" was the subject in Mabelvale United Methodist Church, Little Rock, during the Sunday evening service, November 7. Dick Hirt, Mabelvale youth worker, joined the Rev. Ben Hines in speaking out on the dangers.

JONESBORO DISTRICT LAYMEN spent Thursday, November 18, at Wayland Springs Camp for a day of fun, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment.

ARKANSAS VALLEY Methodist Men met in Danville on November 16. Judge Richard Mobley was the speaker, and B. J. Dunn led the singing. The Rev. Hillman Byrum was host pastor.

ASBURY CHURCH of Little Rock added Cliff Christopher to the staff in October to be part-time youth director. He is a junior at Hendrix College and worked as summer youth director in Wesley U.M. Church, Pine Bluff, in 1970, and in First Church, Monticello, last summer. Cliff is working with the Rev. Edward Harris at Asbury.



Gene Cook, of Forrest City visits with his pastor, the Rev. Charles E. Reed (background) and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cook, during the recent Parents and Pastors Day held on the campus of Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge.

FIRST CHURCH, SEARCY, has added two new workers to the staff. The Rev. John Copher will serve as director of education and music, coming to that position from similar work in Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith. Mrs. Floyd Bradberry, Jr. is working with the young people. Dr. Charles Richards is senior minister at Searcy.

AS A RESULT of the recent Lay Witness Mission held in the Harrisburg United Methodist Church, there were seven adults and four youths from this church, who went as part of a lay witness team to Second Baptist Church, Conway on Nov. 12-14. They returned home with their hearts overflowing to be met Sunday evening by 142 of the home congregation. It was a time of rejoicing as the missionaries stood before the congregation and shared the rich experiences they had had with the people in Conway.

TIGERT MEMORIAL CHURCH of Hot Springs reports that the annual "Bank Nite" program had entertainment provided by Bennie L. Docekal, superintendent of schools and member of the Pottsville United Methodist Church, and Dr. W. H. Lane, Jr., Presbyterian layman. The program, which was held on November 5, has been part of the church's program in raising money for building payments for more than 20 years. The Rev. Robert E. Woody reports that the indebtedness is now under \$3,500.

RECENT WEDDINGS:

GEORGE MACKEY YOKEM of Little Rock and Cynthia Lou Olmstead of Rison were married on September 4. George is a ministerial student at Hendrix College.

PHILIP L. HATHCOCK of Fayetteville and Ruth Ann Shafer of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were married on September 10. Phil is a first year student at Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

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. 28—Sunday	Dan. 6:10-23
Nov. 29	Psalms 81:1-12
Nov. 30	Psalms 86:1-8
Dec. 1	Luke 1:68-79
Dec. 2	Mark 10:17-27
Dec. 3	Matt. 25:31-46
Dec. 4	Matt. 9:9-13
Dec. 5—Sunday	Acts 13:23-26

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AT CENTRAL CHURCH, ROGERS

Central United Methodist Church of Rogers honored 56 new members at a church wide family meal on Sunday evening, November 7. All the arrangements were handled by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, chairmen of Evangelism. After the meal, which was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harris, the new members were introduced in two sections. A men's quartet presenting special music included: Lee Moore, Arthur Anderson, John Swearingen, and Larry Smith. The Rev. William P. Connell is pastor of Central Church.

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THE REV. FERRIS NORTON of Crossett and his wife, Connee, attended the Faith at Work retreat held at Newporter Inn in Newport Beach, California, last week.

GEORGE KELL, Methodist layman from Swifton, was the speaker at the November 18 meeting of United Methodist Men of First Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers was host pastor.

FATHER ROBERT TORRES, teacher at Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock, was the speaker in First United Methodist Church of Crossett on November 7. His message, given at two o'clock, centered primarily around ecology and youth. The Rev. Ferris Norton was host pastor.

THE SPRINGDALE United Methodist Church held Open House in the recently purchased parsonage, located at 802 Carlton, with the Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Atchley as hosts. Open House was also held in the old parsonage, 403 Wayland, which is now the residence of the Rev. Tom Adkinson, associate pastor, and family. Both events were on Sunday, November 7.

McARTHUR DRIVE United Methodist Church of Jacksonville had as guest speaker on November 7, Louie E. Throgmorton of Dallas, who is nationally known in religious and business circles. The Rev. Irl Bridenthal is the McArthur Church pastor.

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ENGLAND HOST TO PINE BLUFF DISTRICT WSCS

"Parade" was the theme of the Pine Bluff District meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service as members met at the United Methodist Church of England on October 28 with Mrs. H. L. Kennedy, district president, serving as "parade marshal". Dr. Harold Sadler, host pastor, gave the invocation.

The "parade" included posters, made by local societies to reveal activities of the year, exhibited by local presidents as each one gave a brief report. Twenty-four societies were represented.

Mrs. Malcolm Browning conducted the Parade of Memories; program materials were paraded by Mrs. Henry Dietrich and Mrs. Robert Borman. District officers presented a skit as Mrs. W. C. Patton led the Parade of Missions.

The Parade of Honor featured Dr. Arthur Terry, district superintendent, and Mrs. Terry, and the retiring officers. Gifts to missions were made in their honor. Retiring officers included Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Charles Chalfant, Mrs. R. A. Patton, Mrs. Fannie Groves and Mrs. Grace Barnett.

Whitehall Youth Singers, presented by Mrs. R. A. Patton, were led in selections from "Natural High" by the Rev. Walter Hill, pastor of Lee Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Herman Little conducted the pledge service.

Mrs. D. C. McCoy, conference vice-president, installed the following officers:

Mrs. H. L. Kennedy, president; Mrs. Robert Borman, vice-president; Mrs. James Richardson, secretary; Mrs. Herman Little, treasurer. Chairmen are: Mrs. Guy Kirkley, spiritual growth; Mrs. Charles Chalfant, Christian social relations; Mrs. W. C. Patton, missionary education; Mrs. Henry Dietrich, program materials.

Named to a district task force to study the women of church and community in Little Rock and Southwest conferences were Mrs. R. A. Patton, Mrs. Herman Little, with Miss Mary Brian representing the Wesleyan Service Guild.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT PARSONETTES HOLD RETREAT

The fellowship area of the Walnut Ridge United Methodist Church was the scene of the Paragould District Parsonettes' Overnight Retreat held recently, with Mrs. James M. Meadors as hostess. The activities were under the direction of Mrs. Charles P. Reed of Marmaduke, program chairman, and resulted in a time of fun, fellowship and spiritual renewal.

After "setting up camp" a cooperative meal was enjoyed by the 14 in attendance. A business session was conducted by Mrs. Wayne Clark of Corning, president, in which Mrs. Andy Hall of Hardy presented the idea of making liturgical symbols to decorate the tree for the pastors' families Christmas party to be held at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould on December 17.

CAMDEN DISTRICT WSCS MET AT VANTREASE

The Third Annual Meeting of the Camden District Women's Society of Christian Service was at Vantrease United Methodist Church, El Dorado, on October 27. Mrs. Allen Bonsall, president, presided.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson, spiritual growth secretary, conducted a memorial service for deceased members of the last 18 months. The Love Offering was also given in their memory.

Retiring officers, Mrs. R. B. Johnson, Mrs. John Rickey, Mrs. Alvin Murray, Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, Mrs. Edwin Dodson and Mrs. Gordon McClesky, were honored by a Gift to Missions.

Three members were appointed as a District Task Committee on Membership: Mrs. Jennings Shaw, chairman, Marysville; Mrs. Paul Newhouse, Camden, and Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, Magnolia, representing the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The District's pledge to the Conference was \$22,300—\$18,600 by the WSCS and \$3,700 by WSG.

Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden District Superintendent, installed the following new officers: Chairman of Christian social relations, Mrs. James B. Swain; chairman of missionary education, Mrs. George P. Price; chairman of spiritual growth, Mrs. J. T. McQuade; Committee on Nominations: Mrs. W. B. Scales, chairman, Mrs. E. L. Mosley, Mrs. A. C. Hale, Mrs. Cora Vinson; and Miss Carrie Brown, chairman of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Doyle McCoy of Sheridan and Mrs. Hubert Blakley of Benton, conference vice-president and treasurer, were part of the program, along with district officers, Mrs. Alvin Murray, Christian social relations chairman, and Mrs. Bonsall, president.

Eighteen of the 36 societies were represented at this half day meeting.

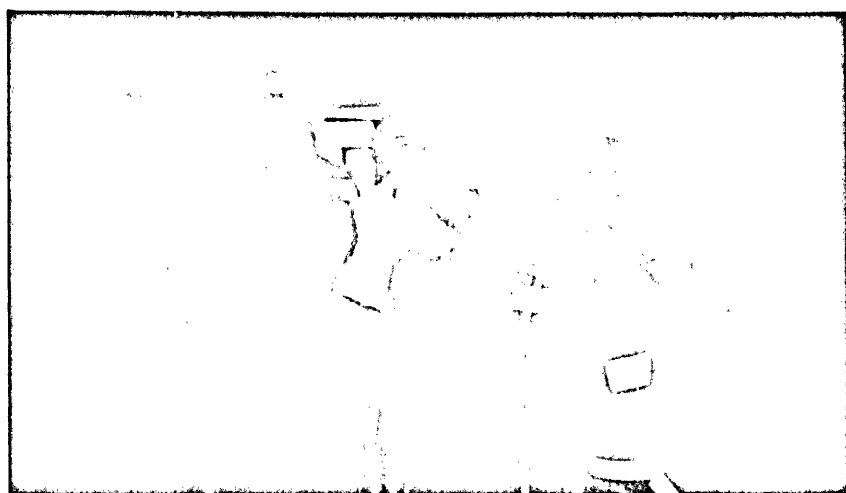
Mrs. Paul Novack is president of the Vantrease Society and the Rev. Kirvin Hale is the host church pastor.

News in Brief

TWO "DAY APART" Observances will be held in the Hot Springs area next Tuesday, November 30, one day group and one evening group for the convenience of men and women. Piney Grove United Methodist Church (Highway 70 West)

Games, stunts and a song fest were features of the evening activities. The highpoint was the heartsearching devotions led by Mrs. Jack Glass of Hardy, followed by a sharing time. After a restful night the sleepers were awakened to the aroma of coffee and bacon prepared by Mrs. Willis LeGrand of Tuckerman and her food committee.

Following a Bible quiz and sing-along, Mrs. Elmo Thomason of Paragould, wife of the district superintendent, challenged the group to a deeper devotion to Christ and his service. On this high note the group "broke camp" to enjoy a Dutch Lunch before returning to their families and congregations.



Hope District WSCS officers are, from left, front row: Mrs. John Prothro, Mrs. D. B. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. R. Hambright, Mrs. H. O. Collins. Back row: Mrs. Otto Allen, Mrs. T. D. Morris, Mrs. W. D. Cohea (president), and Mrs. Arch Wylie.

HOPE DISTRICT WSCS MET AT NASHVILLE

The Hope District Women's Society of Christian Service held its third annual meeting on October 29 at First United Methodist Church in Nashville, using the theme "Joy to the World."

Mrs. W. D. Cohea, president, presided over business, which included election and installation of officers, a pledge service, and reports from the conference annual meeting held in Asbury Church in Little Rock, October 13.

Ninety-four women attended, representing 16 societies. There were three district members and one representative from the Southwest Conference, Miss Masheeta Lindsay who serves as church and community worker in the district. Mrs. Otto Allen, recording secretary, announced that two new societies would organize soon, at Mineral Springs and Mountain View.

Mrs. W. R. Hambright, spiritual growth chairman, gave the devotion and moments of memory for 12 deceased members.

Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, Hope Dis-

trict superintendent, and 35 ministers who were in session in the educational building, came into the sanctuary for the 11 o'clock service. Principal speaker was Miss Norene Robken of Texarkana, a former missionary to Africa. She told of her varied experiences in the Congo. The love offering was given to missions, to be sent to Africa in appreciation of Miss Robken's work there. A gift was also sent to missions in honor of Mrs. H. O. Collins of DeQueen, who has been chairman of missionary education in the district for four years.

New officers of the Hope District are: Mrs. John Prothro of Horatio, chairman of missionary education; Mrs. Otto Allen of Texarkana, recording secretary; Mrs. Arch Wylie of Hope, treasurer; Mrs. D. B. Yarbrough, Nashville, program materials; and Mrs. H. H. McKenzie, chairman of nominations, is from Prescott. Others serving on the nominating committee are Mrs. W. D. Bone, Texarkana, and Mrs. Vernon Rogers of Mena.

Officer training groups were held after lunch, which was served by local society members.

will be host to the day fellowship, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The observance at Tigert Memorial United Methodist Church (1107 East Spring Street) will be from 7 until 9 p.m. The theme: "An Invitation for Today" will be given depth through forward steps in personal prayer life. Women's Societies of area churches are sponsoring the observances.

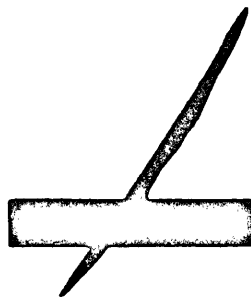
THE HAVEN UNITED Methodist Church of Hot Springs observed "Woman's Day" on October 31. Mrs. Lloyd Smith, the morning speaker was introduced by Mrs. Zennie Williams with Mrs. Fayette Wright as mistress of ceremonies. At the afternoon service, Mrs. Gladys Eden was mistress of ceremonies and Mrs. Grace Dwyer introduced the speaker — Mrs. Alice Preston. Southwest Conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. The Rev. Lloyd Smith is the Haven Church pastor.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives were entertained at a coffee in the episcopal residence with Mrs. Paul V. Galloway and eight of the members as hostesses, November 11. Mrs. E. D. Galloway led the program with hints on entertaining, especially in a parsonage. Mrs. William A. Stewart presided over business. Mrs. William C. Martin, wife of Bishop W. C. Martin, was welcomed as a new member. The December 9 meeting will be in the district parsonage with Mrs. Ray Hozendorf as hostess.

JONESBORO DISTRICT PARSONETTES met November 3 in the parsonage of First Church, Jonesboro, with Mrs. Worth Gibson as hostess. The president, Mrs. Charles Thompson, opened the business meeting with a devotional. Mrs. J. William Watson, district superintendent's wife, then led in prayer. Plans were made for the district family Christmas party. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed by the twelve wives attending, following the blessing by Mrs. Gene Hall.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 6: The Gospel of Luke

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-5

MEMORY SELECTION: It seemed good to me . . . to write an orderly account . . . that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. (Luke 1:3-4) may know the truth concerning the things of gospel of Luke, seeking to discover the personality of the author and the unique aspects of the life of Jesus which he chose to emphasize.

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Today's lesson is the first in a series of 13 based on the gospel of Luke, a book which has much to say to us because of the emphasis it makes on the universal appeal of Jesus. This gospel underscores the fact that Christianity became a religion for all men and gives us reason to be thankful since this is what made it possible for us to be included.

Most scholars accept the fact that the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were written by the same author, and are, in fact, really part of a single work. You will recall that Acts begins with the words: "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." These two books make up more than one-fourth of the content of the New Testament. They constitute a section larger than all the letters of Paul. So we are about to study the work of a man who made a major contribution to the literature of our faith.

According to tradition the gospel was written by Luke, "the beloved physician," who was a travel companion mentioned several times by Paul in his letters. He was a Gentile and interpreted the events in the life of Jesus from that viewpoint. He leaned heavily on many sources including conversations which he had with Paul. The scholars feel that he leaned heavily on accounts of the life of Christ written earlier. He acknowledges this in the preface to his gospel: "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us . . . it seemed good for me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus." Apparently Theophilus was an influential person to whom the two books by Luke were addressed.

We note two major reasons why this gospel is of such importance to us in recording the events in the life of Jesus for his own and future generations. First, as a Gentile he was able to give a new perspective to all that had taken place. Secondly, as a travel companion of Paul he was able to give us an account of the life of our Lord which is conditioned by the theology of Paul. It is important to note that Luke shared Paul's love for the risen Christ. He also revealed insight into Jesus as a teacher, as a healer, and as one who saw great potentialities even in the most unlikely persons.

As we have already mentioned, an outstanding characteristic of Luke's gospel is its universality. As a Gentile writing for Gentiles, he portrayed Jesus as the Savior of the world. It is a gospel of good news for everyone—for Gentiles, for Samaritans, for the poor, for the handicapped, for women, for children, for the rich, for the sinner and the outcast, for the soldier, for the intellectual, for the simple and common man, and even for those who did not want to listen.

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CONCERNING THE AUTHOR

The common authorship of Luke and Acts is obvious and is almost universally recognized. One of the early church fathers, Irenaeus, credited both books to Luke as early as 185 A.D. There are

many kinds of evidence used by scholars in arriving at such a conclusion. The study of the language has revealed a great deal, since Dr. S. MacLean Gilmour tells us in *Interpreter's Bible* that "nearly twice as many words are peculiar in the New Testament to Luke and Acts as to the other two Synoptic Gospels and Acts, and words and phrases characteristic of Luke are found in Acts at a ratio much higher than is true of words and phrases that are characteristic of Matthew or of Mark."

Of course, we should point out that neither of the two books bears the name of Luke. We do know, however, that we have a two-part narrative, one part being a sequel to the other. The description of this writer's "former treatise" in Acts 1:1-5 coincides with the scope of the Third Gospel, which is concerned with "all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen, he was taken up to heaven" (Acts 1:1-2).

To establish the fact that this writer was a companion of Paul, we turn to three passages in Acts in which the author speaks of such a relationship—16:10-17; 20:5 to 21:18; 27:1 to 28:16). He was with Paul on his journey to Rome and arrived in that city with him. In two letters written from Rome Paul speaks of the presence of Luke (Philem. 24; Col. 4:14). It is in the latter of those two passages that he describes Luke as "the beloved physician."

The exact date and place of the writing of this gospel cannot be ascertained. Since the author uses Mark as a source and since he seems to have accurate knowledge of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans (19:41-44), he evidently wrote after 70 A.D. A date of somewhere between 85 and 95 is held to be most likely.

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THE WRITING STYLE AND USE OF OTHER SOURCES

We are indebted to Luke for giving us some of the most beautiful descriptions of the life of Jesus. Yet it is a story that is told with marvelous simplicity. It speaks to us of a celestial being who prophesied the birth of a son to a couple past child-bearing age, and the birth of a son to a virgin.

The Son of God is indeed born, is later tempted, and then embarks on a sensational career of miraculous healing and amazing teaching. He is betrayed by a friend, captured by his enemies, tried, condemned, and executed on a cross. But he rises from death, and again heavenly beings are seen.

Those who are acquainted with the original Greek comment on Luke's masterful use of the language. Some authorities say that Luke and Acts were written in Greece. Dr. William Baird says in the *Interpreter's One Volume Commentary*: "Perhaps all we can say is that the gospel was written from some locale where Greek was the primary language and where cultured readers like Theophilus would be at home."

It is generally believed that the writer depended heavily on the earlier-written gospel of Mark. Students point out that both Matthew and Luke included a large part of narrative material from Mark. Likewise they shared another source no longer existing in a written document (scholars call this source "Q"). Luke was a careful writer and did not take material directly from his other sources. He selected and arranged his material to fit the purpose which he announced in the opening of his story.

In addition to other written sources, the author leaned heavily on the oral reports of the many witnesses to the events of Jesus' life. There is no evidence that Paul was ever in the presence of the

living Jesus, but he did undoubtedly pass on to his trusted friend the many oral reports that he had heard concerning Jesus.

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RESEARCH AND THE LEADING OF THE SPIRIT

Somewhere along the way the Holy Spirit must have stepped in to guide the research and the editorial work of this unusual Gentile physician. There is so much of the divine power preserved in the pages of the two books he wrote that Luke must have had a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit somewhere along the road.

Dr. Ellis H. Richards says in *Adult Bible Studies*: "The news conveyed is 'good' only as it brings us into fellowship with God and enables us to realize the divine meaning of our lives. It matters little to us that Luke or Paul or even Jesus knew and spoke the word of God unless that word speaks in our own lives."

Luke does not mention the Holy Spirit in the introduction to his gospel, though the birth of Jesus is foretold by the angel Gabriel as being through the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). In his introduction to Acts, Luke mentions the Spirit twice. Jesus, he states, gave commandments through the Holy Spirit to his apostles, and before his ascension he commanded them to wait, for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Such a writer must have had a real personal experience of religion along the way to give such power to what he wrote.

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LUKE'S PURPOSE IN WRITING

Luke begins the gospel with a declaration of his purpose, "that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed." (1:4) He must have been aware that there were already many written documents and many more oral traditions concerning the life of Jesus. This dedicated man felt that it was important to separate truth from myth, and he set out to do just that in a manner that would convince persons who did not know the story that it was essential to hear it.

This man wanted to write history and create literature, but his historical and literary interests were often subordinated in the body of his work to his concerns as a practical churchman.

Dr. Gilmour mentions three purposes that can be distinguished: (1) Luke wished to show that Christianity was not a subversive sect. This was a real charge that was being placed against the new faith, and Luke knew that it was not so. (2) He wished to support the claim that the church had superseded the synagogue as the true Israel and was entitled to the recognition and protection that the state had heretofore afforded Judaism; and (3) Luke was eager to stress the fact that Christianity was a world religion that recognized no racial limitations.

The gospel of Luke thus prepared the way for the story in Acts of the spread of Christianity to the gentile world.

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CONTINUING THE STORY

As one reads of the purpose and methods of Luke, it seems quite natural that the story should have been continued in another volume. Just as the installments of a story close with the promise "To be continued," so Luke wrote of the continuing story of the faith. Luke's introduction to his gospel revealed the passing of the good news of God from person to person, from life to life.

After involving himself in collecting the realities of the life of Jesus, he moved on to tell the story of the birth of the church. This has been the method of keeping Christian faith alive in the world. Following the Day of Pentecost the apostles publicly declared the facts they knew and announced the meaning of these facts.

In our own time existing stories are being written by contemporary witnesses who have found Christ in their own lives and want to pass it on to others as Luke did. The future of the faith depends on us. If we earnestly, zealously and continually pass on to others the truth and beauty of Christianity, the church will not only live but it will grow.

NOVEMBER 25, 1971

TV special to deal with population explosion

NEW YORK (UMI) — "This Bounded Earth," a CBS-TV News religious special on population issues, is scheduled for broadcast from 10-11 a.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 28.

It is "the first network television program dealing with the social, ethical and religious dimensions of issues created by rapid growth of world population," said the Rev. David O. Poindexter, New York, a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns specializing in population issues communication.

The TV special relates to "Population Explosion and Hunger," one of six program priority issues designated for the 1968-72 quadrennium. Mr. Poindexter said it is also in line with a 1970 General Conference "Population Crisis" resolution which said that "since the population problem is so acute, imaginative and vigorous action is required on a grand scale."

Poindexter said: "The issues raised and discussed are some which mankind must face and surmount if we are to survive, let alone have an adequate quality of life for all men. The church has designated this issue as one of particular concern to Christians. This program is designed to alert, inform and arm Christians for the monumental task which confronts us all."

For Nov. 28, "This Bounded Earth" is to preempt "Lamp Unto My Feet" and "Look Up and Live," regular CBS religious programs. TRAFCO and the Board of Christian Social Concerns cooperated in developing the program.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins

Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

A debate with possible far-reaching repercussions has taken place in the British Council of Churches. The Secretary of the Church of Scotland Stewardship and Budget Committee raised the question of ownership of money and buildings by the churches. He called for a restriction in ownership of buildings and property, and suggested that there might be too much of a millstone round the neck of the churches in what they actually

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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

The weatherman began his noon report . . . "It's a lovely Fall day, if you don't need rain." And I thought, "It's a lovely Fall day, even though we do need rain." In so many instances, needs do determine our outlook. But they should not prevent our uplook. Thanksgiving reminds us of this.

THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrims knelt and thanked the Lord
Because they were so glad
To be in this great country where,
Although the storms were bad,
And food was scarce, and sickness rife,
Their minds and souls were free
To worship as they wanted to —
To earn an honest fee.
Let's bow our heads and thank the Lord
For all the gifts received,
And be not blinded to the Good,
Nor by the Bad deceived!

—by Amy T. Oliver

THANKS GIVING OR TAKING?

Thanksgiving is a festival
Climaxing harvest season.
A day of feast and fellowship
With gratitude its reason.

Thanksgiving is the heart's response,
As bountiful as Fall,
With gratefulness for God's concern,
His providence o'er all.

Thanksgiving is to celebrate;
But more than that, it is
An attitude of thoughtful mind,
Which views the world as His.

But if we choose instead to call
Good fortune our own making,
Then it becomes another day
Of pompously thanks taking.

—by Barbara L. Mulkey

have in investment and bricks and mortar.

The debate opened a very important question. Is a property-owning "corporation" the best instrument for the proper work of the church? There is, of course, a strong argument that the proper stewardship of money and goods can exhibit to the world a real way of life in ownership, and there are also many people who would argue that it is impossible to do work which is parallel to the workaday world without resources, and they would argue with conviction.

The other side of a medal is that we live in a poverty-stricken world, if we take a global view. A politician said recently in this country that it was nonsense to talk in Britain about the "underprivileged"—at worst in this country all we have is "the less overfed". Would a weight-reduced church be more effective? If we went back to the primitive days of the New Testament Church which had no buildings, no money, no influence in worldly terms, would we be able to say with more conviction what was the way of life of the Carpenter?

There is a story about two Cardinals of the Church of Rome who were

watching a great procession at the Vatican. Gold and silver ornaments, encrusted with jewels, richly embroidered copes, and all the trappings of the State occasion were to be seen.

"At least" said one Cardinal, "we can no longer say: 'Silver and gold have we none.'"

"Quite true," said the other, "But I also doubt whether we can any longer say: 'Arise, take up your bed and walk.'"

The point has a certain validity. A church which is involved in investment is open to the charge that Mammon may play too large a part in its decision. The desperate, bleeding plight of the Third World may mean a loss of credibility for a church with seemingly immense resources.

Yet the circle of the argument completes itself. In a world where finally service must be paid for, and where a plant even of a minimum kind is vital to that servicing, there is not a realistic way out of the dilemma.

The final question is this: What, precisely, is the function of the church? It has assumed sociological roles, and there are not many people who would question that—for, clearly must be deed as well as word. In this

TWENTY MEMBERS RETIRE FROM BOARD OF MISSIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UMI)—Twenty leaders of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, who will be going off the Board in 1972, were honored at its annual meeting here October 21-30. Included are the president and two vice-presidents.

Tribute was paid at a luncheon attended by 300 persons to the 20 men and women who have served 12 years on the Board of Missions and, under a church rule limiting tenure on any national agency to three quadrenniums, must rotate off the Board. Lauding the Board leaders leaving in 1972 were two who can continue as members, Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., and Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Birmingham, Ala.

Those honored (not all of whom were present at the luncheon) were: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, episcopal leader of United Methodism's New York Area and Board president; Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Neb., president of the Women's Division and a Board vice-president; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, episcopal leader of the Houston Area, president of the World Division and a Board vice-president; Bishop J. Gordon Howard, episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area and chairman of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel;

Nels Barnett, Batesville, Ark.; John J. Barranger, Springfield, Pa.; W. Howard Belanga, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. George E. Berry, Oakland, Calif.; the Rev. Henry G. Budd, Liverpool, N.Y.; Mrs. Niles C. Clark, Waterloo, S.C.; Mrs. L. N. Davenport, Harrisburg, Ill.; Richard H. Gantz, Deland, Ill.; Bishop Charles F. Golden, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Arthur W. Hepburn, Fremont, Wis.; the Rev. J. Chess Lovern, Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Rev. Paul O. Mayer, Cleveland, Ohio; William E. Savage, Lexington, Ky.; Ben O. Spurgin, Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky.; Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Syracuse, N.Y.

world deeds of charity often need vast organization, for the need is not in the nearest village, but asks for a global concept of charity. And that means men and plants and stores and distribution facilities.

Even the dissemination of the Word is not so much by mouth as by telecommunications and print, and all this costs money. The way in which administrative costs and actual giving to the needy is related is one factor which must be constantly watched, and the way in which investments are made is something else which needs special care.

But in the long run, it seems that there is no escape from the harsh facts of economic life as they affect the church . . . it is a problem Christians must live with, however uneasily.

For
GOLDS
take 666

Restructure plan for jurisdiction distributed for study

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UMI)—The second draft of a plan which would restructure the eight-state South Central Jurisdictional Conference delegates, bishops, and annual conference program directors.

The plan, developed by an ad-hoc committee headed by the Rev. Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, calls for the elimination of all boards and agencies in favor of a jurisdictional Program Council and Administrative Council.

Dr. Bruce, program director for the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, said the new plan would also reduce the membership of jurisdiction program and administrative groups from 300 to approximately 64. This move, he said, has been prompted by financial reasons and by the need to have a jurisdictional structure which corresponds to the council concept in the local church and annual conference.

Dr. Bruce said the committee would meet again May 10, 1972, following the General Conference, to finalize its report for the Jurisdictional Conference which will meet in Houston July 10-14. A copy of the final draft will be mailed to the delegates before the conference, he said.

Proposed Program Council

The proposed Program Council would include 40 to 46 members including: one lay and one clergy member from each annual conference program council including the program director or staff person responsible for leadership development, two representatives from the College of Bishops, two blacks and two women and two persons under 25 years of age if not otherwise included, and ex-officio members; chairman of the jurisdictional Administrative Council and the Jurisdictional Program Director.

Instead of boards or agencies established for long-terms, the Program Council would have the authority to establish and operate through ad hoc task forces for specifically defined tasks, utilizing persons with needed expertise who need not be members of the Council. The Council would meet at least annually.

Proposed Administrative Council

The proposed Administrative Council, composed of 24 members, would perform functions particularly related to the administration and financial responsibilities of the Jurisdictional Conference between meetings of the Conference including new matters and emergencies, and matters related to the institutions owned and operated by the Jurisdiction. The Administrative Council would also act as a nominations committee of the Jurisdictional Conference, nominating representatives to general boards, commissions, and committees which are to be elected by the Jurisdictional Conference as provided by the Discipline. The Council would meet at least annually.

Membership of the Administrative Council would include one representative from each annual conference, one-half of whom would be lay persons and one-half clergy; three bishops who comprise the executive committee of

A Letter from Our Bishops

TO: The United Methodists
South Central Jurisdiction

Dear Friends:

The College of Bishops has some good news we want to share with the churches of the South Central Jurisdiction. The Ministerial Education Fund began only last year and already it is providing opportunities we have never had before.

The monies given are used primarily for our own two seminaries: Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas, and Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. This fund will provide more resources so that our young ministers can have an increasingly fine training. These schools are most appreciative of the Fund.

Twenty-five per cent of the money we give to this is used in our own conferences under the guidance of the Board of the Ministry. We have found that now we have resources for special needs such as a student's needing special scholarship aid, or a book fund for these students, or helping in other ways. But one of the best things is that we now have funds to establish Continuing Education programs so our ministers can take special courses and be better prepared to minister in this fast changing world. We can see already the difference this has made in some of our ministers and their work.

Some of these funds have been used in new programs of recruitment to secure our finest and ablest young people for ministry. Some monies have been used through the Church's Department of Ministry to develop a fine new film on the ministry; some for a special pilot project for young men out of seminary from three to five years, which has been exceedingly helpful. Some of the funds have been used to see that no seminary receives less support than in the past.

The results have been as you can see, better training, better recruitment, a growing program of Continuing Education, more adequate scholarships; and one of the finest results, the closing of the gap between our seminaries and our churches. This is most gratifying to us.

We wanted to let you know this good news, and to thank you for giving \$405,722.39 from January to July this year in this Jurisdiction. We hope that you will be sure that your church is contributing its full share to this great cause.

In His Service,

Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Bishop O. Eugene Slater
Bishop W. Kenneth Pope
Bishop Paul V. Galloway
Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland
Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr.
Bishop Paul W. Milhouse
Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe
Bishop Alsie H. Carleton

Bishops of the South
Central Jurisdiction
The United Methodist Church

Laity Board emphasizes need for youth, young adult participation

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A need for participation by United Methodist youth and young adults at all levels of the church was stressed here Nov. 12-14 by the denomination's General Board of the Laity.

In other actions at its annual meeting, the board voiced concern that tentative proposals for restructuring the church's general boards and agencies do not give enough visibility to the "identity of laity," and adopted for transmittal to the 1972 General

Conference a proposed resolution on environmental stewardship.

The emphasis on youth participation came in the form of illustrations to a statement adopted by the board a year ago urging that membership of boards of laity at all levels include "all people of the church alike—men and women, adults and youth. . . ."

As it pertains particularly to youth and young adults, the board said this year, this means service on "divisions, commissions, committees, and task forces of the boards on the same basis as all other members."

"Such participation," the resolution noted, "should be seen as reinforcing and encouraging greater participation of youth/young adults in the local church."

"Boards of the laity have a responsibility to help youth/young adults find opportunities for self-expression and self-fulfillment through their participation in the boards."

The General Board of the Laity now includes several youth members and they have been active in various aspects of the board's work.

The board also said it would continue to "provide space and a sup-

portive working climate" for a volunteer staff person of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries, and would fill professional staff vacancies without regard to age, sex or ethnic background."

The action on environmental stewardship was brought before the board here in the form of a proposed petition to General Conference adopted by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Although the Board of the Laity did not endorse the Social Concerns petition, as the latter had asked, the Board of the Laity did accept substantial portions of it for a petition it will submit itself to the 1972 session.

Among other things, the resolution as adopted here calls on the "church and its members (to) awaken to the seriousness of the present ecological crisis, . . . demonstrate a new life style which refuses to measure quality of life mainly in consumptive and quantitative terms, . . . recognize responsibility for the creative use of properties and resources, (and) . . . work for tax laws, zoning regulations and developmental planning consistent with social justice for the poor and powerless and that reflect the need for ecologically sound practices."

The board rejected paragraphs which "challenge(d) the widespread belief that technological advances and a growing Gross National Product represent in themselves genuine human progress," and "insist(ed) that human rights take precedence over property rights, that no one should be permitted to exploit the earth simply for the sake of personal profit."

In moving the rejection of these points, Dr. Leonard V. Sorg, Leawood, Kans., retired oil company research executive, said that too much of the present ecological discussion is "based on emotion."

Much of the session here was devoted to a consideration of possible legislation for the 1972 General Conference and the tentative proposals of the commission studying general board and agency structure this quadrennium.

Responding to the possible changes which would eliminate the Board of the Laity as a separate agency but retain its functions in other places, the board said "there is a definite need for a distinct, visible identity of the laity in the general agency structure of the church."

"Although the major activities carried on by the two divisions of the Board (of the laity) are included . . . the major functions of representing the laity at the general level is not accomplished. This function is so important to the laity, especially the organized (annual) conference boards of the laity, that it should be retained."

In other actions, the board adopted a procedure for evaluating the work of its general secretary at the conclusion of each quadrennium and adopted a 1972 budget of \$673,000, a reduction of \$256,000 from 1971.

The reduction is accounted for by the proposed elimination of the board's department that prints and distributes its various materials. Negotiations are under way to have this work assumed by the Methodist Publishing House.

Presiding at the sessions here was Thomas P. Moore, a Bucyrus, Ohio, broadcasting executive and president of the General Board of the Laity. General Secretary of the board is Dr. David W. Self, Evanston.

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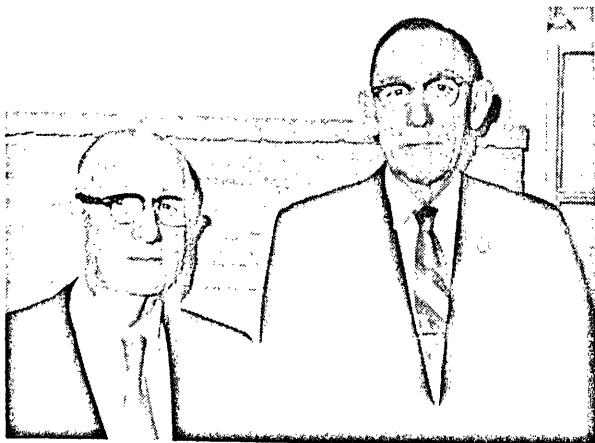
THE REV. O. R. FINDLEY of Hartford writes that since his retirement in 1964 he has kept active. In spite of three major operations, he has preached at the Community Church of West Hartford, bi-monthly, for over five years. He has preached in three revivals since September. The first was in West Hartford, then in October at the Lexa United Methodist Church of which the Rev. William Haltom is pastor, and in November at Prairie View where the Rev. John Benham is pastor. Mrs. Findley accompanied him to the meetings.

THE WEST MEMPHIS First Church newsletter noted that of 12 pastors during the 45-year history of the church, four are among the retired ranks. They are: the Rev. I. L. Claud of Morrilton, the Rev. Vernon Chalfant of Augusta, the Rev. Sam Watson of Paragould, and the Rev. Dan Robinson of Rogers. The Rev. E. E. Stevenson did not serve the West Memphis Church, but has worshipped there since retiring.

RETIRED MINISTERS affiliated with First Church of North Little Rock include the Rev. Harold Womack and the Rev. Roland Darrow. Until he moved to Illinois last month, Dr. E. T. Wayland was a regular part of the congregation.

Retired ministers honored

The Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Claud were honored by the use of their picture on promotional material used by the North Arkansas Conference for "Retired ministers" Sunday. They and the Rev. and Mrs. Horace M. Lewis, also retired, live in Morrilton. First Church, of which the Rev. Clyde Parsons is pastor, especially honored these two couples on November 7.



The Rev. A. N. Storey, at left, and the Rev. George McGhehey were the guest speakers in the Sunday-at-Six service at First Church, Jonesboro, on "Retired Ministers Sunday," November 7. They each spoke on the topic "What Christ Means to Me." These two men have a combined service of more than 90 years in the Ministry. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is minister at First Church.

THE MOUNTAIN HOME CHURCH noted the presence of four retired ministers and wives in the community. They are the Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Becker, the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Curtis, the Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Few, and the Rev. and Mrs. E. Cedric Pope.

THE REV. GARLAND TAYLOR, retired and now living in Osceola, was guest speaker in the Marion United Methodist Church on "Retired Ministers' Sunday." The Rev. B. W. Stallcup is the Marion pastor.

THE BENTONVILLE CHURCH honored three retired ministers and wives and the widow of another on Sunday, November 14. Ministers living there are the Rev. Kenneth Nesbitt, who served in Iowa for over 34 years before retiring in 1959, Dr. Kenneth Spore, who retired in 1969 after 46 years in the Little Rock Conference, and the Rev. Frank Story, who served 34 years in the North Texas and two in the North Arkansas Conferences. Mrs. W. C. Hutton's minister-husband died in 1960.

DR. FRED R. HARRISON preached at both morning services in First Church, Malvern, on November 7. Dr. Harrison is a former pastor and has lived in Malvern since retiring.

ARKANSAS METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in October as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

LACY ANDREWS

by Mr. & Mrs. John F. Carpenter
MRS. ELLA MAE ALLEN
by Weiner United Methodist Church
FRAN (Mrs. John) BRALEY
by Dr. & Mrs. Aaron Modelevsky
MISS ANNIE BROADNOX
by Timothy Methodist Church
MRS. T. B. BEARD
by Bill & Sue Hoffman
JAMES BRADBURY
by Louise Francis
by Dessie K. Fitzhugh
MRS. MARSHALL BENNETT
by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Wilcox
MRS. WALTER BARRON
by Mrs. A. J. Andrews
MARTHA HOLDERBY BOYNTON
by Mrs. R. H. Holderby
JANICE J. BARLOW
by Mr. & Mrs. Claude Rogers
H. S. "Boots" COLEMAN
by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Wallace
MRS. MARY CLINTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Prewitt
MRS. RAYMOND COOK
by Dr. & Mrs. Alastair D. Hall
DR. CARL M. CRAIN
by Mildred Horton
by Mrs. Lee B. Horton
MRS. JOHN CURRIE
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Livingston
by Mrs. Hazel Byrd
by Rev. & Mrs. Sam Jones
by Mrs. Thomas C. Owen
by Mrs. Minnie Belle Wells

by Clara Henry
by Mrs. W. A. McGehee, Sr.
by Mrs. A. F. Monrotus
by Anna Savage Valla
by Hazel Savage Askew
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindsey
by Mrs. Joe McGarry
by C. Rowan Prewitt
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Turnace
by Mrs. John M. Moore
by Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Norsworthy
by Bill Norsworthy
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Moyers, Jr.
by Miss Lucy Moore
by Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Moore, Jr.
MRS. DOROTHY CLEMENT
by Mary O. McGregor
by Mrs. L. G. Garrett
by Mr. & Mrs. Garvis Pollard
by First National Bank of Altheimer
MRS. MYRTLE BAKER DAY
by John F. Geister, Jr.
MRS. BESSIE DAILEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Mercil Bankston
MRS. KRAMER DARRAGH
by Mrs. Andrew Friberg
JAMES H. DUKE
by Mrs. C. M. McClinton
MRS. WILLIE FRANCIS
by Louise E. Francis
by Dessie K. Fitzhugh
MABARY W. FORD
by Mr. Wiley H. Robbins
by Rev. & Mrs. Joel Cooper
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Mouzan Mann
by Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Terry
by Mr. R. B. Newcome
MRS. EVA FAULKNER
by J. Marion Newman
MRS. ROBERT M. GOFF
by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene G. Wallace
MRS. J. D. GREGORY
by Mildred Horton
MRS. FRANK GOODWIN
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moss, Sr.
MRS. CHARLES GRIFFITH
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Willoughby, Jr.
by Mrs. Minnie Belle Wells
MRS. A. F. GRAY
by Willie Lee & Marill McCullars
FAY GRANT
by Mr. & Mrs. Claude Rogers
CHARLES HOWELL
by Mr. & Mrs. John F. Carpenter
FRANK HARREL
by Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Wilson
CHARLES A. HALL
by Jeannette & Demar Therrell

MRS. BERTIE HOMESLY
by Mr. & Mrs. Bert Webb
INGRAM HARTJE, JR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Randolph James, Sr.
REV. A. W. HAMILTON
by Bagpak Maintenance Men, International Paper Co.
by Transportation Service, International Paper Co.
by International Paper Co.
by Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Wilson
by Rev. & Mrs. S. T. Baugh
by Barbara Walker
by Mr. & Mrs. John S. Hobbs
by Mrs. Jess Gallaway
by Mrs. J. O. Habgood
HENRY JENNINGS
by Mrs. W. F. Carmichael
MRS. BESSIE KEITH
by Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Newcome
by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Spence
by Dr. & Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe
by Mr. & Mrs. John A. Riggs, Jr.
by Dick Sturgis
by Hilda J. Shivley
by Rev. & Mrs. Joel Cooper
by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Lee
MRS. BIRDIE KENNEDY
by Mrs. Margie Coker
by Mrs. Mattie Ping
RICHARD W. LENDERMAN
by Libby & Leonard Cogbill
by Miss Marill McCullers
by Mrs. Martha B. Harris
ROBERT NOLAN McCLECKIN
by Mr. & Mrs. Porter Chadick
MRS. LILLIAN McCULLARS
by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. McLean
by Mr. & Mrs. Lendon Chambers
by Mary Florence Scobey
MRS. JOAN MULLINS MCGRAW
by Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Hillman
JAMES T. MCGUYRE
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill D. Self
AL MATHEWS
by Mr. & Mrs. Billy R. Hasley
by Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Bennett
MRS. W. A. MATTHEWS Memory
of Birthday
by Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Fernandez
MRS. I. MARCUS
by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Prewitt
MRS. TOM H. MARBURY
by Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Dickey
GREG MILLIKIN
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Bert Webb
JOHN M. MILLER
by Mr. & Mrs. Bell Black

MRS. MILDRED OLSTEAD
by The Fort Nightly Club of Beebe
MRS. THOMAS P. PEARCE
by Virgil & Lois Peacock
MRS. PRESTON PEARCE
by Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Newton
MRS. MARY LOU PEARCE
by Rowan Prewitt
ELVIS RIDGWAY
by Mens Bible Class-First Church
Forrest City
MRS. NELL RICH
by Mrs. Margie Coker
J. L. PHAME
by Maj. & Mrs. Lloyd Woodman, Jr.
WILLIE ROGERS
by Mrs. John T. Ralph
by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph
MRS. C. N. SPICER
by The Howard Williamsons
by Paul Pitlick & Mary Lockender
by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Turley
by Mr. J. M. Spicer
JAMES STEED
by Mr. & Mrs. John E. Brazil
MRS. DOROTHY SORRELLS
by Mr. & Mrs. Grover Jones
MRS. HERBERT SPILLMAN
by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Landrum
by Mrs. Edgar Landrum
MARY AMANDA DUNN SMITH
by Mrs. Dove Hukey
QUINNEY THOMPSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Shaw Neal
by Bill & Sue Hoffman
BEN TYLER
by Mrs. Guy Nolley
by Mrs. L. H. Nutter
by Mrs. Fay Nolley
MRS. ELVA G. TIMBERLAKE
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl J. Scott
by Mrs. L. H. Nutter
MRS. BEN TAYLOR
by Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Ehrhardt
D. M. VAUGHT
by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Hartrick
MRS. C. P. VILITOW
by Mrs. E. C. Haller
MRS. ANNIE VITTITOW
by Mrs. Inona Pierce
ROY WHITE
by Mr. & Mrs. John F. Carpenter
CARL D. WATKINS
by Gussie Carmical
MRS. MARGARET T. WOFFORD
by Friday Night Bridge Club
J. HENRY YANEY
by Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Pollard



Wesley Foundation

at

Arkansas Tech

Russellville

Students worshipping at recently instituted "Celebration of Life" service—a weekly occurrence in the Wesley Foundation Chapel at Arkansas Tech. The service, planned by the students in consultation with the Rev. Muriel Peters, Wesley Foundation director, is a mixture of contemporary and traditional forms of worship. Each week the entire service is built around the chosen theme, which is reflected in the music, liturgy, banners and sermon.

Year's benevolence giving due for completion by Dec. 31

Will your year's work be done by Dec. 31?

That's not a fair question, because all of us run behind in our work. Ask it another way. Will we, as United Methodists, complete by Dec. 31 the things we set out to do through our churchwide benevolences?

At the end of 10 months the issue was yet in doubt. World Service, with \$13,427,910 given by Oct. 31, was lagging behind the previous year. And in 1970 we did not raise the full \$25,000,000 that is our goal for the World Service Fund.

"Clearly, united effort will be needed to reach our declared objective," said the Rev. Howard Greenwalt, Associate General Secretary for the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council. He went on to point out that "this is the fund that provides basic support for missions, Christian education, evangelism, and much more. It is the lifeblood of our outreach and general church program."

The Oct. 31 report showed gains and losses as compared with the same period of 1970. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, for instance, is running well ahead of the previous year. Advance Specials are mixed, with more being given in 1971 than in 1970 for National Missions projects (within the U.S.A.) and less than last year for World Missions (overseas) and for overseas relief. Still, the largest

giving of Advance Specials is for foreign missions—\$5,096,091 so far this year.

General benevolences also include the World Communion Offering, World Service Specials, the Temporary General Aid Fund, the Fund for Reconciliation, the Ministerial Education Fund, the Race Relations Sunday Offering, United Methodist Student Day, and the Youth Service Fund. Dec. 31 is the end of the year for all of these funds.

So that gifts church members have made for any of these causes during 1971 may be credited to this year's work, it is important that local treasurers remit to their conference treasurers well before the end of December.

Even more important, however, is for each church member to make a personal vow that his giving to witness and service through these benevolence funds will adequately represent his stewardship for 1971.

Of particular importance is World Service. Each United Methodist church has been asked, through its annual conference, for a specific amount for "World Service and Conference Benevolences." Only as each church is able to write "paid in full" on its own record will we be able, as a denomination, to reach the objectives we have set for ourselves.

Let's finish this job by Dec. 31!

News in Brief

Bishop U Hla Sein has been re-elected to head the autonomous Methodist Church in the Union of Burma (Lower Burma). Bishop Hla was first elected in 1969. It was reported at the meeting at which the election took place that merger negotiations continue with the Upper Burma Methodist Church.

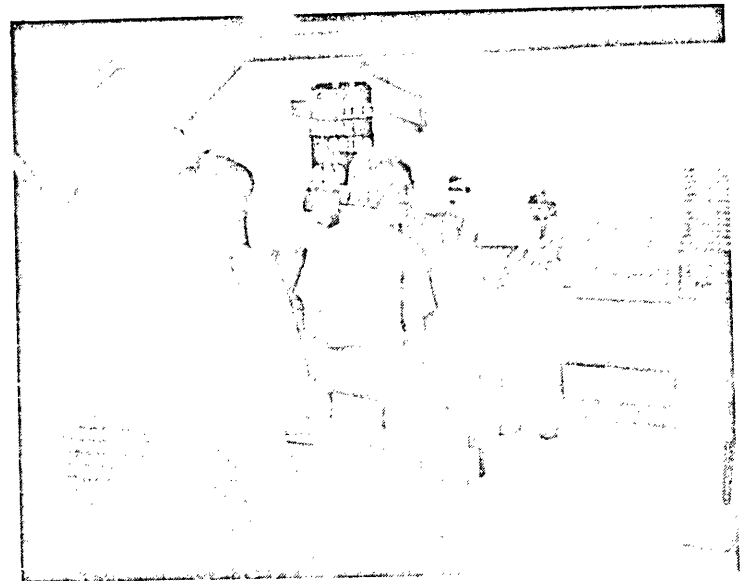
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Officials of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia have announced they will go directly to Premier Ian Smith in an attempt to halt the evacuation of Africans from church property in areas designated for whites only.

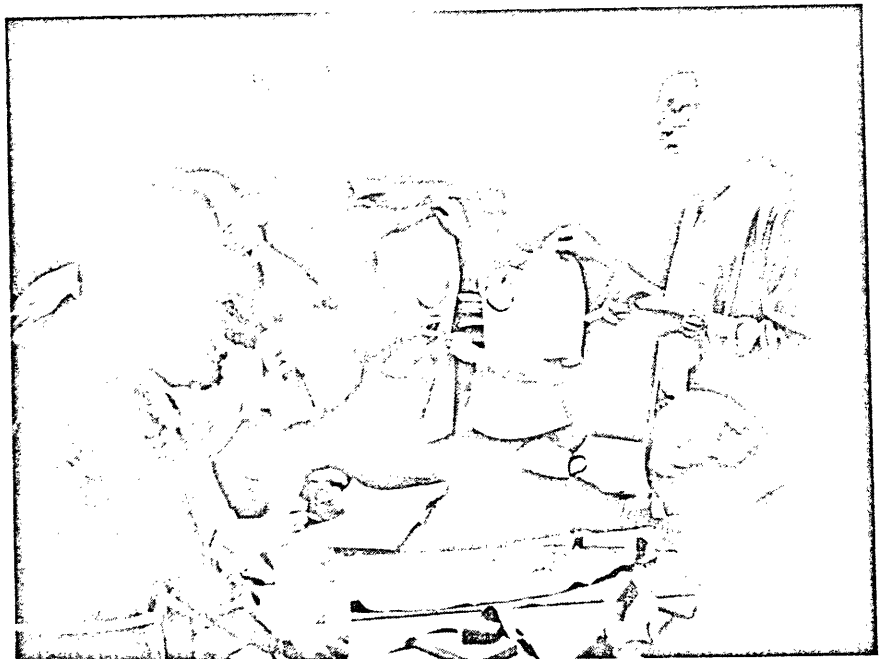
United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, has begun its 101st year of service. Major events in a centennial observance include a banquet January 13, an alumni convocation March 20-22, and a President's Report April 5.

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Ronald Hooker, recently-elected mayor of Newcomerstown, Ohio, and at 19 believed to be the nation's youngest mayor, is a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Newcomerstown. A student at Ashland College, he received 1,067 of the 1,558 votes cast earlier this month.



Bruce Vick and Randy Woods lead the closing song in a typical worship service. A student-made banner is visible in the chancel area. Three committees with a total of 20 students work on the weekly services—music, liturgy and banner—each committee spending an average of five hours weekly in preparation. Popular music is used if it has a message which contributes to the interpretation of the theme.



Members of the Banner Committee at work—Anita Smith, Bob Crossman, David Holmquist, Don Peters, Kay Morgan, Coriton Pennington, and Steve Mitchell.