

New YSF proposals to go before General Conference

During 1971 the Little Rock Conference United Methodist Youth gave \$6,331 to youth mission work through the Youth Service Fund. This was \$500 less than the amount contributed during 1970. Thirty per cent of this was returned to the Conference Council on Youth Ministries and 10 per cent of that was returned to the districts across the conference to use in their programs. Seventy per cent of the Youth Service Fund money was sent to the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries where it was dispersed for youth mission projects in the United States and around the world—projects decided upon by United Methodist Youth at the national level of our church.

At General Conference to be held at Atlanta in April, one of the most urgent items concerning youth ministries will be the 70-30 proposal. Under this proposal, seventy per cent of the money given by the Youth Service Fund by each annual conference will be returned to the Annual Conference Council on Youth Ministries to be used as follows:

No more than one-third for administrative expenses of the Council; at

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Publishing houses of three denominations to cooperate in distribution of materials

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Publishing houses operated by the United Methodist Church, United Church of Christ, and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. will initiate a new cooperative retail distribution operation beginning August 1.

The new venture is designed to provide improved service and better access to books and supplies needed to support the mission and programs of the three denominations.

The new service will utilize the retail bookstore chain and mail order facilities operated by the Cokesbury Division of the Methodist Publishing House, headquartered here.

Cokesbury presently operates 19 stores and six regional centers strategically located throughout the country. The opening of additional stores is envisioned, including one in Philadelphia which will replace the present Westminster Book Store in that city.

John E. Proctor, president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, has enthusiastically endorsed the new cooperative service. He stated, "The Methodist Publishing House is committed to an aggressive program of prompt, efficient and complete mail-order and retail store

service to the United Presbyterian Church and the United Church of Christ."

The United Presbyterian Church will continue to operate its four Westminster Book Stores until July 31.

The new retail distribution service does not affect the other functions of the three denominational publishing houses. Abingdon Press, the United Church Press, and the Westminster Press will continue the separate op-

eration of their book publishing programs. Each of the three denominations will also continue separately the publication and distribution of curriculum materials for its church schools.

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FIRST CIRCULATION REPORT

On another page in this issue you will find Report No. 1 of the 1972 Circulation Campaign. The returns have not been coming in as fast as they have in other years, and we are hoping that the second report to be printed next week will give a better picture of what has been done.

To date we have received about 60% of the total number of subscriptions reported at this time last year. However, we have not heard from many of you with your first report. Please make a special effort to get your report in so that we will receive it by the end of this week and get it in Report No. 2.

Many of you will be going to Ministers' Week next week, and we are quite anxious that you take care of this before you go. Let us hear from you, even though you know you will have additional subscriptions to report later.

Development Fund shows substantial gain in 1971

DALLAS, Tex. (UMI)—A United Methodist fund receiving investments and loaning capital to churches for building purposes has reported a net growth in investments 3½ times larger for 1971 than 1970.

The United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) received \$6,061,000 in investments in 1971 as compared to \$1,704,000 in 1970, reported the Rev. Marvin Leist, UMDF executive secretary, at the Fund's board of directors meeting here last night. The UMDF is related to the United Methodist Board of Missions which is meeting here through Sunday. Investments came from churches, individuals, institutions and other church agencies, Mr. Leist said.

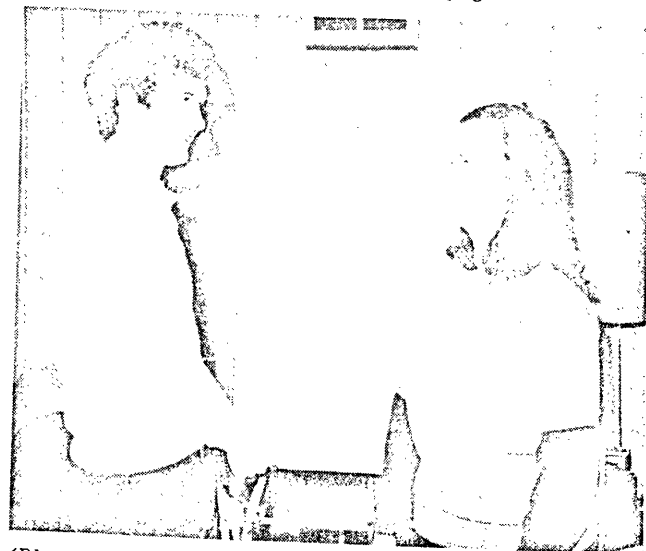
The substantial increase in investments was attributed by Mr. Leist to a favorable 6½ per cent rate of interest, intensified promotion, and a desire by investors not only to have a financially secure and beneficial place to invest but also to help churches participate more effectively in Christian mission through improving facilities.

Bishop Paul Washburn of Minneapolis, Minn., UMDF president, was in the chair. Directors heard treasurer Beverley Berry report the total in the Fund as of December 31 was \$36,627,000, according to preliminary, unaudited figures.

With increased investments and some reduction of a backlog of loan commitments, UMDF directors granted 11 new loans totaling \$1,210,000.

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Allen Kimbrough, chairman of North Arkansas Youth Council, and Mrs. Saville Henry of North Little Rock, conference coordinator of Youth Ministries, at Petit Jean Retreat. Plans were made for the Conference Youth Assembly which will be held July 30-August 4 at Hendrix College. The Assembly theme will be, "Stepping to the Beat of a Different Drummer."



(Photos by the Rev. Earl Carter, Associate Director, North Arkansas Program Council)

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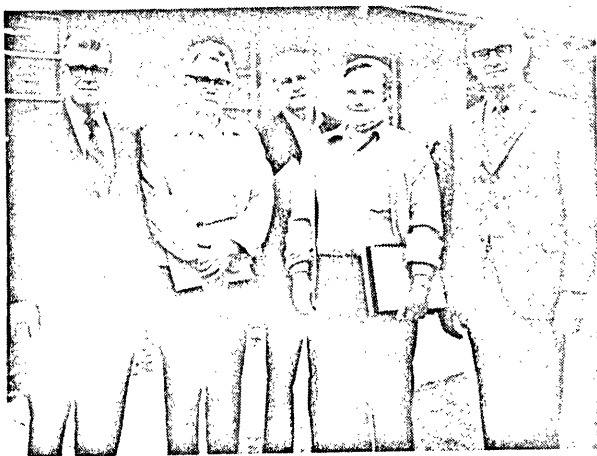
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North Arkansas Youth Rally Task Force in planning session held during Jan. 28-30 Conference Youth Council Retreat at Petit Jean State Park. The Conference-wide Youth Rally to be held at Hendrix College on March 4 will feature "The Light Company," musical group from the Bd. of Evangelism, in Nashville, and James Ling from the Youth Service Fund. Shown, left to right, are: Julia Hilliard of Fayetteville, Janet James and Becky Goodsmall of North Little Rock, the Rev. Frank Clemmons of Waldron, Bill Bracken of Fort Smith, Denise Mullins of Heber Springs, and Allen Kimbrough of Siloam Springs.



Leaders for recent two-day Conway District Ministers' Retreat held at Aldersgate Camp near Little Rock. FROM LEFT: Dr. J.W. Thomas of Arlington, Tex., the Rev. Clyde Parsons of Morrilton, the Rev. Herschel McClerkin of Russellville, and the Rev. Bob Edwards, chairman, of Jacksonville; Dr. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent (right).

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full for the Campaign. There are 28 churches that have not contributed anything to the fund thus far. The Pension Office is encouraging these churches to make a free-will offering for the campaign sometime this year. The month of December was the greatest month of the Campaign thus far with more than \$80,000 in con-

tributions. Income derived from the investments of the Campaign has made it possible for the Board of Pensions to increase annuity rates to \$61 per service year for the retired preachers of the Conference. The new increase will go into effect this year.

DISTRICT SUMMARY

District	Fair Share Goal	Amount Budgeted or Subscribed	Amount Paid Jan. 1	Per cent of 3 year Goal
Batesville	\$ 132,000	\$ 136,854.50	\$ 78,308.78	59%
Conway	186,000	182,871.02	110,287.00	59%
Fayetteville	180,000	190,554.70	126,379.44	70%
Forrest City	186,000	193,577.65	89,177.43	48%
Fort Smith	192,000	202,230.50	105,493.83	55%
Jonesboro	198,000	200,182.80	84,960.70	43%
Paragould	126,000	124,929.90	63,731.21	51%
	<u>\$1,200,000</u>	<u>\$1,231,201.07</u>	<u>\$658,338.39</u>	<u>55%</u>

Mardi Gras Young Adult Week-end Seminar planned

A Mardi Gras Young Adult week-end seminar will be held at St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, Feb. 13-16. The purpose of the seminar will be to explore the motivation, exploitation, and reaction of persons involved in a mass celebration. The special event is under sponsorship of the United Methodist Young Adult Ministry of the Louisiana Annual Conference and the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education. A \$15 registration fee will include lodging, medical insurance, honoraria

for resource leaders and an emergency fund. Meals are not included, although breakfast will be provided for a nominal fee. It is suggested that each person bring at least \$3.50 per day for food. Persons who wish to attend may use the registration form provided below. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rev. Joe E. Arnold in the Program Council Office, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201, or Bud Schuh, 7501 Asher Ave., Little Rock, Ark., 72204.

REGISTRATION FORM

Mardi Gras Young Adult Weekend

Name _____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Miss _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

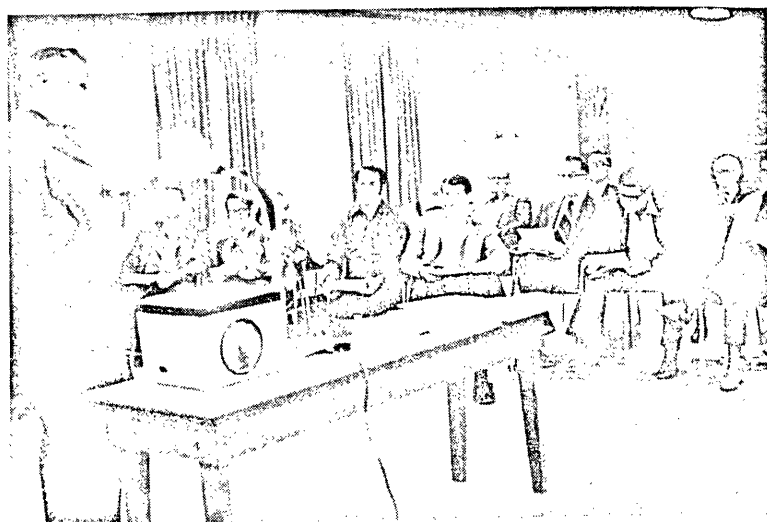
Church _____ Annual Conference _____

Housing— St. Mark's Community Center _____
Will make own arrangements _____

Registration Fee enclosed _____ \$15.00 for one person

Return to: Rev. Lander L. Beal
P. O. Box 871
Nashville, Tennessee 37202
Phone—Area Code 615 - 327-2727

Deadline for Registration: February 11, 1972



Dr. Thomas, founder of Growth Seminar, Inc., leads session in group analysis as seminar participants shown above and below study ways to make their ministries more effective, during Conway District Ministers' Retreat.



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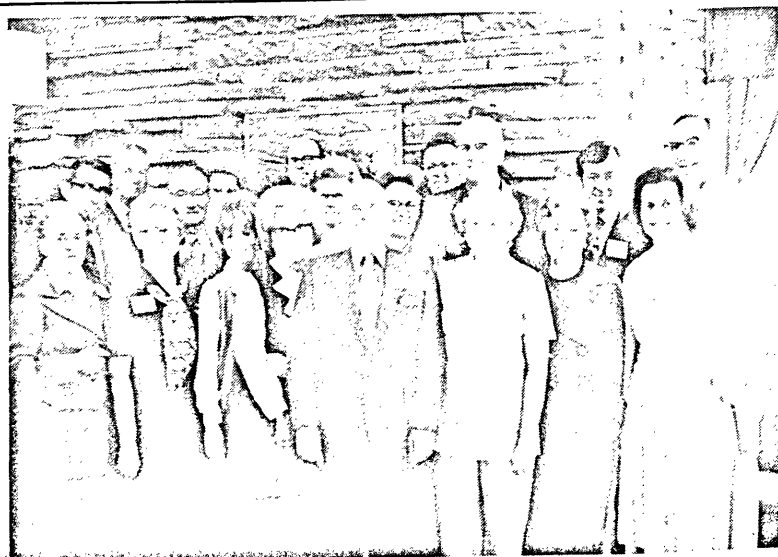
least one-third for projects located outside the geographical bounds of the Annual Conference, and one-third for projects located within the geographical bounds of the Annual Conference.

Thirty per cent of the total given for Youth Service Fund will be sent to the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM) for priority education and projects on the national level.

It is hoped that with the approval

of these proposals by General Conference the youth will increase their future giving to Youth Service Fund.

THE REV. E. D. GALLOWAY broke a bone in his ankle in late December. He is at "Edswood," their home west of Little Rock, but is still wearing a cast. His mailing address is Route 3, Box 260, Little Rock, 72205.



Arkansans who attended the Mid-Winter Conference for Lay Men and Women held at Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma, Jan. 21-23. The group shown with staff members and wives includes: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Allman of Hot Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fulbright of Searcy, Mrs. Compton George of Danville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mabrey of Batesville, Mrs. Edwin Outlaw of Russellville and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shepherd of Mabelvale. The theme of the conference, sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Program Council, was "A Ringing Call To Mission."

Boy Scout Week

It is always a privilege for this editor to call attention to the annual observance of National Boy Scout Week. For 62 years now this outstanding organization has been reaching an increasing number of young men with a challenging program of recreation, service, and leadership training. For several years a program has been moving forward aimed at involving one-third of all the eligible boys in the nation.

The Boy Scouts are planning ways to help the families and institutions of the nation develop a new generation with the skill and confidence to master the changing demands of America's future. As some people insist on accentuating the negative aspects of America's youth we are tempted to believe that it will be a sad day when the majority of Americans will be under 25 years of age. But this attitude is quickly changed as one sees how Scouting, through this long-range program, is seeking to become more relevant to the needs and concerns of today's youth.

This organization has a program that is engineered so that it can bring the advantages of Scouting's unique character development and educational programs to disadvantaged boys of the inner-city and to rural America.

By 1976 membership in the Boy Scouts of America is expected to reach 6½ million — a 50 per cent increase over the membership figures of 1969. This would mean that one in every three boys in the nation would be a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout or an Explorer.

This organization succeeds because of the wide variety of sponsors and volunteer workers. Scouters will be endeavoring to use all the means of public communication and individual words of appreciation to tell those groups and individuals what they mean to the program. Many churches sponsor troops and undergird the program in other ways. Next Sunday will see many worship services in which Boy Scouts and their leaders will be guests or in which they will take a more active part.

The leaders of the movement are particularly interested this year in emphasizing that, although Scouting has its roots deep in the past, it is a forward looking, modern, relevant organization that is meeting the needs and concerns of today's youth. Scouts

and their leaders are taking an active part in America's efforts to clean up the environment and make every citizen aware of his responsibility in this area.

Camping, the outdoors, Scouting lore, the unique programs of character development and citizenship training programs are all priority items among these young men. There is also a successful effort to educate them concerning the mounting dangers of drug abuse in our land. In this age of change and unrest, Scouting is changing constantly to meet the challenges of the future. Scouts still help old ladies across the street — when they want to be helped — but they are also interested in teen-age driver education and traffic safety. Rural scouts are taught what to do in case of snakebite, but for the boy who lives in the inner-city there is an emphasis on a more relevant urban problem — the rat bite and how to be rid of rats.

Boy Scouts are still taught how to stand up straight in a formation, but there is a greater interest in teaching them to hold their heads up straight and tackle the problems of the day with a sense of dignity and purpose.

Because of the interest in the God and Country Award program, an increasing number of young men in all denominations are becoming more involved in the workings of their churches and more literate than many of our adults concerning their teachings.

The national organization has a Relationship Division through which the varying adaptations of the God and Country program are worked out in cooperation with similar groups representing other faiths. Commissions within the church bodies have a large share in the preparation of ma-

terials that are used in this program. Representatives of all the groups meet periodically with representatives from the Relationships Division so that the curriculum studied for the awards is always the result of the best thinking within the churches and synagogues. If you are not familiar with this material, you would do well to take the time to study it. When you do you will covet a similar program of training for the other members of your family.

May we share with you some words written recently by a Boy Scout on "What Church Scouting Means to Me"?

"As you know, Scout units are operated by partner organizations under a charter issued by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The largest number of units are sponsored by churches. If the sponsoring institution is a church, then the Scout unit becomes a part of the church's Christian education structure. In short, it belongs to the church and not to the Boy Scouts of America.

"The Boy Scout charter and by-laws emphasize that no boy can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God . . . The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of his favors and blessings are necessary to the wholesome education of a growing boy."

We are all indebted to the Boy Scouts of America and we congratulate them on their 62nd anniversary.

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the Editor's Corner



Processing Your Subscriptions

There are a number of deadlines in the office of your paper, but none is awaited more anxiously than the Tuesday following the close of the week during which the circulation campaign is conducted. This is the day we can expect the first significant number of returns and the time when the gears of the office must truly be shifted into overdrive.

For a number of years now our very capable staff has been able to continue the day-by-day routine of getting the next edition of the paper ready for the press, and, at the same time, handle the huge load of circulation campaign reports.

Most of you would be surprised at just how many steps are required to handle your reports. Each of our capable staff members is a veteran by now — all have been with us more than five years — and moves smoothly through the additional duties that fall upon him.

This last week has seen a number of unusual developments within the staff itself — one became a grandmother on Friday, working in the clouds as she prepared the reports for the district superintendents and the district directors; the man who works part-time cutting the Addressograph plates sustained an injury on his other job; and the editor continues to put in a good part of each day at his desk with one more week to go on his daily cobalt treatments.

We are not sure whether we express our appreciation to these people often enough — we are waiting for the final returns to come in from the campaign before we finalize our 1972 budget to recognize them in the tangible manner allowed by the "guidelines." However, we thought you would like to join with us in extending a big "thank you" for extra effort to Doris Woolard, Kathleen Storey, Peggy Yarbrough, Jane Raiford, Imogene Knox, and Al Thomason.

Also a big word of appreciation to all of you who work so hard in the circulation campaign.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The recent lifting of a two-year moratorium on missionaries from North America, by the United Church of Japan (Kyodan) will mean that U.S. denominations will be free to respond to the whole range of mission in Japan, according to Mr. Robert Northup, director of the Interboard Committee on Japan. Although the moratorium on evangelistic and some other types of missionaries was announced in the Spring of 1969 as part of a Kyodan restudy of mission policies, teachers and specialists in a number of fields were specifically requested of the Interboard Committee. Denominations participating in the Committee are Christian (Disciples of Christ), the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the United Church of Canada, the United Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church.

Assemblies of God Missions Executive Director, the Rev. J. Philip Hogan, said that the recent devaluation of the dollar in foreign exchange will make it "more costly" to maintain foreign missionaries. He pointed out that the revaluation of stronger currencies such as the Japanese and German, will require missions to send more dollars abroad to purchase the same goods and services now needed by missionaries.

The Presbyterian Church of Taiwan has requested the government of Nationalist China to hold new elections and to carry out other reforms aimed at assuring "justice and internal harmony" that would safeguard the island's independence. No new elections for the Nationalist legislature have been held in 25 years. "A Public Statement on Our National Fate," was issued by the executive committee of the 200,000-member denomination, the largest Protestant group on Taiwan. It emphasizes Taiwanese determination to resist proposals by some nations that the island be rejoined to the mainland in the wake of the ouster of Nationalist China from the United Nations and the seating of Communist China.

The president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America has disclosed plans to send perhaps a dozen American rabbis to Israel this summer "to help awaken the Israeli sense of religious relevance in their daily lives." According to Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, Israeli rabbis are favorable to the plan to have the visitors working in Israel's colleges and schools, in remote towns and even at kibbutzim. It was noted that American rabbis are traditionally pastoral in their approach, entering into all the problems of the daily life of their congregations, whereas, European rabbis traditionally work only in the synagogue, providing religious education and advice to those requesting it. Most of Israel's rabbis are said to be of the European tradition.

The Rev. Shirley Carter, who last year made national news as the second woman to be ordained by a Southern Baptist church, has been named counselor at South Carolina's prisons for women. In her new post, Miss Carter will perform initial religious interviews, religious and family counseling, conduct worship services, provide a religious ministry in crises to prisoners and their families, and instruct and guide prisoners in moral values. The South Carolina Baptist Convention will fund the program for the first six months as "a challenge to the Dept. of Corrections" to employ Miss Carter permanently, state Baptist leaders said.

Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), has dedicated the new Ogden temple—the 14th existing Mormon temple and the first to be dedicated in Utah in 79 years. A temple at Provo, Utah, is scheduled for dedication in February. Also under construction is another multi-million dollar Mormon temple in Washington, D.C.

Salvation Army personnel have been permitted a \$2-a-week increase in their allowances, the Pay Board in Washington has ruled, because the compensation is below the \$1.60 per hour federal minimum wage, making it exempt from anti-inflation rules. The new allowance schedule, which went into effect Jan. 1, affects 3,821 officers of the Salvation Army working in the U.S.

Dr. Jose Yap, administrative secretary of the Nat'l. Council of Churches in the Philippines, in an interview at Council headquarters in Manila, expressed the belief that his country is now ready to embark on Phase III of the evangelization process, when whites will hold important posts in Oriental churches, and Orientals will do the same in the Western world. Dr. Yap estimates that only about 4 per cent of the Philippines' 38 million population are Protestants, but influence in legislation, education and business is said to be far greater than this number would lead one to suspect. Member Churches of the Nat'l. Council are the various forms of Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians and United Church of Christ.

"The translation of books of patriotic and moral value, such as portions of the Bible, has greatly helped give the people of the minority language groups among whom we work a sense of being important and of being loved by the God of this rapidly shrinking universe," said a linguistics specialist, addressing a luncheon audience at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. George Cowan, general director of the Summer Institute of Linguistics of Santa Ana, Calif. told the group, which included 70 diplomatic and governmental personnel and members of the scientific community, that "In a world which for them more than the rest of us is filled with traumatic and unpredictable change this serves as an anchor of faith that gives stability and direction, as they (minority language groups) become increasingly involved in the affairs of their nation—and participating and contributing members of our contemporary world community."

The international Dag Hammarskjold College in Columbia (Md.), a planned community, will begin its first academic year in September. Dr. Robert L. McCann, president of the college, said the "miniature world community which is its core, the curriculum designed with a global perspective, the emphasis on strengthening students' inward integrity while motivating and equipping them for international citizenship—all are features designed to produce men and women who, like Dag Hammarskjold, are prepared for the difficult task of peace-making in a complex but shrinking world."

American Baptist Convention income for 1971 was the highest in the denomination's 64-year history, according to the Rev. Ralph R. Rott, executive director of the division of world mission support. Included were the largest amounts ever given in two special offerings—the World Fellowship Offering for foreign mission work and the America for Christ offering for home missions.

Presenting the concluding address at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dr. Edmund P. Clowney of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia warned against identifying the cause of Christ with some contemporary social movement and by-passing the need for individual repentance and conversion.

"Jesus Christ: Lord of the Universe; Hope of the World" has been set as the theme of the tenth triennial missions convention to be sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in December 1973, according to the Rev. David M. Howard, convention director. Sessions of the Urbana '73 meeting like the convention of 1970, which drew more than 12,000 participants, will be held on the campus of the University of Illinois.

"I have values I believe in," said Roger Staubach, former Navy scrambler and now quarterback of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys. "I believe there's something much greater than what we're put here to do. Being an athlete is just frosting on the cake," he added. "I feel I'm a Christian, and there are Christian values I live with. Christianity exists in the spiritual realm, but also in everyday life. If that's square life, well, that's the way I want to live it," he continued.

A special message for use by American Lutheran Church congregations during January was recorded by the denomination's president, Dr. Kent S. Knutson, in preparation for "Key '73," the interdenominational evangelism thrust next year. The message said, "I appoint you evangelists, all of you, each one," to fulfill the international, national and local mission of evangelism. He warned that people of the Church must avoid the temptation of "just perpetuating ourselves" . . . "If we can see ourselves as 'sent' people, then we can really do evangelism," he said.

(RNS Photo)



DENTON, Texas — Foreign mission leaders, linguists, professors, translators and researchers met in Denton, Texas and discussed forming a socio-linguistic data bank to be called the Scripture Translation Information Bank. The information bank would provide data on all languages of the world and current information on the status of Bible translation. Here, Dr. Joseph Grimes (seated), associate professor of linguistics at Cornell University, demonstrates a remote terminal retrieval system to (standing from left) Dan Piatt, president, Association for the Final Advance of Scripture Translation (FAST); the Rev. Wade T. Coggins, associate executive secretary, Evangelical Foreign Mission Association; Dr. David Gotaas, chairman, Missions Dept., Moody Bible Institute; and Dale W. Kietzman, home director, Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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Program Directors to Local Churches

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THEN TRY IT

Several days of special concern will be observed by Methodists in the next two months. I make mention of two: **Race Relations Sunday** and **One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday**. These can be made meaningful by a little thought—a little work—and a little faith. Why not put a few extra ounces of effort into your church's observance of these days this year. The theme is "You Can Make a Difference."

The key may be in calling together a group to do some careful planning. Involvement in decision making frequently makes for greater concern and participation on the part of those of the congregation. Here are some helps to aid you and your people:

I.—Race Relations Sunday: A 16 mm color SOUND FILM entitled "Symbol of a Bell" has been developed for churches to use in preparation for this observance. The film is a moving presentation prepared by TRAFICO. The heart of it is a testimony by Bishop James S. Thomas of what his Alma Mater (Clafin) opened up for him. There are flashes of students, alumni, and other scenes illustrating his statements. Copies of the film have been promised to us in early February. In addition a portion of the SOUND TRACK from the film has been placed on cassette tapes (running time about 10 minutes). In the North Arkansas Conference, these may be secured from the District Superintendents. These also may be booked directly through your film library, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. POSTERS which help tell the story and aid in publicizing the film also may be secured from your Conference Film Library.

Tell the story, that's your opportunity; and the joy of responding will be experienced by your people. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

II.—One Great Hour of Sharing: On March 12, the United Methodist church joins more than 30 other Protestant denominations in observing the One Great Hour of Sharing. The offer-

ing received will be channeled through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. Much of it will be used to try and fulfill this year's One Great Hour Theme, "Here's Hope". There have been other appeals for the relief of refugees, but there is so much left to be done. The East Pakistan situation has resulted in the largest migration of people in such a short period of time in all of human history. Materials for the observance of the day have been mailed to each pastor. In the wise use of them and the contributions of your people, the needy around the world will know "Here's Hope".

III.—Other Program Resources to aid ministers and laymen:

1. "Building a Marriage on Two Altars," by Elizabeth and William Genne — 25¢ from Public Affairs Pamphlets, 218 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016. This gives a Protestant view of interfaith marriage.

2. Mixed Marriages: New directions by James T. McHugh. This is the Roman Catholic point of view and may be ordered for 50¢ from Family Division, U.S.C.C., 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005.

3. Statements '71: At its October 1971 meeting, the General Board of Christian Social Concerns adopted a number of statements on current social issues. Many of these will be presented to the General Conference of our Church for action in April this year. These have been gathered together in a booklet entitled "Statements '71" which is an excellent study guide for local church groups wanting to know where their church stands on social issues. Copies are available at a cost of 25¢ each (11 or more copies 20¢ each) from the Service Dept., 100 Maryland Ave., N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002.

4. A new booklet "Pastoral Care of Young Drug Users and Their Families" answers questions such as "How Can I Help the Young Drug User?" — "How Do I Relate to the Parents?" Some copies are still available free from your Conference Program Council.

A word to the wise is sufficient. After eyeing these suggestions and trying them, why not share your successes with your Program Council?

HISTORIC VOLUME DESIRED

Bishop W. C. Martin would like to obtain a copy of the volume, entitled, "History of Methodism in Arkansas," by Horace Jewell. If any of our readers have knowledge of an available volume they are requested to address communications to Bishop Martin at First United Methodist Church, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

LAY WITNESS MISSIONS ANNOUNCED

THE WEST MEMPHIS First United Methodist Church expects visitors from five states at the Lay Witness Mission scheduled for February 18-20. Reggie Smith of Jackson, Tennessee, will be the coordinator. Wylie Tate is local church chairman and is being assisted by these committee chairmen: Dr. Zeb Freeman, Jim Stark, Vince Elliott, Mrs. Hiram Renfro, Mrs. Wallace Jacobs, Bobby Littlejohn, A. E. Gilson, Mrs. Jimmie Spotts, Mrs. W. S. Wever, Mrs. T. M. Ferguson, Cliff Jackson, Jim Patridge, Mrs. William Dunlap and Mrs. Clarence Guin. Dr. Clint Burleson is their pastor.

THE OSCEOLA First United Methodist Church will have Floyd Baugus from Wynne to coordinate the Lay Witness Mission to be held the weekend of February 18-20. Charles Wiseman, general chairman, is being assisted by the committee chairmen: Mrs. Pat Kinard, Mrs. Earl Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Lloyd, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. James Garrett, Mrs. Helen Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. James Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer Hefner, Mr. and Mrs. John Barker and Betty Sue Conway. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is the Osceola pastor.

Hendrix College to feature High School Art Show

Hendrix College will hold a High School Senior Art Show in the Trieschmann gallery February 13-28. The show, open to Arkansas high school seniors, will include works in painting, sculpture and drawing.

Ten first place awards of \$20 will be presented. Five awards will be judged by popular vote of the Hendrix student body, and five will be chosen by Hendrix art majors. The gallery hours will be from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. on weekdays, from 8 a.m.-12 o'clock noon on Saturdays and from 12 o'clock noon-5 p.m. on Sundays.

50-YEAR MASONIC PIN AWARDED STANLEY T. BAUGH

On Jan. 22, the Rev. Stanley T. Baugh, retired member of the Little Rock Conference making his home in Little Rock, was presented a pin marking 50 years of membership in the Masonic Lodge.

Presenting the pin on behalf of Lodge No. 507 in England were Harry P. Bell, George Braswell, David Shelby and Harold Thompson.

The Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, pinned the emblem on his former pastor and friend of many years. He and Mrs. Harris were present for the occasion.

Volunteer sponsors needed at New Life House

Last Saturday the New Life House staff and I had a wonderful time with the boys from New Life Home. We took the boys to the park and played football and basketball with them. Later we went to my home for char-coaled hamburgers.

I enjoyed the outing so much that I almost overdid the sports at the park. As we drove back to New Life House that night I discovered many "aches and pains" from the activities. It was worth it, however, when I overheard Andy say to a friend, "I've never had fun like this in Little Rock before." My wife also enjoyed having the boys over and suggested that we do it every month.

We need volunteers—as individuals or as groups—who will sponsor special activities of this kind on weekends or of an evening. We are also in need of relief house parents who can be like a mother or father to the boys for one or two nights a week.

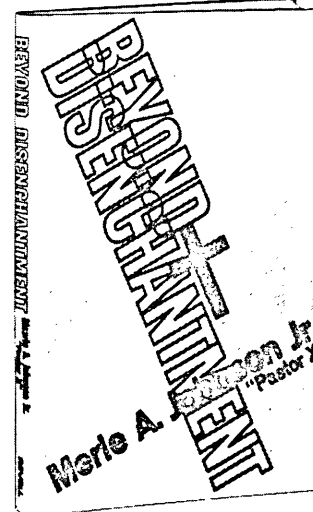
Eugene Efird, Director
Arkansas Guidance Foundation

HISTORY OF AUGUSTA METHODISM IS AVAILABLE

A history of Methodism in Augusta has been written by Mrs. John B. Kittrell, Sr. and may be ordered from First United Methodist Church in that city for \$4.50 postage included.

The book tells of the small country churches of that area which have disbanded since the 1900's. Included also is the 150-year history of the city of Augusta by Davis Fitzhugh.

"PASTOR X" WRITES AGAIN!



BEYOND DISENCHANTMENT is a provocative, probing look at American Christianity today, by Merle Allison Johnson (who wrote *How To Murder a Minister* under the pen-name of "Pastor X"). Rev. Johnson considers church attendance, church school enrollment, differing attitudes of clergy and laity, and he suggests how churches can best answer the needs of contemporary church-goers. \$3.50.

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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.

Feb. 6—Sunday	Deut. 6:3-15
Feb. 7	Psalm 19:1-14
Feb. 8	Psalm 78:1-8
Feb. 9	Psalm 119:113-120
Feb. 10	1 Cor. 2:7-16
Feb. 11	Eph. 1:3-11
Feb. 12	Heb. 1:1-14
Feb. 13—Sunday	Deut. 5:1-10

REPORT NO. 1

1972 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

				New Renew Not Due Total							
				New	Renew	Not Due	Total				
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT											
Amity:Hemund	2	23		25							
Arkadelphia-First:Miles	10	61		71							
Bismarck-Friendship:											
Dunaway	2	8		10							
Glenwood:Smith	5	36		41							
Gurdon:Richardson	5	32		37							
Hot Spgs:Grand:Hale	11	33	1	45							
Gum Spgs.:Aronholt	1	6		7							
Hot Spgs:Tigert-Morn.											
Star:Woody	1	4		5							
Shorewood Hills:McCoy	1	14		15							
Malvern-Keith-Butter-											
field:Mashburn	3	24		27							
Totals	41	241	1	283							
CAMDEN DISTRICT											
Chidester:Bailey	8	19		27							
Bearden-Thornton:											
Richardson		34		34							
Camden-First:Dodson	20	76	4	100							
Columbia Ct.:Justice	4	18	1	23							
El Dorado:											
Vantrese:Hale	17	89	1	107**							
Holly Spgs:Warren	1	19		20							
Junction City:Wagner	1	4		5							
Magnolia:											
Asbury:Nolley	3	30		33							
Greer's-McNeil:Taylor	8	14	1	23**							
Magnolia Ct:Burleson	4	14		18							
Emerson:Clegg	1	8		9							
Norphlet-Calion:Robken		1		1							
Liberty-Louann-Silver											
Spgs:Crain	2	6	1	9							
Stephens:Ross	2	26	1	29							
Taylor-New Era:Miller		25		25							
Waldo-Willisville:Hamm	5	23		28							
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	5	13		18							
Pl. Grove:Mathis	1	17		18							
Totals	82	436	9	527							
HOPE DISTRICT											
Dierks:Bean		4		4							
Hatfield Ct.:	4	23		27							
Lockesburg:Callicott	9	40		49**							
Mineral Spgs. Ct.:George	3	29		32							
Nashville:Trieschmann		1		1							
Prescott Ct:		4		4							
Rondo:Caldwell	4	6		10							
Springhill Ct: Robbins	3	4		7							
Texarkana:											
First:Illis	8	175		183**							
Few:Barron	1	6	1	8							
Totals	32	292	1	325							
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT											
Austin Ct.: Poss	2	17	1	20							
Benton:New Hope-Mt.											
Carmel:Diffie		7		7							
Carlisle:Martin	3	26		29							
Hamilton:Martin	2	8		10							
Little Rock:											
Asbury:Harris	22	49		71							
First:Bearden		1115		1115***							
St. Paul:Scott	3	36	2	41							
Highland:Stephens		2		2							
Galloway:McCulloch	3	5		8							
Oak Forest:Stewart		287		287***							
Trinity:Taylor	1	1		2							
Winfield:Dunlap	12	59		71							
Mabelvale:Hines	10	10		20							
Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	4	22		26							
St. James:Phillips	15	96		111							
Totals	77	1740	3	1820							
MONTICELLO DISTRICT											
Hermitage-Trinity:Claiborne		2		2							
Dumas:Simpson	10	160	1	171***							
Eudora:Wilson	7	29		36**							
Hampton-Harrell:Ford	4	31		35							
McGehee:Garner	7	165		172***							
Tillar Ct: Williams	8	52		60**							
WATSON:ARNOLD											
Wilmar Ct:Abney		8		8							
Parkdale:Wilson	9	15	1	25							
Stony Point:Sorrells	3	15		18							
Totals	48	488	2	538							
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT											
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka:											
Shaddox	2	56		58**							
Carthage:Scott	1	24		25							
DeWitt:Masters	14	56	2	72							
England-Keo:Sadler	3	60		63							
Glendale:Ratekin	3	6		9**							
Leola:Clanton		5		5							
Pine Bluff:											
Lakeside:Matthews	21	36		57							
Roe Ct:Richert	3	30		33**							
Sherril-Tomberlin-											
Tucker:Patton		14		14							
Stuttgart:First:Beck	13	119		132**							
Totals	60	406	2	468							
BATESVILLE DISTRICT											
Batesville:First:Kennedy		1		1							
Bradford Ct.:Holland	18	21		39**							
Cabot:Savage	6	29	3	38							
Calico Rock:Southerland	3	8		11							
Cave City:Martin	5	18	1	24							
Clinton:Scott	6	38	2	46							
Quitman:Strayhorn	1	11	1	12							
Denard-Shirley:Shell		5		5							
Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	4	18	1	23							
Judsonia:Hunter	3	17		20							
Holliday Hills:Cowan	7	29		36***							
Moorefield-Southside:Lee	2	28		30**							
Moorefield Ct.:											
Moorefield A:Wilson		12	1	13							
Moorefield B:Thomas	1	34		35							
Newark:Wilson		24		24							
Marshall-Leslie:Knapp	6	24	2	32							
Searcy-First:Richards	43	96		139**							
Horseshoe: Ford	8	14		22							
Total	113	427	11	551							
CONWAY DISTRICT											
Belleville-Havana:Hutto		1		1							
Conway:First:Jordan	1			1							
Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	3	26		29							
Greenbrier:Wingo	7	26		33							
Salem:Brumley	2	25	1	28***							
Dardanelle:Crozier	1			1							
Jacksonville-McArthur:											
Bridenthal	6	2	1	9							
Morrilton:Parsons	6	52		58							
Morrilton Ct.:Mooney		7		7							
N.L.R. First:Conyers		2		2							
Lakewood:Hays		1		1							
Levy:Hammett	8	19		27							
Washington:Renfro		39		39							
Perry County Parish:											
Madison		10		10							
Mallettown:Watson	2	1		3							
Plumerville:Lee	1	18		19							
Total	37	229	2	268							
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT											
Bentonville:Lanier	1	5		6							
Elkins:Qualls	2	4		6							
Decatur-Centerton:											
Burrow		22	1	23							
Elm Spgs-Harmon:Fisher	1	5		6							
Fayetteville:Central:Cooper		1		1							
Goshen:Good	3	4		7							
Green Forest-Alpena:											
Woods	5	57	1	63**							
Madison Co. Ct.:											
Southwick-Rolland	3	27	1	31							
Siloam Spgs.:Johnson				5	32	2	39				
Harrison-St. Joe-											
Everton:Beck				2	2		4				
Yellville:Hestwood				1	19		20				
Totals				23	178	5	206				
FORREST CITY DISTRICT											
Cherry Valley:Price				6	50	1	57**				
Cotton Plant-Hunter:Logan				2	30		32				
Elaine:Breezeale					1		1				
Forrest City-First:Hughes				20	314		334***				
Forrest Hills:Robison					9		9				
Marianna:Byers				8	29		37				
Marvell:Moyers				8	11		19				
McCrary:Brewer					39		39				
Tupelo:Couchman				1	5		6				
Wynne					1		1				
Totals				45	489	1	535				
FORT SMITH DISTRICT											
Ft. Smith:Hendrix Hills:											
Hollis				17	9		26				
Massard-New Hope:											
Millard				3	19	1	23				
Lavaca:Chaffin				5	12		17				
Mt. View:Byrd				1	16		17				
Mulberry-Dyer:Blacksher					1		1				
Ft.Smith:First											
Bayliss					64		64				
Goddard:Boyd				18	164		182				
Total				46	295	1	341				
JONESBORO DISTRICT											
Blytheville-First:Keeley				16	384	1	401**				
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson				3	6		9				
Jonesboro-First:Gibson					1		1				
Leachville:Weatherford					1		1				
Lepanto-Garden Pt-Dyess:											
Van Cleve				2	24		26				
Monette-Macy: Hays				6	20	2	28				
Wilson:Linam				3	20		23				
Weiner-Fisher:Waters					1		1				
Jonesboro:First											
Gibson					520		520				
Bono:Spurlock				3	25		28				
Fisher St-Pl Gr.											
Holifield				14	20		34				
Osceola:Brannon				25	53		78				
Total				72	1076	3	1151				
PARAGOULD DISTRICT											
Boydsville:Penney					1		1				
Hoxie:Gilliam				3	18	1	22				
Eli Lindsey:Hance					3		3				
Maynard:Kemp				2	5		7				
Newport-Umsted:											
Strayhorn				5	25		30				
Paragould-Griffin:Gatlin				4	27		31				
Paragould Parish #1:											
Holland				4	25		29				
Paragould Parish #2:											
Bain					2		2				
Sedgwick:Bruner				3	20		23				
Tuckerman:LeGrand				6	19		25				
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance				1	5	1	7*				
Totals				28	150	2	180				
* Reached quota											
** Exceeded quota											
*** Doubled quota											
DR. MOUZON MANN, superintendent of the Hope District, was preacher for the revival held in Few Memorial United Methodist Church, Texarkana, the week of January 16. The Rev. W. W. Barron is pastor at Few Memorial.											

Recapitulation

Report No. 1

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	%
Jonesboro	72	1076	3	1151	1865	62
Little Rock	77	1740	3	1820	3658	50
Monticello	48	488	2	538	1106	48
Forrest City	37	489	2	527	1765	30
Batesville	113	427	11	551	1876	29
Pine Bluff	60	406	2	468	1711	27
Camden	82	436	9	527	2168	24
Hope	32	292	1	325	1563	21
Arkadelphia	41	241	2	284	1515	19
Conway	37	229	2	268	2521	16
Fort Smith	46	295		341	2441	14
Paragould	28	150	2	180	1463	13
Fayetteville	23	178	5	206	1949	11
Total	696	6447	43	7186	25601	28

MINISTERS' WIVES of the Little Rock District will meet in the home of Mrs. Ed Dunlap, 6405 Ridgcrest Dr., Little Rock, on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. Members will bring items they treasure to share with others.

MINISTERS' WIVES of the Little Rock District, Southwest Conference, met in the home of Idabell Mitchell, January 22, with Edith Strong, vice-president, presiding. The meditation was led by Vida Thompson, and the program was presented by the Rev. W. D. Les-

ter on "Open Up Your Life." Several guests and fourteen members were served refreshments. Each member chose her prayer partner for the year.

MENA FIRST CHURCH WSCS members were host to WSG members for a "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program, Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Bill McChristian is WSCS president, and Mrs. Joe Bigge is president of the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Rev. Osborne White is pastor.

SOUTHWEST MINISTERS' WIVES HOLD RETREAT AT ALDERSGATE

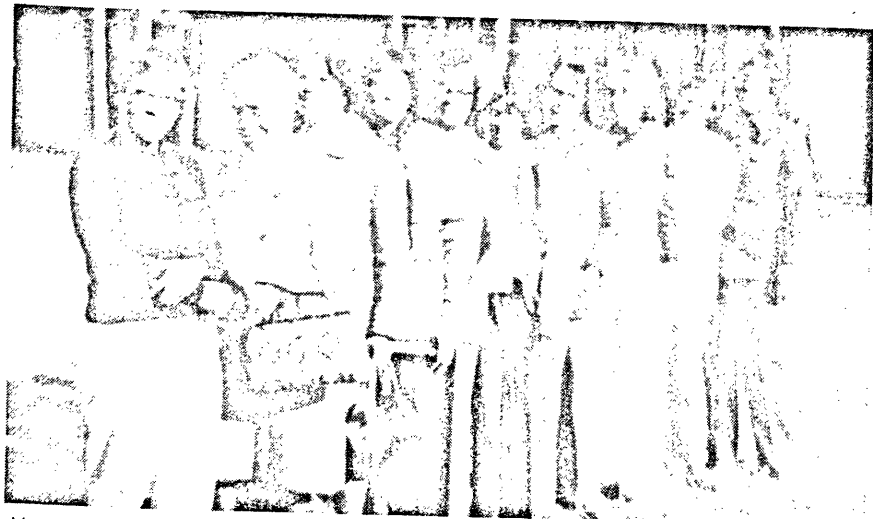
Little Rock District Ministers' Wives of the Southwest Conference held a fall retreat at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, with Ruth Johnson, district president, presiding. (The District encompasses almost all of Arkansas.)

The program theme was "Where Friend Holds Fellowship with Friend." Inspirational singing was led by Vida Thompson. Florida Wilbun read the scripture and Willie Mae Love gave the meditation "Using What You Have." A memorial service was led by Hattie Smith.

Panelists who spoke were Alexina Hazzard, "Relaxation"; Ruth Johnson, "Emotionally"; Queen Esther Brown, "Spiritually." The theme hymn was "From Every Stormy Wind that Blows."

At the lunch hour, conversation was centered on "Today's Problems." The afternoon worship and readings "For the Renewal of Mind and Heart" was led by Ellen Thompson and Lillian Oliver. Sharing Time was a meaningful experience for all.

Idabel Mitchell registered ten members. Two guests present were the Rev. L. T. Thompson of Conway and the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Hot Springs.



Ministers' Wives of the Little Rock District, Southwest Conference, are shown at their recent retreat held at Aldersgate Camp. Mrs. W. M. Johnson, at right rear, is president of the group.

NEWS AND NOTES

THE REV. A. L. RIGGS, retired and living in Prairie Grove, recently spent ten days in the Springdale Memorial Hospital where he underwent surgery. He is at present making rapid progress toward recovery at the home of his son, 108 Midland Ave., Springdale, Ark. 72764.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Rev. Harold H. Spence, pastor of First Church, Paragould, in the loss of his father, Mr. A. Herman Spence in Hot Springs, Jan. 16. Funeral services were conducted in the Pocahontas United Methodist Church by the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould.

OPEN HOUSE was held at the parsonage of the Rushing Memorial United Methodist Church at Chidester on Sunday afternoon, January 9. The public was invited to see the recent redecoration. The project was carried out by the Parsonage Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the pastor, the Rev. George Bailey.

THE REV. LEON WILSON of Earle presented a slide program concerning his recent tour through Russia at the Jan. 25 meeting of United Methodist Men in Harrisburg.

THE REV. CARLOS MARTIN, Methodist minister at Carlisle, was the speaker for United Methodist Men at Lonoke on Monday, Jan. 24. Men of the Carlisle Church were special guests. The singing was led by Bert Steely. Allen Brumett is the new president of Lonoke men.

MINISTERS' WIVES VISIT METHODIST CENTERS

The Forrest City District Ministers' Wives' Fellowship met in West Memphis on January 29. From there they traveled together to Memphis to visit some of the projects of the United Methodist Church and become more familiar with them.

They toured the United Methodist Neighborhood Community Center (formerly Wesley Community Center). Miss Leota Kruger, director, showed the group around the Center and explained the many phases of work being done there.

The group then went to Methodist Hospital, where the Rev. George Stewart, chaplain, and Miss Jean Jutman, Recruitment Nurse, conducted an extensive tour of the Nursing School and hospital. They enjoyed lunch at the hospital with the three chaplains and several student nurses.

Mrs. Jim Beal, president, reports that these Ministers' Wives returned from this trip much more informed and inspired about these areas of service of the church, and will be giving support and encouragement to these projects in a greater measure.

RATES FOR DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, GENERAL CONFERENCE ORGAN, ANNOUNCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Subscription rates for the **Daily Christian Advocate**, official record of the April, 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, have been announced by the Methodist Publishing House.

Rates are: daily, airmail, \$12; daily, 1st class, \$10; full set (10 to 12 copies mailed after Conference, May 3), \$6; and hard bound volume (ready about August 15), \$8 plus postage. Individual copies may be purchased for 75 cents.

The **Advocate** will provide a daily record of the proceedings of the General Conference, including major addresses, general agency reports, floor debate and resulting legislation.

The **Advocate** will be published by the Methodist Publishing House and edited under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, associate general secretary of the Council on World Service and Finance. Dr. Wayland was editorial director of **Together** and **Christian Advocate** from 1963 to 1971.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS of Park View church, Benton, led the congregation in a contemporary worship service, Sunday, January 9. Bill Groce spoke on "The Joy of Living." Other students in the service were Linda Sims, Elizabeth Bunyard, Paula Davis, Debby Hollowell, Bobby Plummer. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE GILLETT and Campshed United Methodist Churches welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. Dale L. Diffie and family with a pounding. The Diffies moved into their new pastorate on Dec. 29.

DR. EARL HUGHES told of his recent trip to the Holy Land at the Family Night supper in First Church, Forrest City, Jan. 25. Mrs. Fred McCollum Jr., family coordinator, was in charge of arrangements.

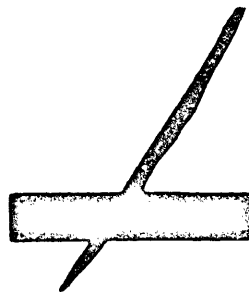
P. K. KORNER

AT THE EVENING SERVICE at Gillett United Methodist Church, Jan. 23, 1972, the Rev. Rayford Diffie, pastor of the Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, baptized his grandson, Bryan Ray Diffie, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Dale L. Diffie, and Kevin Lee Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lloyd Wallace, all of Gillett.

LT. AND MRS. JESSE LEE Johnson, Jr., announce the birth of Jonathan Ryan, their first child, on January 19 in Little Rock. Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse L. Johnson of Houston, Texas, formerly of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mr. and Mrs. Rymer Twyman of Jacksonville. Lt. Johnson has just returned from two years in Germany and expects to go to Vietnam next month.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 13: Endurance and the Christian Hope

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:20-37, 21:5-38.

MEMORY SELECTION: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Luke 21:33)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To remind the members of our classes that the major message of the gospels was a hopeful word encouraging people to remain steadfast in their faith even in days of darkness.

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The passages from the Gospel of Luke which we are studying today represent material which groups of Christians interpret in very different ways. This is material that is known technically as eschatological, which means that it deals with the "last days," a discussion of signs related to the coming of the end of the world. Some people dwell too much on predictions concerning the end time and the second coming of Jesus. Others do not let this part of Jesus' teachings influence their theology at all.

We would hope that this discussion in your class will not polarize the members or develop a pessimistic mood. As we move along we will be pointing out that Jesus was speaking in a confident manner of the hope that should be in the hearts of his followers—hope that God does know what he is doing and that there will be an ultimate victory for those who commit themselves to doing his will.

I shall always remember an experience from my first pastorate in this connection. It was just about a year before the outbreak of World War II, and the clouds were growing quite dark on the international scene. As a new pastor I was visiting one day in one of the stores in the town where I met an elderly gentleman. When he discovered I was a preacher he said to me, "Isn't it wonderful how bad things are getting?" I indicated that times were troubled, but that I could not find anything to be happy about in that situation. "But," he said, "if things just get bad enough Jesus will come back and take us home." I indicated that if this were our chief goal I might be in the wrong profession.

The New Testament is filled with passages which speak of the end of the world and the completion of God's plans for it. The early church went through many dark days, and passages such as Luke 21 were written to give assurance that there were reasons for maintaining the faith against all the forces of evil. Dr. Floyd V. Filson says (International Lesson Annual): "The teaching of Jesus and the apostolic church rang with a note of faith. The divine purpose would be realized; God's kingdom would be established; Jesus would be acknowledged Lord of God's people in God's eternal kingdom."

The Books of Daniel and Revelation are the Bible's principal documents which deal in picturesque language with the unfolding of God's promises for the last days. They are called "apocalyptic," which means "unveiling." This emphasis is also made in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and I Thessalonians 4:13 through 5:11. The message common to all of them is that victory will be won by God in the end, and the role of his people will be to endure hardship at the hands of the enemies of God's plan.

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PREACHING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

I remember that one of my seminary professors commented that he did not remember ever attending a session of his annual conference at which some speaker did not observe that they were living in

times of crisis. These times of tension have continued down to our own day, and a major question for Christians has always been what should be our posture in difficult times.

One of the background passages is from Luke 17:20-37. Here the Pharisees asked Jesus to give them signs concerning the coming of the kingdom of God. He answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

Dr. George Buttrick, commenting on this passage in Interpreter's Bible, says: "The evidence seems clear that in the mind of Jesus the kingdom was not by human means or by slow growth, but by the act of God. The kingdom comes when men are confronted with Jesus Christ, a demand that they cannot long avoid."

So Jesus in that passage discourages the practice of seeking to read the signs concerning the last days. There are so many more constructive ways for a Christian to spend his time than this kind of date setting. Some have been so completely preoccupied with such concerns that they have not been able to see the challenges that are theirs to live in true Christian stewardship in the time which is his on this earth.

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TWO TRAINS OF THOUGHT

As one considers the words of our lesson today he sees that two trains of thought are intermingled. One deals with the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and the other refers to events which seem to indicate the end of the age. What makes this study rather difficult is the problem of identifying and separating these two elements. This leads to a great deal of confusion regarding the interpretation of the passage.

In verses 5 to 11 Jesus warns against false speculation concerning events that are ahead. He indicated that in the time between his departure and the destruction of the Temple, things would happen that could mislead them. False messiahs and grave unrest would prevail. But he says in verse 9, "This must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Although he spoke with certainty about the tragedy that lay ahead for the great city and the bitter trials that would confront his disciples, Jesus saw the future as abounding in an opportunity for witness. "This will be the time for you to give testimony," he said in verse 13.

Occasionally one finds persons who use this biblical material to justify opposition to all of those who see peace as an ideal on the earth. As he said in verse 10, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom," he was in no sense saying that war is the will of God. He was instead recognizing what imperfect human beings will do to each other until the end of time.

He told them that they were not to interpret such events as necessarily the sign of the end of the age. Dr. Paul Scherer indicates in Interpreter's Bible that instead of being seen as threats and warnings, such conflicts between persons should be seen as challenges or promises. He says: "the dark symbols of despair are to become the bright badges of hope. Is it not strange that when men say, 'We have tried everything; we must leave the issue now in the hands of God,' they say it is as if matters had indeed come to a pretty pass.'" So many of us think of God only as a last resort when he should really be the first source of strength and guidance that comes to us.

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FROM HOPELESSNESS TO HOPE

No doubt we are confused by language such as that found in verses 25 and 26, "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves." These words take on a strange cosmic urgency. Again we see references to a crisis near at hand and one more remote, so closely intertwined that there is almost no possibility of separating the one from the other.

Of one thing we can be sure, such dark clouds hang over saint and sinner alike, simply because we live in a world that has been dominated by sinful men and evil thoughts. Jesus throughout this section gives words of assurance and hope. To this writer it seems that the great emphasis of this lesson should be on the hope that is so often born in days of hopelessness. As one has said: "Here is one of God's habits. Such signs of the end are but the signs of God's new beginning. Where death seems to be the only certainty life bursts forth like the spring."

The most confusing aspect of this lesson in the minds of many concerns what men ought to do in the midst of events which drive them to despair. Because there seems to be material to encourage human participation along with other passages which seem to say that all man can do is wait for God to bring into being the kind of world he wants, there has always been polarization between groups of Christians at this point. Surely none of us wants to turn his back on the whole gospel message that God through Christ has left much for us to do, and we should be busy at it even if time should come to an end while we are alive.

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IS PESSIMISM EVER A WHOLESOME ATTITUDE?

We find ourselves asking the question, "Is pessimism ever a Christian attitude?" It is a serious dilemma in our own time. As Dr. Locke E. Bowman puts it in International Lesson Annual: "The pessimists may point to the critical issues of our time, noting the unhappy predictions for the outcome. The optimists may counter with the argument that healthy insights are being generated and constructive actions taken."

It is our observation that the signs of hope are more often sharp and alive among those who are busy trying to do something to improve their world and pessimism is more prevalent among those who are simply waiting for God to come do what they should be doing for him.

It was our privilege to attend the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches which met in Evanston, Ill. in 1954. The theme of that meeting was "The Christian Hope and the Task of the Church." The study book for that meeting contained these words:

"Mankind today is uncertain of the future. Most men are confused. Many are anxious. Some are despairing. But it would be a great mistake to suppose that most men are without hope. On the contrary, many hopes of many kinds — some newly born, some revived, some not yet clearly recognized or defined—claim the allegiance of millions. In seeking to declare its hope in Christ, the church must understand and take account of these other hopes of our time."

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HOPE IN OUR TIME

Too many speakers and writers have dwelt for too long on the negative characteristics of our present age. There are many deeds and many attitudes for which we should all seek forgiveness. However, at the same time, there are deeds of great mercy, persons whose lives are Christlike, and Christian fellowship. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon has said: "The Christian does not deny the existence of evil; but in its presence he affirms the ultimate victory of goodness, love and peace."

The Evanston study book said, "For this world, disfigured and distorted as it is, is still God's world. It is His creation, in which He is at work, and which He sustains in being until the day when the glory of His new creation will fully appear."

Race Relations Sunday offering to help Negro colleges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — United Methodists across the nation will be asked to observe the annual Race Relations Sunday, February 13, by contributing to the Negro Colleges Advance, a two-year effort to raise \$8 million for the denomination's 12 black schools.

Theme for the annual observance will be "You Can Make a Difference." Approved as an emergency measure by the 1970 General Conference, the Negro Colleges Advance is being directed by the United Methodist Board of Education to provide money to help meet faculty salaries, provide scholarships, update facilities and make library acquisitions.

The black colleges have produced five of the church's six active black

bishops, 95 per cent of the church's black ministers, and about 75 per cent of the physicians, lawyers, teachers, and business leaders affiliated with the church.

The twelve colleges included in the Advance are: Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.; Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin College, Orangeburg, S.C.; Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex.; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.; Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.; Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.

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A report on 1971 United Methodists' giving

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists in the United States gave \$45,368,431 during 1971 to finance the world-wide benevolent and administrative programs of their church.

The total is a decrease of \$454,635 from the record sum given in 1970, or .99 per cent, according to figures released here January 21 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination. Not included in this report is some \$775,000,000 given for church administration, salaries and benevolences on the local and annual conference levels.

Largest item in the latest report is \$21,450,642 for World Service, the basic program fund of the denomination. This is a decrease of almost \$1,000,000 or 4.29 per cent, from 1970, and is the lowest annual amount received in the current quadrennium now entering its final year. Annual goal is \$25,000,000.

In the report as a whole, nine funds showed increases and seven were below a year ago.

Largest increase was in the Race Relations offering used to support educational institutions historically operated for black persons. The \$834,498 given for this cause in 1971 was 33.4 per cent above 1970.

Another major gain was recorded in the Ministerial Education Fund with the \$4,432,691 in receipts representing a gain of 24 per cent from 1970. Since 25 per cent of support for this fund is retained at the annual conference level, the total giving to this cause is higher than the figure in Dr. Brawner's report. Annual goal in the fund is \$8,000,000.

For the second consecutive year, one of the major losses was in the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation with \$1,389,130 received at the national level, a decline of 23.3 per cent from 1970. The three-year total given toward a four-year goal of \$20,000,000 is now about \$12,000,000, including funds retained at the annual conference level.

The Fund for Reconciliation was

established by the 1968 Uniting Conference for the denomination as a response to minority needs.

Commenting on the report, Dr. Brawner voiced disappointment that the total had not at least equaled that of a year ago, but said it "is a good figure in terms of the total economic picture in the nation during 1971."

The report for benevolences for 1971 and their comparison with 1970 shows: World Service—\$21,450,642, down 4.29 per cent; World Missions

Advance Specials—\$6,245,104, down 3.56 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials—\$1,689,448, up 6.43 per cent; Overseas Relief—\$1,192,612, down 13.85 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing—\$953,047, up 26.72 per cent; World Communion—\$791,447, down 9.58 per cent; World Service Specials—\$83,962, down 56.77 per cent; Temporary General Aid—\$769,763, down 2.31 per cent; Fund for Reconciliation—\$1,389,130, down 23.3 per cent; Ministerial Education

—\$4,432,691, up 24.02 per cent; Race Relations—\$834,498, up 33.4 per cent; Student Day—\$226,155, up 3.53 per cent; Youth Service Fund—\$253,827, up 12.42 per cent.

The report for administrative funds shows: Episcopal Fund—\$3,024,828, up 4.04 per cent; General Administration—\$1,437,206, up 2.64 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation—\$594,064, up .44 per cent.

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Role of women in United Methodism under study

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Greater representation of women at all levels of the United Methodist Church is recommended in the report of a special study commission to come before the denomination's 1972 General Conference, which opens April 16 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 36-page report of the 11-member Study Commission on the Participation of Women in Program and Policy Making Channels of the United Methodist Church asks the church's highest law-making body to set up a number of goals to enhance the participation of women in the church. It also proposes establishment of a Commission on the Role of Women, which would report to the 1976 General Conference, and outlines three amendments to the church's constitution that would delete masculine references.

The report has been mailed to all bishops, general executives of the church boards and delegates to the 1972 General Conference.

Authorized by both the 1968 and 1970 General Conferences, the study was made under the direction of a commission headed by the Rev. Harvey H. Sander of Pierre, S. D.

Members of the commission included six women, two of whom have been active in Women's Society work in their annual conferences and nationally, a current vice-president of the Women's Division, a young professional woman, a seminary student,

and a college student who served for a year as a youth associate of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry. Four men are members: a bishop, two pastors, and a conference program director. The chairman of the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning is an ex officio member.

Staff consultants have been the Rev. Gerald L. Clapsaddle and the Rev. Alan K. Waltz, both of Dayton. Dr. Clapsaddle is the associate general secretary in charge of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, and Dr. Waltz heads the Division's section on research.

The report cites instances of the under-representation of women in the various organizational units of the church at all levels from the local church to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

A tally of all persons in ministerial membership categories in the denomination shows that there are 34,722 ministers, only 322 (about 1 per cent) of whom are women.

Women in executive positions in general board structures tend to be concentrated in the Board of Missions, which has built-in guarantees on a percentage basis for women staff members, and the Board of Education.

The proportion of women in the delegations to General Conference in 1968 and 1970 was approximately 10 per cent.

Proposed goals toward which the church should move include the following:

★ To move toward the liberation of all persons so that all may achieve full humanity;

★ To bring about attitudinal changes in relation to (a) theological, philosophical and Biblical interpretations and understandings of the role of women and (b) expectations for achievement and contributions of women;

★ To make all United Methodists sensitive to the issues involved in the rights of women;

★ To overcome rigid sex-role distinctions which have traditionally characterized church structures and society;

★ To eliminate all discriminatory language, images and practices in the life and work of the United Methodist Church;

★ To create an openness and receptivity for women in the professional ministry of the United Methodist Church;

★ To utilize the full potential of both men and women in elections and appointments at all levels in the United Methodist Church;

★ To establish a process for evaluation of the performance of the United Methodist Church regarding the role and participation of women in its life and work.

A BISHOP ISSUES COMMANDMENTS FOR CHURCH IN TIME OF 'ATTACK'

TOPEKA (RNS) — United Methodist Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Topeka has issued "Ten Commandments" for the church to follow in time of "attack."

He said he prepared the list because the church and its various organizations are already under attack. The commandments are:

1. Thou shall not try to save the church. It is God's church, and so trust Him to save it. Thou shall be the church.

2. Thou shall not live in fear of the enemy. Thou shall live in loyalty to Christ.

3. Thou shall not test a statement or an action by someone's accusation that it is Communistic. Thou shall test it by the New Testament and by the actions and teachings of Jesus.

4. Thou shall not believe everything you hear or read. "Study to show thyself approved unto God. . ."

5. Thou shall not take a fragment of information and make decisions as if it were the whole truth. Get as much information as possible, and then make your decisions.

6. Thou shall not believe a stranger whom you do not know instead of Christian leaders whom you do know.

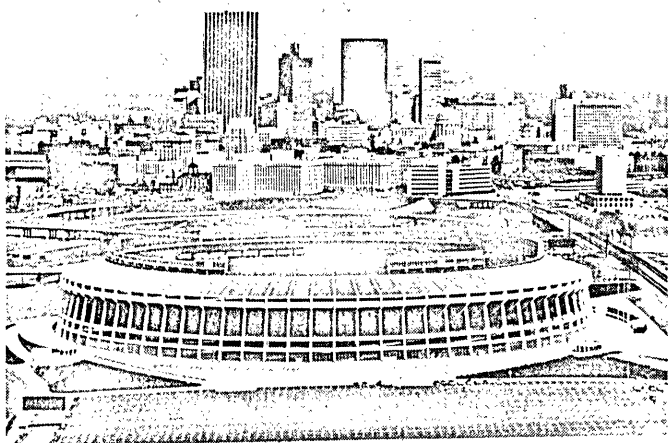
7. Thou shall not expect all Christians to agree on theology or politics or the church's action in society. Thou shall expect all Christians to love in spite of disagreement.

8. Thou shall not reject as un-Christian those whose viewpoint you reject. Remember, they are as sincere in their convictions as you.

9. Thou shall put Christ first, ahead of your family, your nation, your political party, or your prejudices.

10. Thou shall remember the Scriptures: "If this . . . be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God, you cannot overthrow it."

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FIRST VIEW of Atlanta for many General Conference delegates and visitors will be this one en route downtown from Atlanta airport. In the foreground is Atlanta Stadium and beyond is the Georgia state capitol and downtown skyscrapers.

By Gene Carroll
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ATLANTA, Ga.—The 1972 General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held in this most unique city, a city with something for everyone.

It is modern and progressive, yet full of history; a regional city in the process of becoming an international city; an American city with European flavor; a gateway city, a crossroads.

Atlanta today is the combination of its past and present lives, cloaked for all its sound and motion in surroundings of studied tolerance and natural goodwill, of mild winters and springs of dogwood snows, of memories and dreams.

Battles that raged around Atlanta in the summer of 1864 and its virtual destruction that November, made it Southern in its memories and outlook far more than any cultural tradition could have done to this frontier town turned commercial. Despite its Deep South tradition, Atlanta has always been more cosmopolitan than sectional. Today, Atlanta is reliving its life as a phoenix as it did originally after the Civil War.

Barely into its second century, Atlanta has always exerted an out-of-proportion influence on the rest of America. Much of this has been literary, historical and political. Today, the thing is economics.

Atlanta is the marketing, financial, transportation and distribution capital of the Southeast; its business impact and prestige spreads even beyond the region. Born with a Southern drawl, Atlanta has fast-talked its way into becoming one of the nation's great economic centers.

In the same decade that Atlanta has been winning fanfare as a regional capital, it has quietly been evolving into an international city as well.

Atlanta has been neither a port of passenger

entry nor home of large communities of first-generation Americans. But judged by a third criterion—the city's involvement in international trade and finance—Atlanta has made surprising strides.

In the past decade Atlanta has rebuilt itself at an exceedingly fast pace to become an ultra-modern city. Great thrusts of concrete, convolutions of flame and tubing, steel bands pressed into elliptical contours and rhythmic figures in bronze have transformed Atlanta in the last decade into an outdoor museum of three-dimensional art.

Italian sculptor Francesco Somaini was commissioned by the First National Bank to shape Atlanta's talisman, the fabled phoenix (the bird that rose from its ashes) which symbolizes the city's renaissance from General William Tecumseh Sherman's torch.

With its pavilion, paintings and stairs leading to an outdoor restaurant, nothing has given the downtown city more cosmopolitan acclaim than the courtyard of the twin towers of architect-developer John Portman's Peachtree Center.

Peachtree Center is a real showcase. Plans call for 45 acres where you can walk without ever getting on street level. Gardens, galleries, restaurants, museums, theaters and buildings in which to live and work will be located here.

The Merchandise Mart (second in size only to Chicago's) and new office buildings have sprung up on both sides of Peachtree Street and are connected by aerial walkways. This new development is viewed as setting a master plan for the downtown city of tomorrow.

The assertiveness of Atlanta's new downtown architecture is declared by its bold, glazed towers, soaring space of the Regency Hyatt House lobby and its space-age Polaris Restaurant atop Peachtree Center, and the strong adornment of skyscraping constructions. Every new building of consequence now provides its own small spot of refreshment—landscaped green intervals with water fountains and in many of them conversation pieces of sculpture.

Fully abreast of its daring modernization of highways, business establishments, sports spectacles, restaurants, hotels and office buildings has been Atlanta's drive for the latest cultural facilities.

The Atlanta Memorial Arts Center, set off oddly in an old residential area, embraces almost the whole spectrum of the arts — symphonies, art exhibits, operas, ballets, schools of the arts and drama. Opened in 1968, it was built in honor of 121 Atlanta art patrons killed in a 1962 Paris, France, plane crash.

Activities and business sessions of the General Conference will be conducted at the Atlanta Civic Center. Erected in the past few years, the Civic Center is comprised of an auditorium with a capacity of 4,600 seats and an exhibit hall which holds 10,000.

Visitors to the city won't want to miss Georgia's State Capitol Building, with its dome decorated with Georgia-mined gold. Nearby is the State Archives Building constructed of Georgia marble.

Savor and nostalgia are cleverly merchandized in the shadowy old subterranean quarter called Underground Atlanta, which is being excavated and restored almost as painstakingly as an archeological dig.

Underground Atlanta is like an adventure into some secret city from another era. And that's exactly what it is. It is a city that became a secret when it was hidden by a vast viaduct system nearly half a century ago. It encompasses most of the physical remains of Atlanta's history. Here, Zero Milepost marks the spot of Atlanta's 1837 birth as the Southeastern terminus of the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Here, the old Atlanta was destroyed in 1864—you can still see the original fireline. And in 1865 a new Atlanta was reborn—rebuilt from the rubble of its burning.

At Underground you experience Atlanta as she was in the 80's and 90's—gaslit, roaring and gay. Every shop, every saloon, every bistro is one-of-a-kind. There are banjo singalongs and progressive jazz, oysters on the half-shell, historical displays and much, much more. Thousands thread each week through Underground, drawn by the restored and refurbished glow of the Victorian Era, evidenced in more than 40 quaint shops, sidewalk cafes, gourmet restaurants, bars, clothing shops and museums, named as fancifully as their century-ago counterparts.

Stone Mountain, 16 miles east of Atlanta, is the largest solid mass of exposed granite on earth. This ancient rock covering 583 acres is the medium for the world's biggest sculptured art work. Colossal figures of Confederate heroes Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson stand high on the steep north face of Stone Mountain. The 3,200-acre park that surrounds Stone Mountain offers museums, restored Ante-bellum houses, lively rides and attractions and the finest in outdoor recreation.

Grant Park Zoo houses the Cyclorama, a three-dimensional panorama of the Civil War battles in and around Atlanta in 1864. It is a circular mural painting 50 feet high, 400 feet in circumference, weighing 18,000 pounds. Sound effects and narration make the battle come to life.

Atlanta's new Municipal Stadium, which holds 57,000, is home for major league football, baseball and soccer teams. Baseball season will be underway during the General Conference.

Spring in Atlanta is a wonderland of color with thousands of azaleas, dogwoods, magnolias and honeysuckles. Weather is usually delightful with warm, sunny days and cool evenings.

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Topeka pastor to succeed Dr. Bullock as church school publications editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The Rev. Dr. Ewart G. Watts, Topeka, Kans., has been named editor of church school publications and general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Curriculum Resources. The election, made during the Board's annual meeting here Jan. 24-27, must be confirmed by the church's Board of Publication.

Dr. Watts, pastor of Topeka's First United Methodist Church since 1956, succeeds the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Bullock who is retiring from the Nashville staff this June.

Dr. Watts, 56, is the son of the late Bishop H. Bascom Watts and Mrs. Watts, San Antonio, Tex. He has a B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University; a B.D. degree from Yale University Divinity School; and an honorary D.D. degree from McMurry College, Abilene, Tex. He studied two years at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N.C. and also did graduate work at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.

Ordained into the Methodist ministry in the Southwest Texas Conference, Dr. Watts served Texas pas-

torates in Stockdale, San Angelo, Cuero, and El Paso before going to Topeka in 1956.

He has served as chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of Education and as a member of the church's General Board of Education. He has represented his Kansas Conference as a delegate to jurisdictional and general conferences.

Since 1964 Dr. Watts has served as a member of the denomination's Program Curriculum Committee, an inter-agency group which determines policy and content for United Methodist curriculum resources. For four years he chaired that group's sub-committee on young adult curriculum and for the past four years has been chairman of the adult section and a member of the executive committee.

He has served on the governing boards of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex.; Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo.; the Methodist Home for the Aged, Topeka; and Baker University, Baldwin, Kans.

Since 1957 Dr. Watts has served



Dr. Ewart G. Watts

as moderator for a television panel program, "Your Question, Please?", sponsored by the Topeka Council of Churches over WIBW-TV in Topeka. He has also continued a Sunday morning broadcast over WIBW radio which was initiated by First United Methodist Church in Topeka in 1933.

News in Brief

Officers of the World Methodist Council, plus some committee chairmen and other leaders, met early this month in Nukualofa, Tonga, to assess

the 1971 meetings in Denver, Colo., and plan for the group's Executive Committee meeting in August in Bristol, England. In addition to business sessions, the Methodist leaders had an audience with His Majesty King Taufa Hayu Tupou IV of Tonga.

Special INTERPRETER program-planning issue in September

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Looking ahead to the United Methodist Church's projected "Planning for Ministries, 1973 and Beyond," **The Interpreter** magazine will publish a special program-planning number in September.

In announcing plans for the special issue, Editor Darrell R. Shamblin of Dayton said that normally the program-planning number has come out in May, but this year it will be the September issue, out early in August.

He said the program-planning number will be one of a series of special issues of **The Interpreter** to help introduce the new quadrennium, which begins Jan. 1, 1973. The July-August issue will present legislative acts of the 1972 General Conference that have bearing on the local church and its program. The September issue will introduce "Planning for Ministries", and the October issue will deal with the general benevolence program for the new quadrennium, as enacted by the General Conference.

Editor Shamblin said that the 1972 program-planning number is being planned by a task force representing the Editorial Council of **The Interpreter** and the Continuing Coordinating Committee working with Edwin H. Maynard of Evanston, Ill., editorial director of the Division of Interpretation, and other staff members of the magazine.



THE SYLVAN HILLS United Methodist Church of North Little Rock, the Rev. Jim Keith, pastor, will be featured for the Sunday morning worship service on television, Channel 11, February 13, at 9:30 a.m.

THE VANTREASE UMYF of El Dorado is sponsoring a chili supper Friday night, Feb. 4, from 5-8 p.m. This fund-raising project is to finance summer plans. Twelve members attended the Camden District Youth Rally held at St. Mark Church, Camden, Jan. 15. Ronnie Atkinson is president of the Vantrease youth group. John Smith and Mrs. Mildred Neal are counselors. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is their pastor.

A revised **MINISTERS' INCOME TAX GUIDE** is now available from the Little Rock Conference Program Council and the North Arkansas Conference Program Council. This Guide includes revised forms with filled-in examples and information on all tax law changes needed to complete the 1971 return. Send your request and **FIFTY CENTS** to the Program Council that serves your Conference, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. The supply is limited.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY AT CABOT

The older youth of Cabot United Methodist Church led the congregation in an inspirational service on Sunday morning, Dec. 26. The song service was directed by Brent Dodson, UALR student, with special music provided by Elizabeth See, Hendrix College student. The choir loft was filled with students of junior and senior high age.

The message was divided into two sections: Fred Holland, of the U. of A., gave a personal testimony, and Lewis See, Jr., also of the U. of A., gave a sermonette on special ways of Witnessing for Christ. Other participants included: William Feland and Connie Magie, both of U. of A., Carol Longbotham, Vanderbilt U., Jackie Odom, S.C.A., Stanley Evans, A.S.U., and Joe Paseka, Tom Pickard, Kathy Barnwell and John See. Mrs. Jerry Ridgway is youth coordinator; the Rev. W. B. Savage is pastor.

MENA MEN REPORT ACTIVITIES

Aubrey Tapley, Mena Assistant Postmaster spoke to the Methodist Men's club of Mena's First United Methodist Church Thursday night, January 20. Tapley told of his experiences as a polio patient and how the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis helped him. He explained much of the Foundation's current work correcting birth defects.

The men voted to distribute literature to church families and assist in pre-program work for the upcoming "40 Days of Love" evangelistic program, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 20. The committee appointed included Orville Ogden, chairman, Bill McChristian, Ralph Edwards, and Forrest Ogden.

Joe Garrett presented the devotional, giving personal observations of selected scripture. A highlight of the evening was the chili supper prepared by Mrs. Ralph Edwards. Raymond Stroud is president of the organization.

MRS. KATIE TOWNSEND

Mrs. Annie Katie Townsend, aged 86, of Dierks, died Jan. 1 in a Nashville hospital after a lingering illness. Mrs. Townsend, wife of the Rev. George R. Townsend, was born May 30, 1885 in Mississippi and had been a resident of Howard County for 69 years, having lived in the same house for almost 50 years.

Mrs. Townsend was a member of Dierks United Methodist Church. She served faithfully with her husband as for many years he pastored Methodist churches in north Howard County.

Survivors include her husband, of Dierks; a son, Harmon A. Townsend, Route #1, Dierks; a brother, J. E. Walls, Conway; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A son and three daughters have preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted from Dierks United Methodist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Bruce Bean officiating, assisted by Dr. Mouzon Mann, the Rev. John Rushing and the Rev. Charlie Mashburn. Interment was in Old Liberty Cemetery near Dierks.



Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

J. H. LYONS

by Mrs. J. H. Lyons

OVIE LEWELLEN

by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Harmon

I. G. LOCKHART

by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Prewitt

MRS. FLOYD (Johnnie) LANGDON

by Mary Nell Langdon

by Rodney Mason Langdon

MATTIE LANCASTER

by Mrs. Vashie Pinkerton

MRS. VASCO MCCOY

by Mr. & Mrs. Wilborn Smith

CLYDE P. McDONALD

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MRS. LOUISE MCGUYRE

by Mr. & Mrs. Bill D. Self

MRS. ELLA McPHERSON

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DURWOOD McCLAIN

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by Mrs. Clayton Shaver

DAVE McKAY

by Mrs. Marcus Justiss

HENRY McDANIEL

by Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Puddephatt

J. HOMER HUDSON-INFANT

DAUGHTER

by Mrs. J. H. Hudson

MRS. TOM McCLURE

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MRS. J. W. MORRIS

by Mary Odell McGregor

by Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Woodfin & Max

by Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Garrison

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by Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Hula

by Mrs. Donna Lisko

by Mrs. Jeane Wallace

by Miss Iria Herrington

by Miss Ruby Herrington

by Mrs. Dean H. Shepherd

by Mr. & Mrs. Gary E. Johnson

by Mr. & Mrs. Troy Jeffcoat

by Ethel M. Benish

by Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Toll

by Mrs. Robert D. Griffith

by Relatives of Mr. Miller

by Mr. & Mrs. Karl Auersperg

by Mr. & Mrs. Warren N. Doss

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by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Turley

by Mr. & Mrs. Harry C. Brummett

by W.G.R. Hampton, Jr. & Family

by T. P. Coker and Family

by Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Maier

MRS. W. M. NORMAN

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by Sunshine Class First Church, Camden

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by Mrs. Sue M. Turner

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by Mr. & Mrs. Maz Buffington

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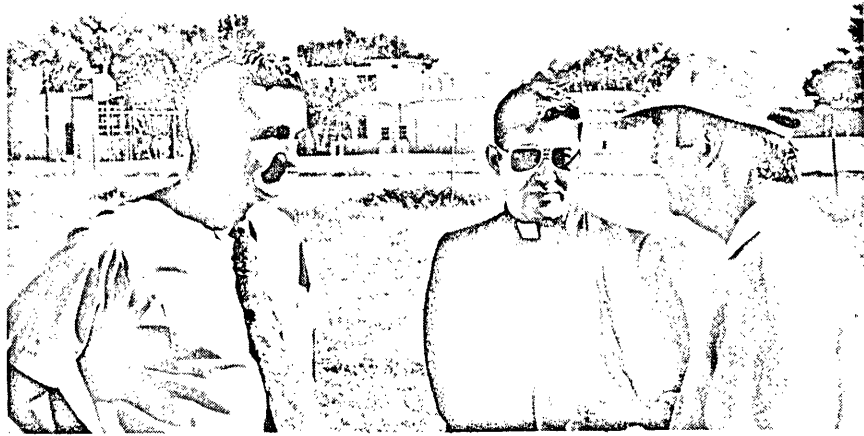
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Conversing on the McCurdy Mission School campus, Santa Cruz, New Mexico, during televising of CBS program to be broadcast at 9 a.m. Central Standard Time on Sunday, February 6 are: FROM LEFT—Dale Robinson, McCurdy superintendent; the Rev. Marvin Archuleta, assistant pastor of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, and Dr. Crothers, CBS-TV producer-host for the program. McCurdy School, a project of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, provides elementary and secondary education for children of Spanish-American, Black, American Indian and Anglo parents.

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HENDRIX FACULTY MEMBERS MAKE PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL MEET

Dr. Temple Fay and Dr. Tommy K. Teague, both assistant professors of mathematics at Hendrix College, made presentations at the 78th annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society held at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Jan. 17-22.

Dr. Fay, who holds the doctorate from the University of Florida, presented the results of research in Category Theory which he did last summer under a Faculty Research Grant. Dr. Teague, who received his Ph. D. last year from Michigan State University, presented the results of research in marginal subgroups published in the Notes of the American Mathematical Society in January 1971.

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Quotable Quotes

"I watched an East Pakistani doctor serve his own people with instruments and medicines that were insufficient but with a kindness and love that spoke volumes. By the side of a makeshift wooden bed he pointed to a child and said, 'This child will die' but then with a sweep of the hand indicated dozens of others of whom he could gratefully say, 'The rest will live.'"—Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, World Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

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"Churches with fewer members often have a disease called 'Small Churchitis.' They think they can't do anything because they are small, but the truth is smaller groups can be more effective than larger ones. Large churches to accomplish anything must organize small groups. The cure for the congregation of fewer members, therefore, is to limit the number of projects they try and by succeeding with them they are spurred on to other achievements."—Rev. Donald Struchen, general staff, United Methodist Board of Missions.

"As man makes ever more complex machines, it becomes ever more imperative for Christians to affirm the lordship of Jesus Christ, to make clear that our concern is with people not with machines, and to see that our use of machines is shaped by that concern."—Rev. John Ferguson, pastor, St. John's United Methodist Church, Chicago.

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If I ever reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third, the greatest wonder of all, to find myself there.—John Newton

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New hymns on environmental stewardship sought

The Hymn Society of America is calling upon hymnwriters, poets, and poetically inclined ministers and lay church members to write a group of hymns and hymn-prayers on "Man's stewardship of the Earth environment." It is seeking verses, suitable to be sung in church services on "this fundamental religious problem—hymns that will speak to God and will also move men to action."

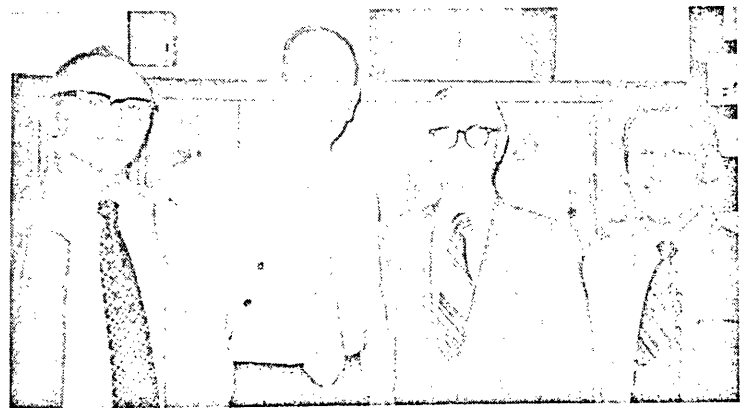
Prof. Anastasia Van Burkalow, a member of the Hunter College faculty and an executive member of the Hymn Society, initiated the search for the ecology hymns. She notes:

"From the Earth come all the materials that support our bodies and build our civilizations; and from its beauties and wonders we derive inspiration for our minds and spirits. And yet because of our greed and our ignorance and our rapidly growing numbers we are fast destroying these great resources on which we depend

for our very existence.

"We need to be reminded that these good gifts come to us from God the Creator, to whom we should give thanks; and that we hold them in our possession not as outright owners but as his stewards, responsible for their preservation and even for their enhancement, because of the power he has given us to be co-creators with him."

Writers should send new hymn texts — and suggestions of current hymn tunes to which they can be sung — to the Committee on Environmental Stewardship Hymns, Hymn Society of America, Room 242, at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027. They should be in the mail by May 31, 1972. Authors should keep copies of their manuscripts. The Society hopes to copyright and publish a group which will be judged the best by a committee of judges; and to ask musicians to compose new tunes for them.



Methodist Men officers for 1972 at Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff include, left to right, Ed Vinson, Wilson Norton, James Merritt, Maurice Day. The Rev. John F. Walker, pastor, installed the group during their Jan. 20 meeting.

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

This verse by Rebecca McCann takes some thinking about . . . "Love hurt my heart until I saw it never could be owned by me, But when I freely gave my love I found it set my own heart free."

Brotherhood

The bells may ring in ecstasy
And resound from the hills
But that alone can never cure
Mankind of all its ills . . .
There must be born within the hearts
Of all men in the nation
A love for great, or little folks
As beings of Creation!

I would not hold a man at fault
Who doesn't quite agree
With everything I say or do —
He, too, has liberty!
Let all men know that full respect
Is due to every man
And come to know how good it is
To seek God's holy plan!

—by Ercil F. Brown

God's Decree

We are seeking, ever seeking
Ever shunning God's decree
Years are spent and often wasted
Just looking for security.

As we strive to gain a fortune
Seeking for a better way
Volume isn't all conclusive;
It's how we manage day by day.

Destiny will ever guide us
When we strive and do our best.
Time will solve most urgent problems,
Faith will set our minds at rest.

So why not put finance behind us
When we've done the best we can?
We can find abundant solace
In service to our fellowman.

Ways to serve are ever open.
What we think and do each day
Can bring us bliss that's everlasting
As we journey on our way.

Let's explore this field of service,
A better time there ne'er can be.
So let's begin with faith abundant;
That's fulfilling God's decree.

—by L. M. Frazier