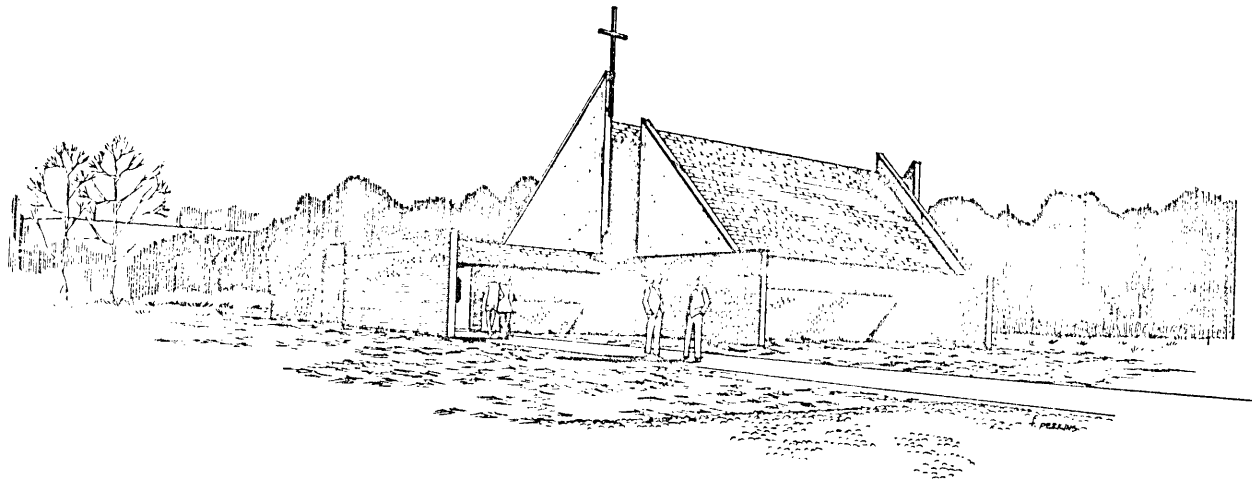


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Architect's drawing of church to be erected on McArthur Drive, Jacksonville.

Ground to be broken for new Jacksonville church

Ground will be broken next Sunday afternoon for the first unit of the McArthur Drive United Methodist Church, 1912 McArthur Drive, Jacksonville.

Louie Throgmorton of Little Rock and Dallas, nationally known speaker, will fill the pulpit at the Sunday morning worship service which will be a part of the celebration at the new Jacksonville church.

Following a fellowship meal, ground will be broken at 2 p.m. for the first

unit of the three-phase building program. Officiating at the service will be Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District Superintendent, and he will be assisted by the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, the pastor.

Other leaders in this project include James E. Holt, chairman of the Building Committee; B. D. Frizzell, chair-

man of the Administrative Board; and Lesley Mattingly, chairman of the Finance Committee.

The architects for the project are Roark and Perkins of Little Rock, and the contractors are Whitehurst Bros., Inc. of Little Rock.

Purdue Conference of 1973 to stress part of laity in decision-making

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A United Methodist National Conference of the Laity will be held July 13-15, 1973, on the campus of Purdue University, W. Lafayette, Ind.

The conference, sponsored by the denomination's General Board of the Laity here, is expected to be attended by some 5,000 men, women, young adults and youth, Sidney R. Nichols, associate general secretary of the sponsoring board and head of its Division of Lay Life and Work, said here February 4.

Growing out of past conferences for men held quadrennially, the 1973 session is planned to emphasize that the laity of the church includes all persons, regardless of age or sex, according to Mr. Nichols.

"We want this conference to help men, women and youth to be able to say that we are the laity and are equal partners in the decision-making process," he noted in discussing the change in emphasis.

"Commitment in Community" has been chosen as theme of the meeting.

Chairman of the general planning committee is L. T. Hicks, Bixby, Okla. Everett R. Jones, Damascus, Md., is chairman of the program committee.

Program details will be announced later, but included will be emphasis on Bible study and changing patterns of work and play.

Committees are being established in each annual conference to promote registrations which will be on a "first come" basis. As in previous men's conferences, lay persons will be encouraged to bring their pastors with them.

Bishop Galloway announces recent appointments

Bishop Galloway has announced the following appointments:

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE: (all effective Feb. 15):

First Church, Wynne — the Rev. William M. Wilder from First Church, Marked Tree, replacing the Rev. Warren D. Golden, deceased.

First Church, Marked Tree: the Rev. Bob Orr from First Church, Harrisburg;

First Church, Harrisburg: the Rev. Thomas E. Weir from Wyatt Memorial Church, Fort Smith;

Wyatt Memorial, Fort Smith: the Rev. Ellsworth Watson from First Church, Bald Knob;

First Church, Bald Knob: the Rev.

Mallilieu Center to receive Religion and Race grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Mallilieu Community Center of Fort Smith was one of 21 projects included in grants approved by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. The Center, operated in conjunction with Mallilieu United Methodist Church of that city and directed by its pastor, the Rev. Robert C. Preston, was approved for a grant of \$5,000.

The grants were announced Feb. 11 by Bishop Charles F. Golden, San Francisco, Calif., chairman of the commission's Funding Committee. The funds will not be available until May 30, because they come from current World Service receipts of the church.

The 21 projects newly funded by \$366,500 include a variety of services and efforts within all the ethnic minority groups—Hispanic, Black, Indian and Asian-American.

Including more local church-related projects than past grants, they include services to new immigrants, youth training for employment, community mobilization for self-betterment, family activities, minority program coordination, community economic development, community workers, day care center, drug addict rehabilitation.

This new group brings the total of grants over the past year to 95, without any repeats, according to the Rev. Woodie W. White, Washington, commission executive secretary. He pointed out that last year's 74 grants, totaling \$1,741,650, went to projects in 29 states. They included 39 for black efforts, 22 for Hispanic, eight for Indian and five for Asian-American. Only one grant to date has been for more than \$100,000. Most are rated by Mr. White as being at the "seed money" level.

The 1970 General Conference provided that up to \$2 million per year in 1971-72 was "to be placed at the disposal of the Commission on Religion and Race to support self-determination of minority people."

Gail Anderson from First Church, Parkin;

First Church, Parkin: to be filled later.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE: (effective March 1):

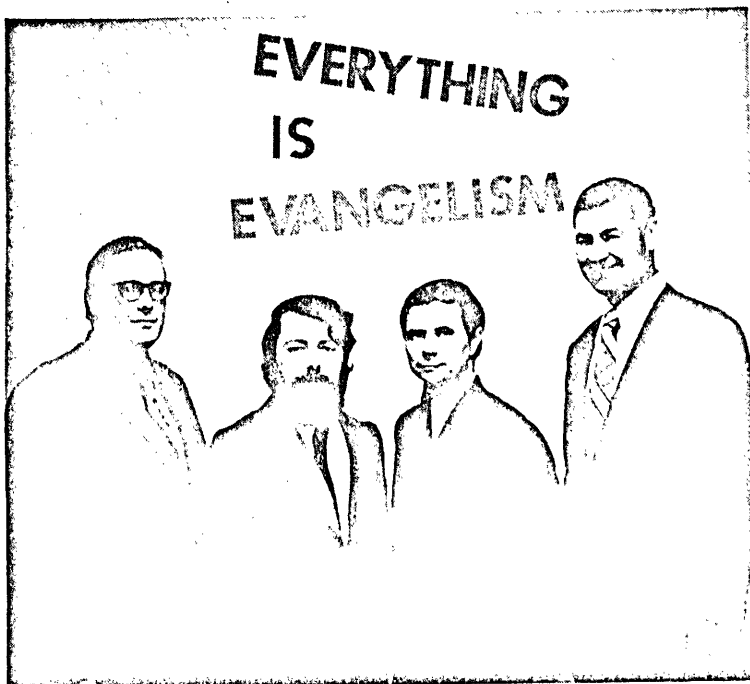
First Church, Sparkman: the Rev. Michael Ames Velchoff, from Perkins School of Theology, replacing the Rev. Winston Hudnall who has been granted disability leave.

Restructure for NCC nearing vote

NEW YORK (UMI) — After two years of work, a plan for revising the constitution and make-up of the National Council of Churches has been completed.

To become effective, the proposal must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly opening December 3 in Dallas, Texas, and by a majority of each denomination's delegates, voting separately. Among other things, the plan calls for a strong, centralized Governing Board which would make legislative decisions and control budget and program, and disbanding the triennial General Assembly, present chief policy arm of the NCC.

In another NCC development, a joint-committee of the council and the Roman Catholic Church issued a report February 9 that strongly favors entrance of the Catholic Church into the council. No specific recommendation is made, but the report concludes that Catholic membership would bring several advantages, and that there are no obstacles that would prevent the move.



The Rev. Ralph E. Hale (right), secretary of evangelism for the Little Rock Conference, spent eight days in the Maine Annual Conference this month leading a series of Workshop Seminars on "Membership Retention and Recruitment." More than 500 laymen and ministers met in seven different churches across the conference. Shown with the Hot Springs pastor are pastors in the Maine Conference (left to right): the Rev. Gordon L. Hemphill, chairman of the Commission on Witness; the Rev. Stanley Tanner, Task Force chairman for the project, and the Rev. Paul R. Bell, executive secretary for that conference's Board of Evangelism.

Quadrennial Jurisdiction Women's meet March 17-19, Palestine, Tex.

The Quadrennial Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Women's Society/Guild is scheduled for March 17-19, 1972 at Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Texas.

The participants will include delegations from each conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guilds, bishops of the jurisdiction, members

of the jurisdiction Deaconess Association, Church and Community workers, women delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional Conferences, members of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and some others from special categories.

The purpose of the event is twofold. Consideration of issues in the forthcoming General Conference will be the focus of the first part of the meeting. This will provide an opportunity for study, discussion, clarification and negotiation. Through such a process it is hoped that careful and thoughtful understandings can be reached which will be helpful in decision making and action.

The remainder of the event will be given to business, nominations of women to the Women's Division and the Board of Missions, and the election of officers for the Jurisdiction Society/Guild for the 1972-76 quadrennium. The event will close with the installation of new officers and a commitment celebration.

Mrs. E. M. Decker, Jacksonville, Texas, is chairman of the task group for the planning.

Members of the leadership team are: Dr. Richard Nesmith, National Division—New York; Miss Jean Audrey Powers, Women's Division Staff—New York; Mrs. Howard Grimes—Dallas, Texas; Rev. Zan W. Holmes, Jr., Member State Legislature—Dallas, Texas; Miss Gene Maxwell, Women's Division Regional Staff—Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Edward Brandhorst, St. Louis, Missouri, president of the Jurisdiction Society/Guild, will preside during the business meeting.

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.

St. James Church in Lonoke moves to new location

Members of the Saint James United Methodist Church, Southwest Conference, held their first services in a new sanctuary in Lonoke on Sunday, January 30. Bishop Paul V. Galloway delivered the sermon. The Rev. R. B. Brown is pastor of the congregation which decided more than a year ago to move into Lonoke from property seven miles south on State Highway 31.

The afternoon program included presentation of keys to the edifice to church officials by the contractor, Thomas Privett. J. O. Bennett, president of First State Bank, Lonoke, was one of the speakers. Ministers attending included the Rev. J. H. Thompson, Southwest Conference district superintendent, the Rev. C. C. Hall, pastor of White Memorial Church in Little Rock, and the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Hot Springs. The Duncan Church Choir of Little Rock, joined the St. James Choir for the service.

NEWS and NOTES

BATESVILLE AREA United Methodist Men met in First Church, Batesville, on Tuesday, February 1. Program for the "Ladies' Night" was by the Rev. George W. Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District. The Rev. Dois Kennedy was host pastor.

NEW OFFICERS OF DEWITT United Methodist Men are W. E. Tutthill, president; Otto Sandage, vice-president; Shan Stephenson, secretary; and Paul Girerd, treasurer. The Rev. Thurston Masters is their pastor.

Switchboard ministry for Little Rock area announced

The Rev. Gary Goldman of the Capitol View United Methodist Church with the cooperation of the Presbyterian Churches' "Urban Ministry" and several young adults in Little Rock has begun a new project to aid young adults in the Little Rock area. The project, named *Switchboard* is an internationally connected telephone information / communication system, through which young adults may share current information of interest to their age group.

Switchboard also maintains extensive files through which young adults may be put in touch with persons qualified to counsel with drug problems, legal/medical problems, military/draft problems, housing problems, jobs, etc.

Switchboard attempts to be a communication link and helping agent in every possible problem area of the young adult's life. *Switchboard* primarily attempts to help persons find help. It does no counseling except in the event of emergency drug crisis, and then referral is made as quickly as possible.

To share information or receive help call 376-9141 any day between the hours of 5 p.m. and 12:00 midnight!

News in Brief

The Rev. Randle Dew, director of United Methodist Voluntary Service, a program of the church's Quadrennial Emphasis Fund for Reconciliation, has been elected chairman of the Commission on Voluntary Service and Action, a consultative council of more than 150 private North American organizations which sponsor voluntary service projects in all parts of the world.



Gary Carpenter (left) of Elaine plays the role of Alain and Barbara Baker (right) of Conway, Agnes in the Hendrix College production of Moliere's "School for Wives" which will be presented in Staples Auditorium on February 15-19 at 8 p.m.

General Grouping of Program Agencies by Structure Study Commission

In this second of a series of interpretations of the report of the Structure Study Commission we will be speaking of the general realignment of current program responsibilities into the new grouping of boards and agencies on which the General Conference will be asked to vote.

We will start with the four major program boards and the manner in which present program priorities would be reordered. These are: the Board of Church and Society; the Board of Discipleship; the Board of Global Ministries; and the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Two other boards which would stand in a rather unique relationship, not being designated as program agencies, are the Board of Communication and Publication and the Board of Pensions. In addition we will have the Council on Finance and Administration, the Commission on Archives and History and the Commission on Religion and Race.

The Board of Church and Society is basically the same organization as the current Board of Christian Social Concerns. It is to be organized into four divisions: Division of General Welfare, Division of World Peace, Division of Human Relations and Division of Emerging Social Issues. The fourth division is a new one and is described in the report as follows: "It shall be the responsibility of the Division of Emerging Social Issues to conduct a program of research, education and action centering around newly emerging social issues which need to be called to the attention of the church."

The Board of Discipleship recommended by the report would be responsible for the work of evangelism, worship and stewardship, lay life and work, age-level ministries, family life and the work of education now being performed by the Division of the Local Church and the Division of Curriculum Resources. There would be four divisions: a Division of Evangelism, a Division of Worship and Stewardship, a Division of Lay Life and Work, and a Division of Education. The

mission of the Board of Discipleship is stated as follows: "The Board of Discipleship exists for the specific purpose of assisting annual conferences and local churches in their efforts to win persons as disciples of Jesus Christ and to help these persons grow in their understanding of God that they may respond in faith and love, to the end that they may know who they are and what this human situation means, increasingly identifying themselves as children of God and members of the Christian Community, to live in the Spirit of God in every relationship and to fulfill their common discipleship in the world."

The Board of Global Ministries would include the following Divisions: Education and Cultivation, National Division, World Division, Women's Division, Division of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Concerns, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries. The first four of these have been within the present organization of the Board of Missions, with the last three being clustered around them to form present autonomous bodies. The report says of this Board: "The Board of Global Ministries exists to proclaim and witness to the liberating and saving word of Jesus Christ which calls persons to respond in faith and discipleship. It is the missional instrument of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences and local congregations in the context of a global setting."

Included within the Board of Higher Education and Ministry are these Divisions: Higher Edu-

cation, The Ordained Ministry, Lay Ministries, Chaplains and the Office of Personnel. The Division of Lay Ministries would not be concerned with standards for lay pastors (their training and the administration of their work would be under The Division of The Ordained Ministry). This division would be related to sections of the ministry that provide professional leadership in music, Christian education, church administration, evangelism and for deaconesses and missionaries. The Division of Personnel would work in the fields of enlistment and vocational guidance and would also have the responsibility for interpreting the personnel situation for the whole church.

We are greatly concerned because of the rather limited circulation of this Structure Study Commission Report. We feel that it should be printed and be made available to a much wider segment of the church than just the delegates to General Conference. We have been told that it will not be printed in *The Daily Christian Advocate*, so it will be very difficult for visitors to the General Conference to follow the debate.

As we have with several previous proposals, we will be interpreting the details of this report through these columns. We would suggest that you keep these for reference when additional discussions are taking place.

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ON HAVING YOUR SAY IN GENERAL CONFERENCE

One part of the machinery of the United Methodist General Conference which some of our people do not understand is that which deals with the manner in which issues come before that body.

With the exception of the reports of special groups which have been created by previous General Conferences, the business which comes before this quadrennial legislative body of our church is initiated through petitions which have been filed by groups or individuals.

These petitions are assigned to the legislative committees of the General Conference and they must report to the whole body whether they concur or fail to concur with the material in the petition.

Although you may not be a delegate to General Conference, your voice can be heard, and you can be assured that the members of the proper committee will take a record vote on the course of action you have suggested.

These are days in which church officials are inclined to "listen to the church," and General Conference offers one of the best means for "grass roots" members to inject their thoughts into the agenda.

The deadline for having these petitions in the hands of the Petitions Secretary is March 16. They are to be mailed to: Rev. Newell F. Knudson, Petitions Secretary, General Conference, P.O. Box 359, Tracy, Calif. 95376.

Three copies of each petition should be sent on standard letter-size paper. A separate petition should be written for each subject, with no two petitions on the same sheet. The petitions should be addressed "To the Membership of the General Conference." All petitions should be signed and should indicate the local church of which the individual or group is a member.

If you are a visitor to the General Conference you will want to visit some of the committee sessions and see how carefully these petitions are studied and acted on.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, addressing a recent convention of the National Religious Broadcasters meeting in Washington, D. C. said: "Too many Christians have assumed that communicating the Gospel of Christ involves uttering simply a set of words—and usually trite, worn-out clichés, and wonder then why the impact of the so-called verbal witness has had so little response. Hatfield, known as an evangelical, continued, "The Gospel is not a code of ethics, a dogma, a systematized theology—the Gospel is a Person, and the Person is Jesus Christ . . . its influence and relevance to human beings comes through a relationship that is established between a man and the Gospel, which is the embodiment and Person of Jesus Christ."

The Distinguished Service award of the Texas Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission will be awarded to George J. Beto, director of the Texas Dept. of Corrections, one of the nation's top-rated prison systems. Beto, a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, is former president of that denomination's Concordia College (Austin) and Concordia Theological Seminary (Springfield, Ill.). The award is scheduled to be made during the Commission's statewide conference in Fort Worth.

Organizers of Operation Prayer 1972 have received responses from two out of seven telegrams sent to Presidential candidates asking them to state their positions on the school prayer issue. Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles and Rep. John M. Ashbrook (Ohio) have strongly endorsed the program, according to Father Robert G. Howes, a spokesman for the group. "Operation Prayer 1972" has been organized as a national movement with the "aim to make the subject of free school prayer a political issue in all aspects of this political year."

The general secretary of the United Presbyterian Bd. of Christian Education, announcing the projected Aug. 1 merging of Westminster Book Stores, the materials and church supply distribution centers for the United Presbyterian Church with the United Methodist Cokesbury Stores, said that it has become "increasingly difficult" to maintain an independent distribution operation "without large and increasing financial subsidies." There are four Westminster Stores; Cokesbury maintains 19 stores and six distribution centers. A division of the Nashville-based Methodist Publishing House, it handles books, church educational materials and a wide variety of church supplies. Westminster Press, the publishing arm of the United Presbyterian Church, is not affected by the phase-out of Westminster Stores. Cokesbury will actually become the distributing agency for three Protestant denominations, since bookstores of the United Church of Christ were merged into the Westminster Stores in 1970.

The Foundation for Reformation Research in St. Louis has announced plans to build new facilities and to expand its efforts to locate, photostat and microfilm 16th Century documents. The new building which will provide storage and working space for Reformation scholars is scheduled for completion within five years. Launched in 1957, the Foundation has collected almost 3 million pages of material from Reformation times. Currently under way is a project focusing on the years 1566 to 1580, a period when theology and politics were closely intertwined.

Frederick S. Moseley, Jr., a stockbroker and president of the Lighthouse for the Blind, died in New York Feb. 1 at the age of 66. Moseley, an Episcopalian, had been president of The Lighthouse—one of the largest multi-functional direct service agencies in the world for the blind—since 1966. Established in 1905, the agency now serves more than 1,400 different blind persons each week, providing opportunities for the visually handicapped to learn or re-learn skills that will allow them to remain or become independent and contributing members of society."

The Synod of Alabama of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) has asked the denomination to abolish all 15 synods, usually state-level units. If adopted by the 1972 General Assembly of the Church, the measure would need ratification by a majority of 69 presbyteries (regional units) and endorsement by the 1973 assembly. Dr. James A. Millard, Jr. (Ala.), stated clerk of the denomination, said that synods are "unnecessary" and that the denomination would be more efficient without them. A synod is one level of court in Presbyterian denominations. Local congregations are governed by session; area groupings of congregations by presbyteries. Synods come next in the structure and the General Assembly is the top court.

Representatives of various church relief and development agencies in Europe and North America, meeting with the staff of the World Council of Churches, The Lutheran World Federation and the East Asian Christian Conference outlined an ecumenical relief and rehabilitation program for Bangladesh. First priorities listed were the supplying of protein and supplementary foodstuffs, the provision of blankets and clothing, assistance with transport facilities inside Bangladesh, medical supplies and equipment and assistance with elementary rebuilding of destroyed homes.

Lutheran World Federation has announced plans to build a housing and study center on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, which are reported to have been approved "in principle" by Israeli authorities. A part of the cost—estimated at \$1 million—will be offset by funds paid to the Federation by Israel for damages sustained by the denomination's hospital during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. Dr. Bruno Muetzelfeldt, director of the Federation's World Service Dept., said the proposed structure will not maintain a study program but will serve as a center where churches, colleges and study groups may obtain housing and other facilities for their own programs.

About 100 U.S. Christian missionaries working in the Peruvian jungles are trying to contact a "Stone Age" tribe of Indians—the Mascho—who are reputed to be seven feet tall and who speak an unknown tongue. The missionaries, who belong to the Summer Institute of Linguistics (Wycliffe Bible Translators, parent organization), include pilots and doctors. They hope to contact the Indians, learn their language, and eventually provide them with Scripture texts—after they teach them to read their own language.

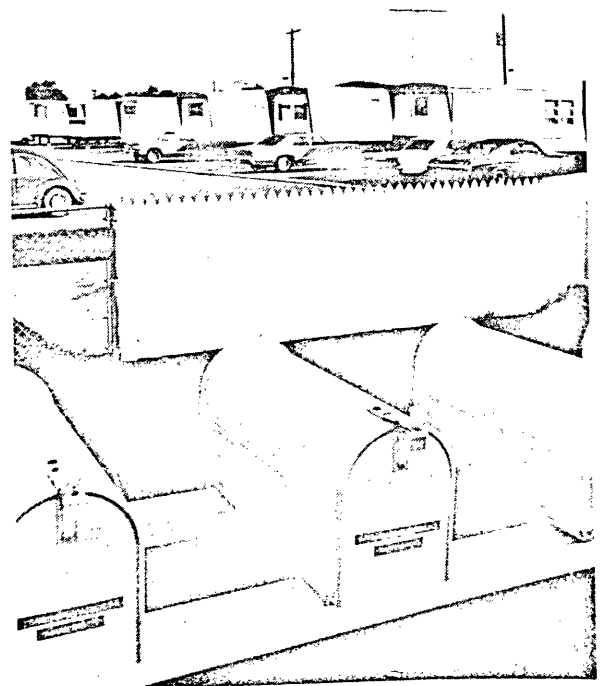
Three teams of volunteers from the Western N. Car. United Methodist Conference are in Latin America to build a church and classrooms. Teams of men and women, lay and clergy, have been traveling to Latin America since 1961 to build churches, educational buildings and parsonages for struggling congregations too poor to finance such work. Materials are supplied by the Bd. of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Two teams will construct a block and slab church at Carolina, in Puerto Rico, for a new congregation of 85 persons. An advance team of seven persons performed preparatory work early in January. Another team will erect a classroom building for a Methodist school at Ciudad Quesada in Costa Rica. All workers donate their service and pay their own travel expenses.

Israeli Radio has announced the probable official endorsement of Jerusalem officials for plans to restructure parts of the city, despite three specific Arab protests against "Judaization" of Jerusalem and occasional Roman Catholic objections to encroachment of holy places. A major housing project in the Old City has been criticized by international architects and planners, largely on the ground that its implementation would seriously alter the architectural character. It is anticipated that in 20 years 650,000 persons will be living in the Jerusalem area. The new building plans also call for the construction of highways and industrial complexes.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Herron, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) contrasted the clean air of Glasgow with its dirty books at a recent church meeting in Glasgow Cathedral. The moderator expressed amazement that a generation so desperately conscious of the importance of the cleanliness of air, purity of food, and spotlessness of clothing should be so "shockingly unconcerned" about the purity of their way of life. "Try to raise any sort of protest against this sort of thing," he charged, "and you will have yourself immediately described as Calvinist killjoy, dubbed as straightfaced puritan, condemned as suffering from the long-term effects of John Knox's sermons in St. Giles (Cathedral)."

The congregation of Park Road Baptist church, one of Charlotte's (N.Car.) largest churches, is reported to have endorsed a policy holding that re-baptism by immersion no longer will be required for membership. It voted to accept prospective candidates on the basis of their profession of faith or transfer from a Christian church.

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In recent years the number of Americans living in mobile home parks has grown to more than 3 million, creating a new area of concern for churches. In most cases, these parks are located outside traditional parish areas, and ministering to their inhabitants has become a problem for clergymen. Some churches have met the challenge by creating special mobile home ministries. But, with a 20 per cent increase in mobile home production foreseen in the coming year, more and more people will be living in the parks, and the need for further ministries will grow. (RNS Photo)

EDWIN L. HAWKINS, principal of Little Rock's Central High School, was guest speaker for United Methodist Men of St. Luke Church, Little Rock, on January 24. The Rev. Alfred De-Black is pastor.

WILLARD BURKS was named by the J.C.s for Pine Bluff's Distinguished Citizen's Award. He is chairman of the Council on Ministries in Lakeside United Methodist Church, and vice-chairman of the Administrative Board.

MRS. EDWIN OUTLAW of Russellville was guest speaker in Wesley United Methodist Church at Conway on Friday evening, January 28. She is chairman of Spiritual Growth for the Conway District WSCS. The Women's Society and Guild sponsored the program and the supper which preceded it. The Rev. Britt Cordell was host pastor.

"HOW CAN WE SURVIVE Environmental Pollution" was the subject in First Church, Searcy, on Sunday evening, Jan. 23. Roger Morris, information officer of the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology for the state, was principal speaker. The Youth choir presented special music. Herb Bacon led the worship service. Dr. Charles Richards is pastor.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, former president of Hendrix College, preached in the Grand Avenue Church at Hot Springs, February 6, in the absence of the Rev. Ralph E. Hale who was in Maine leading a series of seminars on evangelism.



Robert Alan Nickle, who received the bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix College in Conway, has been selected to serve a year's residency in Hospital Administration at Methodist Hospital in Memphis. Nickle is working toward his Master's degree in Hospital Administration at Trinity University, and upon completion of his year of administrative residency at Methodist Hospital, will have completed necessary requirements for the degree. He is a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve and is currently involved in working with the hospital-sponsored Explorer Scout unit.

New venture in teacher training at Springdale

A new and innovative venture in teacher training was begun the weekend of Feb. 5-6 at the First United Methodist Church in Springdale.

The project, sponsored by the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, was designed and planned in a joint meeting that was held sometime ago at Springdale with officers of the Church school, pastors of the church — the Rev. Clint Atchley and the Rev. Tom Adkinson, and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, associate director of the Program Council.

The format for the workshop included a meeting of the Church school teachers on Saturday afternoon with leaders of various age levels providing guidance and assistance in lesson preparation. Sunday morning each of the groups met one hour prior to Sunday School for a critical review of lesson plans that had been perfected on Saturday. Each of the leaders attended one of the classes during Church school as an observer. On Sunday afternoon, the Church school teachers met again with their leaders and read an evaluation of the Sunday morning session.

Leaders for the various age level groups included: Mrs. Frances Winter of Fort Smith—Nursery; Mrs. Virginia Lindley of Jonesboro—Kindergarten; Mrs. Mauzel Beal of Helena — Elementary I-II; Mrs. W. F. Bates of Quitman — Elementary III-IV; Reverend Wayne Jarvis of Rector—Elementary V-VI; the Rev. Earl B. Carter of North Little Rock—Junior High; Mrs. Harold Allen of Conway—Senior High; and Dr. M. Olin Cook of North Little Rock—Adults.

During the next several days the workshop will be very carefully evaluated by members of the staff at the First United Methodist Church in Springdale, and by the leaders who participated. It is anticipated that from this experience new designs and settings for future leadership training with teachers will be perfected that will provide the highest quality of teacher training within a period of time, and also will be tailored to meet the specific needs of the local church as they relate to teacher training.

BISHOP MARTIN SHARES WORD CONCERNING E. STANLEY JONES

Bishop William C. Martin has shared with us some word concerning the recovery of Dr. E. Stanley Jones from a recent stroke. The word was received from Mrs. James K. Matthews, daughter of Dr. Jones and wife of Bishop James K. Matthews of the Boston Area.

Dr. Jones is a patient at Massachusetts Rehabilitation Hospital where he is making splendid progress. Mrs. Matthews says that he dictates slowly and laboriously into a tape recorder each day for his next book, *The Divine Yes*. She said, in her letter to Bishop Martin, that "his greatest lift has been assurance from his Inner Voice that despite handicaps he will continue to be relevant and useful."

Program Directors to Local Churches

Take a good look, and then book!

I. FOR THOSE WHO THINK THEY CAN'T CHANGE

Change is all about us and not all change is bad. Here is a comforting thought, but also an understanding that can really aid us in these days of change.

To help pastors and people, see the need for change and how change can be for the better, the filmstrip and cassette recording entitled *STRUCTURAL CONCERNS* has been produced by the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. It is available from your film library. Use it with your Counsel on Ministries, the Administrative Board or your youth. It would be educational and helpful for a family night program, too. It closes with the prayer:

"Lord, Help us when our lives get in a rut and we convince ourselves that it can't be any different. Help us when faced with problems and can't think of anything except old solutions that have failed. Help us when we are confronted by changes and see only problems, not possibilities. Help us in facing the world, not to lose ourselves, but clearly to see ourselves in a larger context. Let us see our problems with new light which so often causes them to dissolve. Let us move with change, smoothly flowing with the forces of creation. Let our faith be firm and sensible . . . for the job of participating in the strength of life we pray as we join in the prayer which Jesus taught His disciples to say. . ."

AMEN

II. NEED A FUN GAME?

Where would you use it? With Senior High young people or with young adults, or middle-aged. If those on your Administrative Board can relax for a few minutes, they could even use it to a great advantage.

You see this game is more than a game. It provides fun and it also provides a solid learning experience. Don't take anyone's word for this. Try it and see for yourself *Bal-Di-Cer* is a simulation game dealing with world food production distribution and consumption. It is intentionally simplified so that players may focus on the basic requirements for life (i.e. food). Participants assume the role of Food Coordinators who are responsible for the survival of 150 million people.

This amazing game can teach in 90 minutes a tremendous amount of knowledge about the problem of world hunger. The initial impact of the setup is somewhat awesome to the novice game participant which is really too bad. The game itself is quickly mastered in terms of procedure. After a round or two the participants feel quite comfortable with the mechanics of play. The problem lies with that inevitable specter of hunger and the tenacious inflationary factor.

Further instruction on how best to use the game and adaptations for various age groups will be mailed with the game when you request it from your Conference Film Library, **BOOK, USE, ENJOY-LEARN!**

III. EVERY CHURCH SCHOOL CAN PROFIT

The profit may not be in terms of money, but in an understanding of the team teaching method. In fact a new audio-visual aid will:

1. Help solve many of the problems that face teachers who are untrained or unimaginative.
2. Suggest ways of facing problems of discipline and noise.
3. Tell how to make more effective use of available space.

The *TEAM TEACHING* filmstrip consists of 54 color frames with sound on a record and also the guide, giving instructions on how to use it.

The filmstrip not only answers the questions "What is Team Teaching?" but it points out the problems the method seeks to solve. The problems relate to the skills and training of the teachers available, in addition to problems relating to the students. It suggests that the method can work effectively with youth and also adults.

An additional recommended resource is the book, *TEAM TEACHING IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*. Has enough been said, or should two things be added?

1. You can effectively use this in any session with teachers or Church School officers, or both. It could well be used in enlisting persons to become a helper or member of a teaching team.

2. Where is it available and what is the cost? It is available from your Conference Film Library at a cost of return postage. Ready to say, "Book it for me"? Our Address is Conference Film Library, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. W. W. BARRON, pastor of Few Memorial Church in Texarkana, wishes to take this means of thanking friends for the prayers, cards, and concern shown while he was in the hospital in December and recovering from surgery in January. He is now back in his pulpit.

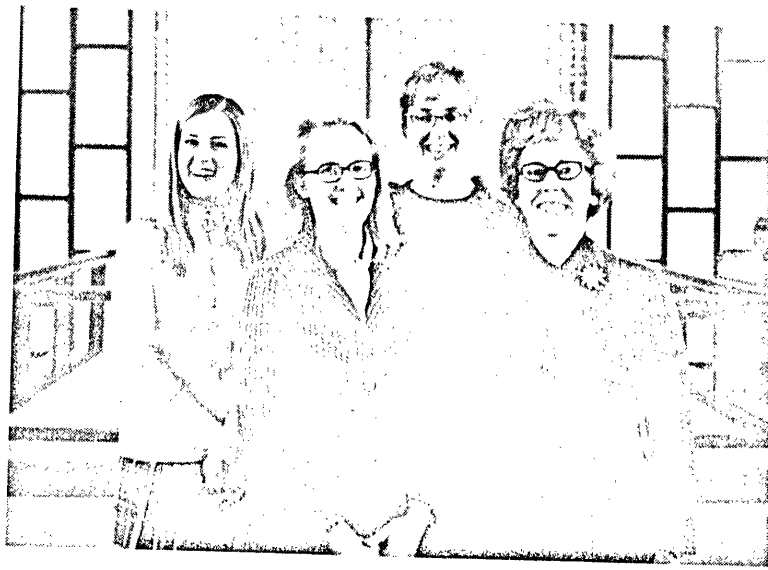
THE CLARENDON UNITED METHODIST Men's Club met Monday at 7:00 a.m. Feb. 7, for a breakfast meeting. Dr. Harold Eggenberger was the guest speaker for the occasion. Edwin Pettigrew is president of the club.

REPORT NO. 3

1972 Arkansas Methodist Circulation Campaign

New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total						
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT				Texarkana-College Hill:				Glendale:Ratekin						
Amity:Hemund	2	23		25	Beard	10	27	6	43	Pine Bluff-Good Faith:	3	6	9***	
Arkadelphia-First:Miles	19	62	9	90	First: Hillis	10	186	2	198**	Riggin	4	23	27	
St. Andrews:Davis		12	1	13	Few:Barron	2	9	1	12	First:Lindsay	33	111	144	
Bismarck:Dunaway	2	10		12	Totals	130	756	12	898	Hawley:Walker	7	47	54*	
Delight:Hunter	2	19	2	23**	LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT				Lakeside:Matthews	36	59	95		
Glenwood:Smith	5	36		41	Austin:Poss	11	29	1	41	St. Luke:Wilson	6	23	29	
Gurdon:Richardson	6	36		42	Benton-First:Hollenbeck	16	26		42	Whitehall-Redfield:Lea	3	28	31	
Hot Springs -First:Ivy	6	33	2	41	Parkview:Grogan	8	42		50	Wesley:Regnier	6	22	28	
Grand:Hale	11	33	1	45	New Hope:Diffie		12		12	Grady-Trinity:Hansford	2	22	24	
Oaklawn:Arnold	10	37		47	Bryant:Elder	5	8		13	Humphrey-Humnoke:Barker	1	12	13	
Pullman Hts:Hoover	2	11		13	Carlisle:Martin	4	32		36	Leola:Clanton	11	26	37	
Okolona:Hankins	7	31		38	Des Arc:Ruth	7	23		30	Roe:Richert	3	30	33**	
Hot Springs -Gardner:					Hamilton:Martin	2	10		12	Rowell:Brown	2	11	13	
Barron	8	10	2	20	Little Rock-					Sheridan:Wilson	11	41	52	
Sparkman		6		6	Western Hills:Robertson	5	30		35	Sherril-Tomberlin:Patton	1	21	22	
Gum Springs:Aronhalt	1	6		7	Geyer Springs:Diffie	6	30		36	St. Charles:McLean		21	1	22
Hot Springs:Tibert:Woody	11	4		14	St. James:Phillips	15	96		111***	Stuttgart-First:Beck	13	119	132**	
Fountain Lake:Hoover	3	5		8	Asbury:Harris	25	62	3	90	Grand Ave:Mulkey	26	100	126**	
Shorewood Hills:McCoy	1	14		15	Capitol View:Goldman	2	20		22	Totals	202	961	3	1166
Malvern-Keith:Mashburn	3	26		29	First:Bearden		1115		1115***	BATESVILLE DISTRICT				
First:Ashcraft	26	89	2	117	St. Paul:Scott	3	37	2	42	Batesville-Asbury-Oil				
Murfreesboro:Brent	7	42		49**	Henderson:Van Hook	2	17		19	Trough: Cleary	10	28	1	39
Totals	132	545	19	696	Highland:Stephens	5	54		59	Central:Casteel	7	49		56
CAMDEN DISTRICT					Hunter:Kerr	4	31	1	36	First:Kennedy	17	80		97
Bearden:Richardson		34		34	Galloway:McCulloch	3	5		8	Antioch:Jones	4	11		15
Bradley:Jester	5	19		24	Oak Forest:Stewart		287		287***	Bald Knob:Watson	5	14	1	20
Camden-First:Dodson	20	76	4	100	Pulaski Hts:Argue	21	88	5	114	Beebe:Cook	2	33		35
Fairview:Tanner		51		51	St. Luke:DeBlack	7	35		42	Bradford:Holland	19	21		40**
Timothy:Graham	5	12		17	Trinity:Taylor	9	17	2	28	Cabot:Savage	7	39	3	49
Westside:Miller	5	11	1	17**	St. Andrew:Walthall	10	16		26	Calico Rock:Southerland	3	10		13
Chidester:Bailey	9	24		33	Winfield:Dunlap	12	59		71	Cave City:Martin	5	21	1	27
Columbia:Justice	5	20	1	26	Markham:Workman	7	14		21	Van Buren-Clinton:Scott	6	38	2	46
El Dorado-First:Murray	48	119		167	Hazen:Holland	3	35	1	39	Quitman:Strayhorn	4	12	1	17
St. Paul:Connell	5	29	1	35	Lonoke:Clayton	2	44	1	47	Concord:Woodall	2	12		14
Vantrese:Hale	17	89	1	107**	Mablevale:Hines	10	16		26	Denard-Shirley:Shell		5		5
Harmony Grove:Eckberg	4	27		31*	Mt. Pleasant:Bolin	2			4	Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	4	18	1	23
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	5	13		18	Primrose:Kilgore	9	37		46	Griffithville:Cooke	6	42		48**
Holly Springs:Warren	1	19		20	Pride Valley:Hart	1	5	2	8	Heber Springs:Womack	3	43	3	49
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson	1	6	1	8	Salem-Congo:Williams	3	16		19	Judsonia:Hunter	3	16		19
Junction City:Wagner	1	36		37	Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	4	22		26	Holliday Hills:Cowan	7	29		36***
Lewisville:Hunter	4	40		44	Traskwood:Lightfoot	1	20		21	Kensett-McRae:Daniel	1	29		30
Magnolia-First:Williams	1	83	4	88	Woodlawn:Eagle	4	13		17	Moorefield:Lee	2	28		30**
Asbury:Nolley	3	30		33	Totals	230	2403	17	2650	Moorefield Ct.:				
Greer's-McNeil:Taylor	8	14	1	23**	MONTICELLO DISTRICT				A:Wilson		12	1	13	
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson	4	14		18	Crossett:Norton	5	33		38	B:Thomas	1	34		35
Emerson:Clegg	1	8		9	Dermott:Fair	7	15		22	Melbourne:Kelly	3	27		30
Norphlet-Calion:Robken		1		1	Dumas:Simpson	10	160	1	171***	Mt. Home:Carter	8	26	3	37
Pl. Grove:Mathis	1	22		23	Eudora:Wilson	7	30		37**	Mt. View:Hawkins	7	18		25
Liberty-Louann:Crain	2	6	1	9	Fordyce:Sorrells		11		11	Newark:Wilson		24		24
Stamps:Johnson	2	42		44	Gould:Mitchell	1	6		7	Marshall-Leslie:Knapp	6	24	2	32
Stephens:Ross	2	28	1	31	Hamburg: Bell	7	29		36	Pangburn:Hook	4	35		39
Strong:Haire	4	8		12	Hampton-Harrell:Ford	4	32		36	Salem-Viola:McCammon	2	35	1	38
Taylor:Miller		25		25	Hermitage: Claiborne	3	18		21	Searcy-First:Richards	43	96		139**
Village: Roden	5	17		22	Lake Village:Swift	2	89		91***	Grace:Ernest	7	31	2	40
Waldo:Hamm	5	25		30	McGehee:Garner	7	165		172**	Horseshoe:Ford	8	14		22
Welcome:Yates	4	10		14	Monticello:Elliott	17	39		56	Totals	206	954	22	1132
Totals	177	958	16	1151	Kingsland		36		36**	CONWAY DISTRICT				
HOPE DISTRICT					Portland:Bonds	3	8		11	Atkins-Pottsville:Pollard	10	34		44
Blevins:Rushing	3	26		29**	Star City:Mitchell	7	16		23	Belleville-Havana:Hutto	4	3		7
DeQueen:Wilson	14	39		53	Tillar:Williams	9	53		62**	Conway-First:Jordan	5	40	11	56
Dierks:Bean		5		5	Warren:Meyer	6	51	2	59	Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	3	26		29
Emmett:Prothro	1	24		25	Watson:Arnold	2	17		19	Greenbrier:Wingo	7	27		34
Foreman:Poss	11	25		36	Wilmar:Abney	9	15	1	25	Salem-Brumley	2	25	1	28***
Hatfield:Lawrence/					Parkdale:Wilson	3	15		18	Danville:Byram	9	47	4	60**
Harbeson	5	35		40	Wilmot:Bonds	1	11		12	Dardanelle:Crozier	22	62	2	86**
Hope:Steele	13	70		83	Totals	110	349	4	963	Jacksonville:Edwards	16	35		52
Horatio:Downing	7	18		25	PINE BLUFF DISTRICT				McArthur:Bridenthal	5	2	1	9*	
Lockesburg:Callicott	9	41		50**	Alzheimer:Shaddox	2	56		58**	Mayflower:Soens		5		5
Mena:White	5	24		29	Carthage:Scott	1	24		25	Morrilton:Parsons	14	113	5	132**
Mineral Spgs:George	4	33		37	DeWitt:Masters	16	65	2	83	Morrilton Ct:Mooney	10	29		39**
Nashville:Trieschmann	13	53		66	England-Keo:Sadler	6	73		79**	North Little Rock-				
Prescott:Fincher	12	78	1	91**	Gillette:Diffie	9	43		52	Amboy:Curtis	2	40		42
Prescott Ct.	2	11		13						First:Conyers	7	76	4	87
Rondo:Caldwell	4	8		12						Gardner:McSpadden		1		1
Springhill:Robbins	5	44	2	51**										

A new Circle (Circle 1) has been organized at Wesley United Methodist Church in Russellville. Officers were installed by Mrs. Ralph Clayton, shown at right, wife of the Conway District Superintendent, Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. with a covered dish luncheon afterwards in Fellowship Hall. From left are: Mrs. Larry Kordsmeier, treasurer; Mrs. Carl Hawkey, vice-chairwoman; Mrs. Harvey Miller, chairwoman. The Rev. Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr. is pastor.



Indian Needs Discussed

DALLAS, Texas (UMI) — The United Methodist Indian Advisory Committee considered problems of Indian churches in the Pacific northwest, decided to investigate United Methodist Indian work in other parts of the country, and made grants for Indian projects in education, day-care and law at a meeting here January 28-30.

After hearing a task force of the committee report the Indian churches in the northwest are not reaching a significant number of Indian people they were established to serve, the committee recommended further study by an all-Indian committee from the region. The group also will be asked to determine how more service can be provided to Indians.

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New Renew Not Due Total

Rose City-Beacon-Bethel:				
Watt	6	25		31
Lakewood:Hays	17	59	1	77
Levy:Hammett	14	29		43
Washington:Renfro		42		42
Indian Hills:Teague	5	16		21
Ola-Plainview:Crossno	11	22	1	34
Perryville:Madison	2	31		33**
Plummerville:Lee	1	18		19
Mallettown:Watson	2	1		3
Russellville-First:Ramsey	20	57		77
Wesley:McClurkin	1	6		7
Dover:Wright	1	18		19
Bell's Chapel:Peters	1	3		4
Totals	198	893	30	1121

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville:Lanier	10	49	2	61
Elkins:Qualls	2	4		6
Decatur-Centerton:Barrow	23	1		24
Elm Spgs-Harmon:Fisher	4	20		24
Farmington-Sequoyah:Ames	7			7
Fayetteville-Central:Cooper	11	51	2	74
Wiggins:Hilliard	6	19		25
Gentry:Lawrence	3	21		24
Goshen:Good	3	4		7
Gravette:Brumer	5	22	1	28
Green Forest:Woods	8	59	1	68**
Harrison-McCormack	5	49		54
St. Paul's:Whitfield	5	24	2	31
Lincoln-Morrow:Hooker	2	14		16
Huntsville:Southwick/Rolland	3	27	1	31
Jasper-Valley Spgs:Witta	2	12		14
Omaha-Bergman:Brown		2		2
Prairie Gr-Viney Grove:				
Paysinger	8	10	3	21
Siloam Spgs:Johnson	5	35	2	43
Springdale:Atchley	23	88	8	119
Wesley:Fiser	10	25		35
Yellville:Hestwood	2	20		22
St. Joe Everton:Back	3	2		5
Totals	120	598	23	741

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Augusta:Eaton	2	19	2	23
Brinkley-Brasfield:				
Chapman	29	47	1	77**
Clarendon:Brumer	2	36		38
Cherry Valley:Price	6	51	1	58**
Colt:Davis	1	13		14
Cotton Plant-Hunter:Loban	7	41		48
Crawfordsville:Smith	1	23		24**
Earle:Wilson	3	24		27
Elaine:Breazeale	1	24		25
Forrest City:Hughes	20	314		334***
Forrest Hills:Robison		9		9
Helena:Beal	2	33		35
Holly Grove:Nance	1	12		13
Hughes:Johnson	5	14		19
Marianna-Haynes:Byers	10	42		52

New Renew Not Due Total

Marion:Stallcup	7	109		116**
Marvell:Moyers	10	13	1	24
McCrary:Brewer		52		52
Parkin:Anderson		1		1
Tupelo:Couchman	1	5		6
West Helena:Haltom	24	42	1	67
West Memphis:Burleson	39	121		160**
Rosewood:Linam	10	8	2	20
Wheatley-Salem:Nichols	5	7	1	13
Widener:Reed	5	23	1	29
Wynne:Wilder	7	64	1	72
Totals	188	1147	11	1346

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Altus:Lancaster	1	12		13
Alma-Bethel:Skelton	1	12	1	14
Charleston:Hazelwood	10	13		23
Ft. Smith-First:Bayliss		97		97
Goddard:Boyd	19	164		183
Wyatt:Watson	4	26		30
Hendrix Hills:Hollis	25	9		34
Massard:Millard	5	21	1	27
Midland:Cruce	6	37		43
Wesley:Green	3	19		22
Greenwood:Rogers	2	17		19
Hartford:Glover	2	15	2	19
Hartman:Matthews		1		1
Lavaca:Chaffin	20	23	1	44**
Mt. View:Byrd	1	17		18
Mulberry:Blackshear	3	11		14
Van Buren:Lawson	8	34		42
St. John's-Kibler:Pulliam	3	14	1	18
Waldron:Clemmons	5	43		48**
Scott County:Kleeb	2	18		20
Totals	120	603	6	729

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Bay-Lunsford:English	3	23		31
Caraway-Black Oak:West	2	20		22
Blytheville:Keeley	16	384	1	401**
Lake Street:Bounds	7	10		17
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson	3	6		9
Bono Parish:Spuriock	4	29		33
Harrisburg:Pl. Valley:				
Weir	6	84	1	91**
Hickory Ridge:Barton	6	26		32
Joiner-Turrell:Feagan	5	37		42
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	71	469		540**
Huntington:Chandler	24	41		65
Fisher-Pl. Grove:Holifield	14	20		34
Nettleton-Brookland:				
Holifield	12	29		41
Lake City-Lake View:				
Kirkland	2	8		10
Leachville:Weatherford	3	19		22
Lepanto:Cleve	2	25		27
Luxoro:Dorman	1	16		17
Manilla:Dorman	3	29		32
Marked Tree:Wilder	4	69		73
Monette-Macy:Hays	6	20	2	28
Osceola:Brannon	31	55		86
Trumann:Thompson	2	22		24

New Renew Not Due Total

Tyroneza:Yarbrough	2	33		35
Wilson:Linam	3	20		23
Weiner:Waters	3	33		36
Pl. Valley:Randle	1	4		5
Totals	222	1515	4	1741

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Black Rock:Sellers	2	13	1	21
Boydsville:Penney		24	1	25
Corning:Clark	4	35		39
Hurricane:Thompson	2	4		6
Hardy:Hall	5	14	2	21
Hoxie:Gilliam	4	20	1	25
Inboden:Stahl	3	25		28
Eli Lindsey:Hance		3		3
Mammoth Spgs:Jackson	2	2	2	6
Marmaduke:Reed		38		38
Maynard:Kemp	2	6		8
Newport:Conyers	7	73	2	82
Umsted:Strayhorn	6	26		32
Paragould:Spence	62	79	6	147**
Griffin:Gatlin	4	38		42
Paragould Parish 3:Craig	2	10		12
Paragould Parish 1:Holland	4	26		30
Paragould Parish 2:Bain		2		2
Pocahontas:McKelvey	20	36	2	58
Piggott:Harris	2	34		36
Ravenden Spgs:Weatherford	5	1		6
Rector:Jarvis	5	27	1	33
Pl Grove-Warren:Southard	2	4		6
Sedgwick:Brumer	3	20		23
St. Francis:Piercy	2	24	2	28
Swifton:Luter	5	36		41**
Tuckerman:LeGrand	6	19		25
Walnut Ridge:Meadors	6	35		41
Cherokee Village:Poyner	3	2		5
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance	1	5	1	7*
Totals	164	690	22	876

* Reached quota
** Exceeded quota
*** Doubled quota

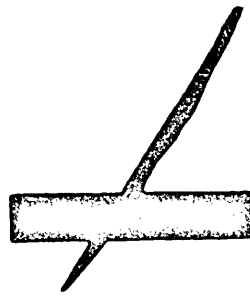
RECAPITULATION

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DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per cent
Jonesboro	222	1515	4	1741	1865	93%
Monticello	110	849	4	963	1106	87
Forrest City	188	1147	11	1346	1763	76
Little Rock	230	2403	17	2650	3658	72
Pine Bluff	202	961	3	1166	1711	68
Batesville	206	954	22	1182	1876	63
Paragould	154	690	22	876	1465	60
Hope	130	756	12	898	1563	57
Camden	177	958	16	1151	2168	53
Arkadelphia	132	545	19	696	1515	46
Conway	198	893	30	1121	2521	44
Fayetteville	120	598	23	741	1949	38
Fort Smith	120	603	6	729	2441	30
Totals	2199	12872	169	15240	25601	60

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 27: Walking With the Living Christ

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-49

MEMORY SELECTION: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:7)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To make real in our own lives the truth of the resurrection of Jesus; to discover ways he would like for us to walk with him daily.

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If there was one message the gospel writers sought to communicate concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ it was the word that he walks with persons in every age, because the grave would not hold him. It is not enough for us to think of him in some distant heaven sitting at the right hand of the Father. He meant for us to feel his presence near and to know him beside us in every decision. Many authors have undertaken to tell us what life is like when it is lived in the presence of him. One of the most notable was a book by Charles Sheldon called "In His Steps," in which a number of persons in a small midwestern city tried to consciously remold their daily lives into the quality of existence which they thought was dictated by such a concept.

One of the most delightful stories which is unique to the Gospel of Luke is the one which tells us of two disciples with whom Jesus walked along the road to Emmaus without being recognized. We cannot be sure whether the author intends for us to think that Jesus had an entirely different physical appearance after Calvary, or whether the men were so emotionally affected by what had taken place that their vision was impaired. Whatever may be true, we have the challenging story of the first two persons who walked with Jesus following the resurrection. The Emmaus Road then becomes one of the most sacred routes of Christian history and a challenge to all who would seek to walk with Jesus.

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THE RETURN TO NORMALCY

The two pilgrims—Cleopas and his companion—were representative of many like them who had been in Jerusalem for the Passover and while there had been a part of the cast in the original Passion Play. As they moved in the direction of their homes and a return to a semblance of normalcy, they were joined by a stranger. It is obvious that they had seen Jesus in Jerusalem but did not recognize him here.

They had not come to a full understanding of the events which had taken place, and we read that they were sorrowful because they had hoped that Jesus would be the Messiah. They concluded that he was not, and thus they moved toward their homes in a dark mood.

All they had to take with them were rumors. As they traveled the road to Emmaus they had very little of substance to go on. In a sense they reflected a pessimism which might have been called the original "God is dead" theology. All the two men had to strengthen them was their own friendship, and as they walked and talked this began to undergird and reassure them.

As so often happens when people are sad and perplexed, their mood was one of irritability. The passage tells us that they "reasoned" or argued about the events which had taken place so recently.

Then they were joined by a stranger. He acted

as though he had not heard of the events which they were discussing. When Jesus asked them what they were talking about, they said, "we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel" (v. 21).

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WORDS ADDRESSED TO A STRANGER

One of the writers has suggested that the sadness and loneliness which characterized Jesus' journey to the cross was behind Luke's character sketch of the stranger in this story. As Dr. Paul Scherer says in Interpreter's Bible: "Surely there was never a life that seemed more lonely or more alien than the life of Jesus . . . and yet whose life is it that is lonely and alien in a world of God, his or ours? And whose customs are strange? It may well be that we shall never find ourselves at home until we learn of him."

Dr. Charles M. Laymon has suggested that in many instances the presence of Christ is overpowering. It is sometimes true that it takes time for the glories of life to "sink in." He reminds us of the blind man Jesus healed who first saw men as trees walking and only after a second touch from Jesus did he see them in true perspective (Mark 8:24-25).

As they felt a little closer to the stranger they began to tell him about the hopes and dreams that had been theirs. In their conversation they revealed that they had been rather close to Jesus during his earthly ministry. They told how his words had opened up eternal truth to them and how his deeds had promised deliverance from their enemies. In his matchless spirit they had found all they knew they ought to be. In his character and life they found their own lives judged but transformed. Gladly they had followed him and devoted their lives to him.

However, they spoke of all this as being in the past and told how their beautiful dreams had come to an end. They indicated they would always remember him with deepest love and reverence. Yet nothing could change the fact that he was dead.

There is something rather pathetic about the message which these Emmaus disciples communicated. Their faith was centered exclusively in the past. They said "they had hoped," but now their hope was gone. So many people have shared the memories of Jesus, but have not known him alive in their own experience. He is a stranger to them.

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JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF TO THEM

Jesus appreciated the fact that these men were disheartened, and we begin to see his loving concern for them. He did not give up on them but began to teach them as they moved along the road. He encouraged them and began to teach them that the scripture they knew so well did not apply just to the past but that it could be alive in their experience.

When the three of them arrived at Emmaus it was time for the evening meal. It appeared to the two men that Jesus was traveling on down the road, so they asked him to spend the evening with them. Someone has pointed out that from their words, "Stay with us . . . the day is far spent," comes the idea for the verse of the familiar hymn, "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide."

We can conclude that Jesus joined them in the home that belonged to one of them. If they had been guests in the home of another they would not have felt free to invite him to stay with them. Someone has suggested that they were at an inn, but the

atmosphere of the story seems to fit much better into a private home.

For some strange reason the two men deferred to their guest and he in effect became their host. His conversation with them had established a tone of authority and they asked him to break the bread at the evening meal. The host customarily prayed and served the meal. There is some similarity in the language Luke records around this dinner table, and it was through this experience, rather than any physical recognition, that they realized their guest was Jesus. There was something about what Jesus said and did when he blessed the bread and broke it that opened their eyes.

In a short time these two disciples moved from doubt and despair to joyous assurance. The radiant heart replaced the sad one because of the presence of the Lord Jesus and his patient teaching of them. In the rather commonplace experiences of walking to Emmaus and eating supper these men found what they had missed. There was a pattern followed by many other Christians as they moved from doubt to faith.

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THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Even though it was late in the day, these two men wanted to get back to Jerusalem and report the glorious news. When they arrived there, they found that the others were beginning to get the picture too.

Even though they had persuaded Jesus to stay with them because "the day is now far spent," these men risked the perils of nighttime travel to get back to the city. The revelation of Jesus they had received was so gripping and so joyous, they had to share it with others. They soon found the eleven and others and witnessed to the reality of this greatest experience of the Christian faith. Thus it has been through the ages—when one has truly been with Jesus and walked with him, it has to be shared.

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WALKING WITH JESUS TODAY

In our own day there is a great deal of criticism of the church from persons who feel that the spirit of the living Christ is lacking in many activities. Some of it is deserved, because there is failure to communicate the reality of the risen Christ. One of the most exciting characteristics of contemporary church life is the honest searching for a new experience of Jesus.

There are a number of movements today which seem to be at odds with each other which are really closer together than they seem. When one looks into them he finds that most are honest in their quest for a new way in which to walk with the risen Lord. It is certain that this search will not result in the perpetuation of things as they have been done in the past. As one has said, "Tradition embodies the values of the past. But if we merely cling to what has been handed down from the past, however great, we may easily lose the reality represented by our heritage."

The organized church has long been the channel through which the message and influence of the Bible have been made effective. Yet we all know that many who bear the name of Christian have not really had an experience which gives them the feeling that they are walking with Christ.

We will be moving next into a series of lessons about the church. It will be helpful for us to remember that along the road to Emmaus friends of Jesus and his way discovered anew the nature of his being through conversation and dialogue. In our own time the church will be renewed and preserved as all groups who are interested in it are brought together to share their views and plan the goals for its future. A basic part of suggestions for restructuring the United Methodist Church is the insistence that wider participation is needed in every policy-making group. However, as we broaden the base of participation we must also deepen the awareness that what we are doing is seeking to find Christ's will for our time as we all walk together.

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United Methodist women in local churches to vote on name for new organization

The initial outline for a projected new organization for women in the United Methodist Church took form at a meeting held in Dallas in January.

If plans approved here are finally adopted, the single new organization would be the successor to two present organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild (traditionally for employed women). They have an estimated membership of 1,600,000 in 36,500 local units in the 50 states, and give about \$13,000,000 annually for missions and other causes.

A constitution for the organization, on the local church level, was adopted by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The Division is the national policy-making body for the Society and Guild, and is one of four major units of the Board of Missions.

The proposed local unit constitution was adopted by the Women's Division by an overwhelming vote. However, to become official and operative, the constitution and other provisions must be approved by United Methodist's highest legislative body, General

Conference, which meets in Atlanta in April.

No name was chosen by the Women's Division for the proposed new organization. Rather, local Societies and Guilds throughout the nation will be asked to vote, in a massive name-selection referendum, on four alternatives. They were chosen by the Division from among many submitted from throughout the country. The four alternative names are:

United Methodist Women, United Methodist Women in Mission, Fellowship of United Methodist Women, Women United for Mission.

Criteria suggested for use in selecting a name include 1 that it: "is short; has appropriate initials; implies a less rigid structure; is easily identifiable and descriptive, avoids faddish terminology; describes not merely a meeting but a 'being.'"

As stipulated by the Women's Division in its action last October authorizing "one new inclusive women's organization," the constitution keeps a central focus on the mission of the church. Mission and missions have

been historic concerns of United Methodist women in the 1860s. The constitution reaffirms that concern and outlines other emphases in a proposed new purpose:

"The (name of organization) shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

The new organization on the local level would continue to be related to the Women's Division. Like its predecessors, it would continue to secure and administer funds, channeling some to the Women's Division for local mission. Also as with the present Society and Guild, provisions for the new organization encourage active participation by women in the general life of the local church.

The Women's Division approved the proposed constitution on recommendation of a specially constituted 24-member Planning Committee, which made its first report. The Committee was geographically representative of the

nation, and included women of varying racial, age and socio-economic backgrounds. One-third were Society members; one-third Guild members, and one-third members of neither. The Committee spent four days early in January developing a constitution and discussing other plans for the new organization. It is to make further reports to the Division.

At the time of Division action in October three leaders, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, president; Miss Charlotte Andress, Wesleyan Service Guild Committee chairman, and Miss Theresa Hoover, associate general secretary, said of the change: "Seeking to retain the best in program and practice from a great heritage, one new inclusive organization holds real promise for a strengthened movement. It offers opportunity to attract and involve many more younger women; it offers potential for greater flexibility in program and activities, which could appeal to a broader spectrum of women, those who may have widely varying cultural and community interests, life styles and values."

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the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie M. M. Timmins
Director of the
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British Isles

The environment has been the concern of public debate—not for the first time by any means in Britain. But the talk has been intensified by the publication of "Blueprint for Survival" in which thirty-three eminent men of science have suggested that nothing short of a revolution is needed if Western man—or any man, for that matter, is to survive.

Some of their suggestions are that we should stop building motorways, use trains more, go back to communities of 500 and stop the urbanisation we have embarked upon with such dreadful success, make family limitation a legal requirement, and slow down the process of raw material use by legislation and taxation.

These are considered by others not only to be Utopian but impracticable ideas. Other scientists claim that though some of the necessary checks must be made, the science that is gobbling up our natural resources can—properly applied—find alternatives, and anyway, to talk of going back to some kind of romantic idea of little towns just will not work.

The tension of the argument brings to the fore once again the Christian doctrines of Creation and Man. Many of us believe that the real contribution here is not merely scientific but philosophical and religious. The problem is not only technological—it is religious, and theological.

For a very long time Christians have been saying that our intelligence has outstripped our wisdom—that our technical control is greater than our moral control. And the lesson is a very hard one to learn—a bitter pill for self-confident modern man to swallow.

Yet it is the age-long contention of the Christian that God has given men dominion over all the earth, and now

that he has got just that, and indeed over a bit of Space as well, he has still forgotten, or does not want to know, that dominion does not mean that he can be greedy.

The problem, as I said on the BBC radio, is one that is as old as the hills, and if we do not begin to match our technical abilities to a new moral attitude the bill will come in very quickly, and there will be the devil to pay.

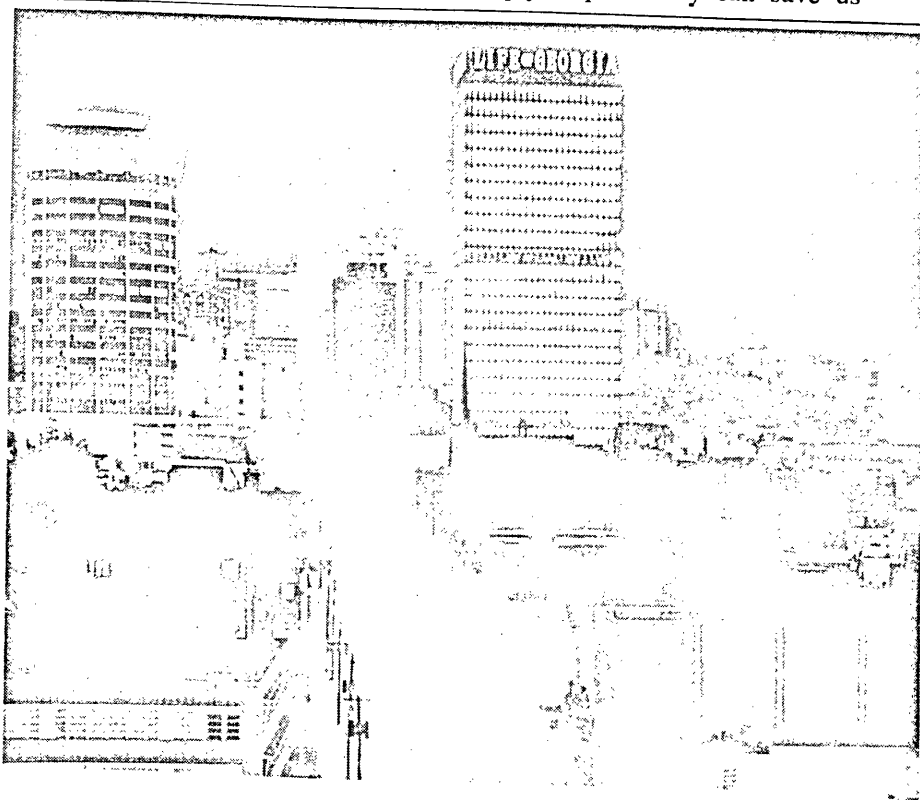
The environment is one with Man and he is a partner with all Creation—that is the way we must think and plan. But so long as today seems reasonably all right who wants to plan—or sacrifice—for tomorrow?

Only a Christian recognition that gifts imply responsibility can save us

—and to talk about the need for salvation is not just a religious remark in the face of an enormous political and practical problem, for at the end of the day it is Man who will make the decision. That means that what matters more than the kind of machines we have, the kind of computers we build, the kind of power units we invent, is the kind of men who are using, building, inventing.

That is an old, old, story yet it applies to today and it is just another example that the Christian belief that only redeemed man can find life which is truly abundant is not only a way for life for the individual—it is the necessary way of life for all men.

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Mrs. Romney to address Protestant Health Assembly

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — "Care for Persons in Crisis" has been chosen as the theme for the 32nd annual convention of the United Methodist National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries to be held in Chicago, Ill., March 6-8.

About 600 administrators of denomination-related health care agencies, trustees, and annual conference leaders in the health and welfare field are expected to attend the session. Again this year, the United Methodist convention is being held in conjunction with the Protestant Health Assembly (PHA) which includes 12 other denominations and agencies.

Keynote address for the Protestant Health Assembly banquet on March 6 will be given by Mrs. George Romney, wife of the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Much of the United Methodist convention will consist of workshops. Some seminars will be held concurrently with the PHA.

President of the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries is Robert H. Whitfield, administrator of Methodist Youthville, Inc., Newton, Kans. President-elect is Edgar O. Mansfield, administrator of Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

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New film dramatizes mission of black colleges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—**Symbol of a Bell**, a 16mm motion picture which dramatizes the mission of the 12 United Methodist-related black colleges, has been released for the Negro Colleges Advance.

The two-year Advance program, developed by the 1970 General Conference to raise \$8 million for the 12 schools, is directed by Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun of Nashville and Dr. Dennis R. Fletcher of New York City.

The 10-minute, color film is sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education and the Program Council's Division of Interpretation and Division of Television, Radio, and Film Communication (TRAFCO).

Featured in the film is a dramatic appeal by Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia., a graduate of Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C. Shot in Chicago, at Rust College in Holly Springs, Miss., and at Pearl High School in Nashville, the film shows how the mission of the colleges has been realized in alumni and how it may be realized in young people who are not students of the schools.

J. Fred Rowles of the TRAFCO staff was writer-director for production and Woodrow A. Geier of the Division of Higher Education was executive producer. Greg Morris of **Mission Impossible** fame was the narrator.

The twelve colleges participating in

S. Carolina Conferences accept union plan

COLUMBIA, S. C. (UMI)—Only four all-black annual conferences will soon be left within the United Methodist Church, following a vote here Jan. 27 to merge the two South Carolina conferences in June.

The formerly all-white and all-black units voted substantially (573-247 and 135-44) after extensive discussion in a joint session to accept a new plan of union. Each conference earlier had rejected at least one merger proposal during the past year, not substantially different from this one, according to church officials.

The action leaves segregated conferences, remnants of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction which was closed out in 1968, in Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma-Arkansas. The jurisdiction had 17 conferences, covering most of the United States, until 1964, when the first mergers occurred. The first conference desegregation in the South occurred in 1968.

The church's General Conference, at Atlanta in April, is expected to take

action to eliminate finally segregation at the annual conference level. The Commission on Religion and Race has recommended that such steps be completed by mid-1973. The 1968 Conference set 1972 as a target date for desegregation but refused to make the goal mandatory.

Under the plan in South Carolina, after uniting officially in June, the boards and agencies will include all present members from both conferences through 1972, then new boards will be chosen, based on approximate ratios of church membership, and with chairmen elected "without regard to former conference relationship." Staff will be employed on an inclusive basis, with present ratios serving as a guideline.

Present district superintendents will serve out their terms, to be reduced from 15 to 12 by 1974 by the process of attrition. The bishop was urged to form his cabinet with nine white and three black superintendents beginning in 1975 and for at least eight years.

Christian Ashram movement experiences rapid growth

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Bishop James K. Mathews of the United Methodist Church's Boston Area has been named general chairman of the Christian Ashram movement, and the Rev. E. Stanley Jones, world renowned evangelist and missionary leader, chairman emeritus. Dr. Jones is the founder of the United Christian Ashram movement and its long-time leader. He is currently recuperating in a Boston hospital following a stroke which he suffered last December.

Announcement of Bishop Mathews' selection to head the movement was made here Feb. 3 by the Rev. Harold Dutt of Dayton following a recent meeting of the board of the Ashram movement in Orlando, Fla. Dr. Dutt, superintendent of the Dayton North District of the United Methodist Church, is director and coordinator of the United Christian Ashrams of North America.

W. W. Richardson of Barrington, R. I., a United Church of Christ layman, was re-elected general secretary.

Interviewed here by United Methodist Information, Dr. Dutt pointed out that the United Christian Ashram movement, while interdenominational and international in scope, is affiliated with the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church. He said an estimated 80 per cent of those attending its retreats are United Methodists.

Dr. Dutt said that there are now 30

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

organized ashrams in the United States, 14 of which have been launched in the last two years. Attendance has risen from 2,340 in 1966 to 4,162 last year.

Director and coordinator of the work in Europe is Dr. Sten Nilsson of Stockholm, Sweden.

In addition to the leaders already named, the executive committee for the Ashram movement includes Dr. J. T. Seamonds, Wilmore, Kentucky and Dr. Roberto Escamilla of Nashville, Tenn.—both United Methodists—and Dr. William Berg, a Lutheran clergyman from Minneapolis, Minn., and Dr. Gordon C. Hunter, Hamilton, Ontario, of the United Church of Canada.

For supervisory purposes, North America is divided into six areas under the following directors: **Northeast**—Dr. Gordon C. Hunter, Hamilton, Ontario; **Southeast**—the Rev. Charles Kinder, Pinellas Park, Fla.; **North Central**—the Rev. Charles Johnson, Piqua, Ohio; **South Central**—the Rev. Andrew Gallman, Wilmore, Ky.; **Northwest**—the Rev. Earl Houch, Seattle, Wash.; **Southwest**—the Rev. Harold E. Carlson, Hemet, Calif.

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Jurisdiction's delegates get questionnaire

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Declaring that the political process for electing United Methodist bishops needs to be more open, two Midwestern editors have jointly mailed a questionnaire to all South Central Jurisdictional Conference delegates asking them to "indicate the names of persons whom you hear or feel will be given serious consideration for election to the episcopacy."

Miles W. Jackson, editor of the **Nebraska Messenger**, and Charles A. McEowen, editor of the **Missouri Methodist**, say they intend to publish information about those persons listed as a part of their responsibility to keep their readers informed.

While leaders in the church have opportunity to know persons being considered for the episcopacy, editors Jackson and McEowen contend that the average man in the pew is kept in the dark.

"We are not asking for whom the delegates will vote and we are not taking a straw ballot," the editors explain. "We are not seeking to influence the balloting for bishop but we are concerned that all United Methodists have knowledge as to whom is being considered for office." Delegates are not asked to sign the questionnaires.

Bishops are elected for life terms and assigned at five jurisdictional conferences held every four years. Half of the Jurisdictional delegates are laymen, half are clergy.

The 1972 conferences will be more exciting than usual because of the large number of bishops to be elected. Nineteen vacancies exist due to retirements and deaths.

Locations for the conferences to be held July 11-14, 1972 are: Southeastern, Lake Junaluska, N. C.; South Central, Houston, Texas; North Central, Indianapolis, Ind.; Western, Seattle, Wash.; and Northeastern, Reading, Pa.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Methodist Conference in New Zealand and the country's Presbyterian General Assembly have endorsed a plan for merger of five denominations. If accepted by all the churches, the merger could go into effect in 1975.

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PARAGOULD DISTRICT PARSONETTES AT TUCKERMAN

The Paragould District Parsonettes met on February 2, in the home of Mrs. Helen LeGrand of Tuckerman with 25 ladies present. The meeting began with a Valentine devotional given by Mrs. Agnes Holland of Paragould, on the subject of "Forgetting to Hate and Learning to Love."

The President, Mrs. Doris Clark of Corning, then expressed a word of welcome to all present. During the meeting, particular emphasis was given to the need to update the District Scrapbook with more recent pictures and floor plans of the parsonages of the Paragould District.

As a part of the program each lady brought one of her hobbies for a show-and-tell time. Some of the hobbies displayed were: knitting, stamp collecting, purse making, quilting, glass painting, needlework, bead making, bird watching, rock collecting, reading, cooking, sewing, liquid embroidery, and GOING. The meeting adjourned and the ladies enjoyed a pot-luck dinner and fellowship.

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY APPOINTS NEW DEAN

Dr. Philip Wogaman, Professor of Christian Social Ethics, has been appointed Dean-designate to succeed Dr. L. Harold DeWolf as Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., upon Dr. DeWolf's retirement at the end of the current academic year. Announcement of the appointment was made by President John L. Knight at the monthly meeting of the Seminary's faculty on January 24.

Dr. Wogaman, 40, holds the A.B. degree from the University of the Pacific, and S.T.B. and Ph.D. degrees from Boston University. He was Associate Professor of Bible and Social Ethics at the University of the Pacific prior to joining the Wesley faculty in 1966.

A new cooperative experiment is the Wesley Institute of Urban Ministries in which the Seminary, the local church, the annual conference and the general Board of Missions cooperate to find and teach new ways of relevant Christian ministry in the city.

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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FORREST CITY GUILD ENTERTAINS CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Forrest City, was entertained by the Wesleyan Service Guild at an Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, January 26. This annual affair is a highlight of Guild Month in Forrest City. Tables were set and lavishly decorated for 55 diners who served themselves at a buffet.

Dr. Earl Hughes, pastor, offered the invocation. Mrs. Rodney Wylds, Guild president, welcomed the group and Bill Baskins responded on behalf of the choir. James E. Justiss is choir director and Mrs. Herman Young is organist.

After the fellowship meal, the groups adjourned. While the choir rehearsed, the Guild held business and the "Call to Prayer" program. Mrs. Dorothy Young, who has served as courtesy chairman for several years, was given a Special Membership. Yearbooks were distributed by Mrs. M. H. Ridgway, program chairman. Mrs. C. T. Woodfin was elected to serve as WSCS-WSG coordinator. The forthcoming Inter-Faith Valentine program and banquet was announced for February 10 at the Civic Center with Catholic women serving as host group.

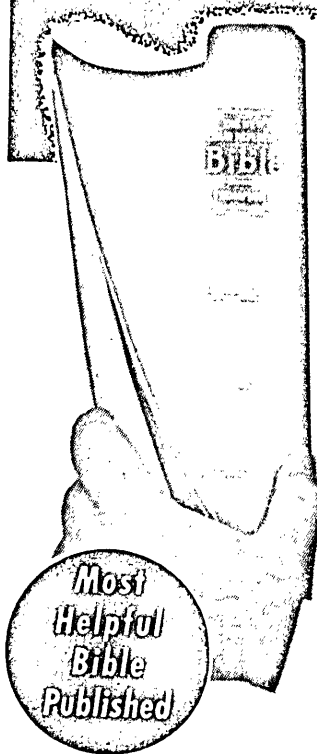
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

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Feb. 21	Deut. 33:26-29
Feb. 22	Ezek. 37:21-28
Feb. 23	Zech. 9:9-17
Feb. 24	Rom. 8:24-39
Feb. 25	Heb. 8:6-13
Feb. 26	Heb. 10:12-22
Feb. 27—Sun.	I Cor. 15:12-21

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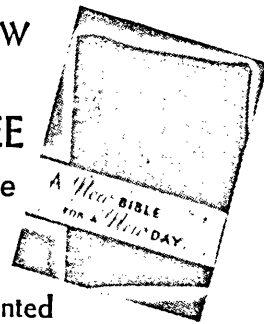
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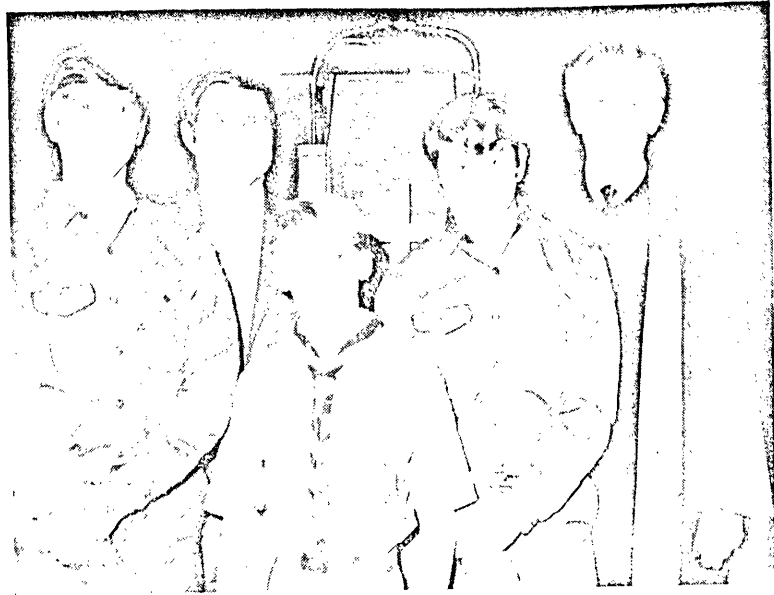
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Recipients of God and Country Awards at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, on Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 6, were the three young men pictured above. FROM LEFT: Jimmy Don Gingerich, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Gingerich; Eddie Mulkey, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis M. Mulkey, and Bobby Crum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crum. Scoutmaster Garrett Martin and their pastor, the Rev. Louis M. Mulkey, are shown with those honored.

NEWS AND NOTES

THE REV. AUBRA HAYS was honored by members of the Macey United Methodist Church on Sunday night, Jan. 30, at a fellowship supper. He was presented a "welcome mat" bordered with gift money from the members. Mr. Hays was recently transferred from the Yellville Parish to the Monette-Macey Churches.



COPIES OF PSALMS and the New Testament in large print were presented to the Golden Age Group in Adkins Memorial United Methodist Church by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDonald in a recent ceremony. The Rev. Tom Nation is pastor of the Malvern St. Paul Parish, which includes Adkins Memorial Church.

LAKE VIEW AND LAKE CITY Churches held the regular Fifth Sunday Night pot-luck supper in the Lake City United Methodist Church. Singing and fellowship followed the evening meal. The Rev. Bill Kirkland is the pastor.

HUNTER MEMORIAL CHURCH, 11th and McAlmont Streets, Little Rock, is beginning the study of "The New Generation of Africa" on the first Sunday night of Lent, Feb. 20, and will continue each Sunday through March 19. Mack Chambers, chairman of Commission on Missions, will present the following program: Feb. 20—Introduction and filmstrip "Drum Beat to Dialogue"; Feb. 27—Colonial Africa, with guest speakers, Mrs. E. T. Davenport and Mrs. Regina Nwagwagwa, from Nigeria; Mar. 5—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Totter of Benton, on their travels in Africa; Mar. 12—Africa Today; Mar. 19—Fun and Festival Time in Africa. The Hunter minister is the Rev. George Kerr.

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The 13 young men shown at right received the God and Country Award during a special service of recognition at First United Methodist Church, Osceola, last Sunday (Feb. 13). FROM LEFT: (back row) Robert Mears, Dick Rhodes, Danny Pay, Mark Wiseman; (middle row) David Edrington, Brewer Rhodes, Bryan Winston, Don Johnson, Jr., Lenny Teaster; (front row) Robert Marler, Ricky Boothe, Ray Parsons, Jr., Kenny Teaster. Others in photo: The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon (left), minister; Scoutmaster Chester Hayes (rear, right); John Barker (front, right), local church representative, who attested to the qualifications of each Scout who received the award.

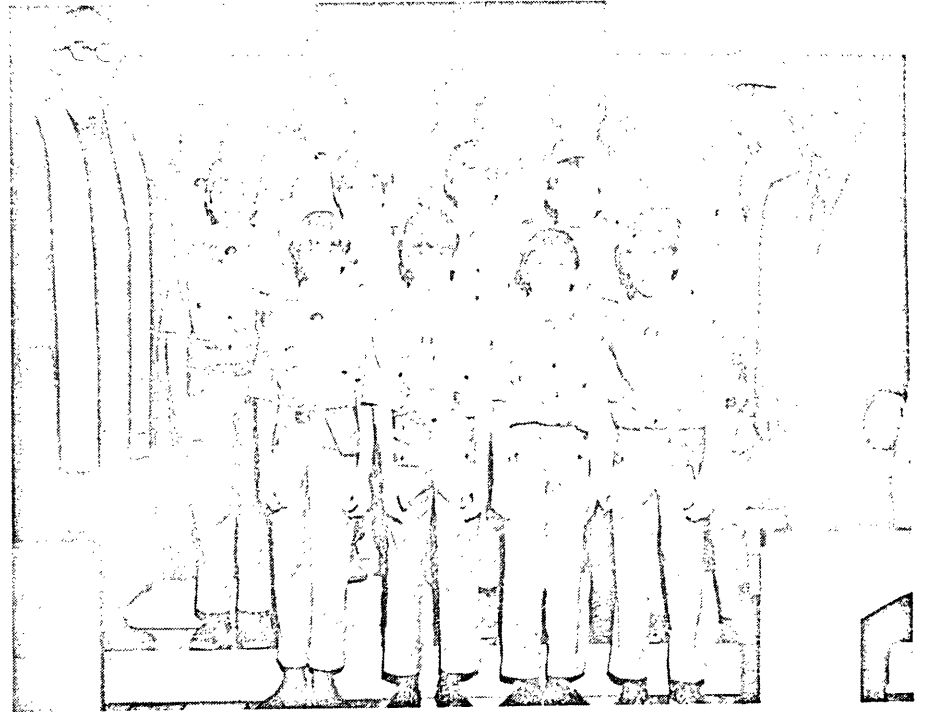
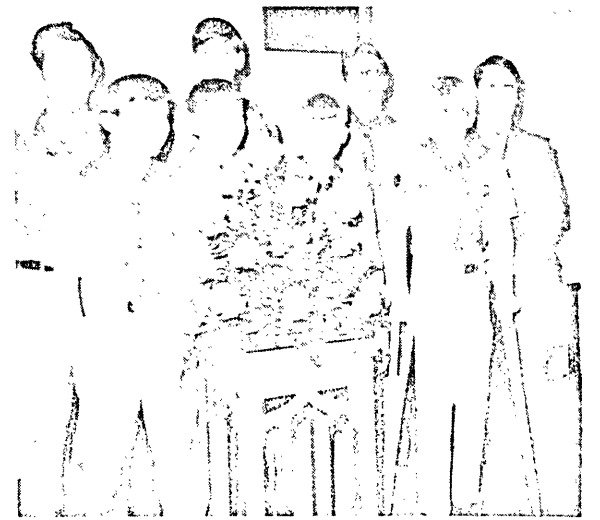
JOE MIDDLEBROOKS spoke to the congregation of the Bradley United Methodist Church, Sunday evening, Feb. 6, concerning drug abuse and related problems. Mr. Middlebrooks is an instructor in the Texarkana Public Schools and is a member of the Bradley Church, of which the Rev. Buddy Jester is pastor.

THE JASPER United Methodist Church sponsored a teenage Rap, Witness and Song session on Sunday evening, Jan. 30. A group of teenagers from First Church, Harrison, assisted with the program, sharing music and testimony. The Rev. Fred Witta, Jr. is the Jasper minister.

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THE REV. ELBERT BRUNER, pastor of the Sedgwick United Methodist Church, administered the sacrament of Baptism to his grand-daughter, Nancy Suzanne Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carter, in Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, January 30. Paternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Carter of Crossett, attended the service, as did Mrs. Bruner.

At right is the Boy Scout Troop at Tillar United Methodist Church, who had charge of morning worship on Boy Scout Sunday. FROM LEFT: Troop Leader Charles Fritsch, who presented the message, with Scouts Mitchell Johnson, Timothy Wells, Danny Stanley, Guy Teeter, Charles Fritsch Jr., Steve Bradshaw, and the Rev. Larry Williams, pastor.



POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

"Oh Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures." (Psalm 104:24)

A Quiet Place

I find tranquility beside
An oak or maple shaded stream
Where silver ripples of the tide
Emerge, concordant with a dream.
A quiet place to reminisce
Or yet . . . initiate a plan.
No finer place on earth than this
To calm the restlessness in man . . .

—by Cleo Sorrels

God's Day

Have you ever watched God make a new day?
It's truly a wondrous sight—
He gathers in each shining star
And rolls away the night.

He paints the horizon with colors
Lovely to behold.
The sun comes up to warm the earth,
A gift far better than gold.

And as I watch this miracle,
With wonder in my heart
I breathe a prayer of praise to Him —
"My God, how great Thou art."

—by B. Wood

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