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United Methodism's Health and Welfare Ministries' awards made

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—A Cincinnati, Ohio, attorney and civic leader was inducted into the United Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy here March 8 and five other individuals and one institution received honors during the annual convention of the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Louis Nippert was honored with the Hall of Fame membership in recognition of 40 years of service to the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association in Cincinnati and his financial support in the development of the complex of agencies.

Other awards presented March 7 and 8 include: Chaplain of the Year, the Rev. Kenneth E. Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.; Trustee Award, Milton P. Adler, New Orleans, La.; Administrators Award, the Rev. Foye G. Gibson, Maryville, Tenn.; Conference Board Chairman, the Rev. William H. Phillips, Euclid, Ohio; Health Careers Award, Bobby Lee Isom, Atlanta, Ga.; and Agency Award, Bethany Medical Center, Kansas City, Kans.

The award to Mr. Nippert makes the second such honor to be received by his family. His father, Judge Alfred K. Nippert, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Philanthropy in 1950.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway of the Arkansas Area, president of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, made the presentations during the meeting in Chicago.

The citation to Dr. Reed is in recognition for his work with Methodist Hospital of Indiana and his leadership in the College of Chaplains of the American Protestant Hospital Associ-

ation, as well as other activities. During his 14 years at the Indianapolis institution, the chaplain's staff has grown from two to nine, including a Roman Catholic priest.

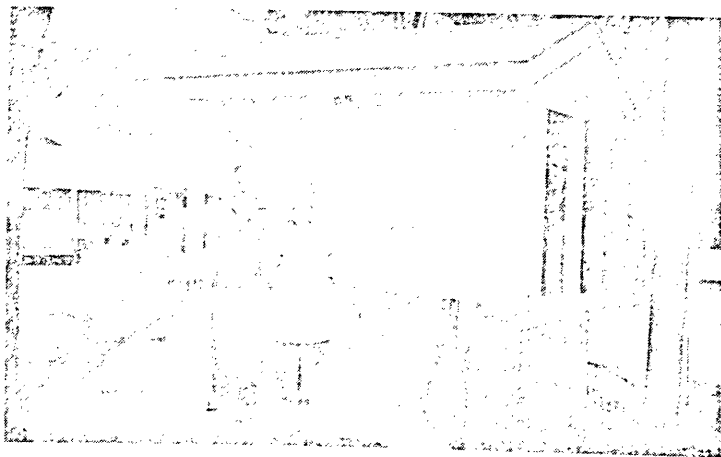
Mr. Adler received the Trustee Award for 27 years of service to the Lafon Protestant Home in New Orleans, an agency serving predominantly aged black persons. He is credited with spearheading a drive which saves the facility from extinction.

The Administrators Award was given to Dr. Gibson in recognition of 13 years as administrator of Asbury Acres in Maryville, and an additional center in Wytheville, Va. He was a founder of the Tennessee Association of Homes for the Aging and was one of the organizers of the American Association of Homes for the Aging.

Dr. Phillips was recognized for his work with the East Ohio Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. The facilities include two homes for the aging, two serving children and youth, and two health care facilities.

The Health Careers Award was presented to Mr. Isom, a student in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University. He has received a number of honors during his academic career, including an honor scholarship award given to one student selected by the faculty each year.

Among other things for which the Bethany Medical Center was cited in the 1972 Agency Award was the inauguration in 1968 of a continuing care center, the first such unit in the state of Kansas. The center is designed to bridge the gap between initial acute treatment in a hospital and a return to the patient's home.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Donner, recently retired after 11 years of service at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, photographed in front of bulletin board which they presented to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly in memory of John C. Grubb, brother-in-law of Mr. Donner.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking forward eagerly to entertaining the Little Rock Annual Conference at the First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, beginning Monday, May 22. Delegates whose addresses are available will receive a letter soon describing motel and hotel accommodations, parking, and other matters. Each delegate will be responsible for making his reservation. Room assignments for Boards and Committees have been made.

Robert E. L. Bearden
Maurice C. Webb

Improvements made at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly

In preparation for the summer of 1972, the following improvements have been made at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, according to the Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent:

Exteriors of all frame cottages have been painted; a dumbwaiter installed in the cafeteria to bring food from the storage areas in the basement to the kitchen; extensive repairs on Wesley Hall, including the much needed work on the fourth floor, where water was entering and damaging the remainder of the building.

Central air-conditioning has been installed in Arkansas Lodge, and the ten window units from this building placed in other cottages, leaving only four housing units without air-conditioning; drapes have been placed over the east windows of the cafeteria, and in the private dining room (these drapes were given in memory of Mrs. T. C. Kennan, aunt of the superintendent);—the project of placing locks on all housing units is now complete, with Parker Hall being the last building to have locks installed; safety treads have been placed in all bathtubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Donner, familiar faces at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly for the past 11 years, retired on February 29. During their tenure, Mr. Donner was in charge of maintenance, and Mrs. Donner was office assistant, serving as room registrar and bookkeeper for the past three years.

A dinner was given in their honor at Heinie's Steak House, Springdale, on Wednesday evening, March 1. The Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of The Assembly, presented them gifts from The Assembly, including a portable color television, and a hand vacuum sweeper. Both of these gifts were selected to fit their travel trailer, in which they will be living for the next several months.

They left on March 2 on a trip which will take them to a number of states, including California where they will visit friends and relatives. After their wanderlust has been satisfied, they will be at home at 103 Skyline, Fayetteville.

James Beebe of Greenland, Ark. has been employed to succeed Mr. Donner. Don S. Woods of Fayetteville has been employed as Bookkeeper on a part time basis, and Mrs. Cate has assumed the duties of room registrar.



Arkansas Area delegation to Mar. 3-5 Jurisdictional Youth Caucus held in Oklahoma City. FROM LEFT (back row): the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Little Rock; James Boswell, Bryant; (front row): Susan Gladin, Helena; Chris Meyer, Russellville; Diane Yokem, Little Rock. Dennis Chambers of Stuttgart, represented the Little Rock Conference Youth Council on the committee which selected the two new members of UMCYM. Miss Gladin, of the North Arkansas Conference, and Boswell, of the Little Rock Conference, were elected to serve one-year terms on the Jurisdictional Youth Team.

VCS Workshop for Arkadelphia District, April 14

A Vacation Church School Workshop will be conducted at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs on Friday, April 14, according to Mrs.

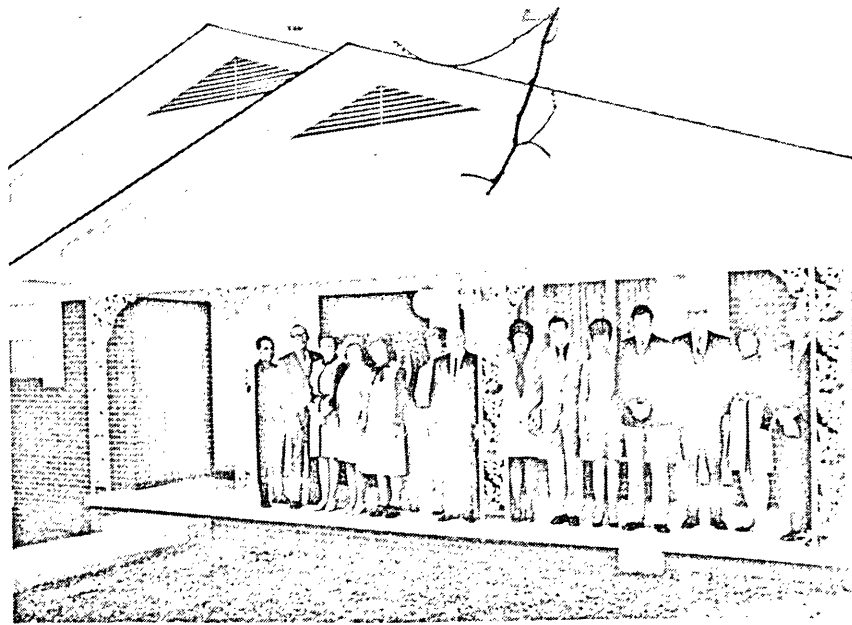
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This is to announce that applications are being accepted for college staff at Camp Tanako. Qualifications are as follows: 1 year of college and the desire to spend a working summer of 11 weeks at Tanako. For application blanks and additional information write Rev. Joe E. Arnold, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

Kelly Oliver, Arkadelphia District coordinator of Children's Ministry. The sessions which are scheduled to run from 9:30 to 3 p.m. on that date are designed to help workers with children in local churches within the district who will be conducting vacation church schools during the summer vacation period.

The teaching staff and age levels will include: NURSERY — Blanche Clem of First Church, Malvern; KINDERGARTEN—Grace Dwyer, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs; ELEMENTARY I-II — Carley Oliver; First Church, Arkadelphia; ELEMENTARY III-IV — the Rev. Tom Nation, St. Paul Church, Malvern, and ELEMENTARY V-VI, Marilyn Bischoff, First Church, Hot Springs.

There will be child care for pre-school children. A 50¢ lunch will be served at noon.



Members of Building Committee, contractors and others at recent open house held at New Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church parsonage in Paragould. Construction of the \$35,000 residence marks the conclusion of a three-year building program initiated by the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor. Other completed projects include a new education building and major renovation of the sanctuary. The Rev. Elmo Thomason, Paragould District superintendent, preached for morning worship and along with Mrs. Thomason and son, Dana, was present for the open house.



Leaders for March 10-12 Young Adult Lab and Seminar held at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith included (left to right): the Rev. Lander Beal and Miss Aileen Sanburn of the Board of Education in Nashville, and the Rev. David Moose, minister of youth at First Church, who served as director of the event—believed to be the first of its kind in the United Methodist Church.



Among those attending the Young Adult Seminar were (left to right): Connie Ghormsley of Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. Virginia Lindley of Jonesboro, and the Rev. Herschel McClurkin of Wesley Church, Russellville. Teams of persons from five Arkansas churches—Booneville, First Church of Conway, and First Church, Midland Heights, and Wyatt, all in Fort Smith—participated. (Photos by the Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of North Arkansas Conference Program Council)

DeVALLS BLUFF YOUTH LICENSED TO PREACH

The License to Preach was presented to Larry Wayne Martineau at his home church, DeValls Bluff United Methodist Church, Sunday, March 12 by C. Ray Hozendorf. Larry had been

recommended by his Charge Conference, completed the Course of Study for License to Preach and approved by the Little Rock District Committee on the Ministry. Dr. Hozendorf preached at DeValls Bluff and Hazen. The Rev. Herston R. Holland is pastor of the charge.

ANNOUNCING

North Arkansas Conference Family Camp at Myers Ranch

May 5-7

Registrar—Rev. Samuel B. Teague
6701 JFK Blvd.
North Little Rock, Ark. 72116

Registration Fee — \$5

This camp is open to families interested in Christian camping together. Each family will need to furnish its own food, tents or trailers, and all supplies for a three day camp. The registration fee will cover the cost of the normal camping insurance for each person and may help furnish a few supplies and help us to get electricity and water available at one spot.

Things to do at camp: fishing, hiking, exploring, campfire experiences, sharing amidst good fellowship.

Each family will have to be responsible for their own personnel. There are no life guards or supervisors, and so each family must see to its own. Families will be expected to camp in groups of four, five or six families, and within these small groups there will be a special comradeship, probably a group fire. There will be a central area as a kind of headquarters to exchange news and announcements, for sharing, for Sunday Worship.

This is Christian family outdoors life. Plan to enroll and come.
Directors: William M. Wilder
Samuel B. Teague
Wiley Frost

The Board of Global Ministries

The proposed new Board of Global Ministries would include all the work formerly controlled and administered by the various divisions of the Board of Mission plus that of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

The Structure Study Report says of this board: "Within the expression of the total mission of the church outlined in the Aims of Mission of the Council on Ministries, 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 a missional instrument of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences and local congregations in the context of a global setting."

Within the board there would be seven divisions — the World Division, the National Division, the Women's Division, the Division of Education and Cultivation, the Division for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries, and the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns.

Although there is a general provision for the constitution of the four program boards ("Each jurisdiction shall elect twelve persons for membership: four laymen, four laywomen and four clergy in full connection . . . plus at-large memberships to perfect the representation of ethnic minorities, youth, young adults and to bring into the board special knowledge or background.") there are special directions concerning the composition of the Board of Global Ministries.

The plan states: "The composition of the board and its divisions and units should reflect the major recognized categories of church members. One-half of the non-episcopal members should be women and not less than one-quarter should be clergy. One-fifth should represent minority interests and one-tenth youth and young adult interests. Any overseas representatives should also be selected through the at-large nomination process.

The basic members of the board (clergy, laymen and laywomen) are elected by the jurisdiction upon the nomination of the annual conferences. The at-large members of the board are nominated by a committee composed of the first man and woman elected from each jurisdiction. The Women's Division shall elect twenty-five of its members as members of the board. These persons may also serve as members of other divisions of the board.

In addition to the episcopal members provided for by Par. 803 the Council of Bishops shall elect three bishops from Central Conferences who shall be members of the board and who may attend at the time of their presence in the United States.

The board shall elect as its corporate officers a president, six vice-presidents who shall be the chairmen of the divisions, a treasurer, a recording secretary, and such other officers as it shall deem necessary. The board shall determine the powers and duties of its officers. The Women's Division shall elect its own chairman.

The board shall elect associate general secretaries of the Board of Global Ministries, who shall have administrative responsibility for the divisions and shall be responsible to the division and to the general secretary of the Board of Global Ministries. The Women's Division is exempt from compliance with the above procedure and shall elect its associate general secretary, after consultation with the president and general secretary of the board.

Of the following staff positions within the board, namely, the general secretary, the treasurer of the board and the associate general secretaries, and of the total elected and executive staff positions of the board, a minimum of forty percent shall be occupied by women.

Of the following staff positions of each division within the board, namely, the associate general secretary, assistant general secretaries, and associate treasurers, a minimum of one-third of the total of each division shall be women.

The Board of Global Ministries and its divisions shall endeavor to invest in institutions, companies, corporations, or funds which make a positive contribution toward the realization of the goals outlined in the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and to administer such investments in the interest of those persons and causes for which said funds were established.

Next week we will deal with the organization and responsibilities of each of the divisions of this board.

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THE WORLD IS OUR CONSTITUENCY

A recent mail brought a letter which helps to provide evidence that our paper is being read around the world. The letter was from Rome from a man named William E. Jerman who is related to an organization called IDOC which stands for "International Documentation on the Contemporary Church."

Mr. Jerman was writing to inquire about a story which we had printed in December concerning a document adopted by the Council of Bishops at their November meeting. Of course, the thing that impressed us was that we were the channel by which this news reached Rome.

Unfortunately we did not have a copy of the document, but you can be sure we will do our best to obtain it for our reader in Italy. The report which attracted his attention was one entitled "Call for Peace and Self-Development of People."

The letter also enclosed a description of the purpose of the organization. It said: "Centered in Rome, IDOC is an independent information/documentation service on all aspects of human liberation and renewal, on a transconfessional and international basis. It works to promote communication between and among church-related bodies, development agencies, liberation movements, peace movements, social action groups.

"It tries to keep under surveillance new developments in a wide range of interest areas; the theology of liberation, ecumenical dialogue, church-state problems, socialization, national development, social justice, human rights, youth, education, emigration, racism, spontaneous communities."

The organization compiles press releases and working papers from many conferences, saying: "Such texts will be classified and kept on file in our Rome offices, available for consultation of students, authors, and others. They may also be used in one or more of our services: a fortnightly review of documentation and documentary studies; a monthly catalogue of documents, and a weekly communications bulletin."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Addressing 7,000 women assembled at the Los Angeles Sports Arena for the purpose of beginning a nationwide chain of women's prayer groups, Mrs. Billy Graham (wife of the evangelist) asked: "Have you ever prayed for Chou En-lai or Mao Tse-tung? Or for the Internal Revenue Service men who give you so much trouble . . . or for hippies and militants?"

The showing of X- and R-rated movies on network commercial television was condemned recently by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, meeting in Nashville. A unanimously adopted resolution said, "The invasion of America's homes with profanity, vulgarity, adultery, incest, homosexuality, child molestation, nudity and sadism represents a moral challenge of major proportions." The resolution urged network authorities "to exercise moral vision and leadership in promptly reversing their decision to show these highly objectionable films on television."

In an address at Scarritt College in Nashville, Dr. William G. Pollard, atomic research scientist, said the industrial revolution will be seen in retrospect as having been a "joy ride" of no more than two centuries duration. Scarcity, rather than affluence, will characterize the planet during the coming century, he predicted. The executive director of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, explaining how he foresees the possibility of the present affluent society vanishing by 1990, said: "The automobile will cost the average person a year's salary to purchase. Most houses and apartments will be heated from waste heat from nuclear power plants but automatic washing machines, home freezers, and air conditioners will be out of reach of most." On a more optimistic note, he predicted great scientific and technological ingenuity will persist and the moral and spiritual quality of human life will be greatly improved.

The Nat'l. CROP Committee of Church World Service has presented its 1971 "Order of the Bucket" award to the Rev. John E. Thomas, Sr., a minister of the Church of the Brethren and CROP's regional director for Iowa. The award, based on an incident that took place during a preaching mission in Edgar, Neb., in Oct. 1966, was started in 1967. One evening a woman brought an old bucket to the Methodist church and said she would fill it with milo (a grain) to send overseas through CROP. By Thanksgiving Eve, enough milo and cash had been collected in Edgar to fill a boxcar.

According to a Religious News Service report the Stewardship Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) General Council has recommended the elimination of the Nat'l. and World Councils of Churches from the denomination's 1973 general mission budget, to make the benevolence budget "more appealing to many persons in the Church." Contributions to the NCC and WCC have evoked controversy among Southern Presbyterians in recent years due to the allegedly political nature of some of their programs.

A conservative Lutheran scholar, Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, has challenged a recent lecture by Harvard Divinity School Dean Kristian Stendahl who predicted an end to the Christian tradition of speaking about the immortality of the soul. Dr. Stendahl is "an unfortunate example of what happens when today's theologian places himself above the authority of God's Word," said Dr. Montgomery.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State scored as "radical, regressive, unconstitutional, and anti-public education" two bills before the House of Representatives that would provide federal income tax credits for parents of children in non-public schools. Commenting on the proposals, which have been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, Ed Doerr, a director of Americans United, said, "The plan would stimulate the growth and spread of selective private schools at the expense of public schools. This, in turn, would make all education more costly and less efficient, while turning public schools into 'dumping grounds' for racial and religious minorities and students not acceptable to private and church-run schools." "The tax credit plan, clearly, would channel public funds to religious institutions in violation of the First Amendment's prohibition of excessive entanglement between church and state," Doerr said.

Swiss defense Minister Rudolf Gnaegi has announced that 32 Protestant and Roman Catholic clergy will be prosecuted if they persist in their refusal to perform military service or to pay "defense taxes." In Switzerland, all males over 20—including the clergy—are subject to military service and annual retraining service periods. Conscientious objection is not recognized. Those who refuse to serve in the military are liable to prison terms.

New forms of church work among apartment house dwellers, members of the middle class and the youth counter-culture will be tested by three major Lutheran bodies. Each of the three denominations participating in the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. is expected to establish ministries to each of the specialized groups, according to Dr. Harold Haas, Division of Mission Services executive.

Evangelist Billy Graham said in an interview in Melbourne, Fla. that President Nixon's visit to Communist China gave "millions of people throughout the world new hope for peace" for at least a generation. With regard to the atheistic nature of the Communist Chinese government, Graham said, "God has dealt with nations that weren't Christian and used these nations in strange and various ways — sometimes to bring judgment on his own people . . . What has happened in China will mean the world can never be the same again. Whether it's good or bad, the world will be changed, and it's going to be changed radically."

"Drive to Serve," a program initiated by the Hunger Committee of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches has been established to help welfare recipients obtain food commodities. According to Mrs. Jeanne Saunders, interim coordinator of "Drive to Serve" many of the people enrolled for the federally supplied food supplements, are elderly, blind, or permanently disabled. To help those unable to pick up their food allotments, 31 volunteers organized the project to get the commodities at the food distribution center and deliver them by car to the people. "The motivation for doing this is not do-gooding but tough-minded realization of the facts," said one training chairman for the new organization.

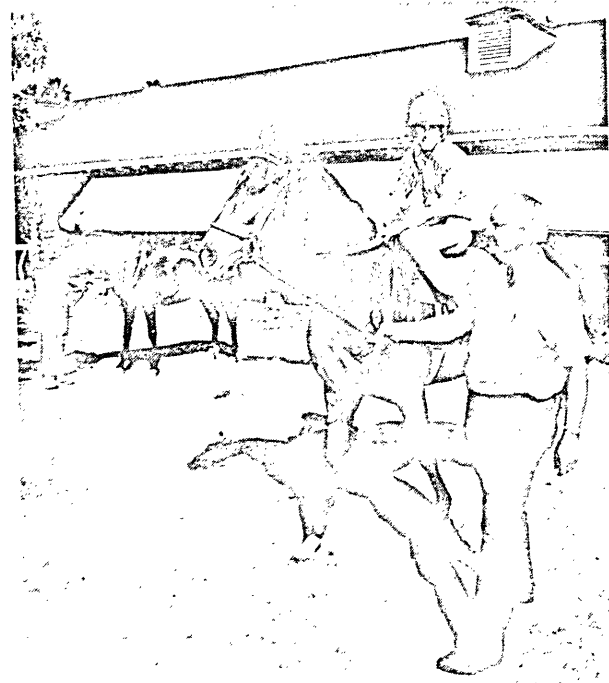
A party of 70 Americans including nuns, priests, pastors, college presidents, farmers, nutritionists, former missionaries, businessmen, lawyers, foreign relations specialists and other professionals left New York March 2 for a first-hand look at needs in Bangladesh. The group is part of "Operation Eyewitness," a key program in a short-term fund-raising project called the "Emergency Relief Fund," founded last summer. The project is described as a people-to-people approach aimed at encouraging millions of Americans to pledge \$10 per month for six months to help a single Bengali until a self-sustaining livelihood is achieved. The program is scheduled to begin in mid-March and run through Easter, with the idea of making personal sacrifice in the Lenten season a part of the philosophy.

Full and unconditional amnesty for young Americans who refused to serve in the U.S. forces and fled the country is "bad judgment and bad policy," a national Catholic laymen's magazine editorial said. Declaring that such an action "creates a dangerous precedent" which could harm the nation, *Columbia*, the Knights of Columbus monthly publication, described "wholesale" amnesty as "an insult to those who fought, bled or died in Vietnam and to those who lost loved ones there." The editorial said that violation of the law, even by "selective disobedience" has seriously harmful consequences for maintenance of any form of law and government.

Dr. Arnold Toynbee, noted British historian, holds that splintering of the Indian subcontinent into "mutually hostile nation-states," organized around linguistic differences, has ominous implications for the future of humanity. According to the professor at London's Royal Institute of International Affairs, language was a major factor in alienating the Bengali-speaking people of East Pakistan from West Pakistan. Dr. Toynbee expressed his conviction that without less stress on nationalism the peoples of the world cannot cope with the challenges of nuclear weapons, environmental pollution and overpopulation.

The World Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate (international agency) is promoting the use of the Bible by going to the "grassroots" to find out how it can make Scripture a part of the Christian's everyday life. Questionnaires were sent to all its members, to heads of bishops' conferences and the leaders of hundreds of men's and women's religious orders for distribution among the laity. Replies will be studied to determine the real needs of the Catholic layman, a spokesman said.

(RNS Photo)



HIALEAH, Fla. — Dr. Alfred C. Vansant walks from the Hialeah Race Course stables with a horse named Work My Way and jockey Roger Hudson. Dr. Vansant, a missions pastor on the staff of the Hialeah First Baptist Church, recently opened an office at Hialeah to become the first official track chaplain in Florida. He is a familiar sight at the track, spending his mornings around the stable ministering to the 1,500 employees there. The work of Dr. Vansant and others has led to an upsurge of religion at race tracks, and not just among the gamblers who pray when they place their last \$2 on a 100-to-1 shot. The American Baptist Convention, for instance, plans to establish a full-time track ministry in New Jersey and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board plans to place chaplains at all Florida race courses next year.

MARCH 16, 1972

Program Directors to Local Churches

TOOLS FOR SPIRITUAL CULTIVATION

First of all, let me recommend to you three audio-visuals that can be secured through your Program Council office. Each of these can be used most effectively in the local church. They are new in our library. Try them: you'll like them!

"Who Cares" is a new filmstrip that will help you interpret the need for emergency relief and rehabilitation. This filmstrip can be used effectively with youth and adult groups as you interpret the story of world need.

"The Toymaker" is a 12-minute motion picture, produced by Stevens Productions. Hand puppets visualize the ways in which people can live happily together. At first playing together, they discover differences in their appearance which cause them to mistrust and fear each other. They soon build walls between themselves, then find out how to get around the wall to fight, and finally discover they were all created by the same Person. Realizing they are actually part of each other, the puppets resume their previous way of life knowing there is no longer a need to be afraid or fight. A basic portrayal of human relations is effected with charm and simplicity. It is recommended for the discussion stimulation and motivation of junior highs through adults.

"Key 73 Interpretation Kit Guidelines". This filmstrip and recording outlines the basic objectives of Key 73 and the 1973 Cooperative Program Calendar as adopted by the Key 73 Central Committee. In addition, it traces some of the historical developments and expectations of the interdenominational year of evangelism.

A few of the possible uses for the kit are: Introduction of Key 73 to the following groups: 1. annual conference; 2. district meetings of pastors

and work area chairmen; 3. special Key 73 planning meetings; 4. local church Councils on Ministries and Administrative Boards; 5. all units of the local church school; 6. W.S.C.S., youth and men's club meetings, and 7. anywhere that you want to create interest in Key 73.

Important Notice!

Program Planning Number of The Interpreter. The date is changed. September, not May, will be the Program Planning Number. The main reason for shifting to a later date for the Program Planning Number is to include decisions from the 1972 General Conference. Although dated September, the issue will be ready for distribution in early August.

Focus of the Program Planning Number this year will be "Planning for Ministries — 1973 and Beyond." Contents have been planned by a task force representing the editors of the magazine, the Editorial Council of the Publication, and the Continuing Coordinating Committee of the Program Council. The September issue will introduce ideas developed by the Section of Planning of the Program Council for the selection of priorities by churches and organization and developing local programs to deal with those priorities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 20—North Arkansas Conference meeting with Dr. Paul Smith and Dr. Earl Jones of New York on "selection of sites for new churches."

March 26—Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week

March 30—Maundy Thursday

March 31—Good Friday

April 2—Easter Sunday

Arkansas' Community Methodist Hospital

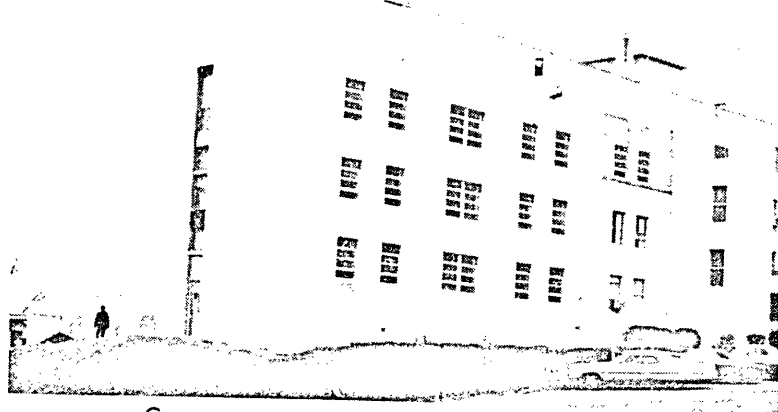
by Letha Phillips

It's the only one in Arkansas; it's located in the Northeast corner of the State; its service has touched thousands of lives during its twenty-two year history; it's Arkansas' only Methodist operated hospital — Community Methodist Hospital, Paragould!

It was a cold, winter February day as I drove up West Kingshighway to interview the Hospital Administrator, Mack D. Harbour, about the hospital for this feature story for the Arkansas Methodist. A warm feeling came over me as I reflected the history of the hospital and my pride swelled as I viewed the small town medical edifice reaching skyward as workmen put the finishing touch to the outside of the new wing.

Community Methodist Hospital is Paragould's third hospital. It succeeded

the nine-room Paragould Sanitarium which was opened in 1905, and the Dickson Memorial Hospital of 1907 (presently Paragould's City Hall). Community Methodist Hospital began as a WPA project in the early 1940's,



Community Methodist Hospital, Paragould

1971 YSF GIVING REPORT

FIGURES REPRESENT 70% OF TOTAL GIVINGS

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So. New England	
Maine	468.86
New Hampshire	123.90
Central Pennsylvania	5,268.80
Northern New Jersey	332.64
Southern New Jersey	5,410.91
New York	1,370.06
Troy	827.10
Eastern Pennsylvania	1,808.28
Puerto Rico	
Wyoming	2,439.00
Western Pennsylvania	6,565.86
Erie	1,139.63
Central New York	1,147.70
Northern New York	2,505.54
Western New York	818.52
Baltimore	4,847.28
Peninsula	795.90
West Virginia	1,747.07
TOTAL	37,617.05

NORTH CENTRAL:

Northern Illinois	\$ 1,900.00
North Dakota	1,293.00
South Dakota	1,890.75
Central Illinois	7,424.83
Southern Illinois	1,976.05
North Indiana	6,776.00
South Indiana	2,422.00
Iowa	14,268.06
Detroit	19,281.34
West Michigan	5,472.77
Minnesota	1,034.06
East Ohio	4,383.15
West Ohio	3,616.86
Wisconsin	2,237.37
TOTAL:	73,976.24

WESTERN:

Yellowstone	273.26
Rocky Mountain	894.10
Southern Cal-Arizona	9,634.12
Alaska Mission	14.00
Oregon-Idaho	949.00
California-Nevada	949.41
Pacific North west	1,131.73
Miscellaneous	1,334.69
TOTAL:	175.00
	14,406.31

SOUTHEASTERN:

North Georgia	4,739.83
South Georgia	5,953.79
Georgia	88.00
Alabama-West Florida	1,432.18
North Alabama	7,147.93
Western North Carolina	14,462.91
South Carolina	2,132.19
Florida	4,657.14
Mississippi	773.06
North Mississippi	3,957.94
Upper Mississippi	187.00
Kentucky	920.52
Louisville	1,436.48
Holston	12,684.75
Memphis	4,873.00
Tennessee	1,685.83
North Carolina	2,501.20
Virginia	4,918.07
TOTAL:	74,551.82

SOUTH CENTRAL:

Little Rock	4,431.92
North Arkansas	2,193.24
Central Texas	2,138.30
North Texas	1,265.41
Rio Grande	182.00
Texas	1,315.89
Kansas West	7,352.02
Kansas East	3,511.20
Louisiana	1,363.68
Missouri East	1,048.42
Missouri West	1,516.88
Nebraska	3,393.56
New Mexico	3,884.56
Oklahoma	10,803.54
Oklahoma Indian Mission	568.27
Northwest Texas	2,701.21
Southwest Texas	5,605.82
TOTAL:	53,275.92

Total YSF Giving for 1971 came to \$362,610.49.

The totals listed here represent 70 %, or \$253,827.34.

The Youth of the Little Rock Annual Conference are to be commended for their share of YSF last year. They were fourth in the South Central Jurisdiction, which has 18 conferences, and they were 22nd in the United States, which has 78 conferences.

but due to shortage of materials during World War II work was discontinued. Efforts were renewed during 1947. A local bond issue was passed and a Hill-Burton grant was approved both of which enabled the hospital to open and accept its first patient on October 17, 1949. The first patients were transferred from Dickson Memorial which ended a forty-two year period of service for Paragould's first real hospital.

It would be unfair to list the people who were instrumental in opening the hospital in 1949, Harbour stated; for fear of leaving someone out. It was truly a community effort and that harmony continues today. The people of Paragould are to be congratulated for their genuine community spirit.

The hospital building and grounds are owned by the City of Paragould, however, the City has never operated the facility. From the very beginning the City through its hospital commission sought assistance in operating the hospital. Prior to opening the hospital,



Mack D. Harbour
Administrator

hospital association articles and by-laws were drafted to conform with the guidelines of the Methodist Hospital and Homes Health Council. During the early years of the hospital, the Methodist Hospital of Memphis, Tenn. provided the local association the much needed encouragement and guidance.

The success of the hospital is vividly related through its continuous growth. The first addition to the hospital was completed in 1959 through refinancing of the original bond issue. This \$200,000 addition added a 16-bed obstetrical unit, labor, nursery, and de-

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NEWS and NOTES

THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT Youth Rally will be held Saturday, March 18, at First Church, Arkadelphia, from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

THE REV. AND MRS. W. GLENN BRUNER of Clarendon United Methodist Church, are participating in a Lenten Holy Land Tour, March 14-23, a gift of their congregation. The tour is being directed by Dr. L. H. Coleman, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pine Bluff. They will visit Zurich, Switzerland, and London in addition to five-days in Israel. The Clarendon pulpit will be filled on March 19 by the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home.

DR. HOWARD L. HODGES, associate professor of chemistry at U.A.L.R., was the leader of the study on "Christian Mission in an Age of Technology" held in First Church, Little Rock. The session was held Sunday, March 12, following morning worship and covered-dish luncheon. Panelists assisting him were Henry Akins, Dean of Men at U.A.L.R.; Mrs. W. D. Brown, housewife; Dr. William Bowen, president of Commercial National Bank; Ben Rowland, Jr., lawyer; and Mary Stobaugh, student. Youth presenting a play included Terry Brown, Margaret Davis, Mary Ann Faulkner, Greg Kyser, Greg Lewis, Lisa McAninch, Russell Moore and Susan Riggs. Ministers are Dr. R. E. L. Bearden and the Rev. Maurice Webb.

THE MENA United Methodist Church is using the "Forty Days of Love" program under the leadership of the Rev. Osborne White, pastor, during Lent.

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church, Brinkley, completed a four-weeks' study of the book of Matthew Sunday night, March 5, with the showing of slides from the Holy Land. Presenting the slides was the Rev. Jerry Nichols, pastor of the Wheatley Methodist Church, who was a recent visitor to the Holy Land.

THE REV. MERLE JOHNSON of Siloam Springs spoke recently at the Ladies' Night meeting of United Methodist Men in Bentonville. His theme was John Wesley's theology and the important contribution which it can make in our day. The pastor, the Rev. W. Maurice Lanier, had ordered, on consignment, copies of both books which Mr. Johnson has written, **HOW TO MURDER A MINISTER**, by Pastor X and **BEYOND DIS-CHANTMENT** which was published only a few weeks ago. A number of those present purchased the books and asked Mr. Johnson to autograph them.

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COMING EVENT: ALDERSGATE COUNTRY FAIR

The "Country Fair" to be held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp on Saturday, May 6, will offer a variety of entertainment as well as an assortment of articles for sale. Activities will be conducted from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Entertainment will be by singing groups and performing clowns. Opportunities will be given for fishing and boating at Aldersgate Lake and hiking in the woods. A festival atmosphere will prevail throughout the camp. Concession stands will provide food, as will the dining room,—or groups may cook out. Free camping privileges for the weekend are available to those with campers or tents. Cabins may be reserved free of charge. Reservations for camping and cabins should be made by April 1.

Items for sale will be offered in the flea market, antique auction, rummage sale, book nook, plant stand, arts and crafts exhibits, and country store.

The push is on now for articles to stock the booths.

Individuals are urged to earmark saleable items as closets are cleaned during spring housecleaning. Each church in the Little Rock area will have a chairman for the Aldersgate Fair with whom contact may be made to collect the gifts. Ask your church secretary for the name of your Aldersgate chairman.

Tom Williams, Aldersgate Board chairman, states that the proceeds of the day will go toward expanding the summer camping program at Aldersgate. Mrs. Edward W. (Mabel) Harris is serving as general chairman of the fair.

ST. ANDREW'S United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia will hold its spring revival from March 19 through 23. Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor of First Church, West Memphis, and former pastor of St. Andrew's, will be guest speaker. The Rev. Glen Davis is the pastor.

THE REV. JOHN WALKER, pastor of Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, was the speaker for a revival at Almyra United Methodist Church, February 20-25. The Rev. Claude Davison from Waco, Texas, was in charge of the music. Pastor of the Almyra Church is the Rev. Loyd Perry.

CHEROKEE VILLAGE United Methodist Church has organized the young people into junior and senior UMYF groups with an average attendance of ten in each group. Most of them attended the Youth Rally at Conway on Saturday, March 4. The Rev. Roy Poyner is their pastor.

THE BRINKLEY UNITED Methodist Church will be having the spring revival the week of March 19-24. The messages will be delivered by the Rev. John Chapman, pastor of the Brinkley Church, and the singing will be led by Bill Kennedy of England. All in the Brinkley vicinity are invited and urged to attend.

LANIER BAYLISS IN SENIOR RECITAL

The Hendrix College Music Department presented Miss Lanier Bayliss in her senior piano recital Thursday, March 9 in Reves' Recital Hall. She is a pupil of Dr. George Mulacek and the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John Bayliss of First Church, Fort Smith.

While a student at Hendrix, Miss Bayliss has been a member of the Sophomore Council, Hendrix Choir, Madrigals, president of Mu Phi (music fraternity), chairman of Campus Chapel Committee, and is presently vice-president of Cardinal Key. Recently she was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

THE EARLE UNITED Methodist Church held a revival the week of March 5-9 with Jonesboro District Superintendent the Rev. J. William Watson as preacher.

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.

March 19—Sun.	Acts 2:37-47
March 20	Acts 17:25-34
March 21	Acts 25:12-20
March 22	Rom. 5:1-11
March 23	Eph. 1:12-23
March 24	I Peter 1:1-9
March 25	I Peter 1:18-25
March 26—Sun.	Heb. 5:5-10

P.K. KORNER

DEBORAH LYNN PETERS and Chalmers H. Davis, Jr. were united in marriage on Saturday, March 4, in the Wesley United Methodist Church at Russellville. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Muriel H. Peters of Russellville where he is the director of the Wesley Foundation. Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers H. Davis, Sr. of Altheimer. The couple will make their home at 1836 Dunlap Ave., Apt. 5-A, East Point, Georgia, 30344.

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COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

livery suite, an administrative area, and ground floor storage.

The second addition was completed in 1968 and included extensive remodeling of the original structure, 54 medical and surgical beds, expansion of dietary, new outpatient and emergency suite, maintenance and storage area, and a new central supply. This project was financed by refinancing of the bond issue, a Hill-Burton grant and hospital funds at a cost of some \$900,000.

The Community Methodist Hospital Association is composed of thirty outstanding business and professional leaders from Paragould and Greene County. The By-laws require that at least 50% be bonafide members of the Methodist Church. The authority of the Association lies with the twelve member executive board and the resident District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church. The association membership meets annually and the executive board (board of trustees) meets monthly.

It was at the annual meeting in 1968 that the board authorized an "in-depth" study of the hospital to develop a long-range plan. After many committee meetings of both the board of trustees and the medical staff, the resulting long-range plan called for the hospital to develop the Progressive Patient Care concept. This concept calls for the providing of various levels of patient care to meet the various levels of needs of the patient.

The complete gamut of progressive patient care includes an Intensive Care Unit, which is designed to give constant care to the critically ill patient; Intermediate Care Unit, the unit in which most patients spend all or most of their hospital stay; Continuing or Long-term Care Unit, which is planned for long-term patients who have some potential of recovery of use of limbs and muscles and/or increasing ambulation and

function through skillful rehabilitative therapy and nursing; Self Care Unit, designed for the ambulatory patients who can dress themselves, care for their body needs, and who require a minimum of nursing care; Outpatient Care, designed to meet the specific needs of the non-hospitalized patient; and Home Care, directed by a hospital-based nurse coordinator who works with physician-referred patients to enable selected cases to be followed in the home environment.

The present addition, the third, will be completed in June 1972. All, but one of the levels of care in the Progressive Patient Care concept will become a reality. (The Continuing Care Unit is planned for the mid 1970's.) Home Care began in August of 1970 and still is Arkansas' only hospital-based Home Care program. The Administrator reported that the reception and success of this program has been most gratifying.

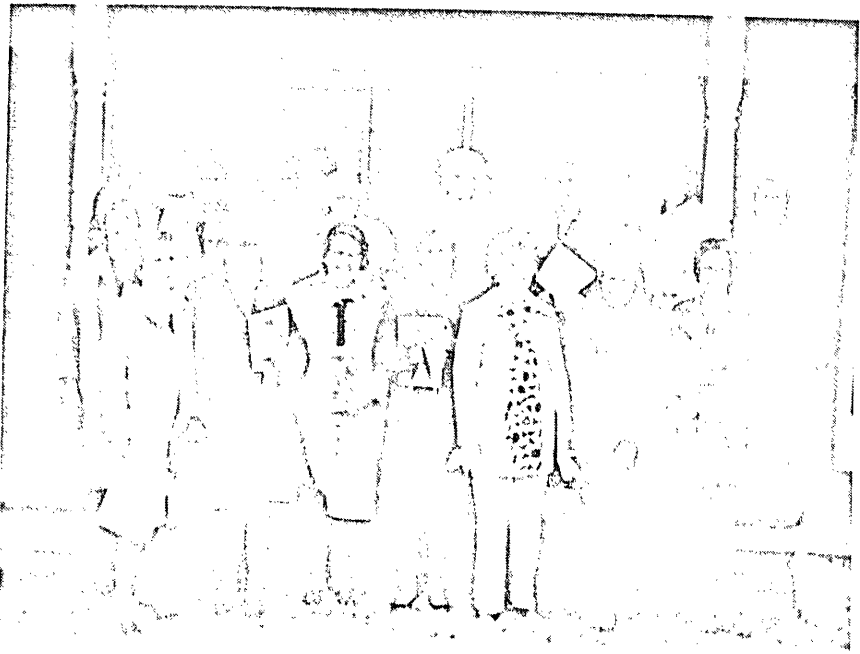
The third addition includes a seven-bed Coronary-Intensive Care Unit, a 26-bed Intermediate and Self Care addition: a Cobalt Unit, a Nuclear Medicine Suite, an Electroencephalogram room, expansion of the Radiology Department and additional administrative area. The cost of the third expansion is in excess of \$800,000 and is being funded by a Hill-Burton grant and hospital funds.

The 105-bed hospital has been affiliated with the United Methodist Health and Welfare Board for many years. A site visit by a certification team from the General Board is scheduled for February, 1972, and full certification is expected.

The deliberate growth of Community Methodist Hospital, its plans for the future, and the warm reception one receives as a visitor or patient are encomium and representative of the people of Paragould.

I'm sure by now that you're as proud as I of Arkansas' only Methodist operated hospital—Community Methodist Hospital.

MARCH 16, 1972



Fayetteville District Ministers' Wives are shown at the recent meeting.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The Fayetteville District Ministers' Wives' Fellowship met in the home of Mrs. Leonard Peters Friday, February 25, with 22 members and 3 guests present.

Mrs. Alton G. Weeks and Mrs. Dubois Pettit were welcomed as new members to the group. Mrs. Vernon Paysinger was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. James McCammon, as secretary-treasurer of the group. The District Scrapbook was passed among the members to be revised and brought up to date before Annual Conference time.

After the business session, Mrs. Ray Burrow, president, turned the program over to Mrs. Thomas Atkinson, program chairman. Our guests were Prof. and Mrs. Stanley S. Sessler, noted Artist, Teacher, and Lecturer, who, since retirement, are making their home in Siloam Springs, Ark. After presenting each one with a brochure of his One-

Man Show in the Art Gallery of Notre Dame University, 1970, he shared two of his works with the group, telling something of the paintings and how he came to paint them. After the program, the group went to the Four C's Restaurant. The April meeting will be in Harrison in the home of Mrs. John McCormack.

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CONWAY DISTRICT

The Conway District Ministers' Wives Fellowship met February 17 at 10 a.m. in Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. Coffee and doughnuts were served by Mrs. Gerald Hammett, who was hostess in the place of Mrs. John B. Hays who was ill.

Mrs. Britt Cordell led the program which was centered around the theme "Love American Style". The meeting was concluded with a Dutch treat luncheon at a local restaurant.

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The McCauley missionary family writes from Nepal

Delos and Hazel McCauley are missionaries from Arkansas to Nepal and are supported by these Arkansas churches: First Church, Pine Bluff; First Church, El Dorado; Asbury Church, Little Rock; First Church, Benton; First Church, Batesville; Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith; First Church,

Springdale; Central Church, Rogers; First Church, North Little Rock.

He is a civil engineer, was originally from Dierks, and she is a teacher, originally from Gillett. They were living in Pine Bluff when they were commissioned as missionaries in 1969.



The McCauley family is shown about the time of their commissioning three years ago.

United Mission to Nepal
Post Box 126
Kathmandu, Nepal

Namaste — greetings from Nepal!

We finished Language School in December, 1970, and were settled in our home in Pokhara for Christmas. Our home is not actually in Pokhara, which is a fair-sized city for Nepal, but in the village of Batulechaur — about a 15-minute walk from the Boys' Boarding School.

Delos' work is at the School where he is Engineer in charge of construction. It will probably take about three or three and one-half more years to finish the school. That should take us up to furlough time, so we will probably stay at this assignment until then. The village people have been very kind to us and Conchie is learning Nepali quickly. Amy and Jo are learning a little less quickly as they have been living in the United Mission to Nepal hostel and attending school in Kathmandu.

Our big news is that Amy (age 9) and Jo (age 7) can stay home next year and attend school. They will attend a British Study Center which will open February here in Pokhara. The school will be similar to the one they have been attending in Kathmandu. They have been happy staying at the hostel and attending school in Kathmandu, but, of course, we feel it is better to have the children home if we can.

Some of the highlights of 1971 are as follows:

- The wedding of our landlord's son. The wedding took place in our frontyard and the honeymoon suite was one room in our house. It was interesting to more or less have a front row seat and observe the Nepali customs first hand.

- Completion of new staff quarters at the Boarding School. It was an exciting day when one of the Nepali teachers, his wife, and children moved in the first new one. They had been living in a temporary bamboo thatch hut.

- Arrival at the Boarding School of Jonathan and Evey Lindell. Jonathan had been Executive Secretary of the U.M.N. for 11 years previous to his arrival last June and accepting his new assignment as Headmaster of the School. His heartfelt desire has been with teaching and he seems to be thoroughly enjoying working with the boys.

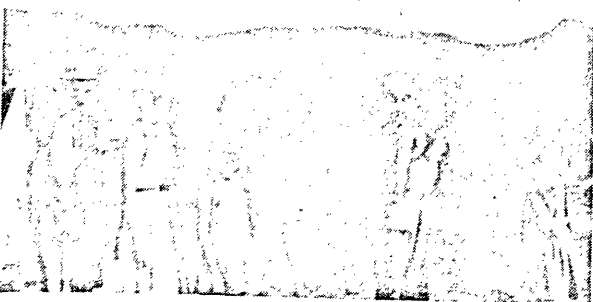
- Every holiday when Amy and Jo were home — four times a year.

- Most recently, we just returned from our first family vacation in Nepal. Along with another United Methodist family assigned here at the School (The Ashers), we trekked to Jomson and back, passing thru the heart of some of the beautiful Himalayan mountains. We camped for three days at the foot of an ice glacier located on the side of Dhaulagiri (one of the tallest and most difficult mountains in the world to climb). We were out 18 days over all and everyone, including our three girls and the Asher's two children, had a great time. Conchie and Brian Asher (each three years old) enjoyed the scenery from the backs of Tibetan porters while the rest of us struggled to keep up with Amy, Jo, and Mychele Asher, who literally ran up and down the mountains. We returned full of the joys of a wonderful family experience.

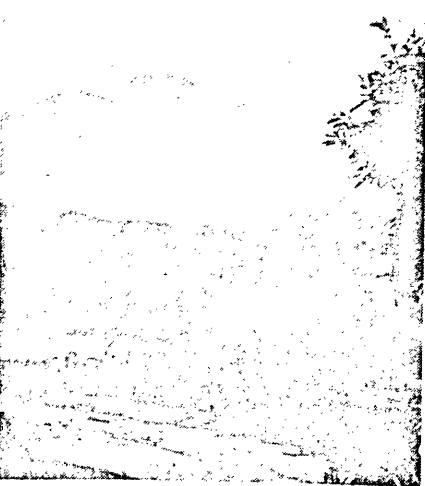
Of course, the building of the school goes on with its own particular joys and sorrows. Recently, Delos had to lay off about 200 of the 250 laborers at the Boarding School due to lack of funds. However, two new hostels, dispensary-staffhouse, and seven classrooms should be completed in time for the start of a new school year in February, 1972. We are trusting the Lord to provide funds before the present money runs out, so that work can continue on this project.

Thank you for remembering us in prayer the past year. Please continue to do so as we remember you throughout the year.

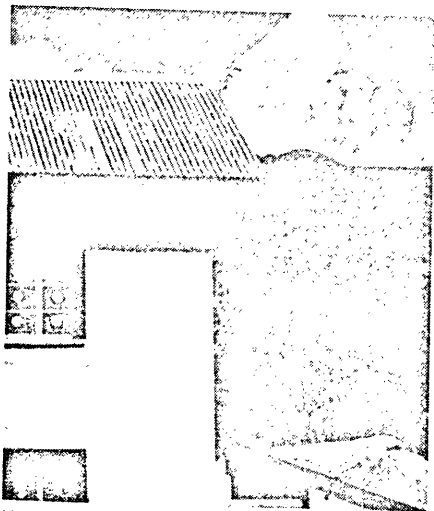
May the joy of Christ be yours,
The McCauleys - Delos, Hazel, Amy, Jo and Conchie



The McCauleys return from trek with butterfly nets in hands.



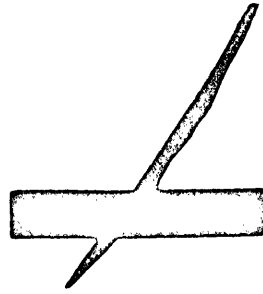
"Machapuchare" towers over the Boys' Boarding School nestled far below in the Pokhara Valley, Nepal.



"Machapuchare" appears to be almost standing beside the new hostel at the Boys' Boarding School, Pokhara, Nepal.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MARCH 26: One Body in Christ

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-5; Ephesians 4:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12.

MEMORY SELECTION: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor. 12:27).

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons understand the concept of the church as "the body of Christ," so that they might see their own church relationships in the light of this idea; to see how these New Testament ideas about the church are related to current ideas concerning closer ties between the churches.

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Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians because word had come to him that many factions were developing within the church at Corinth. He saw that the unity of the church family was being threatened and he was disturbed.

In our own time similar problems exist which seem to be threatening the church itself — forces which keep the church from being as effective and as forceful as it might be. Yet at the same time there are strong currents moving across the church which could bring it closer ties of unity than it has known since New Testament times. If we are to understand what these things mean for us as members of Christ's church we must seek to find a clearer understanding of what "the body of Christ" really is.

It would help us in preparing for this lesson if we read all the material suggested in Romans, Ephesians and 1 Corinthians. Throughout these passages we will find that Paul was trying to get his readers to show something of a spirit of humility in their relationships with other believers. He used the simile of the human body, illustrating unity in diversity as he referred to the parts of the body.

Again we need to raise the question, "What is the church?" We have referred previously to the Greek word that is translated "church" in our English Bibles. It was "ecclesia," and we need to become more familiar with the context in which it was used in order that we might have a better idea of what "church" means today.

One thing we discover in this reading is that there is a variety in the church. There are varieties of ministries and a wide difference in the tasks of the church that challenge us. We have moved beyond the day when we regard any one of these ministries as superior to all the others. When we see this we can better appreciate the work there is for each of us in the particular branch of "the body of Christ" in which we find ourselves. We discover in this lesson that there are many varieties of ministry in Paul's day as we are experiencing. There were apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, healers, speakers in tongues, and interpreters of tongues. There were helpers and administrators. Paul compared these various ministries to the parts of the body, saying that each part has a special function and that each is needed by all the other parts to make it whole. When we can see this we will better understand how every branch of the Christian church is related and how every member of each local church has a tremendous part to contribute to the whole.

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THREATS TO CHRISTIAN UNITY

Most of Paul's letters were written to deal with specific problems that had arisen within the young

churches. This is what makes his writings so relevant. If we can just look for this purpose in each of the letters we can better hear them speaking to us today.

There were at least two categories of problems in the church at Corinth. In chapter 3 the writer had dealt with the problem of leadership loyalties, and in chapters 12 to 14 he shows us how conflicts had arisen concerning the gifts of the spirit. Some of the members had elevated certain endowments and activities — particularly speaking in tongues above all others and made these a test of spiritual attainment. What resulted was polarization within the community as it was implied that members who did not have these gifts were inferior.

The apostle tells the Corinthians that it is all too easy to be led astray by uncontrolled enthusiasm. In verse 2 Paul had said: "You know that when you were heathen, you were led astray to dumb idols, however you may have been moved." Dr. John Short, in Interpreter's Bible, says: "The 'dumb idols' associated with heathen rites stand in a very low degree of comparison to the Lord Jesus Christ whom they now worship and serve. But there were also similar emotional and indeed ecstatic experiences associated with their worship of him." He pleads with them to seek a way of distinguishing Christian from pagan inspiration and experience.

Paul stated that a simple, sincere testimony to the Lordship of Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit. He told those who gloried in their endowments that these, too, came from the same source if they were genuine.

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THE "ONE" BODY

One of the problems confronting Paul at Corinth was this quarreling among the members. Instead of unity they had dissension. They were identifying with various personalities and the church was divided. In 1 Cor. 1:12, 13 we read: "Each one of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Is Christ divided?"

It was in answer to this spirit of divisiveness that Paul taught them about their oneness in Christ. To illustrate how a group of people can be diverse in background and temperament, and yet be united, he referred them to the human body. By this figure he sought to show the intimate relationship of the members of the body to one another and to Christ, by members whom and for whom the church exists.

He began by stating the obvious. The human body is one, even though it has various parts, or members. There is nothing individualistic about the body; each part has an important role to play, but not independently of other parts. The result is unity and harmony.

Paul knew that there were all kinds of people — Jews and Gentiles, slaves and free men — brought together by their common faith in Christ and made one through the activity of the Holy Spirit. In his lesson from anatomy the apostle indicates that even though the "members" of the body might try to declare themselves independent, this is not possible, and all would die if they tried to go separate ways.

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THE PARTS OF THE ONE BODY

As Paul deals with the question of how the usual human differences are done away with by the Holy Spirit, he continues his similes of the human body. He is trying to tell Christians that they must learn the fundamental lesson of spiritual relatedness to each other.

In verse 14 he said, "For the body does not consist of one member but of many." The reference is to the obvious fact that, although it is a solitary unit, it has many members or parts. Paul was hoping that the realization of such a truth would head off any ideas of self-importance that might be held by different members of Christ's body.

We might be tempted to say that Paul became rather ridiculous as he made his point, but if we stick with him we see that his argument was quite logical. Although he seemed to be laboring his point, we can see applications of his position in our day of many churches and the necessity we have for feeling that we are interrelated.

Dr. William J. Carter says in Adult Bible Studies: "When we are faced with dissension, we often try to discover the sources, neutralize antagonists, and arrive at positions of compromise. Paul simply pointed out the nature of the church and held that ideal before his readers."

The important things for us to realize is that, no matter how hard they may try, the church cannot be separated. Even when we declare otherwise, we can no more pull out of the "body of Christ" than a hand or a foot can be separated from the body.

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THE PARTS OF THE BODY NEED EACH OTHER

Paul wrote to the church at Corinth that no one should despise a fellow member because his gifts are of a less dramatic or striking order than those of other members of the community. The least may rank as the greatest in the sight of God. All the gifts are gifts of his spirit; all are indispensable for the attainment of his purposes. If independence, withdrawal and monopoly are out of order in the Christian church, so is isolation.

Christians cannot say to fellow Christians, "I don't need you" (verse 21). The eye needs the hand and the head needs the feet. Each part of the physical body depends on every other part; none of them can go it alone. So it is in the fellowship of Christ's body, the church. The reason is simple: each Christian has something to contribute and to receive from every other Christian. Someone has said: "Self-sufficiency is self-defeating. Lone-wolf Christians are starved Christians. They need what other Christians have to offer, and they in turn would be enriched by ministering to others."

The truths of this lesson apply beyond one's own church. We need to learn to say to Roman Catholics, and Baptists, and Presbyterians, "I need you." We need to assure all ethnic groups that there is an interdependence of Christians that includes them.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "As an organism in which every part contributes to the life of the whole, the church involves all its members and its variety of ministries, both in the glory of its life and in its suffering. 'If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.' (1 Cor. 12:26)."

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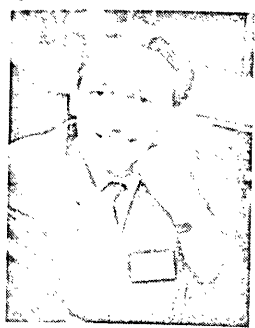
GOD'S PLAN FOR HARMONIOUS FUNCTIONING

The body is the result of God's planning. He is the wise master-designer and builder. The intricacies of the human body are astounding from the physical standpoint. While some parts may be called "inferior," they are not really so, because God has given them "greater honor." The reason for God's delicate balancing act is that he wants the body to show unity and oneness, not discord.

The purpose behind this arrangement is "that the members may have the same care for one another." If we could speak of the body in personal terms, this means that no part can feel slighted or jealous of any other part.

God's unique handiwork is most evident in the creation and life of the church. He has designed it with many parts, and some people do not understand the contribution these many parts have to make. Some people are not attracted to the church because they do not see the beautiful symmetry and harmony that God intended. We are called on to witness to these great truths concerning "the body of Christ."

the British scene



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

The miners' strike is over, the power cuts at an end, but the bill comes in. Not least has been the effect on magazines and newspapers. Many of them have been reduced in size, some have not come out at all, and the general fear added to all this is that prices will inevitably rise.

It is clear that the Government must get into gear with a policy which will have an effect in two ways. One is to get the economy on the move in such a way that productivity can begin to push prices down, and meet the need for increased wages which are now in demand right across the board. The other is a quite desperate need to get a real dialogue going with workers and management—the gap is so wide at the moment that one Australian in a television programme recently said that what frightened him more than anything about the British economic scene was the apparently pig-headed determination of both sides—the management and the unionists — not to talk anything like the same language.

Which brings the issue down to the same old question of relationships and trust. All the economic expertise in

the world is not going to help our western world if the men in the middle of the technology are not the right kind of men in relationship with each other. We need, in fact a new spirit—the spirit of a common recognition of our humanity. And, so many Christians believe, can only come when we recognise God's spirit in God's world.

In Ulster the same truth applies. As I write another appalling tragedy has hit Belfast when a restaurant full of women and children was blasted by a bomb. Hundreds of people were terrified, scores injured and many dead. It is no good one side saying that this is justifiable action, and calling the forces of law and order "terrorists". This is an abuse of language which reflects a muddled state of mind which does not want to see the truth when it stares men in the face.

LOVE OR MONEY?

To turn to a more parochial question, there is a shortage of church organists in the land, and the cause? Economic, says the Royal School of Church Music.

Under the heading: "Love or Money?" the Royal School magazine says that it is well-known that the supply of good organists and choirmasters is at crisis point. The very modest payments which are made to most church musicians has now reached the point where, if an organist has to travel and buy music he may be out of pocket by doing his professional job. Even here, it seems, the customer only gets what he pays for, and there is a danger of music in the classical tradition falling into disuse because of the lack of adequately trained musicians who can no longer afford to give their services in the way they often have done in the past.

United Methodist losses reported in recent West Virginia flood

NEW YORK (UMI)—Flood relief funds of \$25,000 have been made available to the distressed areas of Logan County, West Virginia, by the United Methodist Church of West Virginia, according to Bishop D. Fredrick Wertz.

According to information received here, two United Methodist Churches were destroyed and two other churches and a community center were damaged in the recent Buffalo Creek flood.

NAVY MEN REMEMBER

It may seem like a long shot, but it seems to me that there is a chance that some readers of this column may be able to respond to a plea by the British Chaplain of the Fleet in a slightly unusual way.

It is proposed to compile an official history of the Royal Naval Chaplains' Department. Officers, ratings, and relatives of dead naval men are being invited to send reminiscences, stories and photographs which recall the work of Naval Chaplains, especially in time of war to the Admiralty.

All originals would be returned if they are sent, and the idea is to give a picture of the affairs of the church and the service of the chaplains over a considerable period of time.

It occurred to me that there may be the odd reader of this column who could co-operate, especially if he or she had been in touch with the British Navy during the war. If you have a memory of a British chaplain in the Navy please send it to: The Chaplain of the Fleet, The Ministry of Defense, Old Admiralty Building, Spring Gardens, LONDON SW 1A, 2 BE.

So far, seventy persons have been reported dead and 400 are still believed missing as a result of the flood which occurred when a coal waste pile across a tributary of Buffalo Creek gave way.

Churches in Lunsdale and Lorado are total losses, according to the Rev. Marvan G. Frame, district superintendent for Beckley District. A United Methodist Church in a school building at Amherstdale as well as the neighboring Wesley House, a community center related to the National Division of the Board of Missions, received some water damage. Also damaged was a United Methodist Church in Accoville.

The Rev. Robert Moxley, pastor of the two destroyed churches, which are on the Amherstdale Circuit, and his family are safe.

Miss Dorothy R. Chapman, executive secretary for community centers for the National Division, said Wesley House presently is not open because of flood damage. James Marshall, a US-2 who is director of Wesley House, and his wife escaped the flood. Marshall is assisting relief efforts in Man.

No churchwide appeal is planned at this time. Officers of the Council of Bishops' Committee on Disaster Relief have indicated that general church assistance for the West Virginia flood will be made available as requested by Bishop Wertz and his area, as has been the policy in similar catastrophe situations in recent years. Interested persons and churches may send funds for relief to the National Division Disaster Relief Fund, Room 365, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

"Something New — Something Old" in missions

NEW YORK (UMI)—Something new—a new cultural center, a new president for a seminary that trains ministers for a continent, an agricultural school graduating its first class — is reported for United Methodist-related churches in many parts of the world.

The reports on "something new," as well as continuing developments in "something old," are among news items provided to members of the World Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, by staff executives. Some of these recent developments in overseas churches, as reported by World Division staff, follow:

Philippines. The Germany Evangelical Central Agency for Development has made a grant of almost \$400,000 to modernize United Methodist-related Silliman University's science education program. The United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia gave \$60,000. The university's campaign to raise \$63,000 for its Cultural Center exceeded the goal, thereby assuring a matching 3-to-1 grant from the Luce Foundation. This long-sought Center will provide facilities for the performing arts in music, drama and the dance. **Everybody, I Love You**, a 60-page religious folk song book, has been created by young talent and professional musicians. Among them is United Methodist missionary Janice (Mrs. Richard) Deats. More than half the songs are original compositions by Filipinos.

Argentina. The Rev. Roberto Rios has been named rector (president) of the new Institute for Higher Theological Studies, a merger of Union Theological Seminary and Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Buenos Aires. He is a leader in the Evange-

lical Methodist Church of Argentina and has been a delegate to Methodist General Conferences. The Institute trains Methodist and other Protestant ministers for many of South America's Spanish-speaking countries. The former president of Union, the Rev. Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino, is dean of the graduate program at the Institute. Also in Argentina, the home mission work with Toba Indians is now conducted under a united organization, with Methodists and Disciples of Christ coordinating their ministry in the Chaco area.

South Pacific. The Hango Agricultural College in Tonga has graduated its first class of 16 persons. Ten of the graduates will return to their own farms; three will go to farms in New Zealand; two will join the staff of the school, and one has been granted a scholarship for study in agriculture in Fiji. The College has formed a cooperative, and plans to assist its graduates by marketing some of their crops and providing certain supplies such as fertilizer. The World Division aids the Hango Agricultural College and other projects in the South Pacific through channels of ecumenical mission.

Taiwan. Soochow University, thriving in Taipei for some 20 years, is completing a new building on a downtown site to provide classroom space for 2,500 students. Graduate schools of Economics and of International and Legal Studies have been started. It is related to the Taiwan United Methodist Conference, which will become an autonomous Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, 1972.

Cuba. Exchange visits are taking place between Chilean and Cuban Christians. A Matanzas (Cuba) Union Theological Seminary professor and a Meth-

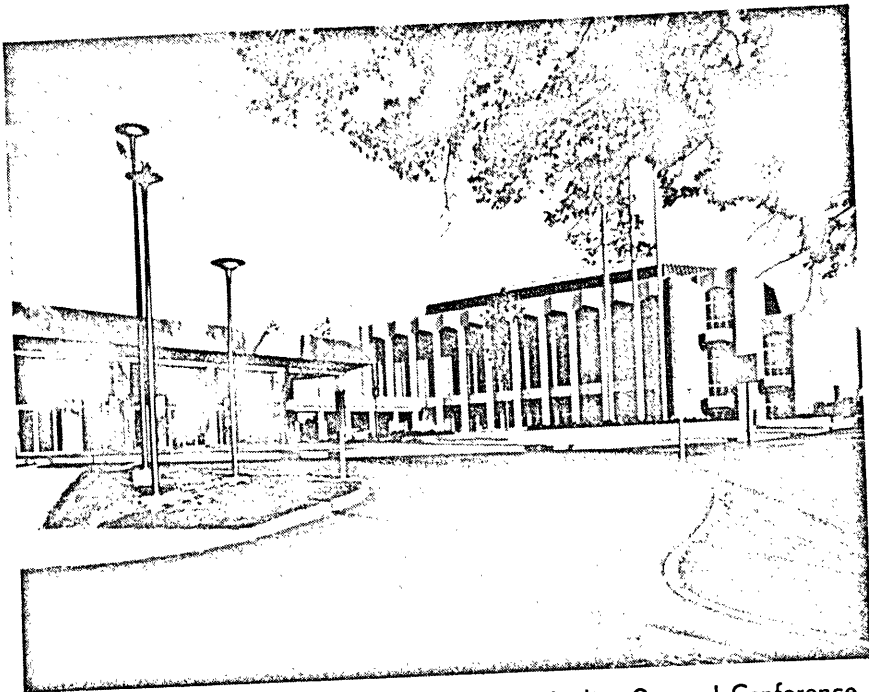
odist district superintendent spent several weeks studying at the (Protestant) Theological Community and Catholic University in Santiago, Chile. A Chilean pastor and the president of the Women's Federation in Chile have visited in Cuba, while a Cuban couple involved in the Board of the Laity and the Women's Federation hope to be in Chile for a return visit.

Ecuador. The United Evangelical Church (United Methodist-related) and the Brethren and United Andean Indian Mission foundations are developing a cooperative program for lay leaders in the Llano Grande area. The Center for Theological studies in Quito, the capital, will also provide leadership in the program.

Mozambique. Missionary Theodore McKnight has reported new plans for adult education programs in Mozambique. He and his wife have consulted with church leaders in Mozambique, and prepared the programs and materials. Progress is reported in adult education experiments in villages.

Zambia. Missionaries Charles and Pamela Stiers have joined the staff of Kalulushi Farm College, where Mr. Stiers will be responsible for a ranching program sponsored by the Zambian government.

Nigeria. A new residence for missionary nurses at Guinter Memorial Hospital was recently destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the German nurse living in the house was not present at the time, and no one was hurt. The building, however, will have to be replaced. More time is now being given to supervision of the ten health clinics by doctors at the hospital, because of more adequate staff. Plans are progressing for initiation of an enlarged public health program.



BUSINESS SESSIONS of the 1972 United Methodist General Conference will be held in the Atlanta Civic Center Exhibit Hall, shown on the left in the photo above. In the center of the photo is the auditorium in the Civic Center complex where the Georgia Night and World Methodist Night programs will be held. The Civic Center is located at 395 Piedmont Ave., N.E., about a mile from the heart of downtown Atlanta. Across the street from the complex is the United Methodist center for the state housing Georgia Area and Southeastern Jurisdiction offices.

Best utilization and deployment of theological schools under study

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Recommendations that could eventually reduce the number of United Methodist-related seminaries from 14 to 11 will be made to the church's General Conference this April in Atlanta.

A special 24-member "Commission to Study the Ministry," headed by Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va., said it would not endeavor to say precisely how many seminaries the church should be supporting on a long term basis but declared, "It is our judgment that the United Methodist Church could provide theological education of high quality with fewer than 14 seminaries."

If the report is approved by the General Conference, a set of principles for theological education and questions related to number, size, and location will be considered by five regional task forces including representatives from the seminaries, the University Senate, the quadrennial Study Commission, and the Department of the Ministry.

A major concern of the Commission, appointed in 1968, has been "the best utilization and deployment of theological schools and other resources."

A reduction from four to three seminaries is being recommended for the "Eastern Seaboard" region which includes Drew, Madison, N.J.; Boston; Wesley, Washington, D.C.; and Duke, Durham, N.C.

The Commission is recommending the continuation of both Candler and Gammon in the "Atlanta" region for the immediate future because of the "unique situation" of Gammon, a predominantly black school.

In the "Greater Chicago" region which includes Garrett, Evanston, Ill., and Evangelical, Naperville, Ill., the Commission is recommending a reduc-

tion from two seminaries to one.

The continuation of four seminaries in the "Western" region is being recommended. The schools are Perkins, Dallas, Tex.; Saint Paul, Kansas City; Iliff, Denver; and the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif.

The Commission also is recommending that a long-range study be made concerning the feasibility of establishing a seminary in the Pacific Northwest with representatives on the task force from the Pacific Northwest and the Oregon-Idaho Conferences.

A reduction from two to one is being recommended for the "Ohio" region which includes Methodist at Delaware and United at Dayton.

To implement these recommendations, the Commission is asking the General Conference to establish another Commission to Study the Ministry for the 1972-76 quadrennium. The task forces will report annually to the Commission and the Department of the Ministry.

The Eastern Seaboard region task force is asked to report annually beginning September 1, 1973. The Commission is asking for a "firm proposal including a timetable for achieving the projected goals," by September, 1975.

While not recommending changes in the number of seminaries in Atlanta in the immediate future, the Commission is asking the regional task force to conduct a "long-term" study of ways in which the two "might eventually become one." The task force is asked for an annual report with a "firm proposal for the future" in 1975.

Union of the two Atlanta seminaries was not recommended, the Commission explained, because of Gammon's ecumenical involvement with the Interdenominational Theological Center, its importance to the recruitment of black ministers, and its im-

portance as a symbol of black awareness at this period in history.

The Commission is recommending that the Greater Chicago region make annual reports with a "specific plan including objectives and timetable" by September 1974. Additionally, the Commission is recommending to the General Conference that "general church support for the theological schools in the Greater Chicago region be limited to one seminary after 1976."

Similar requests are made of the Ohio task force with the additional recommendation that "general church support for theological schools in the Ohio region be limited to one seminary after 1976."

"While seminaries are not legally amenable to the General Conference, they are increasingly dependent upon the whole church," the Commission stated. "Without the support of the church they would face an uncertain future."

During the first year of a church-wide Ministerial Education Fund program in 1970 the percentage of total current expenditures for all seminaries provided from church income averaged 36.6. During 1971 the income from the Fund was almost \$5½ million, a substantial increase over the previous year according to Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, head of the Department of the Ministry.

Calling for more responsible stewardship of financial and human resources, the Commission said ministerial needs are not likely to vary much from the present needs but that the cost of theological education will continue to rise rapidly. "If the costs of theological education continue to climb at their present rate, the church will find it extremely difficult to continue to provide its present proportional share of these costs," the Commission predicted.

Among the principles outlined by the Commission for consideration by the task forces is minimum student enrollment. "The Church can provide more adequate and effective theological education in institutions with enrollments of 300 or more full-time equivalent students," the Commission declared. Total enrollment of the 14 United Methodist schools is approximately 3,500.

Studies of the seminaries and the ordained ministry have been conducted for many years by the former Methodist and former Evangelical United Brethren churches which united in 1968. Two of the seminaries—Evangelical at Naperville, Ill., and United at Dayton, O., — are former EUB schools.

Directors who have assisted the 1968-72 Commission with its studies have been Dr. I. Lynd Esch, Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. Melvin W. Hyde, Evansville, Ind.

Another major concern for the Commission has been "the appropriate promotional and administrative structure deemed most effectual for the advancement of the church's ministry, including the possible need for a Board of the Ministry."

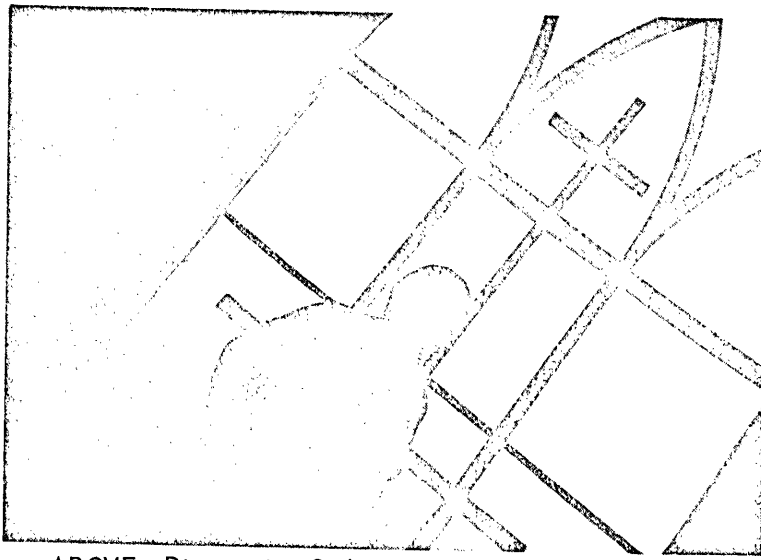
The Commission is recommending to the General Conference that Ministry be a division parallel with the Division of Higher Education of the denomination's Board of Education. Presently it is a department of the Division. The Commission decided against recommending a separate Board of the Ministry because it said it might contribute to a separation of the seminaries from the total higher education concerns of the church.

Members of the Study Commission are: the Rev. Alfred T. Bamsey, Troy, Mich.; Dr. William E. Bishop, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Paul L. Clem, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. T. W. Cole, Sr., Gainesville, Fla.; Mrs. Hollis E. Hayward, Ithaca, N.Y.; Bishop James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla.; Bishop J. Gordon Howard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack W. Hull, Denver, Colo.; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dr. Carl F. Lueg, Monroe, La.; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Harold T. Porter, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop Thomas M. Pryor, Chicago, Ill.; Harold W. Riebel, Naperville, Ill.; Dr. Bill R. Ritchie, Bellingham, Wash.; Dr. Gene E. Sease, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kans.; Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. H. Olin Troy, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Dr. Jack M. Tuell, Vancouver, Wash.; Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.; and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, Tenn. †



South Central Jurisdictional members of the Consultation of Resource Persons on Parish Development pose with Bishop Edwin R. Garrison, right, at recent meeting at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Left to right, the Rev. Melvin West, director of the Office of Creative Ministries in the Missouri Area, Dr. Marvin Judy, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, and Bishop Garrison. It is anticipated that there will be established a network of parish development centers across the nation located in the United Methodist Theological Seminaries.

Spring Retreat at Camp Mitchell



ABOVE: Discovering God is easy here.

UPPER LEFT: "I can't believe that whole thing will go in there!" said one Retreat goer. (Eight people, plus luggage, sleeping gear, food, and three guitars in the director's station wagon.)

LOWER LEFT: Arkansas Tech Wesley Foundationers who joined the ASU group at Spring Retreat held at Camp Mitchell on Petit Jean Mountain are also awed by the view.

JUDGE DUVAL L. PURKINS

(A eulogy delivered at his funeral service in Warren, Ark. by his friend, Dr. Arthur Terry, Feb. 22)

Loved ones, and dear friends. We are as one as we assemble here this afternoon to celebrate the end of the earthly pilgrimage of one whom we loved dearly and appreciated greatly.

DuVal L. Purkins was of proud culture if not affluent lineage. This cultural background enabled him to continue in Hendrix College until he earned his liberal arts degree. After serving his country in World War I he read law and was admitted to the Bar. More than once he has related to me how humbly he began his professional career with almost nothing but faith in God and confidence in himself.

From a not too propitious beginning by determination, dedication, industry and integrity he arose to the towering heights of one of the most distinguished and influential leaders in church and state in Arkansas.

His philosophy of life could very well be summed up in these words: "Success is not computed in terms of how great a material fortune a man may amass, nor measured by how famous his name may become in contemporary society or in history, but in deriving personal satisfaction from loyalty to family and friends and from service well rendered and jobs well done for the good of all".

Thus did he serve his state well in both houses of the legislature, as confidant and counsellor to governors, on the Judicial Circuit and in innumerable state and civic enterprises.

Early in his career he taught school, and while his attention soon turned to law he never lost interest in education, serving on the Board of Trustees of three institutions of higher education. At the time of his passing he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College his alma mater, on which Board he had served with distinction since 1951. His current term was to have expired in 1975. I have known of his giving consecutive days out of his busy schedule to serve the interest of this great institution of

Christian higher education.

He was currently a trustee of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. For half a century he served with distinction as a member of what we now call The Administrative Board of the local church to which he belonged in whatever community he lived. Whoever was assigned as Bishop of the Methodist Church in Arkansas, either already was, or soon became a personal friend of the Purkins. He was this involved in the church.

Law was his profession, and no barrister was esteemed more highly among his peer group than was Judge DuVal L. Purkins. As recently as two years ago the Arkansas Bar Association conferred upon him the Lawyer Citizen Award for outstanding achievement and distinguished service in the legal profession. I recall how heavily his professional responsibility rested upon his mind and heart, especially as he traveled the Judicial Circuit.

While law was his profession, his interest ran in many directions—government, education, journalism, business, community affairs and religion. He was a diamond of many facets.

As I knew him very personally I can honestly say that his commitment was to God first of all. And this commitment was best expressed through love for his dear wife Nannett, and his lovely daughter Nancy Lane, loyalty to his friends and service to his fellowman.

Across the years his sense of fairness seemed to me to be an outstanding characteristic, until more than 25 years ago I said to him—"DuVal, I hope I never have an enemy. If I had to have one I would want it to be you because I know you would be fair."

Judge Purkins was possessed of a high regard and deep appreciation for the past. He all but revered a genuine antique. He read history with consuming interest. But, he did not live in the past. He kept these things in perspective. They were as a rear view mirror to the driver of an automobile to enable him to move forward with confidence and safety. His face was always set to the future. To illustrate this assertion, I received a

letter from him expressing interest in who might be his pastor after Conference, in which he said "I'm not concerned that he suits Nannett and me, but that he be someone my grandsons can appreciate and with whom they can communicate."

He was outstandingly unique. His passing is to me like the end of an era. We shall miss the dignity of his presence, the wisdom of his evaluations, the fairness of his judgments, the loyalty of his friendship and the warmth of his love. But, on the other hand the memory of these attributes will bring joy to our hearts. We will not be able to think of DuVal Purkins without being grateful and happy.

In more recent years as we visited now and then he seemed to be saying to me in words of St. Paul: "Arthur, the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown. . . ." And God seems to me to be saying to him, "Well done good and faithful servant DuVal, enter into the joys of thy Lord."

The service was conducted by Judge Purkin's pastor, the Rev. Clyde N. Swift, assisted by his District Superintendent and former pastor, the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, and by Dr. Arthur Terry his former District Superintendent and long time personal friend.

Eight members of The Wesley Foundation at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, participated in a Spring Retreat held at Camp Mitchell, the Episcopal Camp, on Petit Jean Mountain, Feb. 25-27. They were joined there on Saturday, Feb. 26, by eight members of the Wesley Foundation from Arkansas Tech, who led a workshop on "Celebration".

Theme for the weekend retreat was "Discovery", and it was carried out in sessions on "The Sounds of Silence" and "Discovery in Advertising" which featured slide presentations with music or commentary. These sessions emphasized the discovery of one's self in relation to God and to others. The theme of the Sunday "Celebration" was "Discovery of God's Love Through Nature," and was planned under the direction and assistance of the Arkansas Tech Wesley members led by their president, John Lyon, and their director, the Rev. Muriel Peters.

The cold weather and sleeping in unheated cabins was more than offset by the warmth and hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lewis, the resident camp director and his wife. The fire-building and tending committee helped, but as one of the participants commented, "the warmest thing there was the warmth of the new friendships which we made."

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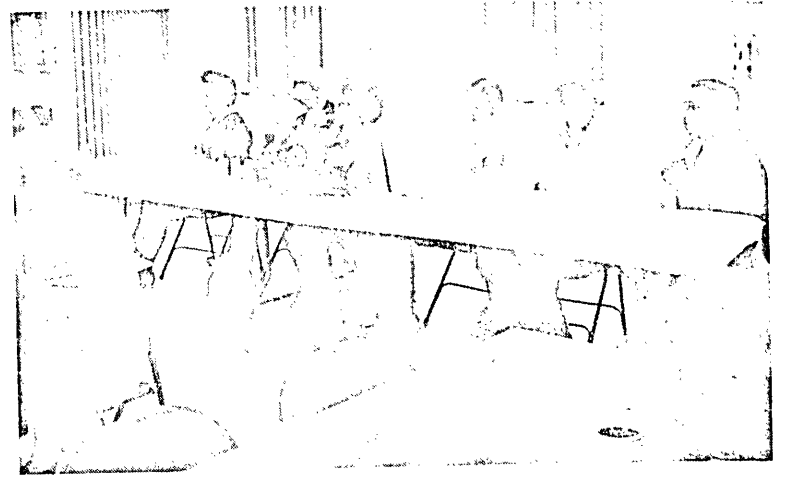
Rev. Maldwyn Edwards says, "Rev. Samuel Wesley still remains the first great fashioner of the Methodist story."

"Father of the Wesleys"

Little Rock Coaching Conference



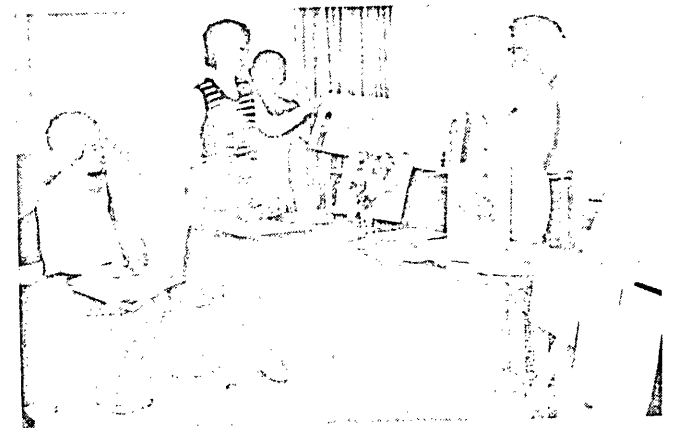
Matsumoto Junji (second from right), engineering student at University of Arkansas Graduate Institute of Technology in Little Rock, was a resource person on Japan for the Elementary III-IV Coaching Conference group; Paul Olubadeo (third from right), a Freshman at Philander Smith College, reported on Christian work in Lagos in his native Nigeria.



Dr. Ed Hollenbeck (third from right), pastor of First Church, Benton, was inspirational speaker at Coaching Conference dinner meeting held for workers with children in the Little Rock Conference at First Church, Little Rock, March 7. Others in photo, left to right, are Mrs. Alf Eason, the Rev. Alf Eason, Conference Program Council director; Mrs. Marie Tucker, Conference coordinator of Children's Work; (Hollenbeck) and Mrs. Hollenbeck; the Rev. Bryan Stephens, pastor of Highland Church, Little Rock.



The Rev. Sam Jones (seated left) and Mrs. Jones (standing left) resource leaders for Elementary III-IV group demonstrated Team Teaching method. Bill Pruessing (seated center), director of Nearly Home at 2612 W. 13th, Little Rock, reported concerning this character-building agency which is a home for homeless boys between ages 17-23 which helps to equip them to take their places in society.

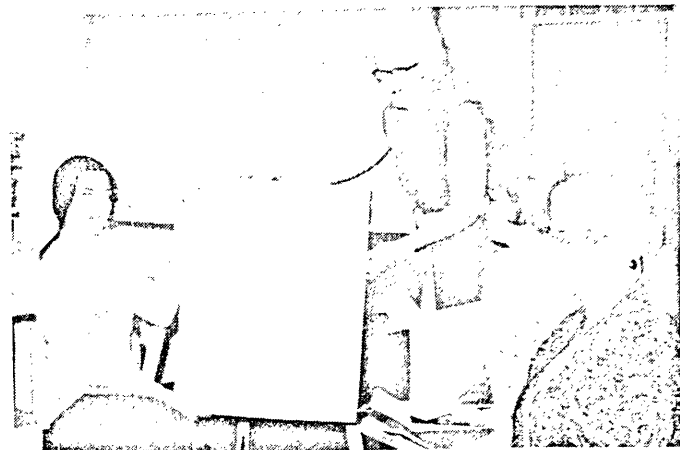
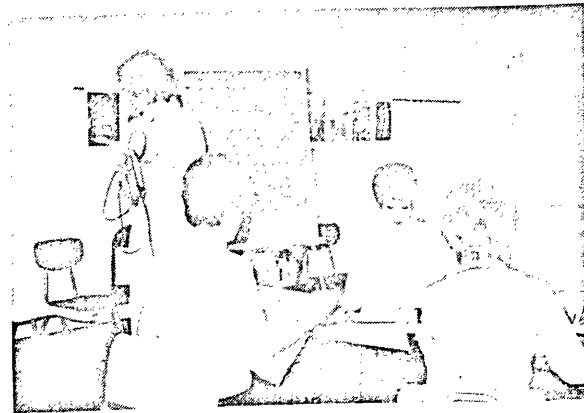


RIGHT: Mrs. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District, instructs Nursery group in use of teaching materials and techniques.

Mrs. N. J. Garrett of Crossett shows Kindergarten workers crafts suitable for that age-level.



Mrs. Ferris Norton of Crossett explains visual aids possibilities for Elementary V-VI leaders.



Mrs. Kelly Oliver of Arkadelphia shares with, left to right: Mrs. Richard Poss, Foreman; Mrs. Charles Jones, Little Rock; and Mrs. Marvin Bell, Camden—teaching methods appropriate for use with Elementary I-II boys and girls.

POETRY PANORAMA by barbara mulkey

The woodlands have proved inspiration for many poetic thoughts. Joseph Strauss surveyed the Redwood forests and concluded life's proper goal . . . "To be like these, straight, true and fine; To make our world like theirs, a shrine." Then he says, "Sink down, O traveler, on your knees — God stands before you in these trees."

Forest Trail

"I've walked this woodland trail so much before
(It runs beside my cabin's crumbling door)
I know the very leaf that's new in spring!
I hear the cozy-nested fledglings sing
Their practice songs by dusk and dawn. The rose
Is known so well, it's neighborly, and goes
To nodding as I pass. The damp and cool
Of forest carpetry, the quiet pool,
The bubbling spring — all these are precious friends.
And, should you walk this green-walled way where ends
All worldliness and hate and ugly wrath,
Be reverent! My Master walks this path!

—by Ericil F. Brown

On My Tongue

Walking in the shadows of old trees,
My hands fold in silent prayer;
Fear wings out,
Lost on the horizon
Of renewed faith.
I sense the sacredness of being,
And remember promises given
On the pages
Of the greatest Book on earth . . .
And suddenly,
Words are on my tongue
And the tip of my pen.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris