

Bishop Paul V. Galloway (left) presents the United Methodist Health and Welfare Trustee Award to Milton P. Adler (center), New Orleans jeweler, in recognition of his 27 years of service to the Lafon Protestant Home in the Crescent City, during the March 6-8 annual convention in Chicago. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana area is shown at right. Bishop Galloway was recognized for the service he has rendered as president of the General Board.

Edward W. Harris chosen to head Christian Civic Foundation

The new executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas will be the Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock. He was elected to that position at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization in Little Rock, Friday, March 17.

He will assume his new duties following the session of the Little Rock Conference, succeeding Dr. W. Henry Goodloe who will retire at the meeting of the North Arkansas Conference.

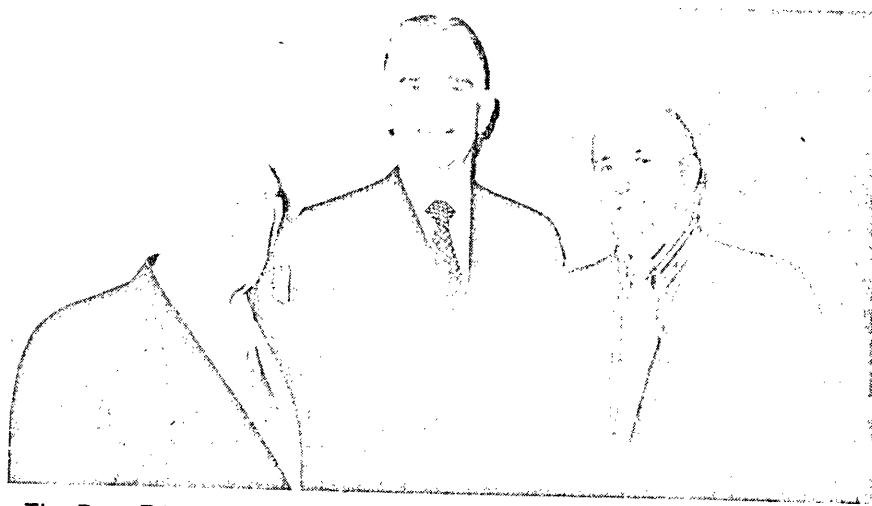
Mr. Harris is a native of Shreveport, La. and spent his childhood and youth in Texarkana where he graduated from the public schools and from Texarkana Junior College. He was licensed to preach at the age of 19 in his home church, First Church, Texarkana (Ark.) He returned to serve as pastor of that church for four years.

He received the A.B. degree from

Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and later received the B.D. degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He has taken graduate studies at Garrett Biblical Institute and Union Theological Seminary.

In addition to the pastorates mentioned he has served the following: Lockesburg Circuit, Stamps, Fordyce, Monticello, First Church, Conway; First Church, El Dorado; First Church, Pine Bluff; Munholland Memorial Church, New Orleans, La., and First Church, Ferguson, Mo. He served for six years as district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District in the Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Harris is the former Maude Martin of Warren, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Martin Harris who is a junior at Hendrix College.



The Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, center, was chosen last Friday as the successor to Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, left, as executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation. Shown with them is Harry Brewer, right, chairman of the board of the Foundation.

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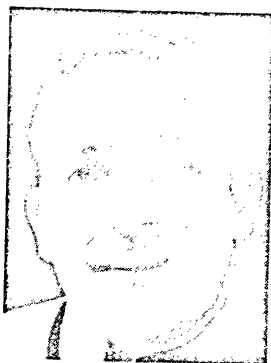
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Arkansan among leaders of India Study-Travel Seminar for seniors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Satish Gyan, an Indian student at Union Theological Seminary, New York, will lead a United Methodist Study-Travel Seminar of high school seniors to his home country this summer along with Larry Pearce, Nashville, Tenn., a former Youth Service Fund Associate, and his wife Pamela. Mr. Pearce, a native of Magnolia,

Ark. is a student at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville and served as a Youth Service Fund Associate in Nashville between his sophomore and junior years at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. Mrs. Pearce, a native of Oklahoma, has traveled in Europe with the National Student Council Tour for International Understanding. She is a teacher in the Nash-

ville public school system and is attending Peabody College.

Fifteen United Methodist youth will participate in the seminar June 28-August 6 under the sponsorship of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education representing the church's Boards of Education and Missions.

Miss May Titus, Nashville, an Interboard staff member, said applications are now being received for the seminar which will have a four-fold purpose: "to be involved with Indian youth and adults in order to learn about the present political, social, economic, and religious life; to try to understand the needs of persons in uprooted Indian communities; to get acquainted with the church and mission in action—denominational and ecumenical; and to gain some skills in evaluating and interpreting Christian mission in India to other U.S. youth during the following year."

Miss Titus said follow-up to the seminar is of major importance. Each participant is expected to be available during the following year to interpret to other youth the Christian mission as seen in action.

Mr. Gyan is a graduate of Lucknow Theological College in Jabulpur, India.

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ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED FOR DAILY CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Daily Christian Advocate, the journal of proceedings and reports at the 1972 General Conference, will be available for delivery under four different options, according to the publication's office in Nashville. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland will again be editor of the publication, a post he has filled since 1964.

The Advocate may be ordered for airmail delivery each day from Atlanta for \$12. If you would like to have the publication mailed to you each day by first class mail, the price will be \$10. A full set of the 10 to 12 copies will be shipped at one time, after the first issue has been edited, for \$6. A hard bound volume of all the issues will be available about Aug. 15 for those who order in advance for \$8.

A fabricoid cover in which you may bind the single issues yourself is available for \$1.

Orders should be sent to Christian Advocate, 201 Eighth Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

An order blank is printed in current issues of Together and Christian Advocate.



ARKANSAS STATIONS CARRYING THE PROTESTANT HOUR

The United Methodist Series of The Protestant Hour, April 2-June 26, will feature Dr. William A. Holmes, senior minister at University United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex.

The program will be broadcast on

Sundays over the following Arkansas radio stations at the hours indicated: Arkadelphia, KDRC, 10:05 a.m.; Conway, KCON, 3:00 p.m.; Dumas, KDDA, 4:00 p.m.; Jonesboro, KBTM, 7:30 a.m.; Mena, KENA, 12:30 p.m.; Nashville, KBNC, 7:30 a.m.; Paragould, KDRS, 6:00 p.m.; Pine Bluff, KADL, 10:30 a.m.; and Siloam Springs, KUOA, 6:30 a.m.

North Arkansas Conference Pension Endowment Fund report

Total offerings for the North Arkansas Conference Pension Endowment Fund campaign has soared to more than \$700,000.00, it was announced here today by the Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the campaign.

The February report indicated that \$13,550.52 was received making the total amount in offerings to the fund to \$706,976.57.

The reports for the months of December, January and February indicated that more than \$130,000 was received or a little more than one-tenth of the entire fair share goal for the three-year campaign. It was further reported that 107 churches have paid their first year goal; 255 have paid their second year goal, and 37 churches have paid in full.

The pension office has been greatly encouraged by this tremendous response from the congregations. Several churches which heretofore have not contributed to the campaign, are beginning to send in offerings, and others which were behind are rapidly catching up.

Many of the local church Councils on Ministries are in the process of planning local church programs for the year and these are encouraged to include the first Sunday in November as Retired Ministers Sunday in their planning. An imaginative and creative observance of Retired Ministers' Sunday can enhance the meaning and provide a strong motivational factor for a successful completion of the campaign.

A summary by districts is as follows:

DISTRICT SUMMARY

DISTRICT	FAIR SHARE GOAL	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED OR BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID TO MAR. 1	% PAID OF 3 YR. GOAL
Batesville	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 136,854.50	\$ 80,545.28	61%
Conway	186,000.00	182,933.52	123,284.98	66%
Fayetteville	180,000.00	190,554.70	131,214.52	73%
Forrest City	186,000.00	193,577.65	93,152.53	50%
Fort Smith	192,000.00	202,230.50	119,552.83	62%
Jonesboro	198,000.00	200,182.80	90,224.72	46%
Paragould	126,000.00	123,082.40	69,001.71	55%
TOTALS	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,229,416.07	\$706,976.57	59%

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UALR "Faith Festival" planned for March 28-30

Dr. James F. Drane, professor of Philosophy at Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pa., will be the featured speaker for a "Faith Festival" observance on the University of Arkansas at Little Rock campus, March 28, 29 and 30. Although UALR Wesley Foundation members and Director Sam Jones have taken the lead in the initial planning, the event will be sponsored by the University Student Senate and will be a cooperative event for all religious groups on the campus.

Dr. Drane, a former professor at St. John's Seminary in Little Rock, also taught religion and philosophy courses at Little Rock University (now UALR). A pioneer in the ecumenical movement in Little Rock and a prolific writer of books and articles for periodicals, Dr. Drane has studied in Rome, Italy, in Madrid, Spain, at Middlebury College in Vermont, and at Yale University. In 1956 he organized a retreat for laymen and clergy of all denominations in the Little Rock area.

Scheduled presentations by Dr. Drane include: "The Impossibility of Belief," Mar. 28, 12:30 p.m., UALR Fine Arts Auditorium; "The Ethics of Abortion," Mar. 28, 7 p.m., University of Arkansas Medical Center Student Union Lounge; "Rapping with James Drane" (informal discussion), Mar. 29, 1 p.m., UALR Student Union, Faculty Dining Room (old); "Believing the Impossible," Mar. 30, 12:30 p.m., UALR Fine Arts Auditorium.

Other features for the "Faith Festival" observance will include interpretations from "Jesus Christ Superstar," and "A Jazz Mass," by Dansart's Dancers; and "Christ in the Concrete City," a religious drama, to be presented by a student cast on Mar. 29 at 7:30 p.m., UALR Fine Arts Auditorium. From 9:30-12:30, the "Joy" Singers, Little Rock group under the

direction of Sam Thorpe, will present folk music near the Fountain on campus.

Additional lectures and discussions will be held in designated classrooms during the period, and approximately 50 prints of a religious nature from widely known artists, contemporary and traditional, from Roten Galleries will be on exhibit in the Fine Arts Building. Books, recordings, tapes, and religious literature will be on display and for sale in the Student Union throughout the festival.

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TRAVEL SEMINAR

He received a diploma in theology and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Serampore. He joined the Lucknow Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia in 1960 and then served for three years as a pastor in a village church and warden of a high school boys' hostel.

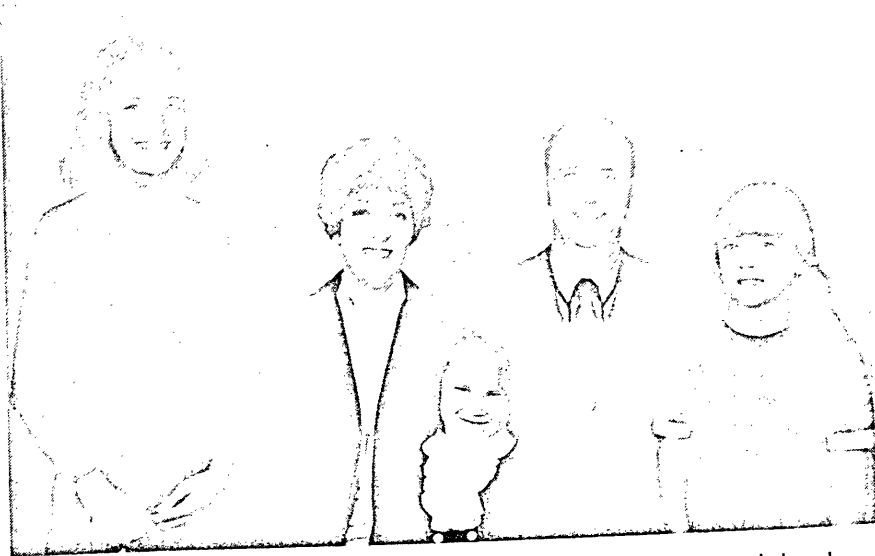
In 1965 he received an MA degree in philosophy at Allahabad University. He was the first regional secretary of the Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society in Bangalore where he organized forums and discussions with youth on such subjects as "youth and social change," "religion and secularism" and "Indianization."

High school seniors interested in the seminar may request applications from Miss Titus, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

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GEYER SPRINGS Women's Society members visited the Salvation Army headquarters in Little Rock, March 8.

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The Rev. James D. Harrison, shown with his wife Linda, and daughters Joy, 12, Jana, 8, and Jamie, 5, is in his second year at Candler School of Theology. He is serving as student pastor of South Bend United Methodist Church, Atlanta. A native of Atkins, he graduated from Arkansas Tech and taught for three years in Russellville High School. From 1962 to 1970 he was an insurance claims representative in Little Rock. He entered Candler in 1970 and was admitted as a probationary member of the North Arkansas Conference in 1971. He expects to graduate from Candler in 1973 and plans to return to the North Arkansas Conference to serve in the parish ministry.

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Functioning of the Board of Global Ministries

Last week we outlined for you the organization of the Board of Global Ministries as it is proposed by the Structure Study Commission Report. We will continue a discussion of the functions that are assigned to each of the divisions of this board.

The Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns would be related not only to the Board of Global Ministries but also to the other agencies of The United Methodist Church. In the statement of its function we read: "shall assist the other divisions in furthering the organization and maintenance of cooperative relationships . . . It shall assist in the fostering of sound relationships with sister churches outside the United States and in encouraging among them sound interrelationships in the interest of unity and mission." This would continue to be the agency of the church which would be implementing our ecumenical involvement and understanding.

The Division of Education and Cultivation would be the group responsible for the undergirding with education, communication and cultivation the total program of the Board of Global Ministries. An excellent summary station in the report says that the function of this division would be "to initiate and develop programs and resources through which individuals and groups may understand the biblical background and theological basis for the Christian world mission, the involvement of the United Methodist Church in global ministries, the special concerns of women in mission, and the possibilities for personal witness, involvement in and support of these ministries." It would also have the responsibility for the preparation and distribution of printed and audio-visual resources and for the planning and promotion of meetings and experiences throughout the church "for the purpose of developing a spirit of mission and participation in global ministries and for training mission leadership."

Division of Health and Welfare Ministries: The purpose of this division would be largely that now fulfilled by the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, "to involve the church and its people in direct service to persons in need through health and welfare ministries, both institutional and non-institutional; to insure that all direct service programs which operate in the name of The United Methodist Church globally, or look to the United Methodist constituency for support, shall be professionally competent and Christian in their service . . . It shall bring together under one administration and with a holistic view of mission all functions of health, education and welfare direct service ministries previously carried on by the World, National and Women's Division of the Board of Missions and by the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of The United Methodist Church."

National Division would continue under very much the same mandate as that followed by the National Division of the Board of Missions "to develop and administer the program within the context of the aims and functions of the Board of Global Ministries in areas within the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands." It would also be held responsible for establishing a division strategy for the implementation of new forms of mission to deal with national mission concerns and issues, "giving special attention to enabling, en-

couraging and supporting the development of community services in urban and rural areas, among ethnic and language minorities; to develop strategies in response to critical community issues, with special attention to the needs of people in transitional relationships, and those living under repressive systems."

The National Division would have the responsibility, as it now does, of consulting with local churches, districts, conferences and other units of The United Methodist Church in identifying and implementing both national and local mission responsibilities through task forces and joint planning committees.

This division would continue to have the responsibility for helping organize special ministries in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas and for the recruitment, training and involvement of clergy and laity in these ministries.

(Next week we will continue to deal with this board, outlining the function of the remaining divisions—World Division, Women's Division, and United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief.)

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Great Decisions 1972

Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about the policies—both foreign and domestic—of their government and are looking for assistance in arriving at their own conclusions concerning these matters.

An outstanding ally for all who have such a concern is the Great Decisions study program. The materials are published by the Foreign Policy Association, serving as the foundation for small group discussions in all kinds of settings. These discussions are usually centered in an eight-weeks period in February and March.

A few groups such as the one to which Mrs. Knox and I belong have chosen to spread the studies out over a longer period. Our discussions cover the entire year, as we use them as the basis for a very close-knit fellowship involving five families.

If you have not been part of a Great Decisions group this year, you might be interested in the subjects we have been using. They are: "Vietnam and After," "Japan, the Common Market and the U.S.," "The Soviet Union and the U.S.," "Chile's Marxist Experiment," "Our China Policy," "Poor Nations and Rich Nations," "Guns and/or Butter," and "Our Crowded World."

It is a healthy sign that an increasing number of Great Decisions groups have been formed each year. Many cities have the added resources of weekly feature articles in the local newspapers and special radio and television programs each week on the Great Decisions' theme.

If you did not participate in such a group this year, we urge you to plan to do so next year since we can be certain that there will continue to be great issues needing discussion and understanding.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, a widely known evangelical Protestant theologian and author, said in an address at Greenville College (Ill.) that the "Jesus movement" has "only a limited future" because it is "vulnerable to all varieties of excess and deviation." Dr. Henry asserted that "the Jesus freaks want a simple Christianity unencumbered by the culture-compromises of many modern Christians, uncommitted to the ecumenical restructuring of the Churches and neglect of evangelism and the Bible, but their theological naivete betrays many of them into radical and indefensible positions."

Addressing the annual meeting of Religion in American Life (RIAL), in New York recently, Comedian Bob Hope compared religion to a "warm protective blanket" which gives security at all times. The organization's current campaign features a series of newspaper ads and radio and television spots with the theme: "In a world looking for answers, maybe God is the place to start. God is hope. God is now."

Dr. Kenneth Greet, secretary of Britain's Methodist Conference, delivering a sermon asked, "What, of the future for Methodism?" He replied: "The great truths which Wesley stressed are eternally valid. Yet Methodism is only one instrument in the ecumenical orchestra. We have something to give, not least is our concept of church government, but also much to receive. Methodism as a solo instrument has no future, but Methodism as a component pipe in God's great organ will help to produce the music of His victory over discord and sin and death."

Representatives of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Methodist Church in Scotland will ask their supreme courts to take steps toward a detailed plan of union later this year, according to a joint statement by spokesmen from the two church bodies. The Rev. H. H. Tennent, chairman of the Methodist Synod and the Rev. John G. Levack, of the Church of Scotland Inter-Church Relations Committee, emphasized in a press conference that moves toward unity of the Churches in Scotland were independent of union moves involving the Methodists in England and the Church of England (Anglican).

Pope Paul VI, addressing pilgrims and tourists gathered in St. Peter's Square, said that Jesus Christ is the answer to the restlessness and dissatisfaction in the world today. The pontiff said, "The Church says to man: 'Are you hungry? Christ is the Bread of Life. Are you thirsty? Christ is the Source of living waters. Do you need to see and understand? Christ is the Light of the world. Do you desire justice and liberty? Christ is the Liberator from the shackles of riches and pride. Are you in need of love? Christ is the Supreme Giver of love—God is Love.'"

The newsweekly of Texas Southern Baptists in an editorial entitled, "Concerned about Nothing," indicated that Churches should be willing to accept investigation from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in order to maintain their tax-exempt status. The editorial stated, "Pardon our indifference, if that it be, but we can't get excited about these early reports of concern because Internal Revenue Service is investigating churches and church organizations. There is a difference between harrassment and investigation . . . Churches must know that a favored status in the tax structure does not give immunity from examination."

The University of Minnesota plans to launch a religious studies program in the Fall. Authority and status for a religious studies program has been voted by the All-College Council of the College of Liberal Arts. Although financial allocations and faculty appointments for the program have not yet been made, Dr. Thomas Kraabel, chairman of the Religious Studies Committee, said he believes that the 1970s may be the decade that the study of religions will boom on the University of Minnesota campus.

Chinese Baptists in the U.S. are said to be preparing for the opening of Red China to Christian missionaries, according to the pastor of the world's largest Chinese Baptist church. The Rev. Daniel Y. K. Cheung, pastor of Kowloon City Baptist church in Hong Kong and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, said in Fort Worth, "Our churches are now in the process of praying, preparing, writing literature, and training people to get ready to go."

The sense of sin in man is becoming "blurred" and for many people the psychiatrist and psychoanalyst have replaced the confessor, the Roman Catholic journal *Civiltà Cattolica* (published in Rome) stated in a recent editorial. "Sin," it said, "has lost its religious meaning of a break in the relationship of love and dependence that unites man to God and is now a sense of Freudian guilt or of Marxist social evil." Two reasons were given for the loss of a sense of sin. One—"excessive optimism," with which the Christian looks at man and the world, and the other is said to be due to a "crisis in the sense of God, when one no longer has a strong conviction that sin is a transgression against love and the transcendent law."

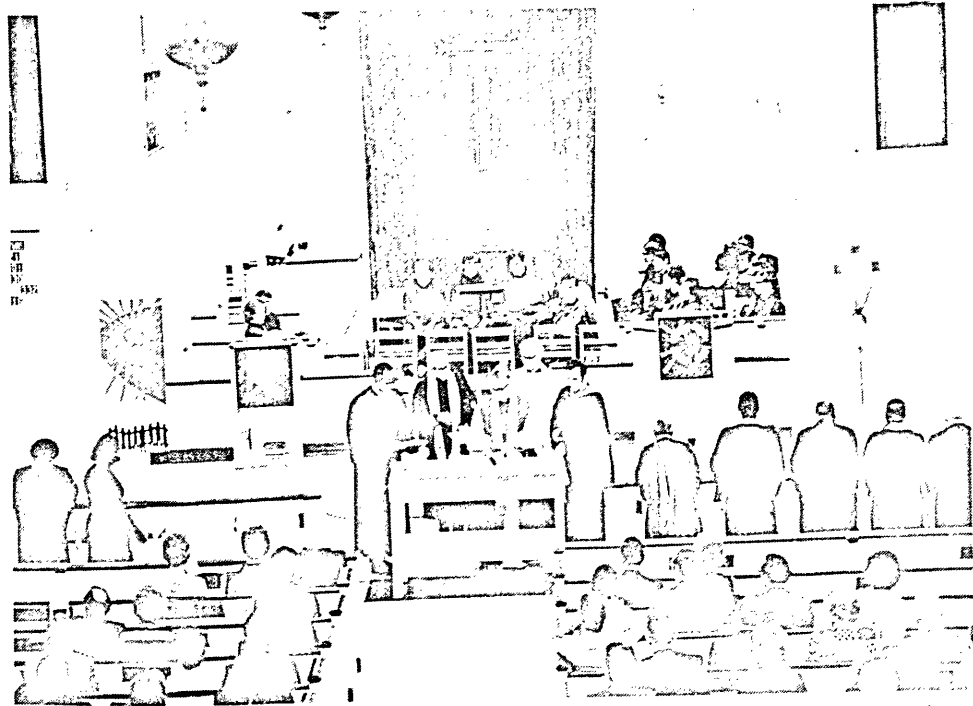
The time has come for American Jewry to think of itself as an ethnic group as well as a religious body, according to Rabbi S. Gershon Levy of Jamaica, N.Y., in his presidential report to the 72nd annual Rabbinical Assembly. "Our involvement in the prolonged urban crisis now makes it plain that we shall have to think of ourselves in more complicated terms—not only as one of the three religious groupings in American society, but also as an ethnic group among America's ethnicities," he said.

Local churches, businesses and individuals in Temple, Tex. have pledged more than \$9,300 to support a full-time Bible Chair at Temple High School. One of the oldest such Bible Chairs in the area, this Ministerial Alliance-sponsored program makes Bible education available as an elective course for students wishing to take it. The course previously was offered on a part-time basis with a volunteer minister from the community serving as teacher. The Rev. Frank Simcik of the Evangelical Brethren church, who has voluntarily taught the course for seven years, has been appointed full-time instructor.

The Dominican Evangelical Church, which traces its formal beginnings to 1922 when Presbyterian, Methodist and United Brethren missionary personnel were instrumental in forming the first permanent congregation in San Pedro de Macoris, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. In 1970, the boards of mission of the three sponsoring U.S. Churches took steps to give Dominicans great degrees of self-determination in administering their Church. Financing increasingly has been taken over by the members.

A declaration for the "positive ideals of Christian marriage and home life," prepared by the Committee on Moral Welfare of the Church of Scotland, was read recently from pulpits throughout Scotland to mark Moral Welfare Sunday, a day designated by the denomination's General Assembly. The declaration represented the latest blow in a nationwide battle against "moral pollution." Its proclamation coincided with the signing of all churches of a petition calling on the British government to note public concern at the exploitation of sex, violence and brut

Pocket Testament League, international evangelistic organization is doubling its missionary staff in Eastern Europe, according to an announcement by J. Edward Smith, international director. "Direct reports from inside the Soviet Union," Smith said, "demonstrate that numerous Russians, especially young people, have been converted through PTL's radio ministry. Even members of the Communist party have turned to Christ."



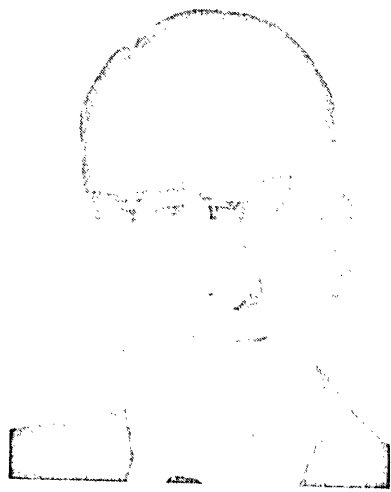
DALLAS — Dallas-area leaders of the nine Protestant denominations comprising the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) participate in a joint worship service and celebration of the Eucharist in the Perkins Chapel on the Southern Methodist University campus. The event concluded a four-week study of the COCU plan of union by 400 church people from the Dallas area, including Roman Catholic observers. The church leaders included: The Rev. O. T. Austin, American Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop A. Donald Davies, Episcopal Church Diocese of Dallas; the Rev. Raymond C. Hart, American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Dr. R. Matthew Lynn, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.; Dr. W. B. J. Martin, United Church of Christ; Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, United Methodist Church; the Rev. William A. Price, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. J. Dwight Russell, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Texas.

Crossett pastor to direct Perkins' seminar

A Little Rock Conference minister, the Rev. Ferris W. Norton, Jr., Crossett pastor, has been selected by the Faculty Committee on Continuing Education of Perkins' School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, as director of the fourth Annual "Perkins' Seminar on the Pastoral Ministry — Present and Future." The nine-day seminar, beginning April 4, is conducted for the benefit of the ministers and Boards of Ministry of the Annual Conferences in the South Central Jurisdiction as a part of the continuing education program of the seminary.

Participants will consider the role of the pastor in emerging contemporary forms, the Church and change, and the uniqueness of the pastor as a person, in his role as a minister. Leadership in the seminar will include Dr. Richard Murray, director of Continuing Education at Perkins; the Rev. Ben Campbell Johnson, director of the Institute for Lay Renewal, Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. William S. Taegel, pastor of the Covenant United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex.; and several additional members of the Perkins' faculty as well as several ministers of the Dallas area.

Approximately three days will be spent on each of three aspects of the



The Rev. Ferris Norton

ministry: The Person, The Church and The Roles. Through the use of psychological insights as developed by Bi/Polar Psychology, each participant will gain a new view of his distinct individuality and will receive help in personal growth through the use of this insight. The system of Dr. J. W. Thomas of Growth Seminars, Inc. will be used.

This seminar will meet the standards of accreditation of the new Academy of Parish Clergy, and is seen as a vital link in the chain of a clergyman's life-long continuing education program. Because of space limitations, the seminar is limited to no more than three "practicing pastors" in each Annual Conference in the Jurisdiction.

Summer Schools of Christian mission

NEW YORK (UMI)—Diversity in purpose, program, attendance and experience will mark 150 conferences, schools, study weekends and other events throughout North America this summer, in which mission education and involvement will be the major components.

As many as 25,000 United Methodist leaders — on national, regional, and local levels—are expected to participate in the various gatherings and events, some of them two-day "mini-schools," more as long as a week. Among over-all objectives of the missionary education and cultivation events, according to planners, are these:

1) Education in the total mission of the church, and about the program and work of the United Methodist Board of Missions; 2) in this quadrennial year for United Methodists, there will be interpretation of 1972 General Conference concerns with mission implications, such as possible restructuring of agencies, including the Board of Missions, and the projected "one new inclusive organization" for United Methodist women;

3) Introduction of mission study themes for 1972-73—"Faith and Justice" and "India: One Sixth of the World's People," both interdenominational; and a related denominational theme, "Romans"; 4) opportunity for leaders to receive training and be involved in mission; 5) cultivation designed to interpret use of mission funds and to increase missionary giving; 6) opportunity for Board of Missions personnel to listen to concerns of regional and local mission leaders; 7) presen-

tation of latest techniques and materials (printed, audio-visual, others) for mission education-involvement.

Planners say that the diverse meetings involved in this summer's program include:

A) Five Regional Schools of Christian Mission will be held for designated leaders of the annual conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds (United Methodist women's organizations). In 1971 more than 1,200 attended the Regional Schools.

B) A total of 74 Conference and Inter-Conference Schools of Christian Mission, which are primarily for Society and Guild officers and members, as well as other leaders. Some, called "Cooperative Schools," are planned specifically for and by both men and women. Many persons at Conference and Inter-Conference Schools will be leading mission studies on the district and local church levels in 1972-73. In 1971 almost 16,000 attended Conference and Inter-Conference Schools. Two "firsts" this year will be a Conference School for the Oklahoma Indian Mission and participation by Lutheran women in the South Carolina Conference School.

At the Regional and Conference Schools this year, Women's Division leaders say, special emphasis will be given to: interpreting the "one new inclusive organization" for United Methodist women, which if General Conference approves, will succeed the Society and Guild, and will have a new name; follow-up of General Conference actions of special importance to women; role and responsibilities of the

Program Directors to Local Churches

LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 26, is the first day of Holy Week, 1972. This week, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, will be most stimulating to your spiritual development. Many local churches will emphasize evangelism during these holy days. On Maundy Thursday, many of you will celebrate Holy Communion. Good Friday worship services will help us remember the crucifixion of our Lord. Classes of children, youth, and adults will be received into full membership in the church.

All these events, and others planned by your Councils on Ministries and your pastors, will provide spiritual enrichment so desperately needed today. Of course, the events of Holy Week all point to Easter Sunday and the glorious truths and implications of the resurrection of our Lord!

The Book of Worship will provide inspiring material such as this Call to Worship for Palm Sunday:

"Minister: And the disciples began to rejoice and praise God, saying, Hosanna!"

People: Hosanna to the son of David!

Minister: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Minister: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna in the highest!"

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Board of Missions and the relation of women to it.

C) A total of 57 mission study weekends or two-day mid-week study events, sometimes called "mini-schools" or "Conference weekends." These are intended to make participation possible for persons who cannot attend a meeting during the week, or give a whole week. Such persons would include many pastors, laymen, young couples and members of the Wesleyan Service Guild. More than 5,000 persons attended this relatively new but growing form of mission education experience in 1971. A few such weekend experiences are ecumenical; most are denominational. Some annual conferences plan both week-long Conference Schools and weekend events.

D) There are 13 missionary conferences, of which 11 are interdenominational, for laymen and ministers who interpret and promote missions. These include: conference and district missionary secretaries, annual conference program directors with mission responsibility, presidents of conference boards of missions, district superintendents, work area chairmen of missions in local churches and members of local Commission on Missions. Other interested ministers and laymen also attend. Some of the conferences have a section for youth. About 2,500

JURISDICTIONAL YOUTH CAUCUS

The South Central Jurisdictional Youth Caucus convened on March 3-5, 1972 at the St. Francis de Sales Center for Christian Renewal, Oklahoma City, with fifty persons representing fifteen conferences in attendance.

The purpose of the caucus was threefold:

(1) To elect two new members of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries for two year terms; a Conference Youth Coordinator was also elected to serve and represent the jurisdiction.

(2) To look at youth proposals which the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries will be presenting to General Conference in April at Atlanta, and to prepare petitions concerning youth in the jurisdiction.

(3) To elect six members of the Jurisdictional Youth Team. The purpose of this team will be to implement priorities and goals of the jurisdiction as set by the caucus; to organize task force groups to design methods of implementation; to plan, convene, and conduct the Jurisdictional Youth Caucus; and to determine new goals whenever necessary.

This latter idea is not yet in effect, but will be presented May 10, 1972 to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the South Central Jurisdiction, which will report its recommendations to the Jurisdictional Conference in Houston. However, the Caucus was confident that the recommendation would be accepted, and in anticipation, elected the six youth to serve, two of whom are from the Arkansas Area: Susan Gladin, North Arkansas Conference, and James Boswell, Little Rock Conference.

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United Methodists are expected to attend the summer conferences.

E) There are specialized or experimental events. A workshop is set for local church missions leaders in the 9-state Southeastern Jurisdiction. This Southeastern Workshop for Local Work Area Chairmen of Missions and Commission on Mission members is scheduled August 11-13 at Lake Junaluska, N.C., as part of a new two-week "Learning Center." In the 8-state South Central Jurisdiction, there will be an "Adult Ministries II Week" for program areas of Missions, Ecumenical Affairs, Interpretation and Education, scheduled for July 31-Aug. 4 at Mount

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NEWS and NOTES

DR. JAMES ARGUE, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, and Ray Tribble, Aldersgate Camp director, and Bob Harris, director of Christian education at Crossett, attended a conference on Creativity and Innovation for non-profit organizations held in Austin, Texas, the week of March 6. The conference was jointly sponsored by Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and churches of Texas.

THE REV. JAMES MEADORS, pastor at Walnut Ridge, was a leader for senior high youth in a seminar held at Texas Wesleyan College and Polytechnic Methodist Church in Fort Worth in February.

DR. J. EDWARD DUNLAP, Winfield minister, gave the morning devotionals over KARK Channel 4 each morning the week of March 13.

PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH, located in the Van community north of DeWitt, will hold four nights of revival services beginning Thursday night, March 30 and continuing through April 2, at 7:30 o'clock each evening. The Rev. John Wayne Edwards, pastor of the Delark United Methodist Circuit, Arkadelphia, will be the evangelist and will have a singing group with him. The public is invited. The Rev. Billy W. A. McLean is the pastor.

THE SUBIACO ACADEMY CHOIR will sing for the evening worship service in the Paris United Methodist Church on March 26. This will be the first of Holy Week services planned by the Rev. William Hightower.

DAVID DRIVER of Little Rock, ministerial student at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, was guest speaker in First Church, Paragould, February 27. The Rev. Harold Spence presided.

MRS. JOHN CHEYNE, who served with her husband as a missionary in Rhodesia and Ethiopia for 18 years, was the concluding speaker during the study of Africa in First Church, Arkadelphia. Dr. John Miles is pastor.

DR. WALTER HAZZARD, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, was guest speaker in Central Avenue United Methodist Church at Batesville, February 27. Dr. Charles Casteel was host pastor.

LESLIE McCULLOUGH and his wife are serving as house-parents at the newly opened Youth Counseling Center in West Memphis. Mr. McCullough has been an active layman in the Harrisburg United Methodist Church.

MISSION SCHOOL DIRECTOR AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING

The Rev. Rodney Roberts, director of the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, New Mexico, will speak at the First United Methodist Church, Monticello, April 9. The following two weeks (April 10-20) he is available to speak in other churches.

He is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, and was a local pastor in New Mexico before becoming director of the school. He has slides and is available to speak to men, women, or youth groups in the local churches.

Anyone interested is asked to contact the Rev. W. D. Elliott, Monticello.

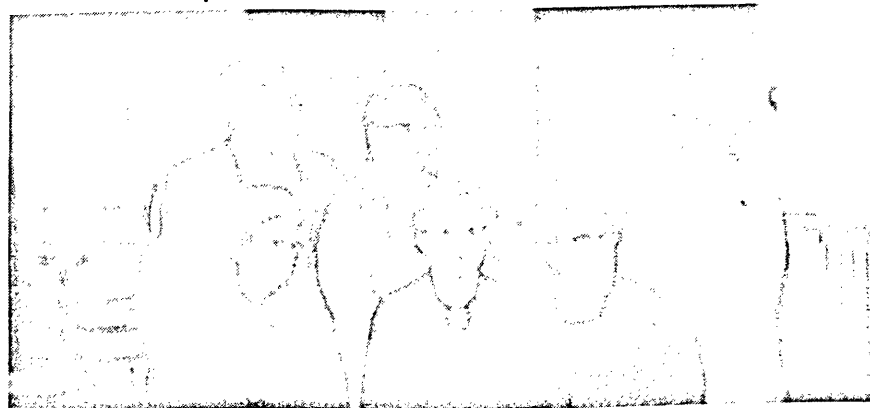
WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH of Conway has completed a church-wide study of the Book of Matthew. Sessions were held for four consecutive Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with a different instructor each Sunday. Those taking part were: Dr. Francis Christie, Academic Dean of Hendrix College, Dr. James S. Upton of the Hendrix faculty, the Rev. Charles W. Lewis, and the pastor. Preceding the sessions each Sunday evening a snack supper was served by WSCS members. The study was planned by Work Area Chairman on Missions, Mrs. R. L. Holloway in cooperation with the pastor, the Rev. Britt Cordell.

STAMPS CHURCH RENEWAL VENTURE DECLARED SUCCESS

The First United Methodist Church of Stamps, along with other churches in the Camden District, completed two of the three parts of the Venture in Commitment and Communion.

In January and February, Sunday school classes from fourth grade up used the study of ACTS and Mandate to Witness. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, over 100 members from Stamps attended the Rally in El Dorado. A prayer vigil was held in the church from Friday noon until Saturday noon, March 3 and 4. From Sunday night to Friday night, March 5-10, the Gospel was proclaimed by the Rev. James Robert Scott of St. Paul Church, Little Rock.

All of this together has brought a renewed spirit into the church, according to the Rev. Bob Johnson, pastor, who gives credit to the response of the members.



LENTEN REVIVALS

THE REV. RALPH HALE, pastor of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, is preaching in special services at Ashdown United Methodist Church this week, March 19-23. The Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr. is host pastor.

HOLY WEEK REVIVAL in First Church, Forrest City, will have as guest speaker, the Rev. Leon Wilson, pastor of the Earle United Methodist Church. Dr. Earl Hughes is the minister.

THE REV. JOHN McCORMACK, pastor of First Church, Harrison, conducted a pre-Easter revival at the Prairie Grove United Methodist Church the week of February 27. Bob Cheyne of Bentonville, Fayetteville District lay leader, spoke in the Harrison pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

THE HUNTINGTON AVENUE Church in Jonesboro is having as guest speaker this week, March 19-24, the Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First Church, Helena. The Rev. James Chandler is host pastor.

HENDRICKS HILLS CHURCH in Fort Smith will have a former pastor in Holy Week services, March 29, 30 and 31. He is the Rev. William C. Haltom, presently serving as pastor of First Church in West Helena. The Rev. C. Waymon Hollis is pastor.

HARMONY GROVE CHURCH, Camden, joined in the Camden district-wide "Venture in Commitment and Communion." The Rev. Robert Ekberg, pastor, reports an almost full sanctuary, with many re-dedications, two high school girls and a mother receiving baptism and membership, and two teenagers on preparatory roll seeking full membership. The Rev. Leo Parker from St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Texarkana was the evangelist. At a family night supper on Wednesday, seven members who had attended 50 or more years were honored.

Members of Harmony Grove Church who were honored for 50 or more years of membership are shown below. They are, from left, standing: Mr. and Mrs. Whit Wilson and Mrs. Thelma Frizzell. Front row: Mrs. Ray Cook, Mrs. Norma Smith and Mrs. Marvin Russell. Present, but not shown: Mrs. Hartwell Smith, Sr.

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 26—Sun.	Heb. 5:5-10
March 27	Heb. 6:9-20
March 28	Heb. 7:15-28
March 29	Heb. 9:11-15
March 30	Heb. 12:1-10
March 31	Heb. 13:10-16
April 1	II Tim. 4:1-8
April 2—Sun.	Gen. 8:15-22

LAY SPEAKING CERTIFICATES were recently awarded in the Mountain Home Church to: Harold Alcott, Lewis Ashby, Palmer Foley, Chick Hobbs, Bill Iske, Dwight Lewis, Charles Reed, Quinby Smith and George Zobac. The Rev. Norman Carter is their pastor.

JEANNE GENTRY WAITS of Mount Senora College, Ladysmith, Wisconsin, will play a concert in Central United Methodist Church of Fayetteville, on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

A POT-LUCK SUPPER was given Sunday night March 13 by members of Salem United Methodist Church (Fulton County) honoring their newly appointed pastor, the Rev. James McCammon and family.

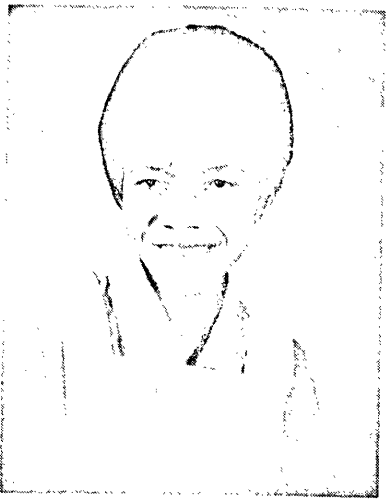
MARKHAM CHURCH, Little Rock, is having revival services this week, March 19-23, with the Rev. George W. Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, bringing the messages. The Rev. Fred Arnold, former Markham pastor who is now at Oaklawn Church in Hot Springs, is leading the singing. The Rev. John Workman is host pastor.

P. K. KORNER

TOM DeBLACK, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred DeBlack of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Little Rock, was selected by the History Department of SMU in Dallas to receive the Charles R. and Alice L. Ritcheson prize for outstanding prospective teachers of history. The award will be presented by Chancellor Tate at the Awards Reception on Wednesday, March 22. Tom was recently elected to the SMU Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national honor fraternity, one of six elected from the SMU Junior Class. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta, national history fraternity.

NANCY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS was born on February 28 to the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Conway where he is associate pastor of First United Methodist Church.

PATRICIA JANE KEITH underwent hip surgery in Memphis on Wednesday, March 8. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James D. Keith of North Little Rock, where he is pastor of the Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church.



Yema Alphonesse Museu of Zaire, Africa

PRODUCT OF CONGO MISSION VISITED ARKANSAS

Miss Yema Alphonesse Museu from the Democratic Republic of Zaire (formerly the Democratic Republic of the Congo) was a guest in Arkansas for a week recently, visiting in Harrison and Siloam Springs. She was the house guest of Miss Edith Martin, former missionary to the Congo, who had been her teacher. Miss Museu is studying nursing in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will receive her degree in June. She will then marry a young man from her section of Zaire who is also studying in the United States. They will return to Zaire where he will teach in the Free University in the field of mathematics and she in the field of nursing and public health.

In Siloam Springs, she was honored by the WSCS and WSG at a reception in the home of Mrs. R. Holcomb and Miss Floy Dodgen. A party given for her by the Edith Martin Class in Harrison was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Burns who have spent several years in Mali, Africa. A tea in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore and Miss Eula Albright gave her the opportunity of visiting with Mr. Moore just before his 100th birthday.

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MISS SKINNER MEETS WITH GUILD PRESIDENTS

The executive committee of the Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guild met on Sunday afternoon, March 19, in the home of the new district chairman, Miss Floretta Skinner. Twenty-two representatives from 18 guilds were present.

Plans were made to participate in the Bible study to be presented in First Church, Little Rock, by Mrs. W. B. Landrum on two Sunday afternoons in April (9 and 16). Other meetings projected to involve Guild members include the Conference Guild Retreat at Aldersgate Camp, April 22 and 23; Business Women's Unit of Church Women United May Fellowship Day observance, May 5; Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, June 9-11; Interconference Weekend School of Christian Mission at Hendrix, July 29 and 30; Annual Conference Meeting at Tanako, October 1.

It was voted to have no district-wide meeting this Spring, in view of participation in other meetings. Miss Hilda Shively serves as secretary of the district, and was co-hostess.

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Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark. In addition, an adult Ministries Regional will be held at Mount Sequoyah, July 28-30 for local church work area chairmen in seven program areas.

Dates and places of the Regional Schools of Christian Mission: Midwest Region—June 12-16 at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.; West Gulf Region—June 12-16 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.; Upper Atlantic Region—June 18-23 at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.; South Atlantic Region—June 26-30 at Duke University, Durham, N.C.; Pacific Region—June 26-30 at University of San Diego, San Diego, Calif.

Information about Conference and Inter-Conference Schools of Christian Mission is scheduled to be in the April issue of **response** magazine (published for United Methodist women by the Board of Missions).

Dates and places of the summary missionary conferences: Prairie Conference on the Christian World Mission—June 19-23 at Brandon, Manitoba, Canada; Eastern Ecumenical Conference on Christian World Mission—June 26-30 at Brandywine College, Wilmington, Del.; Craigville Conference on the Church in the World—July 2-8 at Craigville, Mass.; Hawaii Conference on World Mission—July 15-18 at Seabury, Maui, Hawaii; Southeastern Jurisdiction Missionary Conference and Youth in Missions Conference—July 17-24 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.; Mount Sequoyah Conference on Ecumenical Mission—July 17-21 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.; Pacific Southwest Conference on Christian World Mission—July 28-August 4 at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.; Midwest Conference on Christian World Mission—July 31-August 4 at Naperville, Ill.; Adult Ministries II Week—July 31-August 4 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.; Lakeland Missionary Conference—August 2-5 at Plymouth, Wis.; Northwest International Mission Conference—August 7-11 at Marylhurst College, Portland, Ore.; Northern New England School of Religious Education—August 5-12 at Winnepesaukee (Geneva Point), N.H.; Chautauqua Church in the World Conference—August 20-25 at Chautauqua, N.Y.

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EUREKA SPRINGS WSCS HONORS MRS. CLARK

The women of the First United Methodist Church at Eureka Springs held a coffee on the morning of February 29 in honor of Mrs. Frances Clark who is leaving to make her home in Independence, Mo. Mrs. Clark has been a very active member of this congregation, serving as chairman of the Council on Ministries and has held other offices in the church and the Women's Society of Christian Service. The event, held at the home of Mrs. Wayne Johnson, was attended by 36 women of the church. A short program of tributes to Mrs. Clark was presented by several women.

At this time Special Membership pins were presented to both Mrs. Clark and Miss Winifred Hancock to honor them for devoted and outstanding service through the Women's Society of Christian Service.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT WOMEN TO OBSERVE "DAY APART"

"Power Line to God" is the theme of the Day Apart program to be held by women of the Monticello District on Monday, March 27. Mrs. Percy Grissom, district WSCS chairman of spiritual growth, will preside at the gathering in First United Methodist Church at Warren. Mrs. Sturgis Safold of Monticello will lead the Bible study in the afternoon. Registration is from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Mrs. French Wynne is president of the district Women's Society.

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MRS. LANDRUM WILL LEAD STUDY FOR DISTRICT WOMEN

"The Invitation: Matthew on Mission" is the Bible study to be led by Mrs. W. B. (Gwendolyn) Landrum in First Church, Little Rock (Bethell Classroom), on two Sunday afternoons in April. The study is sponsored by the Gwendolyn Landrum Guild of First Church, and members of all Wesleyan Service Guilds in the district are invited to participate. Sessions will be held at 3 p.m. on April 9 and 16.

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CWU REPRESENTATIVES AT PITTSBURGH MEET

Attending the National executive board meeting of Church Women United in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 10-13, were three area women: Mrs. G. W. Dameron of Pineville, Louisiana, who is president of Louisiana Church Women United; Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, president of Arkansas Church Women United; and Mrs. Herbert Douglas of Little Rock, member of the national executive board.

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TOGETHER magazine notes WINFIELD PLAYERS

The Winfield Players, drama group in Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock, is one of the groups featured in an article in the March issue of **Together**, national Methodist publication.

The article on "Church Drama: Who Uses It?", by Martha L. Lane, includes these paragraphs:

Too frequently a congregation's attempts at drama follow this pattern: A minister who is particularly interested in drama joins the church staff. He assembles a group and they start producing. Then, just when they are getting experience enough to produce meaningful performances, the minister receives a new assignment. When he leaves, the group disbands.

Not so with Winfield Methodist Church of Little Rock, Ark. Ministers have come and gone but the Winfield Players (formerly the Curtain Club) continue. This is their 33rd year, and the current ecumenical membership of 75 represents all ages.

The group's aim is "to give fuller expression to the biblical witness and to the human condition to which it is addressed." They do it largely through formal drama, performing in many churches and schools throughout Arkansas. The group usually charges admission or receives an offering at performances, but when necessary the Little Rock church helps with finances.

Productions, all chosen for their ability to communicate the gospel, have included **J.B.**; **Between Two Thieves**; **For Heaven's Sake!**; **Like It Is!**; **A Majority of One**; **Our Town**; and **The Miracle Worker**.

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The sun is a'shining
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and it's Heigh-Ho,

COME TO THE FAIR

Where: Aldersgate Methodist Camp
Saturday, May 6, 1972
10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Mrs. Edward W. Harris, general chairman for the Aldersgate Country Fair, has announced that these chairmen of committees are at work to make the day entertaining as well as profitable: Information and Publicity—Martha Faulkner and Imogene Knox; Traffic and Grounds—Homer Winstead; Arts and Crafts—Mrs. Wallace Moreland, Madge Franklin, and Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf; Rummage—Mrs. E. D. Galloway and Mrs. William D. Brown; Plants—Mrs. Mark Jordan and Mrs. Guy Cazort; Antique Auction—Mrs. Paul V. Galloway and Miss Mary Florence Scobey; Foods—Mrs. John W. Stephens and Miss Mildred Scott; Soap Making—the Rev. C. C. Hall; Woodwork—Brother Guy Heisenfelt; Spin Art—Rush Holt; Books

and Magazines—Mrs. Tom Williams, Jr.; Entertainment—Vickie Allen and Kathy Freeman; Guided Tours—Larry Kelly; Clowns—Mrs. Robert C. Crick; Printed Signs—Carl E. Rowden; Concessions—Dr. William L. Cloud; Waterfront—Harold L. Nichols and Dr. Harold Eggensperger; First Aid—Dr. Kelsey Caplinger; Finance—R. C. Raper, Ed Wimberly and Hal Robbins; Tickets—Tom Williams, Jr. and Ray Tribble.

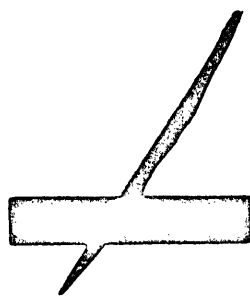
Individuals for groups having items to donate for the Fair may get in touch with any committee chairman by calling the camp office: 225-1444.

Ray Tribble, camp director, reports many advance reservations for overnight lodging by families with tents and campers. Some cabins have been reserved for youth groups coming by bus. Groups may bring their own food or may purchase meals at the dining hall. The lodging is free.

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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR APRIL 2: The Church of the Risen Lord

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15

MEMORY SELECTION: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize the central place of Christ's resurrection in the gospel and in their personal faith.

The Christian church is the fellowship of the resurrection. Today we turn to Paul's great 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians for the outline of our Easter lesson. There is no doubt that the resurrection was central in Paul's thought. His writings and most of the rest of the New Testament would be incomprehensible without the affirmation that "Jesus Christ is risen from the dead."

There is no question that daily awareness of the presence of Christ and the hope of finally being resurrected to be with him were major factors in the church's continued growth, in spite of persecution and difficulty.

Paul was telling the Corinthian church in the most concise language that the resurrection was at the very heart of the early church's teachings. This chapter 15 contains the earliest and most important testimony to the resurrection of Jesus and of its place in the early Christian message.

All of us have struggled with the idea that the soul is immortal. We like to remember the comforting words in Thornton Wilder's play, **Our Town**:

"I don't care what they say with their mouths—everybody knows that something is eternal. And it ain't houses and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars . . . everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. There's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being."

The cross is the one universal symbol of the Christian faith, but only because it is the gateway to the reality of the resurrection. The New Testament does not give us a credal statement of the early church but it leaves us in no doubt as to what was considered basic to the gospel and to the faith. The characteristic apostolic sermon strongly emphasized the death and resurrection of our Lord. To match the pattern of the New Testament, the proclamation of the gospel also needs to include the resurrection with all this implies for Christian behavior and hope.

Easter is the greatest festival of the Christian year because the church is the church of the risen Lord. If Christ had not risen, there would be no church. This chapter from 1 Corinthians is one of the most significant chapters of the New Testament. Here we have Paul's brilliant defense of this vital doctrine, as well as clarification of related matters.

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Our chapter begins with a progression of facts as related by Paul. The first three verses can be paraphrased as follows: the apostle received the gospel from the Lord; he preached the gospel he received; the Corinthians believed the gospel he preached; they were saved by the gospel they be-

lieved; and they were strengthened and stabilized by the same gospel. Could any outline of the great saving message which Paul had proclaimed be given in clearer, more concise terms? With the utmost economy of words the apostle sets down the main points of the gospel he had delivered, and which they had, to their great benefit received.

Dr. John Short says in **Interpreter's Bible**: "Without hesitation and without shame, as in his letter to the church in Rome, he had fearlessly preached the saving gospel of the Lord who was crucified, and who being buried, rose from the dead. For Paul this is fundamental. From no other fountain could spring the quality of life and ethics that of necessity flows from it. Without it there could in his view be no gospel at all; it is, to use his own words 'of first importance.'"

The word "gospel" means good news. To what do we refer when we speak of the good news? Certainly we have in mind the fact of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. We do not rejoice because Christ suffered and died. The good news, that which causes us to rejoice, is what Christ's death, burial, and resurrection effected for us. It was by this means that our reconciliation with God was made possible. This is why we rejoice. This is good news; it is the best news we could ever receive.

"CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS"

In 1 Corinthians 15:3 we read, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures." What he was saying was that God, like any earthly parent who vicariously takes on himself in agony the wrongdoing of an erring son or daughter, "in Christ Jesus" takes upon himself the sins and follies of the men and women made in his image. He bears the blame and shame of it in himself.

When the people of the day grasped the thought that "the Lord of glory" had offered himself in expiation for the corporate and individual sins of mankind, the idea was imbued with immense spiritual force.

You will note that Paul takes great pains to emphasize that Jesus was really dead and buried. There were many who argued that the whole idea of his resurrection was a myth. In addition to answering these charges, Paul was concerned to show that Jesus was truly a man. Dr. Short asks: "What closer identification could there be between him and man than in the manner and reality of his death?"

From the beginning, Christ's death was regarded as for the sins of men. Paul emphasized this in the passage under consideration today. It was directly related with his emphasis on the resurrection, seen by the apostle as an act directly related to the willingness of God for the entire transaction to take place.

VARIOUS REVELATIONS OF THE RISEN CHRIST

Paul felt it was essential to mention specifically the persons who had experienced revelations of the risen Christ. These seemed very important to him because of the nature of his own conversion experience. After speaking of appearances to Cephas, the twelve, James, and "more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive," he says in verse 8, "Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me."

As he sought to convince the doubters in the

church at Corinth of the reality and significance of the resurrection of Jesus, he admitted that it had also been essential to convince the disciples and the other followers of Jesus. We know that a part of the evidence of the resurrection is in the lives that were changed by it. Terrified and cowering men gained courage as they heard the reports of those who had personally experienced the risen Lord.

We can feel the urgency which motivated Paul to write here in such detail of the story of the resurrection. Dr. Short says: "He is persuading certain elements in the Corinthian church that there could have been no gospel to preach, nor could any churches have been founded as the outcome of the preaching of that gospel, had not the first Christian disciples, apostles and followers of Jesus been convinced beyond any doubt that he had risen from the dead."

Dr. William J. Carter, in **Adult Bible Studies**, puts it this way: "The resurrection of Jesus was the moment of supreme revelation for those who were to be the church. By his life and ministry they had been drawn to him, had found him inspiring, had even guessed that he might be the Messiah. But in the dawn of Easter Day, as he appeared to those who waited, they found confirmation that he was not only their Lord but the Lord of the universe. Thereafter the message they preached would not only be the 'repent and be baptized' of John, but the glorious fact that salvation had been won through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, who was the Son of God."

"IF CHRIST HAS NOT BEEN RAISED, THEN OUR PREACHING IS VAIN"

In verse 14 Paul emphasized the centrality of the resurrection in his preaching, resting all that he has said upon its reality. He is specifically concerned with answering the charges of certain people in Corinth, but he is also speaking to future generations including us who have this letter before us on Easter, 1972.

Paul wanted to show the Christians at Corinth that belief in the resurrection of Jesus was closely linked to their faith that they, too, could experience the resurrection. There was a dangerous chain reaction involved in doubt concerning this matter, and Paul saw that any church was threatened where such doubts were planted. If resurrection were not true, he said, Christ did not rise, the preaching of his resurrection was invalid, belief in that message was vain, faith became meaningless, and sinners were without hope.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the great German martyr, said: "Between the death of Christ and the apostolic gospel of the cross there lay the resurrection, which alone gives the cross its redemptive power." If we do not have the resurrection story to tell to other men we do not have sufficient power to change their lives and we do not have a firm foundation on which to stand ourselves.

IT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The important thing in all this is whether or not we with Thornton Wilder believe that "something is eternal." Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick raised the question in an Easter sermon at Riverside Church, "What difference does it make whether one believes in immortality? . . . There must be something here that lasts, some strand of abiding unity upon which the changes all are strung; else, as William James said, this whole creation were no better than a silly moving picture film that might as well be run backward as forward, because it means nothing either way."

Paul's message to us and our church on this Easter is that Christ still lives and that he is with us as we seek to discover his will for our lives. He said, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Dr. Carter reminds us that, "Because of the raising of Christ, his followers are urged to continue his work. This work becomes a source of joy and fulfillment, so that the Christian feels he is living in a new world here and now."

United Methodism's quadrennial budget proposals announced

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — An average contribution of about \$4.50 per United Methodist member, or \$48,100,000, is being recommended to the denomination's 1972 General Conference to support basic program and administrative costs each year of the 1973-76 quadrennium.

Reductions are proposed in two funds, and a decrease in the rate at which another is collected is recommended, but a major new fund and increases in some of the others brings the total to about \$5,000,000 above comparable figures in the current quadrennium, not including the Fund for Reconciliation.

According to the recommendations prepared for the General Conference opening April 16 in Atlanta, Ga., and released here March 14 by the church's Council on World Service and Finance, the proposals for each year include:

World Service, the basic program fund — \$22,500,000, a reduction of \$2,500,000;

General Administration — \$1,500,000, an annual reduction of \$2,132;

Interdenominational Cooperation — \$1,000,000, an increase of \$222,500;

Temporary General Aid, a fund set up to facilitate merger of black and white annual conferences — \$1,600,000, an increase of \$600,000;

Black colleges — \$6,000,000, a new fund;

Episcopal Fund — An estimated \$3,000,000, about the same as at present, although the assessment rate is being lowered;

Ministerial Education Fund — \$11,000,000, an increase of \$2,750,000;

Human Relations Day — proposed special offering with a goal of \$1,500,000.

Despite the reduction in the over-all totals in World Service and General Administration, increases for a majority of the continuing individual agencies related to the denomination are recommended.

According to R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, the reduction recommended in the World Service fund which finances most gen-

eral agencies is in deference to the special fund for the black colleges. This latter fund will be apportioned on the same basis as World Service.

"The Council on World Service and Finance has made sincere efforts to arrive at an equitable division of the funds which it anticipates from World Service giving," Dr. Brawner said.

Although this basic fund has had a goal of \$25,000,000 annually for the current quadrennium, the largest amount received in any of the first three years has been \$22,412,126 in 1970.

Coupled with the \$6,000,000 annual recommended apportionment for black colleges, is a proposal that the special Race Relations Day offering which previously went to the schools be re-named Human Relations Day offering and be used to support minority empowerment and three special programs now being conducted by the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee. These include Voluntary Service, a Black Community Developers and Police-Community Relations programs.

Dr. Brawner said that funds received in this special offering for minority empowerment probably would about equal those now being channeled to this cause through the re-allocation of agency funds ordered by the 1970 General Conference, collected through World Service and administered by the Commission on Religion and Race.

All of the fund proposals are being made on the basis of the present composition of general boards and agencies. If General Conference approves structural changes, as are being proposed, the allocations will be adjusted accordingly, but the recommended totals would not be changed.

Within the basic World Service fund, the largest single recommended increase would be for the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. This agency was allocated \$300,000 per year by the 1968 General Conference and the 1973-76 proposal would average \$550,000 per year.

Dr. Brawner said the recommended total includes \$125,000 per year des-

ignated for day care center projects, mental retardation work and the Certification Council for health and welfare agencies. If another church agency enters into any of these areas, the \$125,000 will be subject to review.

A basic change in the recommendations this year is to put the various agencies on a variable scale for each year of the quadrennium instead of giving them the same amount each year.

On this basis, the average amounts per year for each agency, and the average change per year from the current quadrennium, include:

World Service and Finance — \$369,500, an average annual increase of \$2,500;

Division of Interpretation — \$927,500, up \$55,000 per year;

Deaconess Pensions — \$70,000, up \$10,000 per year;

American University — \$175,000, down \$125,000 per year;

American Bible Society — \$100,000, down \$125,000 per year;

Board of Christian Social Concerns — \$662,500, up \$37,500 per year;

Board of Education (Division of the Local Church, including Family Life, and Division of Higher Education, not including ministerial education or black colleges and former EUB colleges) — \$2,864,000, up \$16,000 per year;

EUB Colleges — \$481,250, down \$288,000 per year;

Board of Evangelism — \$582,250, up \$31,250 per year;

Health and Welfare Ministries — \$566,250, up \$250,000 per year;

Board of the Laity — \$558,500, up \$18,500 per year;

Board of Missions — \$11,753,500, up \$60,000 per year;

Program Council (not including Division of Interpretation) — \$1,590,000, up \$148,000 per year;

Commission on Worship — \$57,500, up \$48,000 per year;

Commission on Religion and Race — \$250,000, up \$75,000 per year.

A ministerial education allocation in World Service budget has totaled \$2,420,000 per year the past quadren-

nium. It is proposed that this be reduced to an average of \$750,000 per year from World Service in the next quadrennium in accord with legislation passed in 1968 establishing a separate Ministerial Education Fund.

The recommended apportionment for the Ministerial Education Fund is pegged at \$11,000,000 each year of the 1973-76 quadrennium. Base for the apportionment is 2 per cent of local church budgets, excluding capital expenditures and most benevolences.

Included in the 1973-76 World Service recommendations is \$300,000 per year for Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., subject to an annual review and the possibility that a sliding scale based on matching funds would be established.

"The Council on World Service and Finance believes that Scarritt College must look forward to the day when it need not rely on the general church for support," Dr. Brawner said.

Dropped from the 1973-76 proposals are the Methodist Corporation which was allocated \$150,000 in the current quadrennium, the United Methodist Development Fund, \$1,400,000, and the Quadrennial Emphasis, \$194,000.

Dr. Brawner said the budget agency believes that the Methodist Corporation has ample reserves for its operations in the next quadrennium and that the development fund is sufficiently capitalized to be self-sustaining. The 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis fund ends with the close of the quadrennium.

Transferred to the General Administration fund in the recommendations is the Board of Pensions. The amount suggested is \$25,000 per year, a decrease of \$175,000 from the current annual World Service appropriations.

Dr. Brawner said the Council on World Service believes the recommended amount is sufficient to cover services rendered in annual conferences not participating in the reserve pension program. Expenses of the latter

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the British scene

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

The name of the game is money. That is one of the despairing conclusions forced upon the observer of the British scene, as elsewhere. This week, as I write, an accountant who works for a charitable organization won a quarter of a million pounds on a football pool, and in the same connexion, the last hectic week has seen football players change clubs for fees in the region of 2,000,000 pounds.

It all makes money look like nonsense when we have one million unemployed people, a large proportion of whom simply do not know how to live, and some of whom literally have nowhere to live at all.



The Government is soon to come out with the annual Budget, which will tell us all what kind of taxes we will have to pay in the next fiscal year, and there are millions of ordinary family men who will hope that there will be a little relief for them, because they count their earnings or their savings, if they are lucky enough to be able to save, in fifty pence pieces.

Yet, in what is really a parasitical business of guessing football results, a tax-free fortune can be won by a one-in-a million lucky man, and the reality of money ceases to have any meaning at all.

Behind all this is a complete morality of society which looks upon money as the name of the game. The question poses itself because of the football fever which grips the nation. First class football clubs no longer live in a world of sport—they live in a world of money, tension, and the what many of them call "professionalism" which too often actually means winning at

almost any price.

A well-known football star said of an opposing team: "They don't like applying themselves to the game. They want instant joy, they feed on joy. If they get a knock, their hearts drop into their boots. They're not strong on character."

Looked at in one sense, that is a perfectly valid criticism of a team which may, in the eyes of that player, lack the fibre to fight a losing battle. But behind it, if I am not being too simple-minded, is something else altogether. Sport, I used to think, was a joyful thing. It was supposed to lead to the philosophy of life which talked about a fit mind in a fit body.

But the professional at the sport was, at least once upon a time, meant to epitomise that very attitude, and now he is interested only in winning, not, in the old Olympic sense to see that to play is more important than winning.

I ask myself, am I living in a cloud-cuckoo land to ask that we turn our minds from the business of being in business for the sake of being in business, so that we might look at ourselves

quietly and ask what life is all about?

I don't think I am, because the way of Jesus, which is what I believe in, is the way of painting us beyond what we earn, what we have, what we can make, to the place where we can ask what we are.

And what we are is demonstrated in the end by what we value. I would not be so naive as to ask that men should not want to win, whether it is in sport or business or the competitive way of life we have built for ourselves in the world we have made. That, after all is the way of the world. But when we have done with this world—and I don't mean in the life to come, but in our moments of leisure, in our inner selves, what are we going to add up to?

Jesus once told a story about a rich man who added up his bank balance and decided he could afford to eat drink and be merry. But he didn't get the chance. It was too late. I suspect that happens to us long before we die.

We just don't think much about what we are—we are too busy adding up what we've got.

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

"For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

There Once Lived A Man

There once lived a man ---
Some claimed he was a heretic,
Others called him King.
Yes, he was a king, but not in the sense
Some thought him to be.
He wished no empire of nations;
No jewels; nor any other material goods.
The only empire he sought was that
Of all men's hearts turned to God.
They understood none of this.
They arrested him. He could have escaped,
But he went with them offering no resistance.
They took him before Pilate.
The crowd shouted, "Crucify him!"
They placed a crown of thorns upon his head
And a cross upon his back.
He carried it to Calvary where he was
Nailed to the cross to die.
But yet, he was not bitter.
He sought no vengeance - only -
"Father forgive them, for they know not
What they do." Then - "It is finished."
Some called him a heretic,
Others called him King.
I call him Lord and Saviour.
He died that I, and all others, might live.
There once lived a man -
His spirit still lives.

-by Mary Ann Clark

Easter

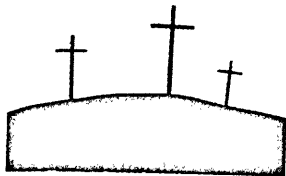
Alone, while in the crowd,
Betrayed, accused, condemned,
Stricken, burdened, bowed,
Dead - the end for Him!

Not so! Behold the tomb -
Its barren cloths unfurled.
Sunrise! The pale of gloom
Is lifted from the world.

For He who suffered death
By hate's unyielding plan
Was love's immortal breath -
Was God, Himself, in Man.

And joy becomes a part
Of life's reality,
For Easter is the heart
Of Christianity.

-by Barbara L. Mulkey



H. B. CARLISLE

H. B. Carlisle, 72, of Hickory Plains died Feb. 13 in a Searcy hospital. He had been a member of the Hickory Plains Methodist Church for 54 years.

He was a native of Kentucky, but moved to Hickory Plains with his parents in 1917. He had served his community as a member of the school board, and had served his church in many official capacities including steward and Church School superintendent.

He married Elva Jackson in Dec. 1919. To this union were born six children, four sons: Lt.-Col. Wilford with the U. S. Army, Troy of Dallas, Tex., Morris of Beebe, and James of Cabot; and two daughters, Camilla Ferguson of Conway and Margie Nell Speight of Hickory Plains. In addition, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Annie Rogers and Mrs. Essie Farrel of Hickory Plains, and by 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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TO CHURCHES IN ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT:

We, the Arkadelphia District of the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church, are participating in a Fine Arts Festival entitled Art for the Common Man. This Festival as envisioned at the Conference level will have as a theme the joy of the sharing of the talents of our members, as displayed by these arts and handicrafts.

We wish to share these experiences throughout the entire Conference in a three phase program: First, the two winners from each category at the local church where all exhibits will go on to the regional or district festivals. The district center (in our case) will be at the First Church of Arkadelphia with the two top choices in each category to be shown in Little Rock at the time of the annual conference.

We have selected a date, May 6, 1972, for assembly of projects for judging on May 7.

The local exhibition should be held from one to two weeks prior to this so there will be time to prepare projects for the district showing.

Kelly H. Oliver

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Co-chairman for
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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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

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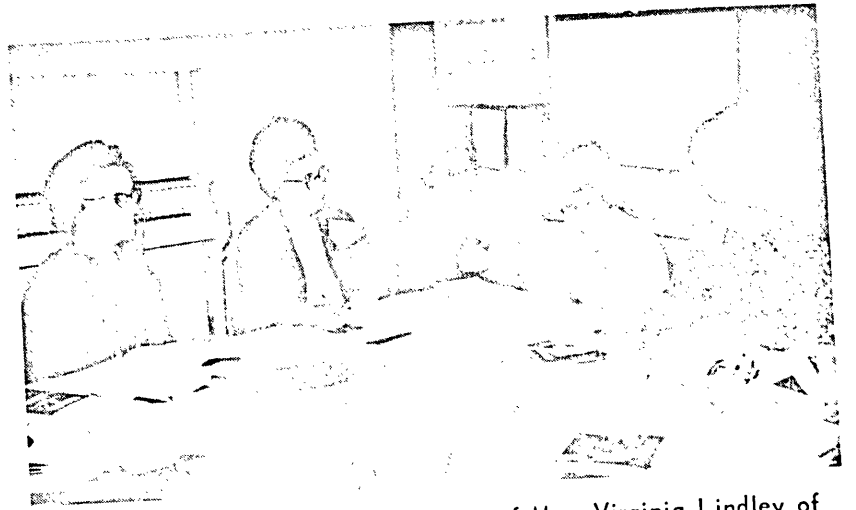
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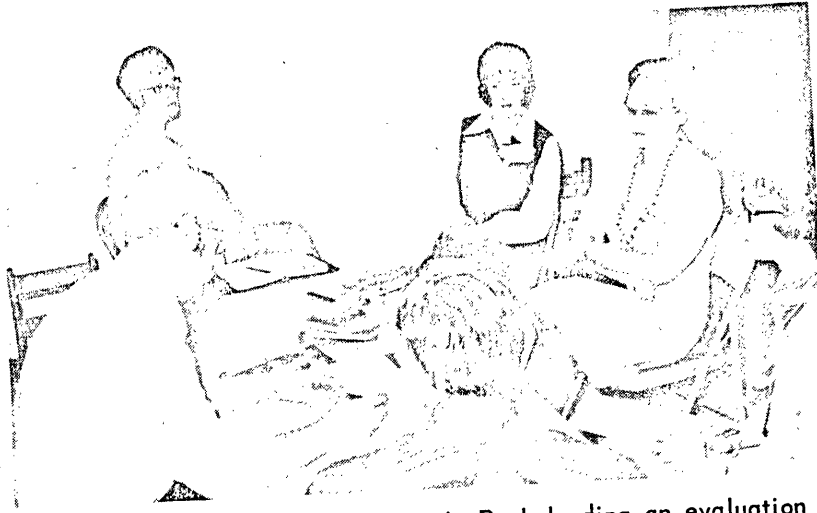
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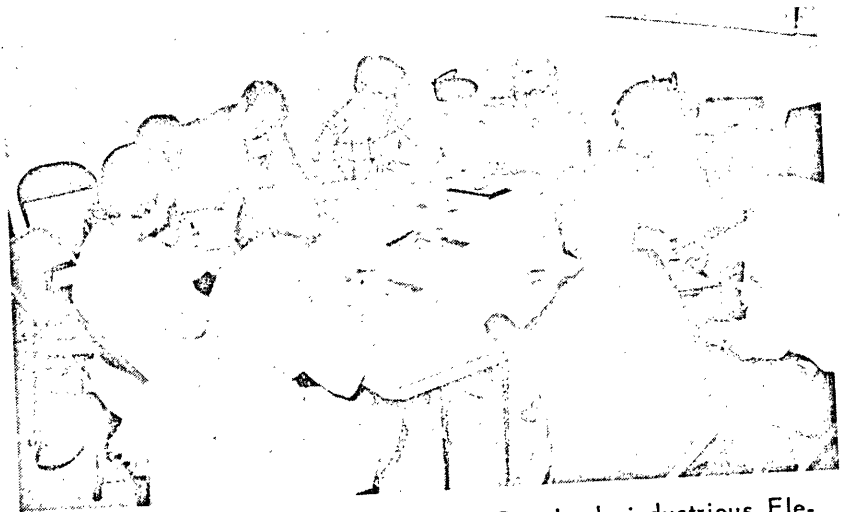
Photography on this page by the Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of North Arkansas Conference Program Council, at March 13-15 seminar conducted at First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville. Teams of persons from the conference's seven districts received guidance and gained skills in the use of vacation church school curriculum materials and in the organization and planning of District Workshops for local church vacation church school workers. Two class sessions for each of the five sections included actual working experience with children of the age group involved. The seminar was hosted by the Rev. Bob Edwards, pastor (also Conference Coordinator of Children's Ministries) and the Rev. Roger Armstrong, associate pastor.



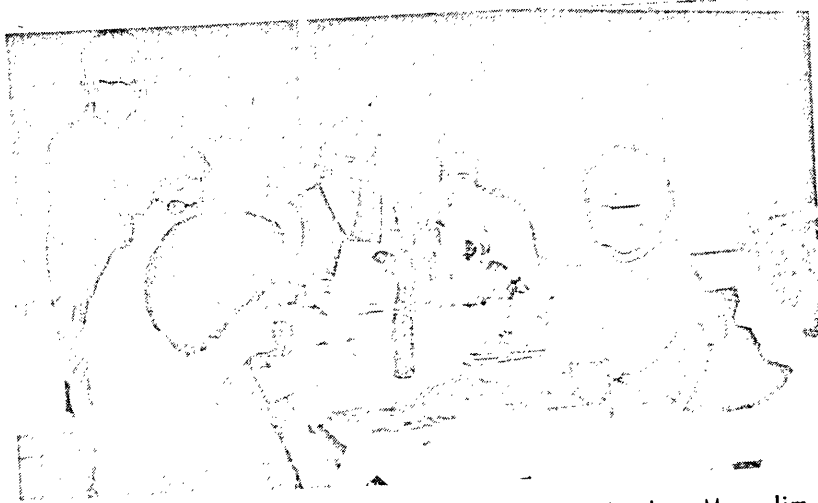
Kindergarten group under leadership of Mrs. Virginia Lindley of Jonesboro.



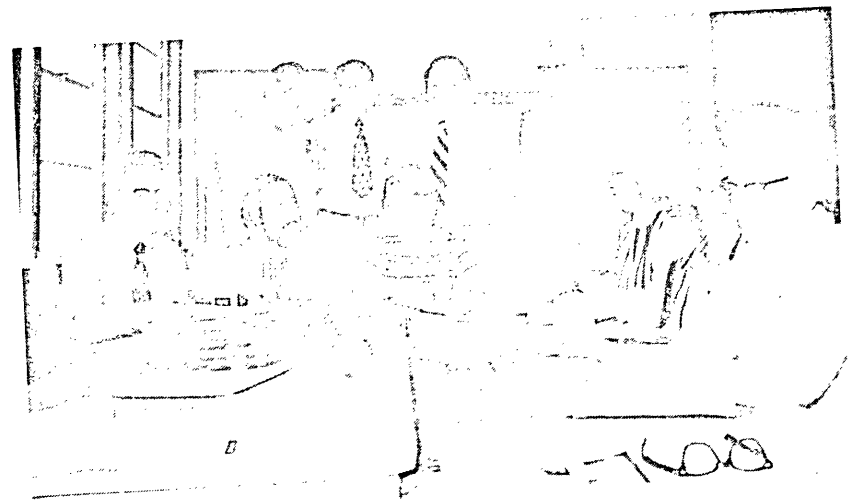
Mrs. Millicent Cook of North Little Rock leading an evaluation with the nursery workers.



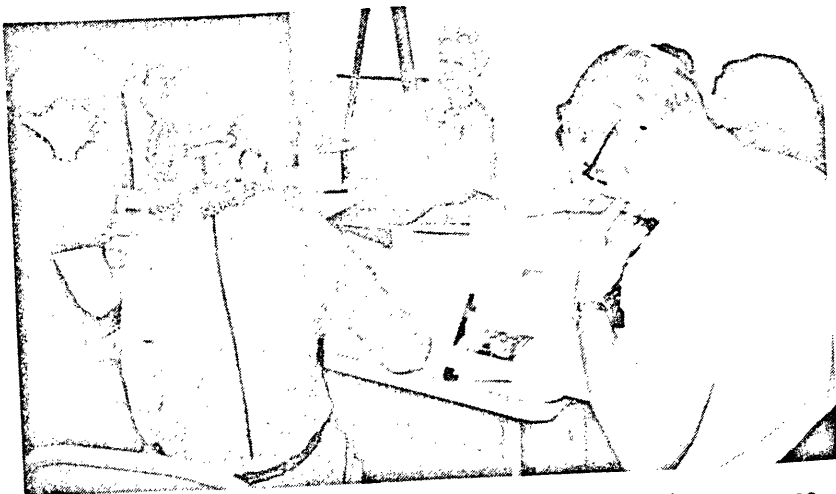
Mrs. Dora Lee Gardner of Oklahoma City leads industrious Elementary III-IV workers.



Elementary I-II receiving guidance from their leader, Mrs. Jim Beal of Helena, in making projector slides for classroom use.



Miss Olive Smith, Little Rock, has just finished a working session with the Administrator's group planning for district workshops.



Elementary V-VI workers shown "digging in" curriculum resource materials under direction of Mrs. Paul Welker of Jackson, Tenn.

Mississippi Pastor's Wife Honored

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI)—A Mississippi minister's wife who has reared 40 needy or retarded children since 1934 has received a top national award for individual volunteers.

Mrs. Charles Giles, whose husband is pastor of a black United Methodist church in Bay St. Louis, was presented a plaque by President Nixon and a \$5,000 award from the National Center for Voluntary Action here. Married a half-century, Mr. and Mrs. Giles live in Pearlinton, Miss., from where she drives 80 miles a day to help teach in a school for retarded children and attend a college class.

Cooperation on Family Needs Stressed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — Greater cooperation among church and community agencies serving the family surfaced as the primary need during a conference on "Resourcing the Family" here Feb. 18-21.

Some 30 persons, half of whom were seminary professors, participated in the conference sponsored by a sub-group of the United Methodist General Family Life Committee. A major focus of the conference was to help seminary professors enrich their training of clergymen so they could better utilize a wide range of interdisciplinary resources available in their communities.

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