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Arkansas Conferences commended for World Service giving

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences have received special recognition for their record in World Service giving for the year 1971. Bishop Paul V. Galloway received the commendation in a letter from Dr. Howard Greenwalt of Evanston, Ill., associate general secretary of the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council.

According to Dr. Greenwalt, these conferences were two of fifteen annual conferences that paid the World Service apportionment in full or in excess of the apportionment.

The full text of the letter received by Bishop Galloway follows:

"My dear Bishop Galloway:

"In behalf of the general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church, and in behalf of the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council, I want to commend you and the leaders of the Little Rock Annual Conference and the North Arkansas Annual Conference for the admirable

record in World Service giving that you wrote in 1971.

"These conferences were two of the fifteen annual conferences that paid the World Service apportionment in full or in excess of the apportionment. This was indeed a significant achievement and represents both a dedication and a loyalty to not only the denomination but to the people served through it. This is attested to and especially underlined by the fact that the majority of the annual conferences did not thus measure up.

"As episcopal leader of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences, I trust that you will convey to the district superintendents and other annual conferences leaders the gratitude of the agencies of the general church for your faithful support of them and the people they serve.

"Your conference leaders along with the pastors and laymen of the local churches have indeed been faithful stewards."

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United Way director to address Aldersgate meeting

Principal speaker for the annual meeting of the Aldersgate Methodist Camp Board of Directors and guests will be Byram Hummon, director of United Way of Pulaski County. At the April 13 meeting in the Aldersgate dining room, Mr. Hummon will bring information concerning Title IVa, and the services to be rendered at Aldersgate through the program, which is new to Aldersgate.

A staff member from Senior Citizens Activities will explain services rendered by the camp to older adults. Entertainment will be presented by a musical group from Central High School of Little Rock.

The Rev. John Workman is chairman for the program and Mrs. John Buxton is chairman of dinner arrangements. Thomas P. Williams, Jr., president, will preside. Officers will be installed.

Aldersgate Camp is a project of the United Methodist Board of National Missions, and is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Established on 160 acres of woodland ten miles west of downtown Little Rock, its purpose

Albert M. Raymond has been named assistant Dean of Hendrix College. In his new position Raymond will assist Dean of the College, Francis Christie, in the administration of academic affairs thus enabling Dr. Christie to increase his teaching load to six courses a year instead of three. Raymond will also teach three courses in his field, biology. Mrs. Raymond, the former Eloise Weir of Little Rock and also a member of the Hendrix faculty, is assistant professor of economics and business. The Raymond's have two daughters, Jennie, 14, and Amy, 7. They are members of the First United Methodist Church in Conway.

is to provide opportunities for Christian growth in an outdoor setting. It ministers to all age groups, regardless of church affiliation or race. Ray Tribble is executive director of the camp and Rush Holt is his associate.

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Board of Publication to upgrade status of women employees; investment guidelines set

CINCINNATI (UMI) — Upgrading and promoting women employees and investing funds in enterprises in keeping with the social and moral aims of the church were goals set by the United Methodist Board of Publication at its semi-annual meeting here March 28-29.

The 45-member board also heard a report indicating a steady increase in the percentage of employees from minority groups and voted to ask the 1972 General Conference to add the word "United" to the name of the Methodist Publishing House.

Updating its previously-adopted "Affirmative Action Program" which calls for proportionate representation of minority employees in all its units, the board added a section dealing specifically with women.

That section, in part, says this: "The Publishing House recognizes that women, also, because of characteristics of their sex, may not have been accorded equal status with men in their efforts to pursue gainful employment commensurate with their training and abilities."

It goes on to declare that the Publishing House "will aggressively promote and upgrade females to achieve realistic goals for female representation in higher level jobs where recognized deficiencies exist, notably officials - managers, technicians, and skilled crafts."

Employment figures for December, 1971, indicated that the Publishing House had women represented in the following categories: officials and managers, 21.8%; professionals, 48.2%; technicians, 22.2%; skilled crafts, 18.2%. Overall, women make up 56.3% of the work force, and women receive equal pay for equal work.

Investment guidelines adopted by the board concern the temporary use of funds retained from net income from operations. According to the church's **Book of Discipline**, net income of the publishing house is devoted to beneficiaries of the church's pension system.

"These funds," the statement says, "may be used only for the efficient operation of the Publishing House and

for reasonable growth and expansion."

"Since these funds are not of a permanent nature," the guideline states that they be placed "in investments that are readily convertible with the specific purpose of preserving the principal, providing a reasonable rate of return, and not knowingly invested in enterprises out of accord with the social and moral aims of the church, and, where feasible, investments are made in support of such aims."

John E. Procter of Nashville, Tenn., president and publisher, reported that since July of last year the percentage of minority employees has risen from 17.1% to 18.64% although there has been an overall reduction in the number of employees from 1,865 to 1,791 in that same period. Of the current number, 318 are black and 16 are from other ethnic groups.

The Rev. W. T. Handy, Jr., Nashville, vice president of the personnel and public relations division, reported on some developments in in-service training for Publishing House personnel, including a recent two-day con-

ference led by staff members of the church's Commission on Religion and Race.

A petition going to the General Conference asks that all references in the **Book of Discipline** to the organization include the word "United" so that the official name of the Methodist Publishing House will henceforth be the United Methodist Publishing House.

A six-month report by Treasurer John H. Laird, Nashville, showed that net sales of products amounted to \$16,927,147 — a decrease of \$369,709 from the \$17,296,856 figure for the same period a year ago. He attributed the decrease largely to a decline in the sale of curriculum resources.

Bradshaw Mintener, Washington, D. C., attorney, chairman of the board, and the Rev. Claude Garrison, Columbus, Ohio, secretary, were singled out for special recognition as they approach the end of their terms as officers of the board. Honored along with them were 13 other board members whose terms expire. Each was presented an appropriately engraved pen and pencil set.

The board confirmed the recent election of the Rev. Ewart G. Watts of Topeka, Kansas, as editor of church

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VCS Workshops scheduled for North Arkansas

The following is a schedule of the Vacation Church School Workshops that have been planned for the various districts of the North Arkansas Conference:

Batesville District: April 10 — 6:30-9:30 p.m., Searcy, Grace Church; April 30 — 2:00-5:00 p.m., Batesville, Asbury Church.

Conway District: April 11, First United Methodist Church, Conway.

Fayetteville District: April 30, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Fayetteville Trinity; May 7, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Harrison, St. Paul Church.

Forrest City District: April 26, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Forrest City, First United Methodist Church.

Fort Smith District: May 9, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fort Smith, First United Methodist Church.

Jonesboro District: March 27, Workshop for Coordinators and Directors at Jonesboro, Huntington Avenue Methodist Church; May 6—Jonesboro, Huntington Avenue Methodist.

Paragould District: Paragould, Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church, May 11.

These workshops have been planned under the guidance and direction of the District Superintendents of each of the districts and the district team that attended the recent Vacation Church School Seminar in Jacksonville. Class sessions will be held for leaders in Nursery, Kindergarten, Elementary I-II, Elementary III-IV, Elementary V-VI, and Administrators.

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school publications, succeeding the Rev. Henry M. Bullock, who will retire from that post in June. In keeping with church rules, Dr. Watts was elected a few weeks ago by the Board of Education upon nomination by a joint committee of that board and the Board of Publication, with his election subject to confirmation by the latter board.

Named to the nominating committee to choose officers for the new year were the following persons: Andrew B. Benedict, Jr., Nashville; the Rev. Charles A. Sayre, Haddonfield, N. J.; the Rev. Prenza L. Woods, San Antonio, Texas; Truman W. Anderson, Englewood, Colorado; and Torrey A. Kaatz, Toledo, Ohio.

The board honored the memory of one of its lay members from the Southeastern Jurisdiction who had died since the last meeting—Ralph M. Hays of Laurel, Mississippi.

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PINE BLUFF DISTRICT YOUTH have elected the following new officers: Roy Smith of Pine Bluff, President; Joel Southerland of Stuttgart, vice-president; Cindy Featherston of Rison, secretary. These officers were elected at the district annual retreat at Camp Aldersgate, March 17-18. Jack A. Wilson is district youth coordinator.

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THE REV. J. WILSON CRICHLOW

Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, 86, retired member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference making his home in Perryville died on March 22 in a Pine Bluff hospital.

The funeral service was held on March 23 in the chapel of First United Methodist Church, Conway, with the Rev. A. C. Madison, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, Dr. J. Ralph Clayton and the Rev. Ben F. Jordan participating.

A native of Bells, Tenn., he attended Peabody College for Teachers and received the B.D. degree from Southern Methodist University. He did postgraduate work at Union Theological Seminary and received the M.A. degree from Columbia University. He received the M.Th. degree from Drew University and did post-graduate work at the American School for Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

He was received on trial in the Arkansas Conference in 1912 and served the following pastorates in Arkansas: Quitman, Ola, Perry, Danville, Rogers, Jonesboro and Helena. He served as presiding elder of the Conway District from 1929 to 1933.

He transferred to the St. Louis Conference in 1937 and served as district superintendent of the Cape Girardeau District from 1937 to 1942 and as pastor of Missouri Methodist Church in Columbia from 1942 to 1947.

In 1947, Dr. Crichlow became a member of the staff of the Board of Pensions and became an ardent missionary for increased pensions for ministers until his retirement in 1957.

He returned to Conway to make his home and served as pastor of Salem Methodist Church from 1959 to 1963.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel Rice Crichlow; a son, William Robert Crichlow of Missouri; a daughter, Mrs. Isabelle Wheeler of Tennessee; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Rosemary Wright of Pine Bluff and four grandchildren.

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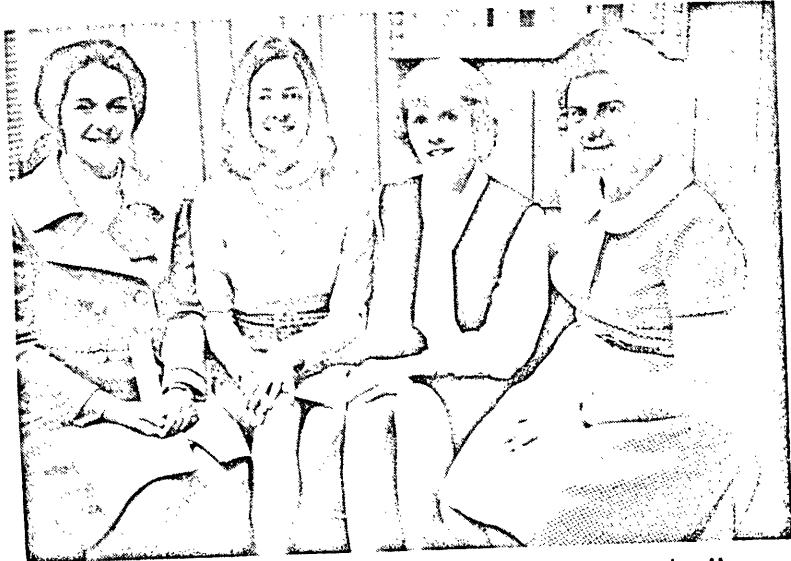
THE REV. SAM G. WATSON

The Rev. Sam G. Watson, 83, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference who made his home in Paragould, died in that city on April 11.

The funeral service was held in First United Methodist Church, Paragould, on April 3. Participating in the service were Bishop Paul V. Galloway, the Rev. Elmo Thomason, the Rev. Harold Spence and the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin.

He began his ministry in 1911 when he was appointed to Lorado in Greene County and retired in 1955 when he was minister of the church at Elaine. He served 18 pastorates in the North Arkansas Conference, including Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould; First Church, Rector, which he served twice, Marianna, Walnut Ridge, Tuckerman and West Memphis.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nora Davidson Watson; three sons, Dr. Sam Watson of Paragould; the Rev. J. William Watson, District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District; and Frank Watson of Pine Bluff; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Conner of West Helena; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Robinson and Miss Lillian Watson, both of Little Rock, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Officers of the recently organized "Women for Hendrix" are, from left: Mrs. Chris Barrier, treasurer; Mrs. Gary Wahlquist, vice-president; Mrs. Carl Laidlaw, president; and Mrs. R. Edwin Walton, member of the committee planning the April 19 luncheon.

"Women for Hendrix" plan luncheon

The new organization "Women for Hendrix" is planning a luncheon for all alumnae and interested friends of Hendrix College on April 19 at 12:00. The meeting will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club, Little Rock. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, president of the college, will be the speaker. Reservations are required by April 14, and must be sent by that date to: Mrs. Gary Wahlquist, 4107 Lee Avenue, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. The price of each ticket is \$4.00 and money cannot be collected at the club.

Women for Hendrix has been organized to provide interest and support for Hendrix College, and to renew

and maintain Hendrix friendships for all ages. The organization is open to all persons who are interested in the college, — parents of students, alumnae and friends.

Recently elected officers are: Mrs. Carl Laidlaw, president; Mrs. Gary Wahlquist, vice-president; Mrs. Phillip J. Deer, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Chris Barrier, treasurer.

Mrs. Winston Faulkner is chairman of the luncheon committee. Other committee responsibilities have been assigned to Mrs. Don Weir, Mrs. R. Edwin Walton, Mrs. Luke Quinn, and Mrs. Robert Calcote.

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Little Rock Lay Institute for Evangelism

by Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr.

Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church

Dr. Bill Bright, founder and President of Campus Crusade For Christ International, will be in Little Rock April 17-22 to speak each evening for the Lay Institute For Evangelism. All sessions will be held in Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop, and Dr. Bright will speak each evening at 7:00 p.m. followed by seminar sessions, which will be conducted each evening from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is an invitation for you to learn how to experience the abundant life in Christ. Both the Introductory and the Advanced courses of instruction will be offered in this school.

Mr. Bill Menefee, South Central Director of Campus Crusade from Houston, Texas, will be in Little Rock to help direct this week of spiritual and witnessing emphasis. At LIFE you will learn how to:

- ★ Live the abundant life that Jesus Christ makes available to all believers.
- ★ Present Jesus Christ to adults and students in an organized manner.
- ★ Avoid the religious "jargon" that is meaningless to many people.
- ★ Answer questions and objections, and avoid arguing.
- ★ Overcome your fears and anxieties about sharing your faith.
- ★ Speak with confidence and authority.

- ★ Follow up those whom you introduce to Christ.
- ★ Use a strategy for winning men to our Lord.
- ★ Implement a strategy for helping to fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.

THESE PEOPLE GIVE WITNESS ABOUT THIS TRAINING:

"The most profitable days of my forty-four years in the gospel ministry were spent in sharing in a Lay Institute For Evangelism last year."

Homer Lindsay, Sr., D.D.
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, Florida

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"This is the answer for reaching the unchurched. No longer do our visitation teams simply invite people to church — they confront them with Jesus Christ."

Andrew Anderson
Lutheran Pastor
Costa Mesa, California

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"Revival has come to First Baptist Church. Personal witnessing is absolute priority. Literally hundreds are accepting Christ. One of the major contributing factors was LIFE. I urgently recommend it to you."

John R. Bisagno
Pastor, Houston, Texas

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Board of Higher Education and Ministry

The proposed Board of Higher Education and Ministry would be organized into five divisions: the Division of Higher Education, the Division on the Ordained Ministry, the Division on Chaplains and Related Ministries, the Division on Lay Ministries and the Office of Personnel.

The function of this board is to assist in the preparation for, and the fulfillment of "that general ministry to which we are all called as United Methodists through institutions of higher education and to give guidance, counsel and assistance to those desiring to enter any one of several special ministries of the church."

Division of Higher Education. Included in this division will be all United Methodist activities connected with secondary and higher education and campus ministry. Currently there is such a division within the Board of Education.

The functions of this division would include the setting of standards for United Methodist institutions, cooperating with annual conferences in establishing and conducting institutions of higher education, and providing a ministry for our own institutions, for United Methodist students at tax-supported and other institutions not related to The United Methodist Church. The division will also have responsibilities for assisting with financial and personnel problems of our institutions, with special responsibilities for the needs of schools and colleges historically related to education for Negroes.

The division is also responsible for the promotion and administration of the United Methodist Student Loan Fund, the United Methodist Scholarship Fund, and "other grants and bequests made to the division for the aid of students in accordance with regulations recommended by the division and adopted by the board."

The associate general secretary of the division also serves as executive secretary of the University Senate which sets standards of evaluation and accreditation.

Division of the Ordained Ministry. This division is given the responsibility for the work of the board in relation to the schools of theology, and the preparation,

continuing education and career development of the ministry of the church and of promoting theological education and its support in the church.

It also is responsible for planning and administering pastors schools and other opportunities for continuing education. It is also charged with helping to develop a program to interpret the ministry as a vocation.

Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries: This division will continue the work that has been done by the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. Its location will be determined by the Council on Ministries in consultation with the board.

It will have three major functions in which it will be representing the United Methodist Church: (a) in the endorsement and general oversight of all United Methodist ministers serving as chaplains in the U.S. armed forces and federal agencies; (b) in the endorsement and general oversight of all United Methodist ministers serving as chaplains in industry; in state and local, public and private institutions who have been endorsed by the division at their own request, or at the request of the institution in which they serve. Chaplains in similar institutions of The United Methodist Church may be included at their own request; (c) in planning and implementing the ministry of the church to its lay people who are in the military service and institutions.

Division of Lay Ministries: This division would have responsibilities for setting standards, recruiting and extending those sections of the ministry that provide

professional leadership in music, Christian education, church administration, evangelism and for deaconesses and missionaries.

It should be noted that this division does not have responsibilities for lay pastors, whose work will fall under the Division of the Ordained Ministry.

Section on Deaconesses and Home Missionaries: This section would be responsible for recruiting and training deaconesses and home missionaries. It would serve as a placement agency and also as a liaison with all departments which administer the areas of work to which deaconesses and home missionaries are assigned. It would seem to us that this is a misplaced section and that it would be much more appropriate to have it within the Board of Global Ministries.

Office of Personnel: This office would continue the work of the present Interboard Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations. It would have a number of additional responsibilities including a Personnel Information System which would keep a file on all persons available for and presently employed in church vocations.

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Religious Article
or
Costume Jewelry?

Are "Jesus medallions" religious articles or costume jewelry? This question is the focal point of a dispute between a Pennsylvania importer and the U.S. Customs service.

Leo Tanner of King of Prussia, Pa. claims that the copper medallion which he is importing from Canada is a religious object which would make it subject to a 10 per cent duty charge.

In the opinion of the Customs Service, however, it is a piece of costume jewelry. Under that classification, the importer must pay a 27 per cent import duty.

"The medal is pure copper, the coinage used in Christ's day," Mr. Tanner points out, "and the Jesus name is in the form of a fish design. On the reverse side of the medallion, it says, 'God loves you.'"

The importer says that 90% of his business is with religious organizations, churches and religious bookstores, and that the item has been advertised in religious publications.

So far, about 4,500 of the medallions have been distributed in this country. They were struck at the Lombardo Mint in Sherbrooke, Ontario, Canada.

According to Mr. Tanner, his firm has been paying the larger 27 per cent duty since it began importing large quantities of the medal. He has asked the Customs Service to re-classify it as a religious object, however, because he feels that the costume jewelry classification is inappropriate for such an item.

In the view of Jack Sargrad, import examiner specialist at the U.S. Customs House in Philadelphia: "A medal or medallion is classified religious if it is used primarily for devotional purposes rather than ornamental. My opinion, on this particular item, is that it is for ornament."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

In a recent statement Associated Press corrected an earlier report concerning the activities of Evangelist Billy Graham when he attended the inauguration which honored President William Tolbert of Liberia. The correction said, "Graham attended a banquet after the inauguration of Tolbert, an ordained Baptist minister, but he left the state dinner to visit with some missionaries when the after-dinner production began. The erroneous report that he had danced the cha-cha resulted from a garble in the transmission of copy from Monrovia."

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State has announced plans to expand its legal department and to intensify its drive against the use of public funds for religious institutions. Executive Director Glenn Archer predicts that "The 1970s will undoubtedly see more church-state litigation than any like period in our history." The enlarged legal department which is recommended will be capable, Archer said, "of responding more promptly to the requests for legal aid that pour into national headquarters from all around the country."

Since February, the Muskogee, Okla. public school system has found the services of its "ombudsman," Mrs. Virginia Hoover, effective in reducing tensions. Mrs. Hoover, wife of an Episcopal clergyman, serving as an impartial mediator investigates complaints from anyone involved with the public schools in Muskogee—students, parents, teachers, administrators and citizens. She has been empowered to make suggestions which may or may not be followed. Since her appointment, Mrs. Hoover has solved such problems as black girls locking white girls out of a lavatory at one school (she suggested removing the lock), and white teachers' aides performing chores for white teachers before black teachers (aid requests are now fulfilled in the order in which they are submitted). As ombudsman, Mrs. Hoover works under a federally financed program designed to "soothe the way to a really integrated school system." "Part of my job is to absorb some of their hostility by giving them an official to complain to," she said. "I've found that most people are fairly reasonable when you explain the rules to them."

Sweeping changes for 14 Lutheran seminaries in the U.S. and Canada have been proposed by an inter-Lutheran task force on theological education. If adopted by their sponsoring Church bodies, the proposals would realign, consolidate and relocate some of the theological schools, and would also establish inter-Lutheran sponsorship of some seminaries and provide for extensive cooperative efforts in internships, faculty, development, financial support, research and administration. The task force was created by the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. at the request of the three major sponsoring bodies—the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

God's will is more important than the sentiments of militants or conservatives when it comes to deciding whether black denominations should unite with whites through the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), a black churchman said during a dialogue by the national staff of the Christian Church. The Rev. Isaiah Scipio, Jr., of Detroit, of the Missions Division of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church said, "I see that God's will is for us to take the risk of trying to love each other."

The Rev. R. Harold Hipps, director of professional services for the United Methodist Church's Board of Education, said that in 1971 the denomination's churches hired 272 more education workers than in the previous year. The 1971 total was 2,634. "As local churches take seriously their responsibility to design their own ministries, structure, programs and resources peculiar to their needs, the person best equipped to help them is a person trained as an educator," said Mr. Hipps.

"New and Re-ordered Worship Spaces" will be the subject of a talk at a workshop sponsored by the Lutheran Church in America's Comm. on Worship, May 2-4, in Cincinnati. The presentation by William Schickel of the William Schickel, Co., which specializes in interior design of church buildings, will be followed by a discussion on church architecture and a tour of new and re-ordered worship spaces.

Two leading experts on the Dead Sea Scrolls have voiced serious doubts about a claim that a scrap of documents from the famous caves of Qumran in the Judean desert stems from the Gospel of Mark. In Jerusalem, Dr. David Flusser, one of Israel's most prominent biblical experts, told Religious News Service correspondent Gabriel Stern that the theory advanced by Father Jose O'Callaghan is "fanciful" and "wild speculation," and there is no "documentary proof" that the scrap in question is from Mark. Dr. Frank Cross of Harvard University said the arguments set forth by Father O'Callaghan in the publication *Biblica*, "are not convincing."

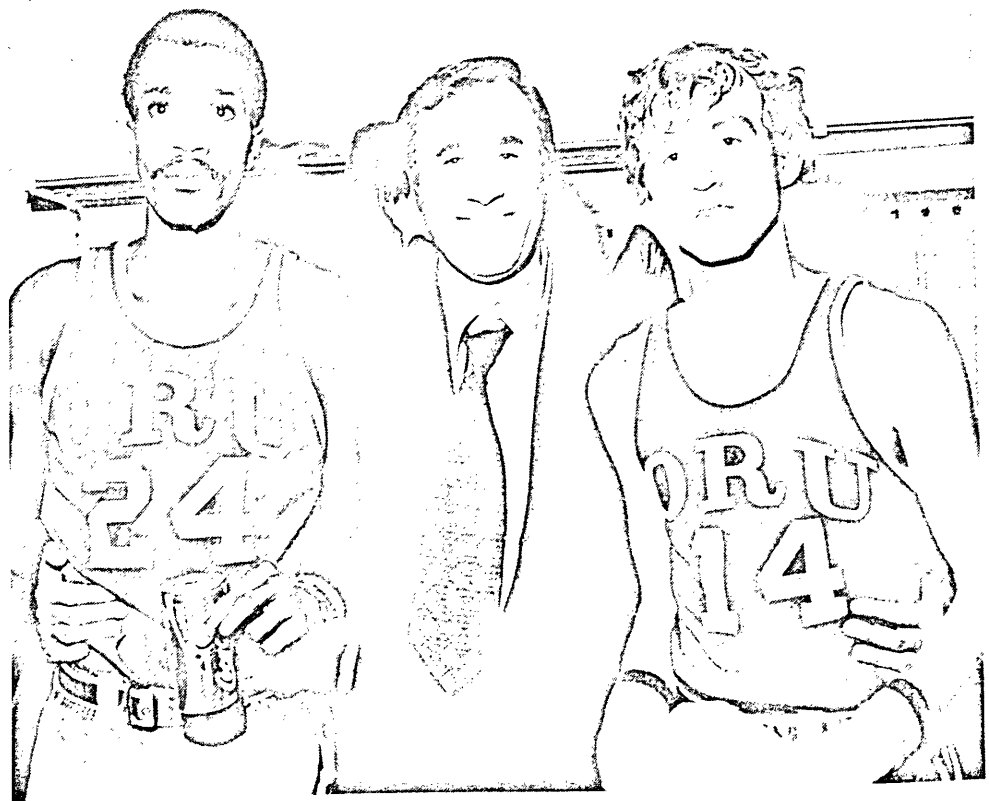
The All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), which includes most of the Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox Churches on the continent, has elected United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of Rhodesia as its new president. Bishop Muzorewa is chairman of the three-month-old African Nat'l. Council, which was formed to oppose a proposed British-Rhodesian diplomatic settlement. The United Methodist churchman has emerged in the past few months as a major nationalist leader protesting the white-supremacist regime of Ian Smith.

Some churches which planned to use palmetto leaves in their Palm Sunday observances this year found the leaves in short supply. A church supplier firm's spokesman said her store was "at least a third short" of the amount needed to fill orders. The problem: "They couldn't get the people to cut it . . . Nobody wants to go out in the (Florida) swamps and cut palms anymore." Another reason for the shortage—Florida's Winter this year has been unusually warm, and the palmetto plants—low, bushy plants with fan-like fronds—haven't grown well.

The American Bible Society has shipped 1,000 hard-cover King James Bibles to West Virginia to provide "spiritual aid" to the victims of the flash flood that ravaged Logan County on Feb. 26. Included in the shipment were 200 copies of "Good News for Modern Man," and "Good News by a Man Named John," the Today's English Version of the Gospel of John. The Scriptures will go to the Council of Churches of West Virginia at Charleston, where they will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution.

Religious leaders in Miami, hoping to forestall possible disturbances such as those which marred the 1968 Republican and Democratic Nat'l. Conventions, are taking preventive steps accordingly in preparation for the August Convention there. "Religious and Community Leaders Concerned with the Democratic Nat'l. Convention" have established an inter-religious coordinating center.

By a nearly unanimous vote, the Illinois Council of Churches has adopted a new constitution making it the "Illinois Conference of Churches" with a wider base of support from religious denominations. The old council had representatives from the Episcopal Church, Baptists, Church of the Brethren, Black Baptists, Greek Orthodox Church, Lutherans, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, Methodists and Presbyterians. It is anticipated that the new conference will add members from Roman Catholicism and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



NEW YORK — Flanked by two of his stars, Richie Fuqua (left) and Eldon Lawyer, evangelist Oral Roberts manages a brave smile after his team, the Oral Roberts University Titans, was routed by the Redmen from St. John's University, 94-78, in the quarter-finals of the National Invitational Tournament at New York's Madison Square Garden. Although the visitors from Tulsa came into the game with a 27-1 record and the Nation's top basketball scoring record, they met their match in the New York City team. Although Fuqua, the second leading collegiate scorer, finished with 30 points, it was not enough. (RNS Photo)

General Conference preaching services return to First Church

Preaching services for the General Conference in Atlanta are apparently going to be moved back to First United Methodist Church in that city, according to a story printed last week in the Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

Controversy has surrounded the services for months because of an invitation extended to the Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, Cal.

The services will be returned to the downtown Atlanta church because of an official directive from Bishop John Owen Smith and his North Georgia district superintendents.

Bishop Smith and Dr. Robert V. Ozment, pastor of First Church, agreed to the release of the following joint statement:

"Bishop John Owen Smith and his cabinet have requested and directed that the facilities of First Methodist Church of Atlanta be used for the afternoon preaching services sponsored by the General Conference which meets in Atlanta, April 16 through 30, 1972.

"Because of the contiguous relationship between the seat of the General Conference and the First Methodist

Church, both logic and convenience indicate that these services be held at this location. The afternoon preaching services are initiated by, and held for, the delegates and visitors to the General Conference.

"Since Dr. Robert V. Ozment, pastor of First Methodist Church, as a matter of Christian conscience, has objected to one of the speakers scheduled to appear, the bishop and his cabinet have agreed to assume the responsibility for these activities.

"We pray for the Christian understanding of all concerned."

news in brief

Changes in meeting dates for four United Methodist annual conferences have been announced. The South Carolina '66 Conference will meet June 5-9 instead of May 22-26, the Wyoming Conference will meet May 31-June 4 instead of June 21-25, the Northwest Texas Conference will open May 30 instead of May 29, and Alabama-West Florida will meet May 29-June 1 instead of May 30-June 2.

Easter Greetings from Missionary Helen Wilson in Bolivia

Casilla 175
Cochabamba
Bolivia, S. Am.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." I Peter 1:3

As my housemate and co-worker Miss Lois Wine and the supervisor of the dining hall Senora Doris Wills practiced special music for Holy Week services, I was reminded to send to all of you in the Arkansas area my Easter greetings and share how I've been spending my first months back in Bolivia.

Indeed we do have a "living hope" as Peter writes about the resurrection. I see it every day in the 75 dormitory students whom I have the privilege of "house-mothering" here at the Methodist School in Cochabamba. I was appointed to the Central District by Bishop Mortimer Arias at the General Assembly held in our school. I served as hostess and there was lots of planning and work, as it is a meeting comparable to Annual Conference. There was a "living hope" in that meeting with emphasis on stewardship, Evangelism, and a concern for justice and the society's needs, training of ministers and laity.

Preceding was a consultation with staff and members of the Board of Missions. In the report of Miss Joyce Hill, our Executive Secretary she notes: "The mood of the consultation was one of aggressive assertion of the Bolivian Church's autonomy in which the Board of Missions is invited to participate. The Bolivian Church knows who it is and has determined its mission. The need for missionary specialists on short assignments and for personnel committed to a longer commitment was affirmed. As of April, 1972 the field treasurer's office will cease to function and the treasurer of the Bolivian Methodist Church assumes all of those responsibilities." As I was field treasurer for several years, I'm very happy to see this latter step being taken. Another one of my new appointments is Administrator of the Central District, and I will be working under the general treasurer and administrator, as well as the District Coordinator (Supt.).

In closing, I must let you know that the Pediatric Wing of the Methodist Hospital is progressing and that your gifts are most appreciated. Yes, there is a "living hope" in those who will be made well there. HE AROSE!

Helen Wilson

Program Directors to Local Churches

FORWARD FROM EASTER!

Easter is the high point in the life of any church! For many it has meant the beginning of new and deeper loyalty to Christ and His church. Many churches have conducted Confirmation Classes; and persons have been confirmed in their faith, and received into the membership of the church. Great crowds have worshipped and great offerings have been received. The message of life eternal has been heard from pulpits around the world. Let us march forward from this high point in spiritual enrichment!

LOOKING AHEAD

What should we do now in the local church? The setting of goals is a vital part of the planning process in any church. Study last year's goal statements and do research for possible new program areas in the life of the church. Revise goal statements as necessary, dropping goals reached, revising others, adding new ones. Report goals to the district superintendent and the Administrative Board. Consider the period between Easter and Pentecost for cultivation and nurture of the Christian Life. Formulate and present proposals for this emphasis to the Council on Ministries.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM

CHILDREN'S DAY, May 7, is the beginning of **FAMILY WEEK.** Materials and suggestions may be ordered from the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Church publications will carry additional suggestions.

RURAL LIFE SUNDAY is also observed on this day, **May 7.**

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK is **May 7-14.** Work Area Chairmen in

Education and Coordinators of Family Life Ministries should be planning for this important observance.

The **FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME** is **May 14.** This is also observed as Mother's Day.

Summer camps and leadership opportunities are a part of the summer season in church life. Councils on Ministries should include such opportunities in the total program.

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL

Filmed on location, **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** (A documentary motion picture) explores personal feelings and attitudes of three ministers at work in a suburban, urban, and three-church rural circuit. This film shows the exciting and creative possibilities of the pastoral ministry of our day. From real life situations we see congregations responding in new and dynamic ways to local ministries. Beautifully done. . . It is a bright word of hope and call to the work of the pastorate.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE can increase understanding of who a minister IS and what a minister DOES. This is a film for use with youth and college students who are considering career choices, pastor-parish relations committees, congregations, and any groups interested in exploring: What does a parish minister do? How is the minister's job changing? What kinds of service opportunities does this profession provide? What kinds of talents and training are needed? What kinds of frustrations does the job include? And what kinds of satisfactions can be found in the ministry?

Bookings may be made through your Program Council Office.

WOMEN'S DIVISION REPORTS INCREASE IN GIVING

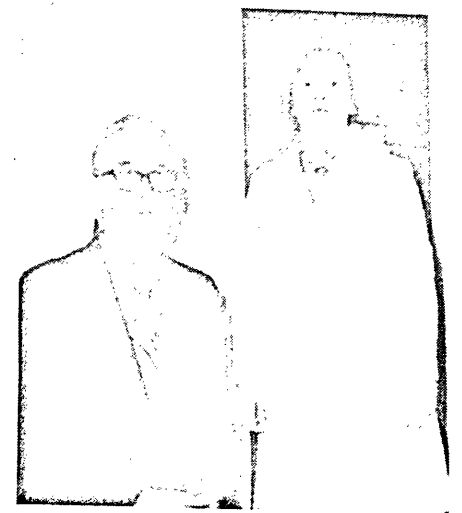
A downward trend in contributions to the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions was reversed in 1971.

Income in the past year was \$13,201,461, an increase of \$145,524 over 1970, according to Florence Little, the division's treasurer.

Miss Little told members of the agency that most of the funds came from pledges made by members of 36,500 local women's organizations.

Contributions in 1971, however, did not return to the 1963 level. Income in 1968 was \$14,383,358. In 1969, the Women's Division experienced its first drop in income in more than 20 years. The division supplies about one-third of the total funding for the denomination's national and international mission work.

Delegates asked that representation on the decision-making boards of Church agencies be one-third clergy, one-third laymen and one-third lay women.



Mrs. Carl (Doris) Anderson was honored by First United Methodist Church in Osceola at a Recognition Dinner when she retired recently. She is shown above with the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, pastor. In her 13 years in the church office, she has worked with the Rev. Lee Cate, the Rev. Ben Jordan, the Rev. Joe Taylor, and the Rev. Rufus Sorrells.

NEWS and NOTES

THE DANVILLE CHURCH held a Lenten revival the week of March 19 with the Rev. W. L. Douglas, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, bringing the messages. The Rev. Hillman Byrum is the Danville minister.

THE REV. JOE HALE of the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee, was guest preacher during Holy Week in Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, where his brother, the Rev. Ralph Hale is the pastor. The emphasis was the Proclamation Phase of the New Life Mission in progress.

MRS. GUY RUSSELL directed the Chancel Choir in the presentation of Stainer's "The Crucifixion" in the Levy United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday. Mrs. Joe Hall was organist, Mrs. Edward Cook, pianist, and Mrs. W. Q. Morrison, violinist. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is pastor.

THE CALICO ROCK and Spring Creek United Methodist Churches co-sponsored the Lenten revival held in the Calico Rock Church, March 13-17. Guest evangelist was the Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor of First Church, Mountain View. Musical leadership was provided by Austin Harris of the local church. The Rev. James C. Southerland was host pastor.

THE REV. AARON BARLING underwent major back surgery in the Methodist Hospital at Dallas in March. A former member of the North Arkansas Conference, he is currently the associate pastor of a church in Dallas. His home address is 3215 W. Pentagon Parkway, Apt 123, Dallas, 75233.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives will meet Thursday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Edwin Keith at 2212 Fillmore, Little Rock. The program on antiques will be given by Mrs. Marvin Marshall who owns an antique shop. Mrs. William Stewart will preside over business; Mrs. Maurice Webb will present the program.

MISS DOTTIE LEE SUGGETT was recently named Program Director of the Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Dottie Lee grew up in the Oak Forest Church. She has a degree from UALR with majors in speech - drama and art and minors in English and history. In addition to her responsibilities with the youth, she will be directing various other ministries in the church, cooperating with the Council on Ministries and its related Work Area Commissions. The Rev. William A. Stewart is the pastor.



Dottie Lee Suggett



The DeWitt Fellowship Roundup observed its first anniversary in March. With the anniversary cake are, from left: Mrs. Thurston Masters, pastor's wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leibrock and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shackelford. The group is designed for people over 50 years of age and was organized under the direction of Mrs. Otto Leibrock, social concerns chairman. Membership has reached 116 persons from all churches in the community. A covered dish luncheon each Thursday is followed by various forms of entertainment.

A NEW LIFE MISSION, in progress in First United Methodist Church, Batesville, is in the Proclamation Phase this week, April 2-6, with messages by the Rev. Tom Weir, pastor of the Harrisburg United Methodist Church. The mission seeks to involve the total membership and is divided into three phases: Preparation, Proclamation and Penetration. Committee chairmen are: Coordinators, Clyde McGinnis and Al Byrd; Attendance, David Evans; Faith Alive Seminar, George Randel; Growth Groups, Mrs. James Hurley; Youth, Don Hurley; Worship and Music, Nelson Barnett; Financial, Doyle Rogers; Arrangements, Charles Mabry. The Rev. Dois Kennedy is the pastor.

IN MENA, congregations and pastors of First Presbyterian and First United Methodist Churches held joint worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday for the second year. The Rev. Francis Holt is the Presbyterian minister and the Rev. Osborne White is the Methodist minister.

THE REV. WAYNE EDWARDS of Dalark is preaching for the revival at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church in Malvern this week, April 3-7. The Rev. Charlie Mashburn is the host pastor.

LEADING THE REVIVAL in Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, during Holy Week were Dr. Harold Eggersperger, executive director of the North Arkansas Program Council, and the Rev. Rex Darling, Arkansas State University student and pastor of the Beech Grove Charge. The Rev. Albert Gatlin is pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION was held at the Hackett United Methodist Church of the Hartford Charge on March 3, 4 and 5. Over 300 attended the Saturday night session, although Hackett's population is only 352. The Hartford and Midland Churches participated in the mission, and the Saturday meeting had to be moved to the school auditorium. On Sunday morning, 40 people re-dedicated their lives. Larry Burnham of Fort Smith was coordinator, Bill Bennett of Fort Smith was song leader, and Mrs. Clyde Williams was the Hackett chairman. The Rev. Roger E. Glover is pastor.

"GOING HIS WAY" is the general theme of the post-Easter special services to be held in McArthur Drive United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, April 9-12. The Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the North Arkansas Program Council, will be the guest preacher, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. week nights. Mr. Carter was formerly pastor of First Church in Jacksonville. The Rev. Irl Bridenthal, McArthur pastor, states that pre-Easter visitation and cultivation resulted in the addition of 14 members.

THE PRE-EASTER program in Vantrease Church, El Dorado, included the Camden District Venture in Commitment and Communion. Evangelist during the March 5-9 revival was the Rev. David B. Wilson of DeQueen, at which time five persons were added to the church. The Rev. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul Church in El Dorado, led six hours of Bible study of Matthew for Vantrease members. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.

THE RETREAT SINGERS of Little Rock performed in Conway on Monday evening, March 27, sponsored by the St. Peter's Episcopal and First United Methodist Churches of Conway. The singers are a multi-denominational, interracial group of young people sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock, who have presented the Life of Christ in folksong in several states, Canada, Wales, Sweden, and plan to return to Wales this summer. In Conway, they sang in the Methodist Church of which the Rev. Ben Jordan is pastor.

Jeremy Wells Wilson, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. Jack A. Wilson of Sheridan was baptized in the First United Methodist Church at Sheridan on Sunday, March 19, by Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District superintendent.



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.

April 9—Sunday	Luke 20:27-38
April 10	Luke 23:39-45
April 11	John 8:51-59
April 12	John 11:21-27
April 13	John 11:38-44
April 14	John 12:20-26
April 15	John 14:1-6
April 16—Sunday	Matt. 28:1-8

TEXAS PASTOR AT HIGHLAND FOR NEW LIFE MISSION

The Rev. James M. Gatlin, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church at Greenville, Texas, and a graduate of Hendrix College, has been named to conduct the New Life Mission at Highland United Methodist Church in Little Rock.



James M. Gatlin

The Mission will begin with the Sunday morning service April 9, and will close with a night service on Friday, April 14.

Mr. Gatlin has received special training as a missionary for the New Life Mission which is an evangelistic-type program sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Preceding each night session, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., Mr. Gatlin will hold a youth forum starting an hour earlier.

A special children's program, under the direction of Mrs. Thurman Woodworth, has been planned. The nursery will be open.

In connection with the project, Mr. Gatlin will conduct a Bible study each morning at 10 o'clock, Monday through Friday.

Special music has been planned by Don Howard, choir director.

The Rev. Bryan Stephens is pastor of Highland. Ben R. Miller is the Mission coordinator. Other committee chairmen include Bobby Donaldson, attendance; Mrs. Verlos Huckeba, prayer; Miss Christine Poindexter, Faith Alive Seminar; Mr. and Mrs. David Carter, youth; and Charles R. Miller, arrangements.

THE CLARKSVILLE WOMEN'S Society of Christian Service entertained members of the Clarksville United Presbyterian Women's Association at a salad luncheon and program on Thursday, March 30. Mrs. John Taylor is WSCS president.

MRS. CRUMPLER IS GUEST OF FAYETTEVILLE GUILDS

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Central Church, Fayetteville, held the monthly dinner meeting on March 20. Mrs. Joe Crumpler, North Arkansas Conference WSCS president, and Mrs. R. E. Hartrout, district Guild chairman, were present with 69 guild members and guests from Siloam Springs, Rogers, Springdale, Prairie Grove and local churches.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Howard Thurlby, president of hostess guild, asked guests to remain for important announcement, which was enacted in a skit. Newscasters proclaimed, "Extra, extra, read all about it, Mrs. Crumpler, conference president will speak". Mrs. Crumpler told of her duties as conference president, gave details of the three-day jurisdiction meeting she had just attended in Palestine, Texas, and described the proposed new organization for Methodist women to be voted on at General Conference in Atlanta in April.

Other program features included an Easter meditation by Mrs. Carl Whillock, and a vocal quartet with Mrs. Ruby Lollar, Mrs. Viola Jackman, Mrs. J. D. Hildbold and Miss Mary Ann Grother accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Wooten.

Important dates announced included the Guild retreat at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, April 29 and 30; Guild Weekend on Mt. Sequoyah, June 9-11; Regional Meeting, June 12; and Weekend School of Christian Mission at Hendrix, July 29 and 30.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT MINISTERS' WIVES REPORT

Husbands of the Forrest City District Parsonettes joined the women for their regular meeting March 16, and all enjoyed a "Couples' Evening Out".

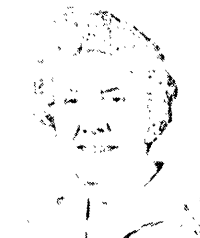
The group met at a cafe in Forrest City for dinner, and then walked across the street to the First United Methodist Church parlor for an evening of games and fun and fellowship. The most hilarious game of the evening seemed to be "The Newlywed Game", otherwise known as "So You Married a Minister!"

At the conclusion of the evening, homemade ice cream and cake was served by Dr. and Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, superintendent of the Forrest City District and his wife.

MRS. LANDRUM WILL LEAD STUDY FOR DISTRICT WOMEN

Mrs. W. B. Landrum, who will be teaching the Bible study for the Guilds of Little Rock's First Church for the 18th year, states that this will be the last year she will lead the study. The Bible studies are always sponsored by the Guild that bears her name, and Miss Mary Florence Scobey, president, has invited all Wesleyan Service Guilds in the district to participate in the sessions, April 9 and 16, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Landrum is a retired regional worker for the Woman's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, retiring four years ago after 21 years on the staff. Previous to that she was Texas Conference WSCS president and a jurisdiction officer. She and her late husband lived in Tyler, Texas. She is a native of Benton, a graduate of the former Henderson-Brown College in Arkadelphia, and has had special courses at Scarritt College and the University of Texas.



Gwendolyn Landrum

HOPE DISTRICT DAY APART

Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Hope District met in First United Methodist Church of Mena, March 21, for a "Day Apart". Mrs. Bill McChristian, president of the local society gave the welcome.

Mrs. Estelle Scott, a guest from Malvern, gave a description of the Prayer Calendar, and stressed the use of it by every member.

Mrs. Don Fincher of Prescott conducted a Bible study of "Prayer", using 12 selections of scripture from the Old and New Testaments.

The Rev. Osborne White, pastor of the Mena Church, gave the inspirational message on "Our Personal Aspects of Prayer."

Mrs. W. D. Cohea, president of the district, was in charge of the meeting and conducted a brief business session at the luncheon.

Ministers of the Hope District were in a meeting on the same day in the Mena Church under the leadership of Dr. Mouzon Mann, district superintendent.

METHODIST WOMAN CHOSEN CWU PRESIDENT AT L.R.

Mrs. Billy W. (Joyce) Moore was recently elected to head Church Women United of Central Arkansas. Mrs. Moore is an active member of Mabelvale United Methodist Church where she teaches an adult Sunday School class and is ecumenical chairman for the Administrative Board. She is vice-president of the Little Rock District Women's Society of Christian Service, and is P.T.A. president for the Bale Southwest Middle School, where she was presented a PTA Honorary Life Membership. Her family includes her husband and three children.

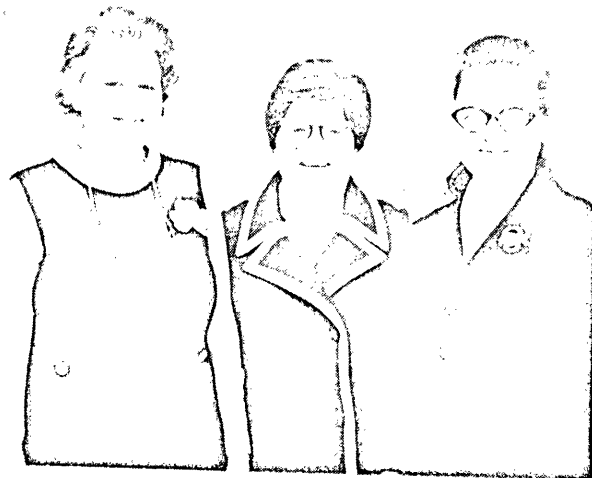
Other CWU officers elected to serve with her are: vice-president — Mrs. Frank Brown, Episcopalian; secretary — Mrs. L. O. Campbell, Christian; treasurer — Mrs. J. F. Mayne, Presbyterian. Chairmen of Special Days are: Ecumenical Celebrations, Mrs. I. C.



Mrs. Billy W. (Joyce) Moore

Harriman; World Day of Prayer, Mrs. James W. Littleton; May Fellowship Day, Mrs. Eugene Wolfe; World Community Day, Mrs. Fred Walker.

Leaders for the World Day of Prayer observance by the Business Women's unit of Church Women United in Central Arkansas are shown at right. From left: Miss Emalie Boehler, former missionary who was guest speaker, Mrs. Louise Pate, vice-president in charge of the program, and Mrs. Barbara Petrocelli, president. The dinner meeting was held March 3 in Washington Avenue United Methodist Church.

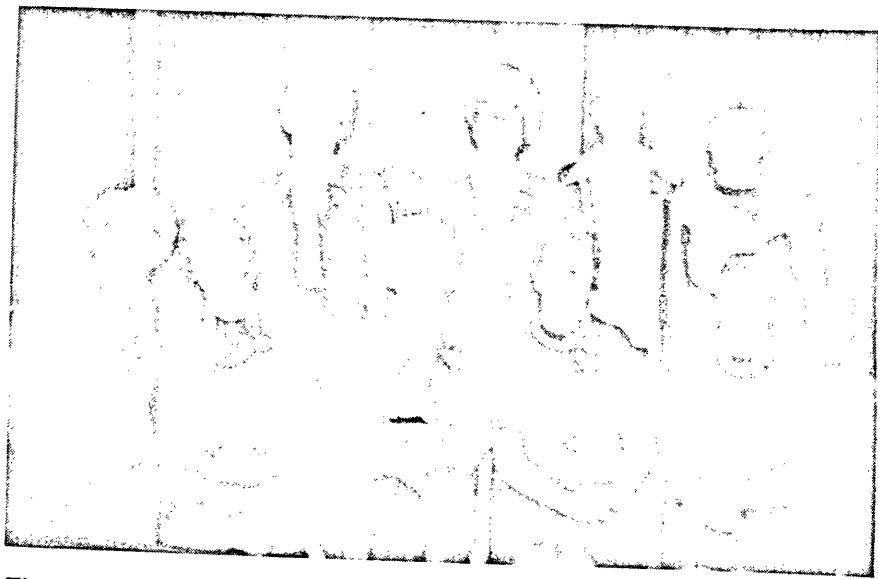


LEGISLATIVE TRAINING FOR ARKANSAS WOMEN

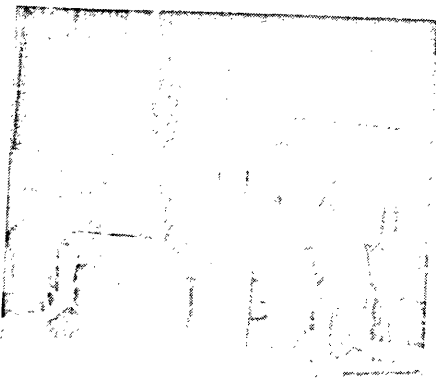
Four women from Arkansas attended the West Gulf Region National Legislative Training Event held in Washington, D.C., early in March. Those attending the four-day workshop were Mrs. Charles McNamara of Arkadelphia, Mrs. Alice Preston of Mur-

freestown, Mrs. Louis Fish and Mrs. Dovie Anderson, both of Little Rock.

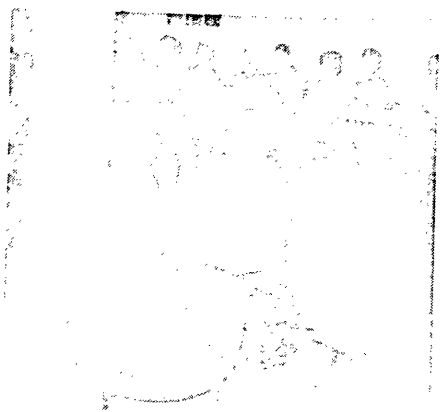
The training was sponsored by the Women's Division and the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. Specific concerns studied were: drug legislation, welfare reform, and ending the war.



The Henderson church WSCS of Little Rock honored its past presidents at a recent meeting. Seated left to right: Mrs. Grace Martin, Mrs. Roy Bale, Mrs. Lessie Holloway, Mrs. D. E. Wilson, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Murphy. Standing: Mrs. Donald McDonald, Mrs. Claude Hudspeth, Mrs. Jimmy Hughes (present president), and Mrs. Vira Smith. Those not present were: Mrs. Norma Ritter, Mrs. A. I. Doss, Mrs. Gene Butler, Mrs. W. T. Butler, Mrs. Joe Ives, Mrs. Arrington Waggoner, Mrs. Theo Prange, and Mrs. Barron. Deceased presidents: Miss Kate Williams, Mrs. D. F. Bennett, and Mrs. Martha Russell.

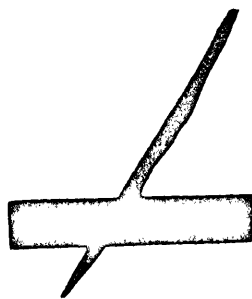


The Jonesboro First Church WSCS held the "Call to Prayer" program under the leadership of Mrs. Worth Gibson, following the March luncheon. Mrs. Major Griffin and Mrs. Steve Replogle led the program, assisted by Mrs. Jim Cowan, representing the Toba Indians of Argentina, and Mrs. L. Mack Brown, representing the people of Appalachia. A trio, Mrs. A.E. Scott, Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Griffin, was accompanied by Mrs. George Delaney. Participants shown above, from left, are: Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Cowan.



The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR APRIL 16: Organized for Mission

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 6:1-7; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 3

MEMORY SELECTION: His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize and understand organizational patterns in the early church and discover the message it has for the contemporary church in its search for more effective organizational structures.

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"Just how much church organization is essential?" This is a question that is being widely discussed today in almost every denomination. Efforts are being made to see the structure of the church and the mission of the church in relation to each other. This is a trend which has more American churchmen concerning themselves with organizational matters than perhaps at any other time in history.

The Sunday on which we will be studying this lesson is the opening date of the 1972 General Conference of The United Methodist Church. On Monday this top body of our denomination will receive the report of its Structure Study Commission dealing with recommendations concerning changes in the top structure of our denomination. This body will be devoting a great deal of its session in Atlanta to a consideration of just how our church can best be organized for its mission today.

Some people think that any organization in the church is suspect, and many dangerous things are being said about "the institution." However, groups of people cannot function smoothly and effectively at any level of life without some form of structure and some measure of planning. There is clear evidence in our lesson today of the types of organization which developed within the young church. These are interesting in themselves; they are also important as suggesting ways in which churches today need to adapt program and leadership patterns to respond to conditions within and beyond their memberships.

It is easy to get the impression that organization exists for the sake of itself, rather than as a means to a goal. Much time, and sometimes much friction, is consumed in making church organization work. The goal is that the church's structure, however simple or complex, should be a means of reaching people for Christ and witnessing through service to the needs of people wherever they are.

Church groups are being challenged to know exactly what their responsibilities are and what their goals are. When programs and structures are planned to meet specific goals, then the organizational life of the church will be truly renewed.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

We have seen in two recent lessons (March 19 and April 9) how the early Christians cared for one another and provided for each other's physical needs. Those who had goods and lands sold them and gave the money to a common pool, so that the poor would not lack anything. This immediately involved the leaders in a program of administration, and before long serious problem arose that demanded an organizational solution.

It was a real need that led this early church to organize for more effective service. The apostles who

had lived and worked so closely with Jesus, found their time and energy being dissipated as they cared for the poor through the daily snaring of food and goods. They discovered that very little time was left for preaching and teaching.

In Acts 6:2 we read, "And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty.'" From this time on the work of the early church became an organized effort. There was a differentiation of function among the workers—some to preach and others to assist the poor and needy.

For handling money and distributing food, the men received a special apostolic prayer and benediction. It was through this special commissioning or empowerment that these persons were made to know the importance of their work. For too long a time there has been the acceptance of the idea that there is a wide gulf dividing the ordained and unordained workers in the church. This gulf is disappearing and because it is, there is a new day of power for the total membership of the church.

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POWER RELEASED THROUGH ORGANIZATION

We hope you will come to see that the early church was a stronger and more effective servant for God because it enlisted more persons for the tasks that confronted them. The problem had arisen from the complaints of some of the widows who were from a Greek-speaking background. All seven of the men chosen were from this same group. This was a master stroke of wisdom on the part of that congregation. What better way to show impartiality and to strive to remove sources of tension than to choose representatives of the group that was being slighted.

At the heart of this company of servants was Stephen who became the first Christian martyr. He was drawn out of the crowd to meet an emergency. As the community grew, new situations developed which helped to determine the direction the church would take. We ought to always be alert to the needs of people, or we will not be able to plan program and organization that are relevant to the people for whom we have responsibility. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris said in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "Blessed are these widows whose complaints started Stephen moving on his valiant way."

We do not know exactly what decisions will be made in the next few days at the General Conference. However, it is apparent that organizations which receive the whole-hearted support of Christians in the future will be those which are felt to be responsive to felt needs.

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HARNESSING THE TALENTS OF PEOPLE

The Apostle Paul did not devote much time writing about how to organize a local church. He believed organization was important, but he seemed more interested in having Christians understand the varied spiritual functions that were at work in the church. He saw that if each member functioned properly, the body of Christ would be healthy.

In Ephesians 4:11 we read: "And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers. Persons with many varied talents form the membership. It is not of prime importance for us to dwell on exactly what all the job descriptions were for these church leaders mentioned in Ephesians. His message was that each is individually endowed by God and should be given

a chance to work in some place that will give him a chance to serve to the full extent of his talent and to have dignity as an individual.

Within recent years we have come to have a new and expanded definition of the word "ministry" in our church organization. The term once suggested only the ordained persons within the church organization. Now we are coming to see that all persons within the church are in ministry. We have the Council on Ministries in we set goals and plan programs for the entire church. Some people are still content to let the full-time professional on the staff of the church do all the work. The result is an impoverished church, and we believe that the persons to whom this appeals are in the minority.

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THE GOALS OF CHURCH ORGANIZATION

In Ephesians 4:12-16 Paul speaks of the goals of church organization — "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

We see here that the function of Christian leadership is to equip God's people for ministry, that is, service, to the end that the church itself may be built up. There is a healthy relationship between the outreach beyond the membership of the church and the growth within "the body of Christ" which is essential to its own life. As we have mentioned, a great deal of effort is being made to determine just what the organization should be like in the years just ahead. More and more attention is being given to the setting of goals that grow out of the needs of people. We can already see that much vitality is injected into institutional life when it develops this way.

Our own Structure Study Commission has spent four years in an effort to develop recommendations for a new structural pattern. In the discussions of that plan which will start tomorrow in Atlanta it will be interesting to note the varied motivations which will be expressed. You will want to alert your members to the fact that reports on that debate will be appearing in this paper in the immediate future. Why not have some committee named to report back on the results of the General Conference as a follow-up for this lesson? Another project which some of you might want to set in motion could be a study of all of the organization life of The United Methodist Church led by your pastor or some other person who is prepared to do this.

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THE NEED FOR BALANCE IN ORGANIZATION

The need of contemporary church life is for a balance between spontaneity and effectiveness in organization. There are some who feel that the spirit of the church is being stifled by overorganization, while others are just as sincere in their conviction that mission can only be performed through elaborate church and denominational machinery. It is obvious that the early church became confused in its mission when it depended entirely on the emotional motivation of the experience of Pentecost. The church became an effective and viable force after it effected some kind of organization.

It is this writer's conviction that no matter how much restructuring and reorganization takes place as a result of the General Conference, the mission of the church will depend on the personalities and personal experiences of those who lead us. It will not matter what their positions are called or what name their boards are given if they cannot see through to the individual members of local churches.

We recently read this illustration of the major point of today's lesson. During Hurricane Celia in Corpus Christi, many residents were astonished that the bricks of their homes came tumbling down. Architects pointed out that in brick veneer homes, the bricks do not lend strength to the house but are simply decorative. In some instances the brick veneer had been carelessly tied to the frame of the house and therefore collapsed before the winds. Does your life lend strength to the church or are you just a part of the veneer that will collapse before winds of temptation or adversity? This questions needs to be asked concerning the structure of the church, and we are sure it will be raised many times in the days just ahead.

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COLOMBO, Ceylon — A delegation from the Church of Ceylon (Anglican) walks through the gates of the Kullupitiya Methodist church in Colombo for services of thanksgiving and inter-communion to celebrate the combining of six Ceylon Churches to form the new United Church of Lanka. (Ceylon will soon be proclaimed the Republic of Lanka, the ancient name for Ceylon.) Denominations involved in the union are the Church of Ceylon, the Methodist Church, the Sri Lanka Baptist Sangamaya, the Presbyterian Church, the Church of Scotland and the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India. Official inauguration ceremonies are set for Advent Sunday (Dec. 3). The services of thanksgiving and inter-communion were held in 20 Ceylonese towns to affirm the Churches' decisions to unite.

DIAKONIA to meet in New York

NEW YORK (RNS) — The World Federation of Deaconess Associations (DIAKONIA) will hold its 11th triennial international meeting here June 14-21—the first session the group has held in the United States.

Conferences will focus on the theme, "Signs of the Church of Tomorrow," and will be held at Barnard College, Riverside Church, and the Interchurch Center.

BISHOP ANGIE SMITH TO SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR FOR CAMPAIGNING MINISTER

LINCOLN, Nebr. (UMI)—Retired United Methodist Bishop W. Angie Smith, Dallas, Tex., will serve as interim pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lincoln through the November elections while Trinity pastor Darrel E. Berg runs for Congress.

Nebraska Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., made the announcement and explained that Dr. Berg has been granted a leave of absence for the duration of the campaign. Pastor at Trinity since 1960, Dr. Berg was taken from the Trinity payroll at the time of his filing as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives but is serving as a "guest preacher" through Easter.

Dr. Berg said he is participating in the political campaign because of "increasing consciousness of need to put wheels under my ideals . . . now I must put teeth into the ideals I have been propounding."

"I am speaking as a citizen who is also a churchman," Dr. Berg emphasized, "and not as a churchman who is also a citizen." He said he would not be campaigning as a representative of the church.

Bishop Smith was elected to the episcopacy in 1944 and retired in 1968.

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American deaconesses hosting the conference will represent the American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada.

DIAKONIA was founded in Copenhagen in 1947 as an effort to establish contact and develop relationships among deaconess orders around the world.

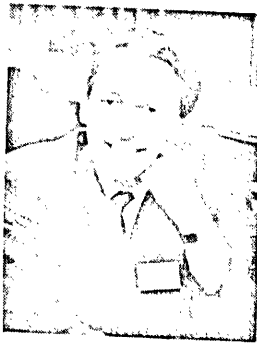
New trends seen in care of elderly

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—Patterns of caring for elderly persons seem to be changing, the president of the United Methodist National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries said here March 6.

In his address to the group's annual convention, Robert H. Whitfield, Newton, Kans., noted an apparent trend toward what he termed a "continuity of care." This includes beginning with services in one's own home or other private home, then living in one's own home or a rented home on the agency's grounds, then moving into a central agency building and, finally, into skilled nursing care units.

Edgar O. Mansfield, Columbus, Ohio, was installed as president of the association at the closing session. Other officers include J. Scott Houston, Atlanta, Ga., president-elect; Donald R. Osborne, Dubuque, Iowa, vice-president; the Rev. W. Ray Bailey, Kansas City, Kans., secretary; and Richard Helmstadter, McKeesport, Pa., treasurer.

Easter this year was the occasion of a massive mission in the North of England with the title "Call to the North."



Some churches in Britain especially the Church of England planned and studied for some time for this event, but the "Call to the North" was positively stated in an Easter

Letter with local action directed towards definite acts of witness beginning where it is possible in Holy Week of next year.

This is the church in the North of England aimed essentially at action for people who do not belong to the church. Methods were left almost entirely to local initiative, but the main hope of the campaign was that people will wake up to the fact that the church is alive and active. The main questions which lie behind the whole idea are such questions as:

"In what terms will the essentials of the Christian faith be capable of commanding the consideration of 'secular man'? What is God's will of men in the realities of today? What are the basic moral and social issues that face ordinary people in an advanced technological nation like Britain? How are local churches and congregations to be equipped for mission?"

The Roman Catholic Church as well as the Anglican and Methodist Churches worked together on this mission idea, and it is most encouraging to think that although organic union continues to give everybody a headache, when it comes to actual mission, the churches can really get together in this fashion.

The sponsors of this affair are hoping very much that a new look will emerge in the gritty North of England so far as the church is concerned. There is no place where the church has been so clearly seen to be out of

the British scene

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

touch with the ordinary people who work in the great industrial combines, and fill the new affluent night-clubs with their laughter at weekends.

If in fact an impact can be made on people like this who long ago have written off the church as middle-class and out of touch, then something will have been achieved.

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DRINK AND BRITONS

A new report published by the Christian Economic and Social Research Foundation has produced alarming figures about the increase in drunkenness offences particularly amongst women and young men. The report is a compilation of figures for a period of ten years 1960 to 1970 and tables for each of the forty-seven police districts in the country are contained in the report.

London said in the sixties to be a "swinging city", was the least sober city of all, and the report tells how the Metropolis has always had a drunkenness problem.

One of the most interesting and challenging areas of this report however, shows that with the proliferation of Supermarkets with Off Licences the increase of drunkenness amongst women and young people may be related to easy access to liquor which such stores provide.

Says the report: "Since it takes about fifteen to twenty years for a person to become an alcoholic, the increased drinking among women and young people may produce the next generation of alcoholics. What these figures show is that we cannot be complacent about the social consequences of drinking alcohol; and that Church and State ought to pause before encouraging more liberal attitudes."

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UNIFORM LESSON SERIES' CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNED

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMI) — A service celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Uniform Lesson Series will be held at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis Sunday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The Uniform Lesson Series results

News in Brief

According to reports from England, prospects appear dim for approval by the Church of England at a top-level vote in May of a plan of union with the British Methodist Church. Meanwhile, representatives of the Church of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Scotland will ask later this year for the setting up of a joint negotiating committee to draft a formal plan of union. The Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) has more than 1,000,000 members while the Methodists have about 23,000.

from cooperation by 30 denominations which use the same scriptural passages, titles, and suggestions for writers in their Bible study materials.

Among those honored at the service will be the late Bishop John H. Vincent who helped found the Uniform Lesson Series procedure while he was in charge of church school resources for the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was later elected bishop and died in 1920. A special tribute to Bishop Vincent will be read by his nephew, Raymond Massey, radio and film personality. Massey will also read the first chapter of Genesis, the first lesson used in the series.

Working with Bishop Vincent to found the Uniform Lesson Series was Benjamin Franklin Jacobs, a Baptist layman.

United Methodists participating in the service will include the Rev. Dr. Horace R. Weaver, Nashville, Tenn., executive editor of adult publications for the Board of Education. Dr. Weaver has served as chairman of the committee for the Centennial Celebration.

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Home mission / church extension division announces new head

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UMI), March 23 — The Rev. Randolph Nugent, one of the top executives of the National Council of Churches, has been elected to head the home mission and church extension program of the 10.6 million-member United Methodist Church.

Mr. Nugent, who since April, 1970, has been associate general secretary of the Council's Division of Overseas Ministries, was elected associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions with responsibility for its National Division. He becomes Division executive head effective with his election, succeeding the interim associate general secretary, Miss Betsy K. Ewing, who continues in the Division's second-ranking administrative position, that of assistant general secretary.

The election concluded a search for a National Division associate general secretary to succeed the Rev. Dr. J. Edward Carothers, who resigned in October, 1970, to head a task force on the churches and technology. A special "search committee" has been at work since that time to find a successor. The election was by the Board of Missions executive committee which is meeting here March 17-23.

The National Division, which like other Board units has headquarters in New York's Interchurch Center, coordinates the home mission and church extension work of the United Methodist Church in 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Division is related to some 2,000 home mission workers and 2,100 projects, and has an annual budget of about \$11 million. In the Division are lodged 16 varied units, including architecture, research and survey, urban ministries, community centers, new church development, deaconess and home missionary service, church expansion, town-and-country ministries, voluntary services,

United Methodists give \$750,000 for Bangladesh

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UMI), March 21 — About \$750,000 toward relief and rehabilitation of an estimated 30,000,000 victims of war and related disasters in Bangladesh had been received in a churchwide United Methodist offering as of March 17, according to a report here by the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR).

Attending executive meetings of the United Methodist Board of Missions, Dr. Haines said he and UMCOR are confident the final response in the January "Bishops' Appeal" offering will top the minimum goal of \$1,000,000. Expressing gratitude for "the widespread and generous outpouring of support" throughout the denomination, he said a goal of \$13,000,000 has been established for Bangladesh aid by the World Council of Churches, which is coordinating church efforts. Of that, \$12,000,000 has been pledged by the Council's member churches (including United Methodism's \$1,000,000), he added.

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The Rev. Randolph Nugent

ethnic ministries and special services to children and young adults.

Speaking for the search committee were Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., president of the National Division; Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, Board President, and the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, Board general secretary.

Miss Ewing, a United Methodist deaconess, was praised for her service to the division by Bishops Loder and Wicke and Dr. Jones as well as several Board members. During her 18 months as associate general secretary, Dr. Jones said "there has been a tremendous release of energy in the National Division staff for which she has provided the guidance."

A United Methodist minister and member of the New York Conference, Mr. Nugent was until 1970 director of MUST (Metropolitan Urban Service Training), a United Methodist-initiated facility for training and orien-

tation in urban mission.

Born in 1934, Mr. Nugent is a native of New York City. He attended Hunter College of the City of New York from 1951 to 1955, where he received his bachelor of arts degree, with a major in English and a minor in German and French. In 1955 he received a scholarship for summer study at the University at Bonn and at Heidelberg. A teacher of high school English in the New York City public school system from 1955 to 1958, Mr. Nugent received his master's degree in English from Hunter College in 1957. The following year he entered the Theological School at Drew University, Madison, N.J., where he received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1960.

Mr. Nugent served as the associate pastor of Brooks Memorial Methodist Church in Queens, N.Y., and as pastor of the Van Alst Avenue Methodist Church in Long Island City, Queens, N.Y. From the fall of 1961 through the fall of 1965, he was district missionary and executive secretary of the Albany Methodist Society in Albany, N.Y. The Methodist Society was a program sponsored by the Troy Conference and related to the National Division.

The new National Division executive is a former Crusade Scholar of the Methodist Church. He is the new chairman of the Commission of the Churches on Participation in Development of the World Council of Churches. He is a trustee of Drew University, Madison, N.J.; New York Theological Seminary and the African-American Institute, New York City.

Mr. Nugent has also served as: consultant for the New York State Commission for Human Rights; consultant for the United Methodist Church; visiting lecturer at the World Methodist Conference; visiting lecturer at Drew University Theological School; visiting lecturer at New York University.

He is married to the former Miss Barbara Montgomery. They have two children, and live in New York City.

Continuation of United Methodist Voluntary Service recommended

NEW YORK (UMI)—A total of 1,013 persons have served in the three-year history of United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS) as of March 6, according to a report by the Rev. Randle B. Dew, executive secretary. Of the total, 706 have completed terms and 307 are presently active, he said. UMVS, part of the 1968-72 United Methodist Quadrennial Emphasis, is administered by the National Division of the Board of Missions. It is funded through the denomination's \$20,000,000 Fund for Reconciliation.

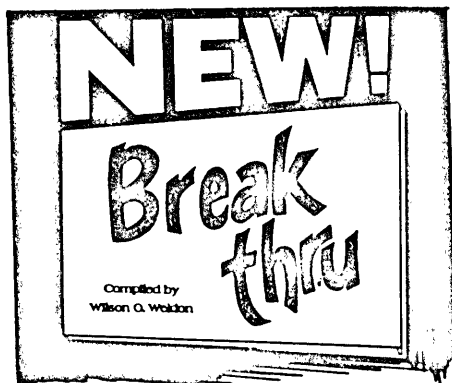
Voluntary Service, created as part of the Quadrennial Emphasis by the 1968 General Conference, is not making new subsistence contracts for volunteers, Mr. Dew said, because this is the last year of the quadrennium. He added that present contracts with volunteers will be completed, and training service and insurance coverage will be continued for volunteers whose subsistence salaries are provided by other agencies.

Both the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, which is responsible for UMVS policy and program develop-

ment, and the National Division have recommended that UMVS be continued beyond the present quadrennium. It is presently scheduled to end with 1972.

Mr. Dew said that approximately one-half of the 1,013 volunteers are from ethnic minority groups and that more than half of the funds spent by UMVS so far during the quadrennium has been for work among blacks, American Indians and Spanish-speaking people.

From its inception, UMVS has tried to play a reconciling role between the church and alienated young people, "who have turned their backs upon organized religion," Mr. Dew said, adding: "Aside from the missionary impact, the church should consider such a program in terms of its (the church's) own survival. If young people continue to question us and to leave us, the decline of church membership will accelerate. The role of voluntarism in this country also is going to be increasingly important and the United Methodist Church needs to be very much involved."



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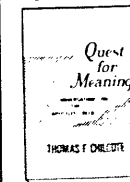
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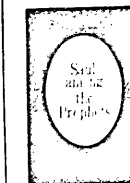
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Design and Marketing director joins TIDINGS staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Robert E. Yoke, Dayton, Ohio, has joined the staff of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism as director of design and marketing for the Board's Tidings Section.

Tidings is the producer of resources for the Board.

Mr. Yoke began work with the Otterbein Press in Dayton in 1960 and at the time of EUB-Methodist union in 1968 was director of Church Literature and Service.

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Sixth graders Brad Reeves (right) and Orville Rogers (left) provided leadership for a recent Sunday morning worship service at the Sheridan United Methodist Church when the entire program was designed to give the boys and girls an opportunity to express their love for God and the church. Brad spoke on the theme, "Children in Religion," and Orville served as worship leader. A 22-voice children's choir provided special music. The Rev. Jack A. Wilson is minister.

News in Brief

United Methodists across the nation gave \$226,155 in the 1971 United Methodist Student Day Offering, an increase of some \$10,000 above 1970, according to the Rev. E. Craig Brandenburg, Nashville, Tenn., director of the Board of Education's scholarship and loan program.

An Argentine couple, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Rebasa, who is supported by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society has been appointed to the staff of Ward College, a Methodist secondary and teacher-training school in Buenos Aires.

United Methodist Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected president of World Christian Education, Inc., a new financial trust agency for United States-based funds for the former World Council of Christian Education, now merged with the World Council of Churches.

Western North Carolina United Methodists are considering establishment of a permanent organization to work in the field of reconciliation if the current program of the denomination is not renewed by the 1972 General Conference.

Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., Princeton, N. J., and the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions, will represent the board in ceremonies at Eastertime marking autonomy for United Methodists in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Methodists were among a group of 21 Roman Catholic and Protestant churchmen in Cuba sending greetings to Chilean Christians after the recent visit of Fidel Castro to Chile during which he conferred with several religious groups and leaders.

In Bangladesh the shouting is over but hunger and disease still stalk refugee camps in the new nation and in west Bengal across the Indian border. U.M.C.O.R., the United Methodist relief organization has provided a plane to airlift food and medical supplies to the refugee camps in the critical period ahead.

Formation of a new United Methodist congregation on the Pacific Island of Guam under the aegis of the Southern California-Arizona Conference has extended the boundaries of the denomination 3,300 miles further west into Pacific regions. The 65-member church came into being late in 1971 largely through efforts of a determined high school teacher-lay pastor, Donald L. Covington.

The artistry of Toge Fujihira, United Methodist Board of Missions photographer who has taken mission-related pictures virtually all over the globe, is on exhibit in New York's Interchurch Center through April 28. Called "An Eye for the Moment," the exhibit includes photos from 50 countries.

In 1971, United Methodists contributed \$40,300,000 to general benevolence funds of the Church, from which all mission and service efforts around the world are financed. This figure represents a total of about \$4 per member.

In the four years from 1968 to 1972, the largest age group represented in United Methodist women's groups was that of women over 50 years of age. Approximately 15 per cent of the membership was employed outside the home.

MEMOIRS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL?

Wesley Shrader



Admirers and critics of the Apostle Paul now have a new one to work on — the "autobiography" of the "apostle born out of due season."

Though it reads with the authenticity of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Paul's "memoirs" were composed by the creative pen of author Wesley Shrader in his latest work, FORTY DAYS TILL DAWN.

Shrader fashioned the "memoirs" of the late apostle from New Testament facts supplemented by historical material of Pauline times and a trusty imagination. The fictionalized "autobiography," published by Word Books (hardbound, \$3.95), avoids an air of contrivance by sticking religiously to the facts available. As the author puts it, "If the source material indicates that Paul had a sister, in this book he has a sister, not a brother."

But what sets this book apart is the author's knack for making the unknown — such as Paul's views on sex, youthful days in the city of Tarsus, and thoughts during the last days of life — fully believable and consistent with the known.

The setting is Paul's last forty days following his sentence to death by chopping block. The imaginary pen warmly sets forth not only the chronological details of the life that stands second only to Jesus Christ's in its impact on Christianity, but reveals Paul's insight into the development of his persevering faith.

Paul's view of his Lord is set forth in the chapter "Jesus, the Messiah." Concepts of church life are offered in "The Blessed Community." More contemporary applications of Pauline thought are reflected in "My Fears for the Church of Tomorrow" and "How My Mind Has Changed."

Shrader's hero-obsession with the Apostle, coupled with a journalist's honest quest for objectivity, guarantees this book a place on the best seller list along with his others — DEAR CHARLES and COLLEGE RUINED OUR DAUGHTER.

FORTY DAYS TILL DAWN is available at your local bookstore.

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Lay Institute For Evangelism

Dr. Bright will lecture each evening, April 17-21 at 7 P.M.

Conference groups will be held each evening from 8 to 9 P.M. both on Basic Training and Advanced Training.

Mr. W. O. "Bill" Menefee of Houston, Texas, will assist in promoting this institute and leading the "Way of Life Church Plan" for Pastors.

Mr. Jim Brewer of Little Rock will serve as Institute Director.



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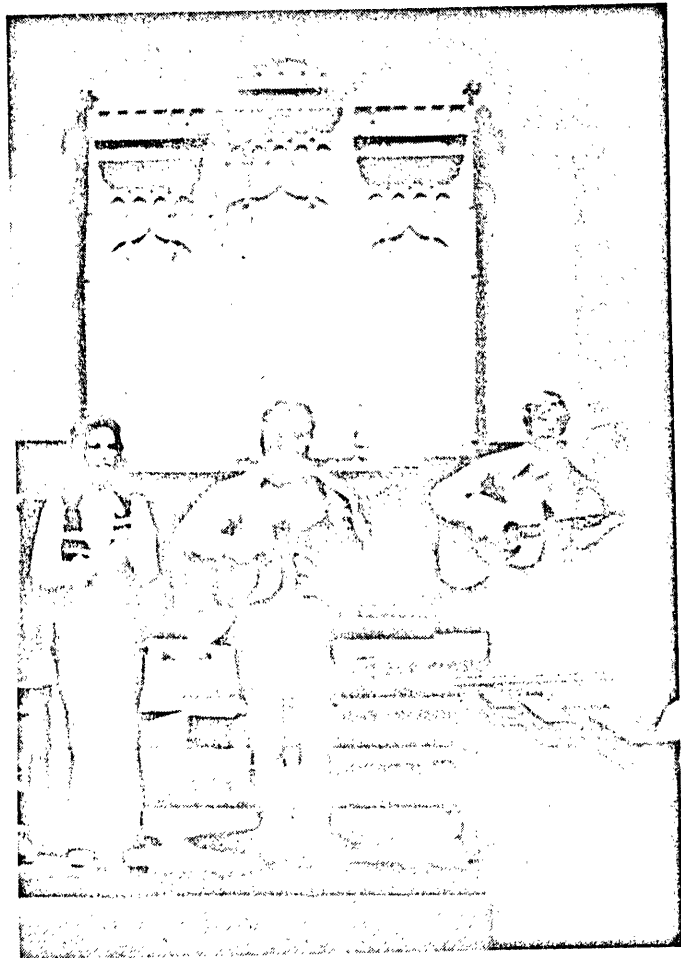
Registration forms for attending this Institute can be secured by writing the address at bottom of this poster.

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Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop, Little Rock, Ark.

A youth encounter



Leaders for a recent Youth Encounter weekend held at the Hamburg United Methodist Church were Dr. and Mrs. Fallon Davis of Little Rock (above left). The event, sponsored by the Monticello District Youth Council brought together 105 out-of-town youth from 20 Arkansas towns, Louisiana, and South America. A dentist by trade, Dr. Davis is a self-taught guitarist, who guided by strong religious convictions, has written many of the songs he and his wife Dorothy sing. (The Davises sing in the Chancel Choir at Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock).



Shown here is a section of the group as they came together to share in an encounter with others. The prevailing theme of the weekend of Youth Encounter was "God loves you and I love you."

The Church Made A Difference

Just off the coast of South Carolina, within an hour of downtown Charleston, is a string of small islands, called the Sea Islands, where life is as remote from mainland existence as if they were in the south Pacific. First settled by runaway slaves, the islands have been left to themselves so long that a separate dialect called gullah has emerged which is unintelligible to an outsider. Life is idyllic on the Sea Islands. There was no public high school until 1955. Even today, there is no public transportation. Homes with electricity

and indoor plumbing are unusual. Medical facilities were virtually nonexistent until a church-sponsored clinic was opened two years ago. Visitors seeking the exotic, however, will have to hurry. Determined islanders with the help of interested Charleston citizens and led by a determined community organizer, Willis Goodwin, have launched a comprehensive development program designed to erase the picturesque poverty of the islands as soon as possible.

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The Youth Encounter included times for small groups such as the one shown here to engage in periods of personal introspection and "encounter with Christ," and to discuss how they as individuals can effectively witness to persons outside the church.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

A lot of power can be thrust into a brief, meaningful prayer. One of the shortest is attributed to Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick... "Now God..." It's been suggested that we ought to consider what would happen if we paused several times a day to pray... "Now God..."

Let God

When the going gets rough -
Hold on, hold on;
When strength to fight is gone -
Hold on!

Surrender yourself -
Give in, give in;
To retreat is to win -
Give in!

Help is available -
Let go, let go;
He says, "Be still and know" -
Let go!

There is one who knows how -
Let God, let God;
He gives life to the clod -
Let God!

- by Marie Thomas

No Place To Go

At the end of my rope
With only air beneath my feet
No further to fall - I found the answer.

With the hangman's noose around my neck
Choking breath from me;
Gasping, but never grasping - I searched for reality.

Dangling aimlessly
As life ebbed from me;
Saying, but never praying - God save me.

At the end of my rope
So close to the ground
I found that God, too - keeps hanging around.

-by Sue English