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Cliff Garrison

## Hendrix Warriors to have new basketball coach

Cliff Garrison has been named head basketball coach at Hendrix College, succeeding Morton Hutto. Garrison is currently the assistant basketball coach at Henderson State College.

Dr. Roy Shilling, president, and Coach Robert Courtway, athletic director, announced the selection of Garrison. Dr. Shilling commented that "Coach Garrison is one of the bright young coaches in our region. He comes to us highly recommended by alumni, coaches, and students. We are especially impressed with the way he identifies with his athletes and with all students with whom he has contact."

Garrison, a native of Forrest City, received the B.S.E. and M.S.E. degrees from State College of Arkansas, where he was a member of the Bear basketball and track teams. After starting his coaching career at Wynne, he moved to Stuttgart as head basketball coach in 1964. In seven years there he took his teams to the State tournament three times while compiling an overall 115-74 won-lost record. He was a member of the Arkansas High School All Star Game coaching staff in 1969 and served as trainer in 1967. Garrison joined the HSC staff prior to the 1971-1972 season.

He is married to the former Maribeth Woodfin, and they have two children, ages four and two.



Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God.—Edwin Keith

## Projected estimate of new congregations requested of UM leaders

NEW YORK (UMI)—A key group of United Methodist leaders, its approximately 550 district superintendents, are being asked how many new congregations they expect to be started in the next two years (1972 and 1973).

The questionnaire, representing the first such survey in about four years, is being accompanied by an announcement outlining services offered by the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, in new church development. The questionnaire on projected new congregations asks: whether a church will be in a city or village, name of the state, section of city (if in a city), year it will be started, when a pastor will be assigned, and whether help is expected from the National Division.

The Rev. James R. Maxfield, who is executive secretary of the Division's Department of New Church Development, said the survey is intended to provide "solid data on the number of new churches" United Methodists ex-

pect to organize in the next two years, not a more general figure about "the number needed." He added that the last new congregation survey was in 1968. "Recognizing that the local congregation is one of the primary agents of mission," he said, "the United Methodist Church continues to organize and establish new congregations. The form of these new congregations is determined by the needs of their communities."

In a letter accompanying the questionnaire and the announcement brochure, Mr. Maxfield noted that basically two kinds of services are offered through the National Division's Department of New Church Development: "1) A package of services beginning at the time of the feasibility study for a new congregation and continuing until the congregation is one year old. 2) As time permits, staff availability to assist new congregations with any of the parts of the package of services offered."

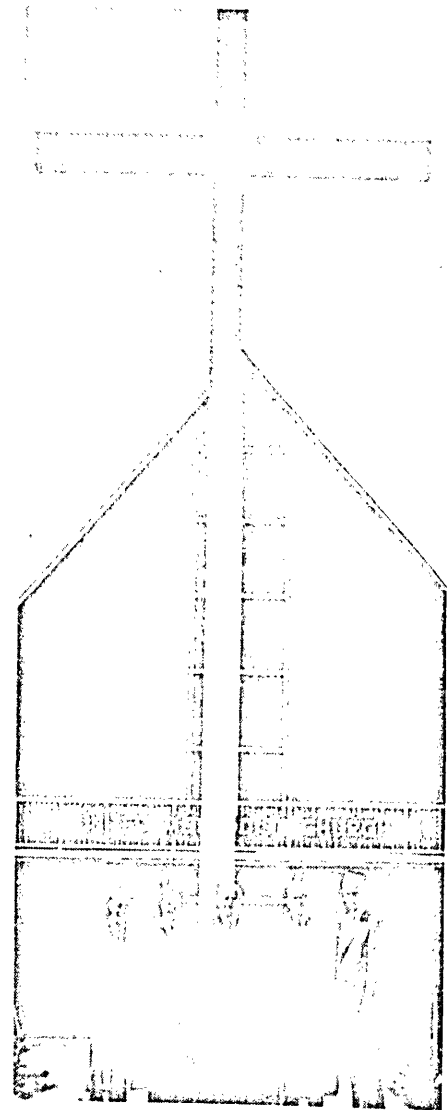
## Girls' Training School at Alexandria to get new chapel

A campaign has been launched by the Girls' Training School Auxiliary to erect a chapel for the 125 girls who live at the school at Alexandria, Saline County.

The building will contain a chapel to seat 150, expandable to seat 175. It will also have a large social lounge with wood-burning fireplace and an adjoining kitchenette, a library, an office for the chaplain, and another office which may be used for counseling.

The lounge has been planned for easy division into Sunday school rooms. To be built overlooking the lake, between the superintendent's home and the infirmary, the proposed cost of the chapel is \$70,000.

A special committee has been set up to be in charge of the planning and raising of funds. Mrs. Joe Krenz is chairman, Mrs. T. D. Hendrickson, vice-chairman, Emmett Darr is treasurer, and Mrs. A. Hall Allen, secre-



Participants in recent dedication of First United Methodist Church of Mountain Home, left to right the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District superintendent; the Rev. Norman Carter, pastor; Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Little Rock a native of Mountain Home; the Rev. Maurice Lanier of Bentonville, who served as pastor in 1963 when construction on the new sanctuary began, and the Rev. Bill Womack of Heber Springs, who was pastor for six years.

tary. Other members of the committee are Mrs. D. D. James, Dr. Rufus King Young, Oscar Alagood, Mrs. Karl Neal, Miss Gay Gattis, Mrs. Peyton Kolb, Dr. Dale Cowling, Howard Watson, Lacy Landers, Mrs. W. Qualls, A. James Linder, Floyd Oliver, Glen Rogers, Mrs. Steele Hays, Chaplain W. M. Stricklin (LRAFB), and Hayes McClerkin.

Contributions, which are tax deductible, may be made to: Girls' Training School Auxiliary Chapel Fund, c/o Charles Wade, Worthen Bank and Trust Company, P.O. Box 1681, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.



## ARCHITECTS TO RECEIVE AWARD FOR HENDRIX LIBRARY DESIGN

The Olin C. Bailey Library, Hendrix College, Conway, has been selected to receive an Award of Merit by the American Institute of Architects, the American Library Association, and the National Book Committee jury on awards.

The library designed by Philip Johnson, New York City, and the firm of Wittenberg, Delony, Davidson, Inc.,

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Architect's drawing of proposed chapel to be built at Girls' Training School at an estimated cost of \$70,000.

COME UNTO ME, ALL-



Mrs. Harvey Couch at dinner given in her honor in Nashville, Tenn. upon her retirement from the editorship of the Christian Home.

## Arkansan honored on retirement from Curriculum Division

by Walter N. Vernon

(Mr. Vernon is executive editor of General Publications of Curriculum Resources—a division within the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, located in Nashville, Tenn.)

Mrs. Harvey W. Couch, well-known as a Christian educator in Arkansas, was honored at a dinner given recently by the Division of Curriculum Resources, General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee on the occasion of her retirement from the editorship of *The Christian Home*. Mrs. Couch served as an editor with the Board of Education for sixteen years, first of *The Church School*, from 1955 to 1961, and then of *The Christian Home* until January, 1972.

She was Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for four years during which time Dr. Wil-

liam B. Slack and Dr. Francis A. Buddin were pastors. She also served in a similar capacity at the church at El Dorado during the time that the Rev. Edward W. Harris and Dr. W. Neill Hart were pastors.

During these years Mrs. Couch gave much time also to conference youth programs and served nearly every year as a counselor at the conference camp, Camp Tanako. She was active in other conference educational enterprises, teaching courses in various leadership schools in Arkansas and Louisiana, conducting work groups for directors at Estes Park, and preparing program materials and curriculum resources.

Mrs. Couch has been active both in Arkansas and in Tennessee in community and civic affairs, such as YWCA, Pen Women, Eye Bank, and Outlook Nashville. She has been co-author of several books for early teens, and has written many articles and features for the church press. She has served on the United Methodist General Committee on Family Life, and was a delegate to the World Methodist Family Life Conference in London in 1966.

Mr. Couch was in business in Hot Springs and El Dorado before the couple moved to Nashville. They will continue to live in Nashville.

Among the guests at the dinner, which was held at The Methodist Publishing House, was Bishop Aubrey G. Walton who was a pastor in Arkansas during the time that Mrs. Couch served there. Bishop Walton is a member of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education.

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Little Rock, is one of nine buildings selected for recognition from 204 entries submitted.

The presentation of the award will be made to Gordon Wittenberg and his associate at 2:30 p.m., Sunday April 16, during an open house which will be held at the library from two until four o'clock.

During the short program which will be held, Mrs. Dale Bumpers will proclaim the opening of National Library Week, 1972.

Frances Nix, Hendrix librarian, has extended an invitation to Arkansas United Methodists and other friends of the college to attend the open house.

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## Hendrix Brass Choir to demonstrate use of instruments in worship

The Hendrix College Brass Choir will make a three-day concert trip April 14-17. Concerts will be presented at the First United Methodist Church in Pocahontas on Friday evening, the First United Methodist Church, Collinsville, Ill. on Sunday morning, and the Manchester United Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

In each place the choir will present a concert entitled "The Use of Instruments in the Worship Service." Featured soloists are Miss Kay Speed and Miss Cathy Monroe of Conway. The organist is Miss Lynne Kilgore of Fayetteville. Twenty instrumentalists will make the trip.

The Brass Choir was organized in the early 60's to explore the usage and the literature for brass instruments. Much of the music for this combination of instruments was written in the Baroque period (1600-1780) during which time the brass instruments were used for civic occasions, social events, entertainment, and for religious festivals. The Brasses have been used by the Church throughout the ages to aid in the expression of joy and happiness of its parishioners and to augment the choirs, the organ, and other instruments at times of festivity.

During the 17th century the Turm Music (Tower Music) was sounded by the Brasses from the tower of the Town Hall or from the Village Church to signal such times of day as noon-time or sunset. The principal music used for these occasions was harmon-

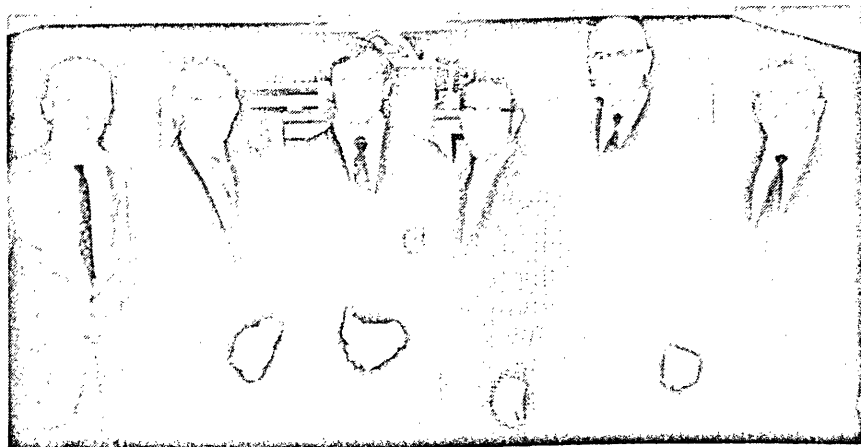
ized chorales, but gradually the musicians were brought in to play for the entire worship service at certain periods of the church year.

The Hendrix College Brass Choir has played in five of the south central states and each year has been invited to make numerous appearances in the local Arkansas Methodist churches. Last year it appeared in Kansas City on invitation at a conference-wide music workshop to demonstrate how these instruments are used to produce the glorious sounds characteristic of brass instruments only.

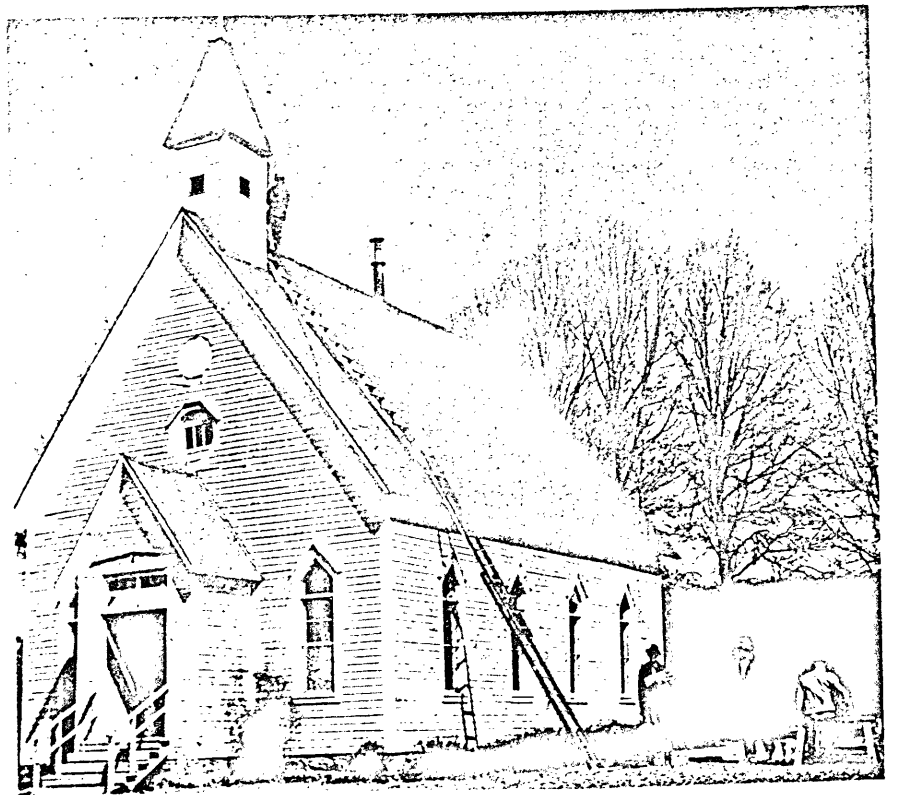
On the Sunday following the workshop this group of musicians played for three morning worship services in the Kansas City area. In Oklahoma City the group played for a group of music educators to demonstrate how the Brass Choir can be used effectively in the secular idiom of music as well as in the religious area.

The Hendrix College Brass Choir is under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the Music Department at Hendrix. Dr. Coffman has been associated with Hendrix for the past 29 years. He holds the bachelor of music degree from the University of Illinois, the master of music degree and the Ph.D degree from Northwestern University. Throughout the years he has served as adjudicator, guest conductor, and clinician for wind instrumental contests, festivals, and concerts.

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David Lewis (third from left), a student of Lambuth College at Jackson, Tenn., was recommended for a License to Preach in a called session of the Wilson United Methodist Church on March 22. Shown with him are persons who participated in the special ceremony. FROM LEFT: Joe B. Gwyn, C. A. Lewis, David's father, (David), the Rev. Joe E. Linam, minister, Hudson Wren, and Owen Sadler.



Historic Ada Valley United Methodist Church, a Conway County landmark, is shown undergoing extensive remodeling in preparation for the annual homecoming scheduled for the first Sunday in June. Land for the church was bought in 1897 and donated by Samuel B. King. The structure was built with donated labor and lumber. The first funeral to be conducted from the church was that of King who died July 13, 1899, before the building was completed—doors and windows had not been installed. The remodeling project calls for new carpeting, doors and light fixtures, a paint job inside and out, a remodeled steeple and refinished picnic tables—with members donating both labor and materials. Brother Dub Porter pastors the congregation of about 40 persons.

## On the Eve of General Conference

Almost 1000 delegates and several thousand visitors will be in Atlanta, Ga. for the next two weeks discussing, deciding and observing issues of tremendous import during the quadrennial session of the United Methodist General Conference. We have tried for several months to point the spotlight on issues that will be coming before this session.

Your editor will be leaving for Atlanta early Sunday morning so that he might bring to you all of the details of the conference. We hope that this coverage will occupy a major part of our space in the next four issues, because we feel that our readers will be interested in what takes place during the debates and discussions and the decisions that are made.

We feel you will want to be alert to the following items which will be a part of the total report from Atlanta:

**The Episcopal Address:** The traditional "State of the Church" message which has been prepared and will be delivered by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Ohio, is in reality a statement from the entire Council of Bishops. It will be heard in the first full business session next Monday morning and will become a kind of norm against which the remainder of the General Conference will be judged. One of our first stories will bring the gist of that message to you.

**The Structure Study Commission Report:** Another important presentation planned for next Monday morning's session is the significant report of the Structure Study Commission. (This is the report which we have been interpreting in this column for the past several weeks.) Because the manner in which the General Conference deals with this report will determine so much of the remainder of the agenda of the rest of the session, it is planned to refer it directly to the 14 legislative committees for their consideration in meetings Monday afternoon and evening. It is planned for them to report back to the conference on Tuesday, but we have a feeling that this is too

optimistic and that it will not be back on the floor for consideration before Wednesday. This would mean that one of the other quadrennial study commissions—either that dealing with doctrine or the one which has been re-writing the statement of social principles would present their report.

It is this writer's prediction that a major part of the business of the first week will be devoted to the Structure Study Commission report.

**The Legislative Committees:** A large part of the work of the General Conference takes place in the meetings of the 14 legislative committees, and on previous visits to General Conference we have found it most helpful to attend as many of these meetings as possible. Since they all are in session at the same time and usually in the same place it becomes a challenge to a reporter to keep alert to the direction each of these is taking.

It is in these committees that the thousands of petitions which have been submitted to General Conference will be considered. According to the rules under which the body works, it is necessary that each petition be considered and acted upon. This means that the delegates are involved in a monumental load of work during the time of the conference. We will be trying to interpret the background and atmosphere of the committee rooms as we try to paint a total picture of the session.

**The Caucuses:** A new fact of life in recent sessions of the General Conference involves the meetings of "caucuses" each evening—some of them far into the night. At least ten groups are

expected to be meeting almost daily to discuss the strategy they will be taking concerning items on the agenda of the conference and new business which will be introduced along the way. We will plan to attend a number of these meetings and work with others of the church press to pool the news from within these meetings.

One of our reports to you will be an interpretation of the work of these caucuses and consideration of the influence they seem to have had on the direction the conference takes.

**Visits With Delegates:** Another of our activities during the conference will be visits with delegates from as many parts of the world as possible. We are grateful for the wide circle of friends who will be representing different parts of the church. It is always an important part of reporting to discover what is being said in the diverse parts of the church. This is what makes a visit to General Conference such an exciting activity and the reporting of the actions of the conference such a challenging task.

Our next word will come to you from Atlanta.

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Answer to  
Readers' Digest  
Articles

The April issue of Reader's Digest carries the long-awaited answer to the earlier two-part series criticizing the World Council of Churches.

Written by J. Irwin Miller, prominent Indiana layman who is active in the Disciples of Christ Church and was once president of the National Council of Churches, the article does not undertake a defense against the points raised by Clarence Hall in his attack last October and November.

Instead he affirms that churches and church groups must take positions on controversial social issues even when it means that they will be criticized. In this regard there will be people who feel that Mr. Miller has not done what they wanted him to do—tell Mr. Hall that he was wrong in everything he said.

In the introduction to the article in the current Reader's Digest the editors stated: "In the spirit of fair play, then—and without debate on the contentions of the previous articles—the Digest herewith presents the view of a layman active in the World Council of Churches."

Mr. Miller gives the theological and social reasons why he feels the churches and the WCC must be involved in social action and in other activities which may well provoke controversy.

He makes no direct mention of the anti-racism grants made by the WCC, nor does he defend the presence of the Russian Orthodox Church in that body. Instead he points out, as other social scientists and church historians have done, that if the Russian church had taken a more aggressive stand in confronting some of the social and economic deficiencies in 19th Century Russia, revolution and communism might have been avoided.

Mr. Miller makes it clear that he believes the teachings of the Christian Gospel require a continuing witness against injustice wherever it is found.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A group of evangelical leaders from five continents, including evangelist Billy Graham, announced from Vero Beach, Fla. that an International Congress on World Evangelism will be held in Europe in 1974. Anglican Assistant Bishop Jack Dain of Australia, presiding chairman for the planning group, said the congress will constitute a call to "finish the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the church in our generation." Some 3,000 to 5,000 delegates from around the world will be invited to participate. In 1966 a congress attended by 1,100 delegates was held in Berlin.

For the first time in six years, East Germany permitted West Berliners to make Easter visits to relatives and friends in East Berlin. Also for the first time in 20 years citizens of West Berlin were allowed in regions of East Germany outside the city. Six checkpoints along "the wall" and three at other areas were thrown open at 6 a.m. on Maundy Thursday. Visiting was to be permitted over an eight-day period.

Rep. John B. Anderson (Ill.), delivered the keynote address at the International Convention on Missionary Medicine at Wheaton College on "The Christian's Responsibility in Worldwide Social Action and Involvement." He told the several hundred medical personnel attending that "the answer to our basic problem would be to recapture the hearts and minds of those who have turned from our traditions and values—the young—so that they might turn the world upside down."

In a recent interview with the editor of a United Methodist publication Oral Roberts, head of the evangelistic association that bears his name and also president of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, was asked to explain exactly why he decided to join the United Methodist Church. Roberts replied that he was raised in a Methodist heritage and in 1968 felt a "distinct awareness of the Holy Spirit" urging him to return. (He had joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the age of 17 when he was suffering from tuberculosis). "I don't feel comfortable with labels," the evangelist said. "I do feel comfortable with the United Methodist Church. I believe it is the most open Church in the world today to the movement of the Holy Spirit. I came into it with the idea of giving rather than receiving. . . . The only benefits I receive from the Methodist Church is if I truly give."

Two organizations, one interreligious and the other Roman Catholic, were formed in Washington, D.C. to exert grassroots pressure for the enactment of federal legislation providing tax credits for parents of non-public school children. A coalition of non-public school leaders of various religious bodies established Citizens Relief for Education by Income Tax (CREDIT) and a group of high-level Roman Catholic church leaders has organized the Committee for Parental Rights and Public Assistance in Education, according to a Religious News Service release.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, widely known clergyman and author, has urged that anti-drug action be focused more on the sellers of drugs than the users. Speaking before the Tennessee Teachers Assn., the pastor of Marble Collegiate church in New York City declared, "The time has come to stop concentrating mainly on apprehending and publicizing drug users, many of them only children, and go after the cause of the cancer that is eating at our society—the sellers."

Eighty-three per cent of the Minnesotans who say they attend church regularly or occasionally, feel the church they attend gives them the satisfaction they seek from religion, according to the findings of a survey conducted by the Minneapolis Tribune's Minnesota Poll. However, about half the churchgoers (46 per cent) are dissatisfied with the rate of change in organized religion—30 per cent feel it is too fast and 16 per cent consider it too slow.

The executive committee of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) is reportedly urging nine participating Protestant denominations to adopt a 50-50 sex ratio in naming delegates to COCU plenary meetings. This unprecedented proposal, if approved by the Churches, would radically change the composition of the annual policy-making meetings. Currently, each Church has 10 delegates, with women representing less than 10 per cent of the total of 90. The size of delegations would not be increased under the new plan.

Thirty-six leaders and officials of predominantly conservative Protestant bodies and organizations and several Christian educators and businessmen were briefed at the White House on international issues by Dr. Henry Kissinger, national security affairs adviser to President Nixon. Evangelists Billy Graham and Oral Roberts were among the participants. Two participants told Religious News Service that the 70-minute briefing concentrated on U.S. policy toward the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union, but also included the 1971 India-Pakistan war and the current Middle East situation. One member of the group described Dr. Kissinger as a "good cultural anthropologist," explaining that he "shows remarkable sensitivity to the cross-cultural problem" that is, the necessity of "meeting people where they are." A similar briefing was given by Dr. Kissinger for another group of religious leaders last August.

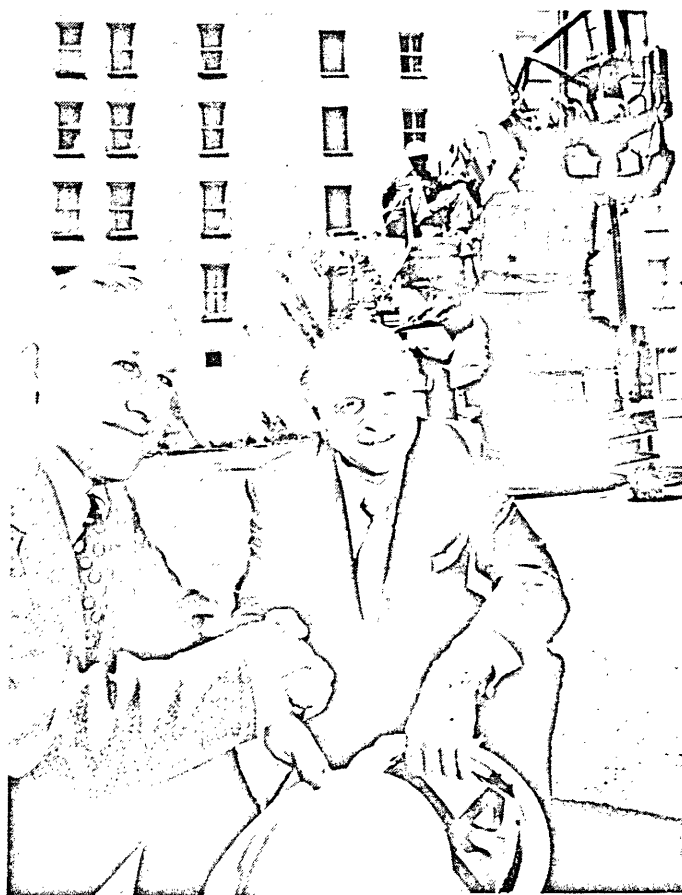
Twenty-one student volunteers for a village relief effort in Bangladesh were commissioned in a special ceremony at Wheaton College (Ill.) during the recent 6th International Convention on Missionary Medicine. The students, accompanied by Dr. Viggo Olsen, medical superintendent of Memorial Christian Hospital in Chittagong, and acting medical director of Medical Assistance Programs, Inc., which sponsored the convention, are working to rebuild thatch and bamboo homes destroyed by the West Pakistani army during the war.

Two years ago, Skipper Allen, son of a past president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, tried in desperation to commit suicide after becoming involved as a drug user. Eighteen-year-old Skipper is back in high school today, and gives his testimony as a former drug user and urges other youths to fill the emptiness in their lives with Jesus. In an interview with Dallas Morning News, Dr. Jimmy Allen—Skipper's father—advised parents who are confronted with drug problems, "Don't panic, turn to someone with training for counsel. Get your child exposed to help immediately. Expose him to the opportunity for spiritual fulfillment." Dr. Allen said further, "There is no quick solution, but a parent needs to face the reality that drugs are a symptom of something deeper. Pray for a solution and get the youth where God can use him. . . . God is raising a whole generation of young people who are turned on for Jesus and this is making a dent in the drug problem."

There is an incipient "Jesus Revolution" brewing in Northern Ireland today according to the Rev. Arthur Blessitt, who has been identified with the "Jesus movement" in the U.S. Blessitt, who is holding services in the British Isles during April, told Religious News Service that he feels belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is "the only hope" for bringing peace to Northern Ireland. He pointed out, that "both sides (Catholics and Protestants) believe in Jesus," and said that this is the key to bringing unity to the warring factions there.

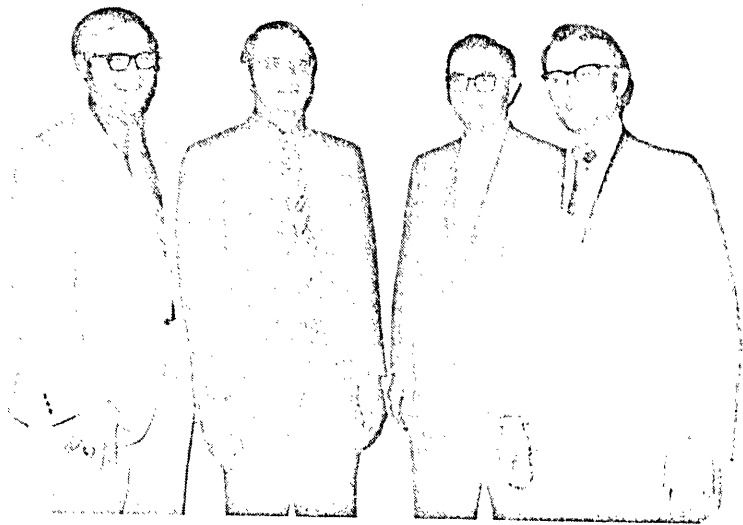
Dr. Elmer S. Hjortland of Los Angeles, who has been called both the Bob Hope and the Norman Vincent Peale of the Lutheran Church, was the speaker for Holy Week noontime services sponsored by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. Noted for injecting humor into his sermons, Dr. Hjortland believes it is good for clergymen to relate embarrassing incidents about themselves "because it lets people know you are human and not an idol on a pedestal." The 72-year-old clergyman said he was pleased when a farmer told him after a sermon: "You came and sat down in the pew with us today."

A Catholic Church official in Washington, D.C. has criticized the U.S. Postal Service for "moralizing" beyond its competence by issuing a Family Planning commemorative stamp — released March 18—that promotes a two-child limit for families. Msgr. James T. McHugh maintains that family size "is a personal matter for couples to determine without government interference or suasion."



DALLAS—Dr. W. A. Criswell (right), pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention, and Donald Bowles, building fund chairman, shake hands as ground is broken for the six-story, \$3-million building that the church is building to house its new elementary school. The school will be located on one of the three blocks of land the 16,000-member church owns in the heart of downtown Dallas. In announcing plans for the new school last Fall, Dr. Criswell, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, asserted that it has nothing to do with the current desegregation crisis in the Dallas school system but is the fulfillment of a dream he has had since coming to the church 25 years ago. He predicted that the building "will be paid for when the last brick is laid." —RNS Photo





Instructors for classes held at Area Training School in Magnolia's Asbury United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Fred Haustein, Dr. Ed Hollenbeck, the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, and the Rev. Fred Arnold.

## Training School conducted in Magnolia Area

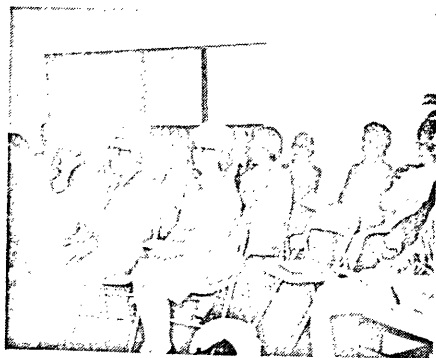
An Area Training School for United Methodist Churches of the Columbia-Lafayette County area was held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia, on the evenings of April 4, 5, and 6. The Rev. Don Nolley, host pastor, was dean for the school; the Rev. Allen Bonsall, associate pastor at First Church, Magnolia, served as treasurer.

The teaching staff included: the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Ashdown pastor, who taught an adult class on "The Meaning of Worship and the Sacraments in The United Methodist

Church"; The Rev. Fred H. Haustein, Marysville pastor, gave leadership to a course designed for youth on "The Meaning of Worship and Sacraments in The United Methodist Church"; Dr. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor of First Church, Benton, led the class, "Building a Christian Home and Family", and the Rev. Fred Arnold, pastor of Oaklawn Church in Hot Springs was resource person for a class dealing with "Adult Education in the Church School."

Participating churches included: Asbury in Magnolia, Bradley, Columbia Circuit, Emerson, Greers Chapel-McNeil, Kilgore Lodge, Lewisville-Buckner, Magnolia Circuit, Magnolia First, Stamps Parish, Stephens, Taylor-New Era, Village Circuit, Waldo-Willisville, and Welcome.

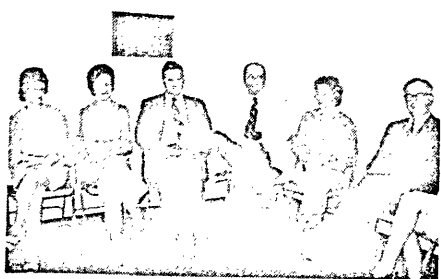
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Class taught by the Rev. Carr Dee Racop.



Junior and senior high group taught by the Rev. Fred Haustein.



A section of the class taught by Dr. Ed Hollenbeck.



The Rev. Fred Arnold (in partial view of camera at left) leading an adult group.

Life is probation, and the earth no goal but starting-point of man.—Robert Browning

Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays. — Soren Kierkegaard.

## Program Directors to Local Churches

Ministering to our senior citizens

### HOW CAN IT BE DONE?

Not long ago a Methodist Minister took me to four homes for the aging in the community where he was pastor. We did not stay long with any of the many persons visited but their faces lighted up and I know they were thinking — "My Pastor has come to see me." There is comfort, there is inspiration, and there is healing strength in such a visit even if it is brief.

The question arose in my mind how could a Pastor enlarge this ministry and encourage many to join him in it? The aging need to know that there are those who are concerned about them and who in turn realize they have personal needs. The aging need assistance in their daily life to help them find more activity, mental and physical, and to try to make their life more meaningful for themselves and others.

With this as a goal—How can one plan and implement a program to meet the needs of those in and out of rest homes?

### TASK FORCE

Create a task force in the local church through the Council on Ministries, the Women's Society of Christian Service, The Methodist Men, The United Methodist Youth Fellowship, or through The Administrative Board with representatives from various groups in the Church.

*THE OLD RUGGED CROSS—The Cross, reminder of suffering, sacrifice, and death; the lilies, a promise of returning to life eternal.... this was the Easter scene at St. Paul United Methodist Church, El Dorado. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell is pastor.*

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### PLAN CAREFULLY

Here are some possibilities:

#### 1. PARTIES

Provide fruit, games, singing, times for sharing for residents at the Home. (By necessity such must be cleared with the Rest Home, first.) Parties should be held once a month (half the therapeutic value of such an activity is to be found in the hours of anticipation and expectation enjoyed by those to be present). Emphasis can be given to special days during the months, such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and Holy Days. Show an occasional good film, available from public libraries, oil companies, utility companies, the Methodist Film Library, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201, etc.

#### 2. TRIPS

Local trips to see the community, the parks, the countryside; to visit homes in the area; and to shop are all possibilities. (Be sure to work closely with the home and check into insurance coverage.)

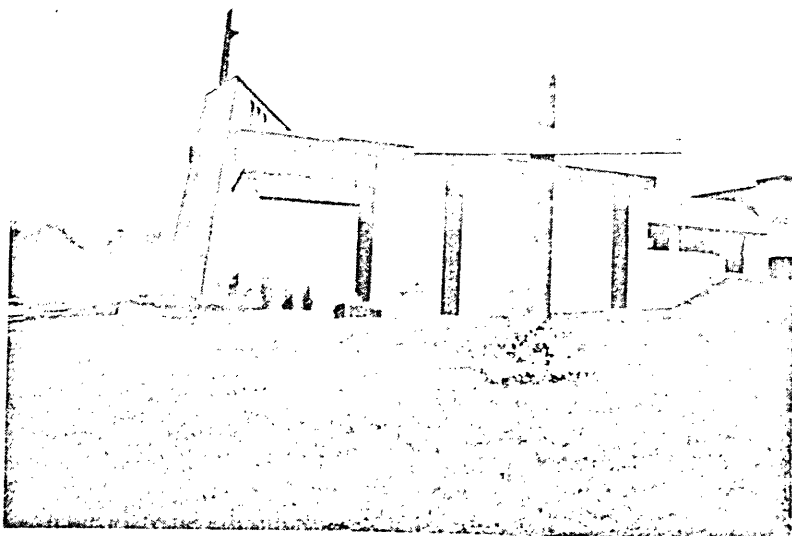
#### 3. SPECIAL SERVICES

Become knowledgeable about the possible H.E.W. Programs for the group, to help provide books, records, tapes, cassettes, etc. Find the interests and needs of the aging and then seek help from H.E.W. for special services.

#### 4. SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Look into what Church School and Worship opportunities are available. Help establish such services if not otherwise provided. Assist with the provision and distribution of devotional materials, tracts, and large print Bibles. Make possible opportunities for singing and Christian fellowship. Above all remember that these people are frequently lonely, are eager to talk, but also are in a position to serve their fellowmen in many ways.

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# NEWS and NOTES

THE DeQUEEN PREACHING Mission was held April 9-11 with the Rev. Merle Johnson of Siloam Springs United Methodist Church as guest preacher. The Rev. David B. Wilson is the DeQueen minister.

PINE BLUFF UNITED Methodist Churches held Holy Week services with Bishop Paul V. Galloway bringing the messages in Lakeside Church. The Rev. Ed Matthews was host pastor.

THE REV. EDWARD HARRIS, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, attended a two-day seminar for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, co-sponsored by the National Committee and Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas. The sessions were held in Dallas, April 6-7. Mr. Harris was recently elected executive director of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas.

GEYER SPRINGS Church, Little Rock, is holding revival services this week. April 9-14 at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Dale Diffie of Gillette as evangelist and Bill Kennedy, choir director at Geyer Springs, leading the music. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is the pastor.

FRANKLIN WILDER of Fort Smith reviewed the book "Father of the Wesleys", of which he is author, in Russellville, March 27, in the Wesley United Methodist Church. The Rev. Herschel McClurkin, Jr., is the Wesley pastor.

CAL LEDBETTER, state representative and head of the Political Science Department of U.A.L.R., spoke to United Methodist Men of the Mabelvale Church at the April 3 dinner meeting. His subject was "Educational Requirements for Today's Law Enforcement."

JACKSONVILLE YOUTH of First Church spent the weekend of March 25 in sensitivity training at Camp Kaetzell, near Clinton. Roger Armstrong is youth director and the Rev. Bob Edwards is pastor.

DR. CHARLES ALLEN, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, was the speaker for the District meeting of the Laity held in First Church, Fort Smith, on Friday, April 7. Warren Blaylock of Alma, district lay leader, presided.

THE REV. TOM Atkinson, associate pastor of First Church, Springdale, was the evangelist for a revival held at the Gentry Church, March 26-31. Bill Burnett, former U. of A. football star, gave his Christian testimony at the Sunday night service. The Rev. J. D. Lawrence is the Gentry pastor.

PARKIN UNITED METHODISTS made a study of "Learning to be Human in a Push-Button World" under the leadership of Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro. Classes were held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week. The Rev. Hal Sessions, a chaplain in the Memphis Methodist Hospital, is serving as interim-pastor at Parkin.

CAMP TANAKO was the setting for a sunrise service on Good Friday, sponsored by the Malvern Sub-district Youth Council for all Malvern area youth. A fellowship breakfast at First Church, Malvern, followed.

## FESTIVAL OF EASTER AT WASHINGTON AVENUE

The "Triumphant Entry" was recreated in Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, on Palm Sunday by children with palm leaves, tape recordings, scripture, and pop-up answers to "Who is this man?"

Holy Week was preceded by the "Forty Days of Love" program. On Maundy Thursday, communion was carried to each shut-in with various members participating. During the sanctuary communion, only 12 persons at a time shared the table. The Wednesday sharing groups discussed the last week of Jesus. On Good Friday, the choir presented a cantata under the direction of Mrs. Dessa Mae Traylor.

The church bus ran for the first time Easter and brought 21 people to church. The youth presented a Tenebra service that evening.

Mrs. Harold Davidson is worship chairman; James Lane was festival coordinator; the Boyd Millers and the Bill Hills are youth coordinators; the Rev. Kenneth Renfro is pastor.

FAYETTEVILLE MINISTERIAL Association sponsored the Easter sunrise service held at Vesper Point on Mt. Sequoyah. Bishop William C. Frey, Episcopal bishop in exile from Guatemala, was the speaker. The Rev. Lee Cate, director of the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, invited worshippers to breakfast in the dining hall.

"CHRIST IN THE CONCRETE City" was presented in First Church, Springdale, on Easter at 7 p.m. Players in the drama were Mary Melekian, Glenda Clark, Randy Kimbrough, Glenn Brown, Eddie Edmondson and Tim Hollis. The Rev. Clinton Atchley is their pastor.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE of Mountain View United Methodist Church, located just west of Little Rock on Highway 10, had charge of the Easter sunrise service in a park overlooking Lake Maumelle. After the service, worshippers returned to the church where the youth served a pancake breakfast. Counselors for the group are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faulkner and Mrs. Milton Moore. The Rev. Sam Jones, pastor, is also director of the U.A.L.R. Wesley Foundation.

THE "CHRISTIAN EDITION" singers, a youth group from First United Church of Jonesboro, presented a program for inmates at Cummins Prison Farm on Tuesday, April 4. Robert Fuller is their director and the Rev. Worth Gibson, their pastor.

"FELLOWSHIP NIGHT" in Newport's First United Methodist Church was sponsored by a "sharing group", assisted by the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Evelyn Rush Guild. Entertainment was by 18 band students of Newport High, directed by Harvey L. Haley. The Rev. David Conyers is pastor.

## AFRICAN DINNER FEATURED AT HUNTER MEMORIAL

Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church, Little Rock, recently completed the church-wide study of "The New Generation in Africa", with A. M. Chambers as the leader.

A fun and festival time was featured at the final session with an African dinner as its highlight. The menu consisted totally of African dishes, prepared and served by the women of the church as planned by Mrs. Walter Newton and Mrs. George Kerr.

## 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 16—Sunday	Matt. 28:1-8
April 17	Luke 24:1-12
April 18	Luke 24:13-32
April 19	Luke 24:36-49
April 20	John 20:19-29
April 21	Acts 1:1-11
April 22	1 Cor. 15:12-22
April 23—Sunday	John 16:26-33

## WESLEY CHURCH HOST TO CITY REVIVAL

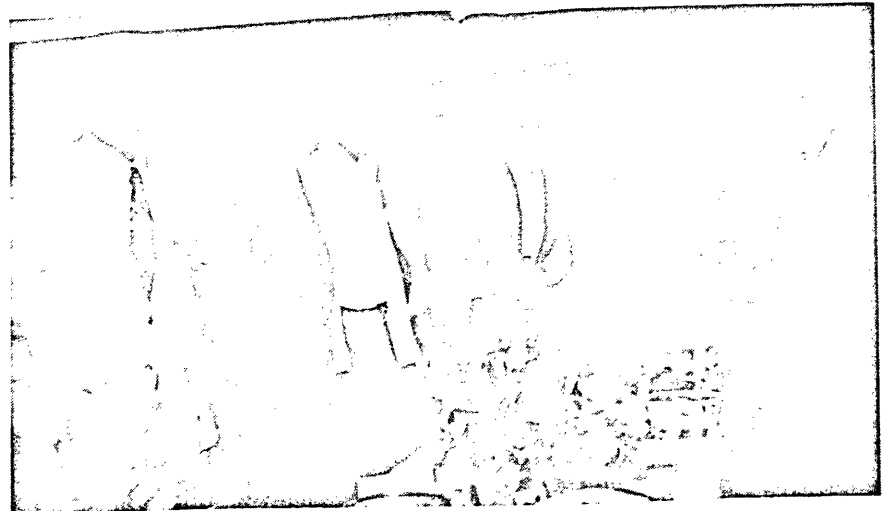
Six Little Rock United Methodist churches of the Southwest Conference participated in a "mission to the city" revival during Holy Week. Services were held in Wesley Church. The evangelist was Dr. H. H. Greene, Sr., of Lexington, Kentucky, who is director of church and community planning for the Louisville Methodist area. Churches cooperating and their ministers are: McCabe, the Rev. E. M. Johnson; Duncan Chapel and Sweet Home, the Rev. R. B. Brown; Maumelle, the Rev. William Robinson; and White Memorial, the Rev. C. C. Hall. The Rev. Dr. W. D. Lester was host pastor.

IN EL DORADO, the combined choirs of St. Paul United Methodist and First Christian Churches presented Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" on Palm Sunday, directed by James O. Fox, St. Paul choirmaster, and accompanied by Mrs. Linda Littlefield, organist at First Christian Church. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell of St. Paul was host pastor.

All guest speakers for the four preceding sessions were invited to attend the dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Totten of Benton, Mrs. Walter Hazzard, wife of the president of Philander Smith College, and five African students attending Philander Smith, four from Nigeria, and one from Liberia. Other leaders unable to attend the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davenport, Little Rock, and Mrs. Regina Nwagwagwa of Nigeria. The Rev. George Kerr was host pastor.



The Lamar Church recently honored those who have been members for 60 years or longer. AT LEFT: M. E. Nation, 75-year member, was church school superintendent and church treasurer for 35 years; Mrs. Pauline Cazort Berry has served in many capacities for 68 years. Robert A. Head, member of the Official Board, presented Bibles to them. AT RIGHT: Mrs. J. L. Daniel, Sr., unable to attend, was presented her Bible at home. During the early part of her 60-year membership she served as youth leader. The Rev. George Overbey is their pastor.



The recent study of Africa in Hunter Memorial Church had African students who attend Philander Smith College as guests. They are shown at left with other guest speakers. The Rev. George Kerr, pastor, is at right.

# Little Rock Conference Guild Retreat to consider Women's Liberation

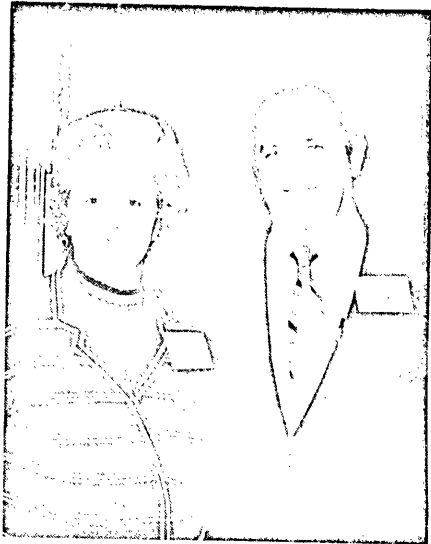
"Women's Liberation in a Biblical Perspective" will be the theme for the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock Conference when members hold the annual retreat.

Aldersgate Methodist Camp at Little Rock will again be the setting. The date is April 22-23. Registration with payment must be in by April 20. Please use the blank below.

Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore is chairman of the program, and will be assisted by Mrs. Fred L. Arnold, conference WSCS chairman of spiritual growth. Members from each district will participate in the presentation of background resources.

Mrs. Gladys Icenhower is chairman of Little Rock Conference Guilds.

E. H. "Tank" Harrison and his wife, Dorothy, will lead the retreat at Aldersgate Camp, April 19 and 20. Mr. Harrison, a former captain with the Memphis Police Department, is now devoting full time to lay-evangelistic work. He is well known in this area, having spoken to thousands in schools, churches, and law enforcement break-fasts. Dorothy is equally committed. The retreat is open to the public. Registration is still open and may be sent to Mrs. Edwin R. Outlaw, Route 3, Box 76-A, Russellville, Ark. 72801, with the \$6.50 fee, which covers three meals, lodging and insurance. Those who attend are expected to stay from 10 a.m. Wednesday until 3 p.m. Thursday to benefit fully from the religious experience.



Mail registrations with payments before April 20 to:  
Mrs. Dale Hunter, 13924 West 12th, Little Rock, 72205.

Cost of retreat: \$7.50 (covers Saturday night housing, insurance, three meals, registration, and booklet for study.)

For those not staying overnight, \$1.00 for registration and insurance, plus cost of meals: \$1.85 Saturday night, \$1.30 Sunday, breakfast, \$1.60 Sunday lunch.

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## Financial Statement

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT  
(December 31, 1971 to March 31, 1972)

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$22,601.05	\$4,416.71	
Special Memberships	640.00	225.00	
In Remembrance	83.74	8.00	
World Thank Offering	289.80	20.70	
Total Credit on Pledge	23,614.59	4,670.41	(\$28,285.00)
Call to Prayer and Self Denial	2,745.17	952.10	
Supplementary Gifts	272.02	5.75	
E.T.W. Fund	329.61	10.30	
Total Receipts from Districts	26,961.39	5,638.56	(32,599.95)
Miscellaneous Refunds	83.50		
Interest Savings Certificate	509.44		
Taylor Endowment Fund	500.00		
	1,092.94		( 1,092.94)
Total Receipts			\$33,692.89
Balance in Savings & Checking Acct. December 31, 1971			19,010.54
Total to Account For			\$52,703.43

DISBURSEMENTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$19,768.31	\$3,665.87	
Special Memberships	640.00	225.00	
In Remembrance	83.74	8.00	
World Thank Offering	289.80	20.70	
Total Credit on Pledge	20,781.85	3,919.57	(\$24,701.42)
Call to Prayer and Self/Denial	2,745.17	952.10	
Supplementary Gifts	1,472.02	5.75	
Total sent to Division	24,999.04	4,877.42	29,876.46
Administration	108.32		
Newsletters		18.56	
Printing	33.99		
Church Women United	55.00		
District Cultivation	2,900.00	800.00	
Conference & Committee Meetings	366.39	140.29	
Connectional Work	5.12		
Contingency	71.00		
Christian Social Relations	127.57		
(2 Delegates to Natl. Legislative Seminar)			
Inter-Conference School of Chr. Mission	1,200.00	250.00	
	4,867.39	1,208.85	6,076.24
Total Disbursements			35,952.70
Bal. in Checking & Savings Acct. March 31, 1972			16,750.73
Total Accounted For			52,703.43

Mrs. Hubert Blakley,  
Treasurer, Little Rock Conference W.S.C.S.

## MONTICELLO WOMEN BEGIN NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Under the direction of their president, Mrs. Claude Babin, the Women's Society of First United Methodist Church, Monticello, has begun a new project. The women have invited the women of the small Methodist churches around Monticello who do not have a WSCS to participate in the one in Monticello.

In March, which was the first month of the project, eight women from the smaller churches attended and joined some of the Circles. Other women have indicated they plan to participate and join.

## SOUTHWEST WIVES REPORT

Little Rock District Ministers' Wives of the Southwest Conference met in the home of Mamie Wallace in Little Rock for the March meeting with fifteen members and five guests present.

Idabell Mitchell used a collage on "Joy" as a meditation thought. A knitting demonstration was given by Alexina Hazzard. Other members shared crocheted articles, painted glassware, home sewn creations and ideas for gifts.

At the next meeting, a year's report of all activities will be given by the president, Ruth Johnson. A fellowship period followed the benediction.



Moreland

## COUNTRY FAIR ARTS AND CRAFTS

Irma Moreland, Chairman of Arts and Crafts exhibits at the Country Fair, and members of the committee—Roberta Wittenburg, Esther Hozendorf, Edna Ray, Bernice Morehead, and Madge Franklin, have completed plans for this phase of the Fair to be held at Aldersgate Camp, Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Those exhibiting are asked to bring their own tables, show only one article per person in each category, have them at Aldersgate between 2 and 4 p.m., Friday, May 5, ready to set up. Suggested items worthy of exhibit will fall in the following categories: quilts, afghans, knitted articles, crewel and other embroidery, miscellaneous needle craft, oil paintings and other media of art as pine cone wreaths, pine needle crafts, seed pictures and flowers, dried arrangements, ceramics, tin craft, worship symbols, wood carving, candles, baskets, toys, paper flowers, decoupage, rugs (hooked, braided or crocheted), wall hangings and Christmas items.

Crafts in action at different hours of the day will include: weaving, tin craft, goop, paper and ribbon flowers, wood carving, hardanger needle craft, flower arrangements, and pine cone wreath making.

Individuals, church groups, that wish to do so may participate, and numerous other organizations have been invited to exhibit, including the State Hospital, Fort Roots, Fullerton School, Deaf School, Blind School, Arkansas Council of Churches and Senior Citizens groups.

If you wish to exhibit in arts and crafts division, write to Mrs. T. W. Moreland, Route 5, Box 474-E, Little Rock, Ark., 72207, describing the articles.

## RUMMAGE FOR COUNTRY FAIR

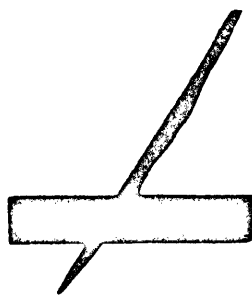
All local church coordinators of rummage for the Country Fair will attend a committee meeting at Aldersgate on Saturday, April 15, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Playground Shelter.

CENTRAL COLLECTION PLACES for rummage (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only, May 1-3) will be at these locations: First United Methodist Church, 8th and Center, Little Rock; First United Methodist Church, 22nd and Poplar, North Little Rock; Montgomery Ward (on the Mall) 300 S. University (loading dock, South side); Libby's Clothes Closet, 9813 West Markham, Little Rock.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for sorting and pricing on Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5; also for selling on Saturday, May 6. Volunteers may call Mrs. William D. Brown, 666-8347, or Mrs. Ed Wimberly, 225-5803. Mrs. E. D. Galloway is chairman of the committee.

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR APRIL 23: The Witnessing Fellowship

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Mark 5:1-20; Acts 8:4-40, 18:24-28

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you. (Mark 5:19)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help individuals accept their responsibility of witnessing for Christ and preparing themselves for this task.

Some time ago we read the story of a man riding across the country on a train. Late in the afternoon he jumped from his seat and ran up and down the aisle shouting, "Look! Look!", pointing out the window to the west. As the passengers looked they saw that he had been inviting them to share a gorgeous sunset. When he had seen this beauty he could not keep it to himself, but was compelled to share it. So it is with the Christian faith. When we have found it we cannot keep it to ourselves but must pass it on to others. The Christian church is a witnessing fellowship.

The responsibility for witnessing belongs to every person who has had the experience of redeeming grace. The world cannot be won by only a small group on the staffs of our churches or in the Board of Evangelism. In the intention of Jesus, every follower is a witness. It is imperative that we recover the concept of a witnessing church.

As we think about our own church today let us consider the image that people have of it and the kind of witness it is making. What keeps it going? Why do people choose to attend its worship services and participate in its activities. These questions will focus our attention on witness. This local church exists because some people had an experience and wanted to share that experience with others. What they did about it caused others to be attracted to it.

It is only through witness that the church survives. As Dr. Donald B. App has said in the International Lesson Annual, "The church is always one generation away from extinction. Take away its witnesses and it will die."

### WITNESSING TO BLESSINGS RECEIVED

The first background scripture in this lesson deals with healing of a man who had been possessed of demons. The passage from Matthew 5:18-20 tells of the man's natural inclination to want to become a part of Jesus' inner circle of disciples to know the enrichment that his emancipated spirit craved.

Jesus refused to let him go along saying to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." The important thing that Jesus told the man was that the most important place for him was among his own friends and acquaintances. Many people have found it much easier to bear a witness to their faith among strangers than among friends. Sometimes we see the difficulties of confessing our faith among our intimate acquaintances.

We should welcome the opportunity to speak up for our faith among those who are nearest to us. Bishop Arthur J. Moore tells the story of the young lumberjack who was converted just before leaving for a long period of work in the woods. Many of his friends were worried about whether he would be able to hold fast to his new faith in the midst of

the temptations to which he would be subjected. When he returned his pastor asked him what the other workers thought about his becoming a Christian. "They didn't find it out," he replied.

We have not found the Christian faith unless we are willing to share it among those with whom we live and work. I have noticed that workers in visitation evangelism crusades are often reluctant to accept assignments to visit their acquaintances and fellow workers. They usually will select the names of strangers from among the prospect list.

### ARE WE AFRAID TO WITNESS?

The thought of witnessing frightens some Christians. Fear, plus a feeling of inferiority about being prepared to witness, keeps many persons silent about their relation to Christ. Why should Christians be afraid? Why should they feel that they are not qualified to witness? This may be due in part to the idea that witnessing is the sole responsibility of professional evangelists. Surely this is not an up-to-date conclusion, because it is dedicated laymen who have shown themselves to be the best witnesses.

A witness is simply a person who reports what he has seen and heard. A Christian witness is one who tells others what Christ has done for him. The most effective of all witnesses are those who show by their deeds and actions that there is power in close association with Jesus. For all of those whom Jesus has brought joy, peace and forgiveness, there is an inner compulsion to share—not just the story of this great discovery, but also the need to become involved in the needs and problems of others.

Witnessing is a matter of obeying Christ. As we obey we find we are being strengthened. There is nothing like personal witness to promote spiritual growth. In our story the man who had been healed did what Jesus had called on him to do and proclaimed how much had been done for him "in the Decapolis," ten Greek cities east of the Jordan River.

The courage that we need to be good witnesses comes to us as we realize we must tell all that we have felt and seen in our experience of him.

### WITNESSING BEYOND OUR OWN GROUP

Our second scripture passage tells of the developments in the Jerusalem church following Stephen's death. Saul has just been introduced as consenting to that death and beginning his campaign of persecution. Acts 8:4 says: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

The martyrdom of Stephen triggered a massive persecution in which Saul became a leader. In fear of their lives, church members left the city seeking safety from their enemies. Although they left in fear, they did not remain silent. Wherever they went they spread the gospel. It has been interesting to note that wherever Christians have been scattered around the globe they have offered a witness to their faith.

One of the great periods of outreach began when Philip, an active leader of the Jerusalem church, began to preach the gospel to the Samaritans. Although he was a lay official in the church he became a strong witness in this first mission field. Apparently the Samaritans were ready for Philip's message. They listened to his testimony and began to turn their hearts toward his Christ.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon has pointed out that:

"Had the early Christians remained in Jerusalem, Christianity might have died as a local sect. However, from the first there was an impulse to move to wider circles, beyond the borders of Palestine. Essentially this was because at the heart of Christianity, there is an experience of love. Our witness cannot but leap over the walls of geography, race, social distinction, and economic levels. We share because we care."

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### THE WITNESS OF APOLLOS

The third passage of scripture used in our lesson today tells of a witness that took place some twenty years after the first push of the Gospel out from Jerusalem. Barnabas and Paul, sent out by the church at Antioch, took the word to Asia Minor, where Ephesus was located. Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke then pushed on to Europe, in what is now northern Greece. Somewhere in the course of these events Apollos had been reached with the Gospel.

Apollos was a Jew from Alexandria in North Africa, where for centuries there had been a large colony of Jews. We are not given the background of his preparation, but we do know that he went to Ephesus about A.D. 54.

One thing we note about the witness of Apollos was that he had a rather limited knowledge of the Christian way, "knowing only the baptism of John." Within the Ephesus church was a most unusual couple named Aquila and Priscilla. Through their friendship and personal influence the value of his ministry was deepened. We must admire the Christian character of these people because, instead of criticizing Apollos publicly for his inadequate message, they took him into their home and into their hearts and shared their fuller knowledge.

Every Christian minister can testify to the influence of persons like Aquila and Priscilla who have helped him through the rough days of his immaturity and nurtured him into a fuller understanding of his Christian responsibility. Others have fallen along the way because they lacked the opportunity Apollos had or they rejected it.

Sharing between believers was characteristic of the first century church, and it is interesting to note that enrichment and renewal are coming to many congregations today through this same process. The small groups that are meeting in thousands of homes are making a tremendous contribution to the life and power of the church today.

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### WITNESS IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION

One thing we have noted about the witnessing of the first century church is that it came to strength through opposition that was directed against it. The Book of Acts is filled with the stories of opposition to the Christian movement. This did not deter such workers as Apollos, who "powerfully confuted the Jews in public." (Acts 18:28)

Today finds many Christians making their witness in a world which is hostile to their cause. In many of the present protest movements—in many of the caucus groups which are appearing before the General Conference in Atlanta—are courageous leaders who are being moved to make their witness. It is so often to stereotype those who take positions with which we disagree and join in the opposition against them.

If our witness is to have integrity we must take a responsible position and give credit to those who are standing steadfast against criticism and opposition to say this is what I feel Christ wants me to say today.

Some feel that the church is being threatened in our day, but others are just as sincere in believing that the witness which is being made by persons of real integrity will produce a church which is stronger than any we have known in recent times. It is important that we think this through individually as we prayerfully consider our own personal witness.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon has said in International Lesson Annual: "We might be greatly surprised to learn how God views the witness of Christians today. As in the days of Jesus, his ways may not always be our ways."



## Key 73 effort gains support from most Christian groups

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI)—With the official inclusion of three Roman Catholic dioceses into Key 73 it has quickly become the most broadly ecumenical movement in North American history, according to the Rev. George Outen, Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Following a recent meeting of the Key 73 Central Committee here, Mr. Outen reported that in addition to the three Catholic Dioceses which have officially been included, others are discussing participation.

"We understand the matter of full denominational participation is to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the American Roman Catholic bishops," he said.

Key 73 is a North American movement of more than 130 denominations and Christian groups that have agreed to cooperate together in a continent wide evangelism thrust during 1973.

Mr. Outen said the diocese-by-diocese participation of Roman Catholics is not a new style for Key 73.

"Regional units of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States and the United Church of Christ have either become formal Key 73 members or are participating with other denominations on a regional basis even though their national units have not officially chosen to participate in Key 73," he said.

Participants in Key 73 have agreed to function both ecumenically and separately in a series of calendar events during the year. These events include several mass media specials, a continent wide scripture distribution, a massive witness emphasis, hundreds of spectacular preaching situations, and dozens of other high visibility activities. In addition, each participating denomination and group is planning its own coordinated program and many state and city councils of churches and ministerial associations are developing special Key 73 thrusts.

The three Roman Catholic dioceses included as full Key 73 participants are St. Louis and Cape Girardeau in Missouri and the Gallup Diocese in New Mexico. The Gallup Diocese is participating through involvement in the New Mexico Inter-Faith Agency.

Other new participants include: Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church; Brave Christian Associates; Dick Christman Evangelistic Association; Evangelical Mennonite; Faith Alive (Episcopal Laymen); Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Lay Action Yet; Lord's Day Alliance of the U.S.; Lutheran Bible Translators; National Association of Conference Evangelists; Project Winsome, International; Ed Robb Evangelistic Association; Tom Skinner Associates, Inc.; Tyndale House Publishers; and the United Church of Christ (Indiana-Kentucky Conference).

Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and chairman of the Key 73 executive committee, applauds the Key 73 movement for its "new style of participation."

"No denomination is called to affirm the theology or methodology of any other participant," he explained.

The participating denominations and groups are involved at a variety of levels. While some are encouraging cooperative activities, others are saying they will participate in only certain segments of the Program Calendar and only by themselves.

Key 73 is unique because it brings together some denominations which have not worked together before. In addition to United Methodists and Roman Catholics, the Key 73 participants include several "peace churches", most of the Pentecostals, most of the member groups of the National Council of Churches and National Association of Evangelical Denominations, the Salvation Army, Nazarenes, Southern Baptists, several black churches, and a wide variety of smaller denominations. Many evangelism organizations such as Campus Crusade and the Billy Graham Association are also participants.

"Key 73 offers a means for evangelism associations to work side by side with denominations in a cooperative thrust," said Dr. Victor Nelson of the Billy Graham Association. "Both evangelism groups and denominations are free to plan their own style of Key 73 participation with each doing what they do best." Nelson is vice-chairman of the Key 73 executive committee.

A resource book including a collection of program options and a catalog of existing evangelism resources from the participating groups will be released by the Central Committee early this summer.

There are more United Methodists on the Key 73 Central Committee than there are representatives from any other denomination because several of the non-denominational groups have United Methodists as their representatives. The United Methodists on the Key 73 Central Committee are: Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, representing the United Methodist General Board of Evangelism; the Rev. David Williams of the American Bible Society; Dr. Roger Ortmyer representing the National Council of Churches Evangelism and Celebration Section; the Rev. Ford Philpot of the Ford Philpot Crusade; the Rev. Jack Gray representing the National Association of Conference Evangelists; the Rev. Ed Robb of the Ed Robb Evangelistic Association;



WAITING to board trucks that will take them home is a sea of refugees at an Indian border camp. They are among 10,000,000 former East Pakistani refugees who fled the massacres and civil war of 1971, and are now returning to their new country of Bangladesh. The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR), on behalf of U.S. United Methodists, is aiding in the refugee return effort and helping to finance aid to 30,000,000 disaster victims in Bangladesh. UMCOR executive secretary, the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, said \$750,000 had been received as of March 17 in the January "Bishops Appeal" offering.

## News comes from Church of Pakistan

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Rt. Rev. John Victor Samuel, bishop of Multan Diocese of the Church of Pakistan and formerly bishop of the United Methodist Church of Pakistan, is now deputy moderator of his church. Another former United Methodist, Dr. Anwar Barkat, is general secretary.

That and other news of the Church of Pakistan was published in a March edition of "EACC News," periodic newsletter of the East Asia Christian Conference. It gave as sources a February 28 report from the Rt. Rev. Inayat Masih, bishop of Lahore Diocese, and visitors to Pakistan. EACC News said this was the "first communication of its kind since Easter of 1971 due to what Bishop Masih called the 'unsettled state of events' in Pakistan." Among items reported were the suffering of 50,000 Pakistani victims of the recent Indo-Pakistan war, a hospital dedication and outreach to Chris-

James Martin of Lay Action Yet; the Rev. Lamar Ball of the Institute for Church Renewal; Dr. Loren Young of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Dr. Danny Morris representing Brave Christian Associates; and Dr. Robert Coleman of the Good News movement.

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tians in a border area near Afghanistan.

The Church of Pakistan was formed in 1970 through union of the United Methodist Church of Pakistan (officially the Pakistan United Methodist Central Conference), the Anglican Church of Pakistan, the Pakistani Lutheran Church and the United Church in Pakistan (Presbyterian). Leading 40,000 United Methodists into the new 200,000-member church was Bishop Samuel, who in 1968 had been elected first indigenous bishop of the Central Conference.

Like other united churches, the Church of Pakistan retains ties with the United Methodist Church and the World Methodist Council. Bishop Samuel was in Denver last August for the Council's quinquennial meeting. He was a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions in 1963-64 and a delegate to the 1968 United Methodist General Conference. He is one of five bishops in the Church of Pakistan. Dr. Anwar Barkat, administrator professor at Forman Christian College in Lahore, is a member of the newly-elected (at Denver) Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

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## Afternoon General Conference preaching to be held at Trinity after all

LYNCHBURG, Va. (UMI) — An earlier decision to hold a series of afternoon preaching services at Trinity United Methodist Church during the denomination's General Conference in Atlanta, Ga., April 16-29 has been reaffirmed by the conference's Commission on Entertainment and Program.

A. G. Jefferson, chairman of the commission, said here April 4 that a mail poll of the commission's 18 voting members showed a majority standing by the earlier decision to hold the services at Trinity instead of First United Methodist Church. Mr. Jefferson said that ten members favored remaining at Trinity, five voted to move back to First Church, one abstained, one ballot had not been re-

turned, and he, as chairman, had not voted.

The poll was taken by Mr. Jefferson after Bishop John Owen Smith of Atlanta and his cabinet of district superintendents had said they would assume responsibility for the services if they were held at First Church.

Originally scheduled at First Church, the services were moved to Trinity by the Commission on Entertainment and Program after the pastor of First Church, the Rev. Robert V. Ozment, objected to one of the designated preachers speaking from his pulpit. The minister to which Dr. Ozment objected is the Rev. A. Cecil Williams, controversial pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, Calif.

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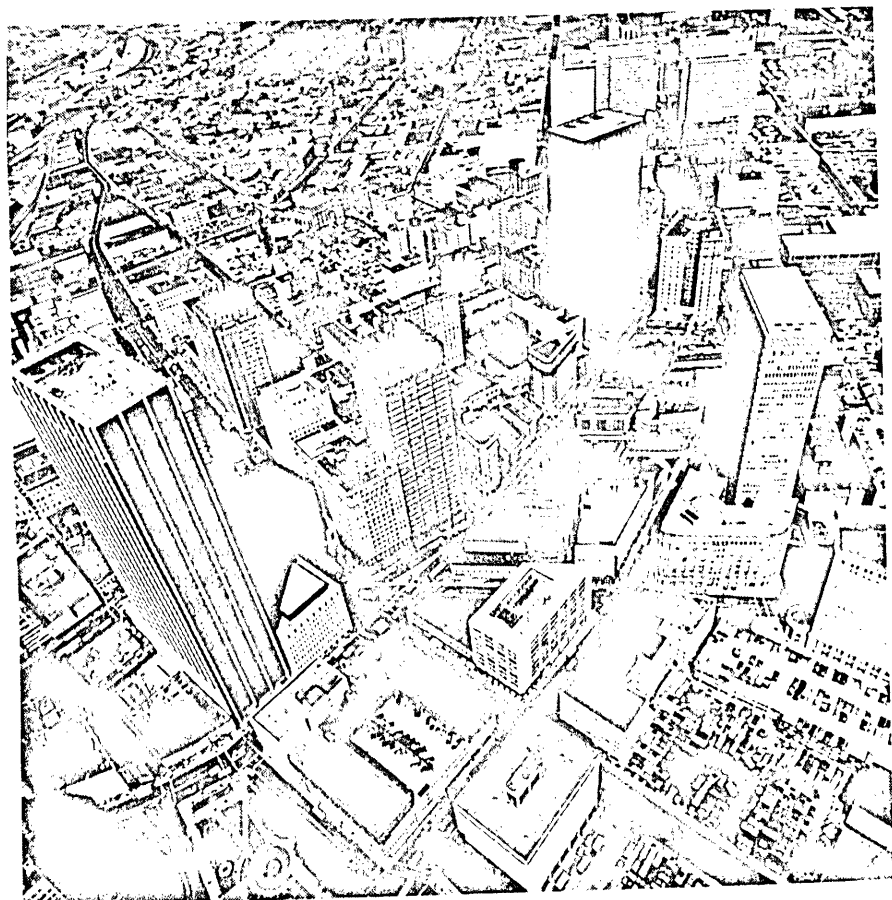
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■ April 19 — World Methodist Night at General Conference

## Astronaut to narrate multi-media production

NEW YORK (UMI)—"Out on the Edge of Time," a multi-media production whose main message is that Christ is alive and reigning in the world, will be presented on World Methodist Night, an official session of the United Methodist Church General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. World Methodist Night will be presented at 7:30 p.m. April 19 in the Atlanta Civic Center Theater.

Featuring United Methodists from around the globe including American astronaut Alan Bean, "Out on the Edge of Time" was planned by a special committee headed by Dr. J. Otis Young, an associate publisher of the Methodist Publishing House.

The Junaluska Singers, a group whose home base is at United Methodist Southeastern Jurisdiction Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N.C., will open the program, singing in 15 different languages Charles Wesley's hymn, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," after which a large model of the planet Earth will be revealed by a spotlight. The model was loaned to General Conference by the National Aeronautics and Space Center in Houston, Texas. Astronaut Bean, a member of Seabrook United Methodist Church, Seabrook, Texas, is scheduled to provide narration and make a personal statement during this early portion of the program. Mr. Bean, who has walked on the moon, is commander of Sky Lab II, scheduled to be put into space in 1973 for a period of 56 days.

The theme of "Man and His World" will be carried out by interpretive dancers and films showing an infant, children and astronauts, after which viewers will be told briefly about the first Methodists. Then they will be taken to the present world, 240 years later, where a series of speakers will talk about "the latitude and longitude of our contemporary global mission." They are scheduled to include Mrs. Hilda Fuster, a Cuban living in Flori-

da; Bishop Mortimer Arias of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia; the Rev. Jaimo Bravo, an Aymaran Indian pastor from Bolivia now in exile in the United States; Mrs. Sophie Charan, a delegate from Methodist Church of Southern Asia (India) to the General Conference, and Bishop Yap Kim Hao of the Methodist Church of Singapore-Malaysia.

Those, plus others, are to talk about the church's impact in their countries plus such problems as concentration of the world's resources in the hands of a small percentage of its peoples, over-population, East Bengali refugees, and the struggle for rights of the black majority in Rhodesia. The work of a church in Ravenna, Ohio, to help provide water and sewer service for a nearby black community also will be described in the narration.

The relation of Christian evangelism to "crisis-issues" of the world is to be interpreted by Bishop Federico J. Pagura, United Methodist bishop of Panama and Costa Rica, with the other speakers participating. Astronaut Bean is to help conclude the presentation as the narrators, supplemented by the voices of the Junaluska Singers, urge the audience to "walk with us! Out onto the edge of time, the edge of a new generation, the edge of God's Kingdom, the edge of Now."

David Abernathy, a United Methodist communications consultant from Atlanta, is director and producer of the program. Writer and executive producer is John Clayton of Katonah, N.Y., former director of films for TRAFICO (United Methodism's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication) and for the National Council of Churches. TRAFICO staff is assisting in preparation of audio and film materials for the production. A film to be shown during the population sequence is distributed by the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

## Religious leaders urge discussion of Population Growth Commission report

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Leaders of several Protestant and Jewish religious organizations expressed a "welcome" here March 29 for the report of the President's Commission on Population Growth and the American Future. They urged wide discussion of its recommendations, despite disagreement that has already arisen over some points.

Among the 18 persons who signed a joint statement were two United Methodists, who also were among more than a score of denominational leaders who had earlier noted that the report in many ways accords with United Methodist positions. The two are Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Among other things, the commission's series of reports call for planning for a stabilized U. S. population, maintenance of immigration levels, establishment of a continuing federal agency to study the population situation and recommend actions, better sex education, wider availability of contraceptive information and help, policies to reduce migration to the cities, and to "reduce restrictions on the entry of low and moderate income people to the suburbs."

The interfaith statement called the report "an important contribution to the search for solutions to the growing ecological crisis." Expressing regret at the report's "immediate condemnation . . . on doctrinal grounds" by some groups, especially because of its views on abortion and contraception, the statement urged that such controversy "should not be allowed to obscure the need for discussion of the commission's call for a national population goal and policy." It reminded that "none of us may agree with all the

recommendations."

Both Bishop Lord and Dr. Ward participated in the press conference, along with Dr. Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches, and Mrs. Lois Stair, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

They stressed that the support expressed for population limitation is based on a goal of "quality of life" and is founded on moral considerations. Dr. Wedel and Bishop Lord noted that the moral aspects include the bringing of unwanted children into the world, often with tragic consequences for the children, the use of limited resources to serve an expanding population and the community problems often resulting from children "who are unwanted and know they are unwanted."

The United Methodist statement urged the President to accept the report in the spirit of encouraging "nationwide attention, honest study and free debate."

It pointed out that the commission's call for reform of abortion laws in the states "accords with the position of the United Methodist Church as adopted by the General Conference in 1970, which urges that the states remove the regulation of abortion from the criminal code, placing it instead under regulations relating to other procedures of medical practice."

The statement also says:

"It is our belief that the decision on any particular abortion should be open to the pregnant woman as a matter of human right and moral accountability. A large segment of the religious community has adopted a similar position.

"We would emphasize that recommendations dealing with family planning, contraception and abor-

tion do not ask those who disapprove such practices to change their personal beliefs or actions. We also affirm that in a democratic and pluralistic society, the doctrinal beliefs of any one segment of the population should not be imposed by law on those who believe otherwise.

"The President's Commission on Population Growth and the American Future has performed a great service. We believe that the task of developing a national policy on population can be life-affirming, not life-denying, and that our goal should be not mere quantity of life, but a more abundant life for all."

Signers include, besides Bishop Lord and Dr. Ward, Bishops Francis Kearns of Canton, Ohio, W. Maynard Sparks of Seattle, James Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, Charles F. Golden of San Francisco, D. Frederick Wertz of Charleston, W. Va., and Lloyd C. Wicke of New York; five top officers of the Women's Division, Board of Missions —Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington of Omaha, president, and Vice Presidents

Doris M. Handy of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. John Paul Stone of San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Edward Sears of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Mrs. Frank Calhoun of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; the Rev. Edward Staples of Nashville, Tenn., secretary, General Committee on Family Life; Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, Washington, D. C., dean, Wesley Theological Seminary; Dr. John M. Swomley, Jr., of St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Roger Burgess, Evanston, Ill., general secretary, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries; the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, New York, general secretary, Board of Missions; Dr. Herman Will, Jr., and the Rev. Grover C. Bagby, associate general secretaries, Board of Christian Social Concerns.

In a separate statement Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey of Jackson, Miss., a United Methodist laywoman and president of Church Women United, supported the appeal for study of the commission report. She added: "The pluralistic nature of our society requires that many voices be heard and respected on an issue of such importance to our nation."

## Poetry Panorama By Barbara L. Mulkey

Albert Einstein once observed, "He to whom the emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed."

### The Heart Of Man

A man's not a man without a DREAM in his heart.  
A dream that sparkles and glows.  
A dream that never is lessened by years,  
But continues to grow and grow.

A man's not a man without a SONG in his heart.  
A song with a beautiful theme.  
One that puts a sparkle in the eyes  
And helps keep alive one's dream.

A man's not a man without FAITH in his heart.  
Faith in what the future will bring.  
Faith in the goodness of his fellowman,  
And in the song his heart sings.

A man's not a man without LOVE in his heart.  
A love that must be shared to live.  
A love that will not fade nor grow less  
But grow stronger and better as one's willing to give.

So a man needs love; a man needs faith;  
A man needs a dream and a song.  
Then when he's tempted by the pitfalls of life,  
He stands steadfast and strong.

-by Eunice McGraw

### Give Your Best

Within each human heart a love-spring flows,  
Seeking release into a world athirst  
For cooling drafts of hope and joy and peace.  
With forceful might, these waters seek to burst  
The holding dams of bitter selfishness,  
To battle cares that gnaw into our souls;  
They seek a way to lift us to the heights  
And help us reach our greater, nobler goals.  
But if we cannot let them freely pour  
And stifle all our greed and hate and fears,  
The time may come when they will quit the fight  
And leave us only unrequited tears.  
So give your best to all who come along  
And hear your love-spring murmuring its song.

-by Deener W. Wardlow

## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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

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Lance Webb



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"Something's missing," the resident bishop of the Methodist Church in Illinois asserts. "A tragic gap exists between our scientific and technical knowledge and our human ability to perceive the crucial moral and spiritual insights needed for creative action." DISCIPLINES FOR LIFE is a new release by Word Books (hardback, \$4.95) that's well on its way to becoming a top seller.

The author's own struggles to find a faith that works are unmasked in warm concern for the "joyless generation that has grown up in a secular age with an overabundance of knowledge and skills in the 'how-tos' and very little understanding of the 'whys' and 'why-nots'."

Christian faith, to Webb, is the commitment to "act without proof." It is this unqualified acceptance of God that enables secular, scientifically oriented man to escape "the clutches of the new god megatechnology."

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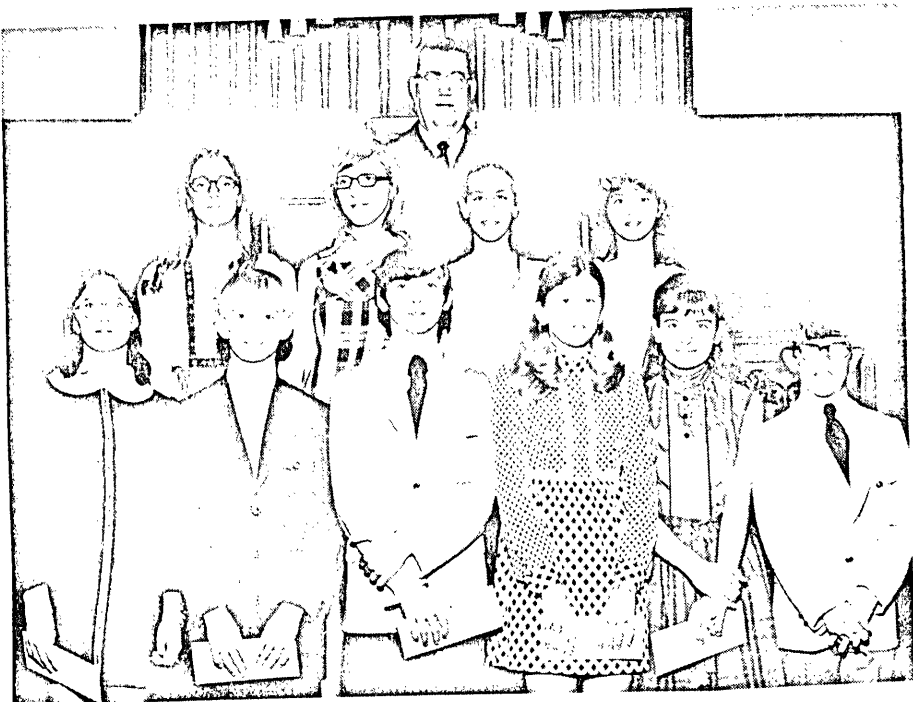
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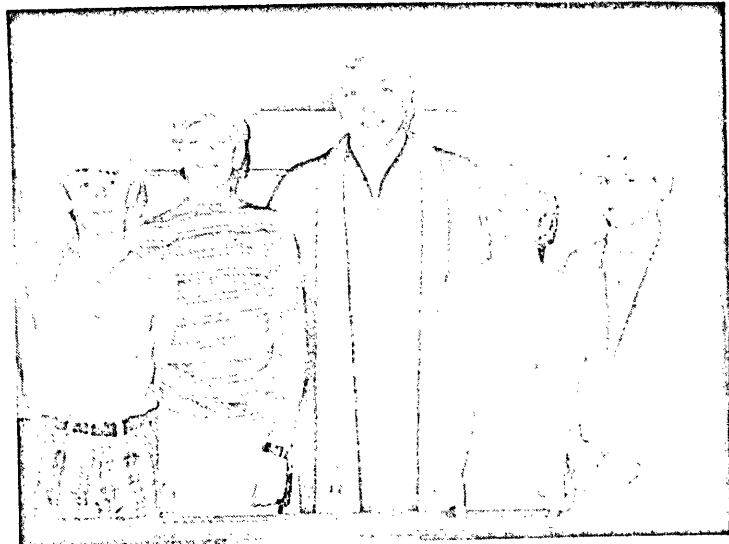
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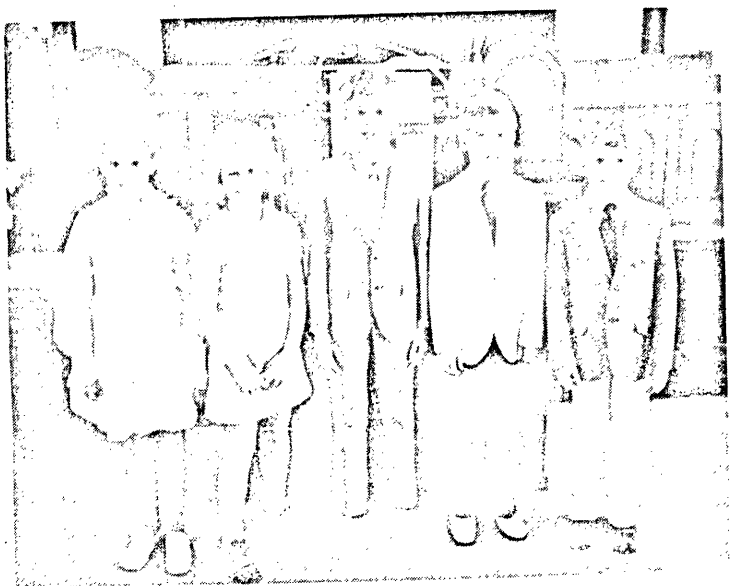




Confirmation Class received into full membership of first United Methodist Church in Marianna on Palm Sunday shown with their pastor, the Rev. W. Leonard Byers.



Among the ten young persons received into the membership of Mabelvale United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday were these young men pictured with the Rev. Ben Hines, pastor. Each was presented a pew Bible from their church as Pastor Hines received them into full membership following an eight-weeks' training period.



The Rev. Wendell Dorman, pastor of the Manila United Methodist Church, received the five boys and girls shown here into the membership of the church on Easter—two of whom were Dormans. FROM LEFT: Ginger Croom, Margaret Kay Dorman, Wendell Ray Dorman, Jr., Benny Rayder, and Dwight Duckworth.



The children of Asbury United Methodist Church, Batesville, who took part in an Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the church. The Rev. George R. Cleary is the pastor.

#### News in Brief

FIRST CHURCH, North Little Rock, has received a \$500 check from the estate of Miss Berah Eason. This represents one-half of her bequest of \$1,000 to First Church, of which the Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

MRS. BERNICE ROGERS serving in the Batesville Cooperative Parish, will be attending the Working Seminar for church and community workers at General Conference. The resource person for the Seminar is Dr. Tex S. Sample, Professor of Church and Society, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. The Seminar will be held April 16 through April 22.

THE EDITH MARTIN CIRCLE of First United Methodist Church, Harrison has presented the church a silk American flag in memory of Mrs. Mary House Keesee, to be used in fellowship hall. A dedication service was held March 27. Mrs. Keesee had served as housemother at Hendrix College over 25 years before moving to Harrison where she was a faithful member of First Church until her death in 1964.

DR. H. L. BOYER of Lincoln, a veteran of 60 years in the medical field and an active churchman, will be honored with his wife at a reception next Sunday afternoon, April 16, in fellowship hall of Central United Methodist Church in Lincoln. All friends are invited to greet them between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Vann Hooker is pastor of the Lincoln Parish Charge.

MISS MARCELLE PHILLIPS of Booneville taught the course on "The New Generation in Africa" in the Waldron United Methodist Church in sessions held March 6-8 and 14-16. The Rev. Frank Clemmons is the Waldron pastor.

MARKED TREE United Methodist Church held Holy Week services with the Rev. Wayne Clark, Corning Methodist minister, bringing the messages. The Rev. Bob Orr was host pastor.

CONCORD CHURCH near Lonoke was the setting for an inspirational service on Easter morning. The service was presented by the Methodist Youth Fellowship under the direction of Mrs. Myrtle Finch and Mrs. LaVonne McDonald. The Young Peoples Choir furnished music accompanied by Mrs. Janie Campbell. The Easter Story was given by Steve Finch and the sermonette was by Jim Bo Clement. The young people also furnished the arrangement of Easter lilies with a cross. The Rev. T. G. Poss is pastor of Concord Church.

DR. AND MRS. C. RAY HOZENDORF will leave Friday, April 14, for the sessions of the General Conference at Atlanta, where Dr. Hozendorf will serve as a member of the Legislative Committee on Communication and Publication and also as one of the tellers. On April 16 he will preach at the Dallas United Methodist Church near Atlanta. On April 23 he will preach at Dublin, Georgia, where Rev. L. Shannon Holloway, a Duke University class mate, is pastor.

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