

Dr. James B. Argue

Dr. Argue to deliver Willson Lectures at Hendrix

Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, will give the 1972 Willson Lectures at Hendrix College on Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25.

The theme for the lectures will be "The Eighth Day of Creation." On Monday evening at 7 p.m. Dr. Argue will speak on "The Nature of Creativity." On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, he will speak on "Creativity and Vocational Choice," and at 7 p.m.,

on "Creativity and You." All lectures will be held in Greene Chapel.

Dr. Argue is a native of Tulsa, Okla., and a graduate of DePauw University. Prior to coming to Pulaski Heights he had spent his entire ministry in the Texas Conference serving among others, the Bethany Methodist Church in Houston, First Methodist in Palestine and A&M Methodist Church in College Station. Hendrix College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity on him in 1967. His Sunday morning worship service is televised each week on Channel 4 at 11 a.m.

The Willson Lectures were established at Hendrix College in 1956 through the generosity of the J. M. Willson Family of Floydada, Tex. The Willsons provided an endowment to bring outstanding lecturers to the Hendrix College Campus to discuss vital issues confronting the Christian student.

This West Texas family sponsors Willson Lectures in numerous colleges, universities and other institutions. Honorary degrees have been received by the Willsons for their contributions to the quest for religious understanding in higher education.

In addition, the Willsons have contributed generously of their time as Trustees of colleges related to The United Methodist Church, Dr. J. M. Wilson has served as a trustee of Southern Methodist University and McMurray College and Dr. Mavis Terry Willson has served as a trustee of Texas Wesleyan College and Lydia Patterson Institute.

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SMU president named; Dr. Tate to continue as chancellor

Dr. Paul Hardin, III, president of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C., for the past four years, was elected April 10 as the sixth president of Southern Methodist University.

The announcement of Dr. Hardin's election by SMU's Board of Trustees was made by Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of Dallas, chairman of the 77-member board.

Dr. Willis M. Tate, president of SMU for the past 18 years and chancellor and president since November 12, 1971, will relinquish the position of president when Dr. Hardin takes office on July 1.

Chancellor Tate and Dr. Hardin will serve as the executive officers of the University, representing SMU in carrying out the mandates of the Board of Trustees.

"I met with the Presidential Search Committee for every meeting," said Bishop Pope, "and I must say I could not be happier over our choice, both for SMU and for the Church."

William P. Clements, Jr., chairman of the Searcy Committee and chairman of SMU's Board of Governors, said: "We've got our first choice after a long, thorough search. I am extremely pleased."

Chancellor Tate, who initiated the search for SMU's new president, said that he was delighted with the choice of the Search Committee and that he had worked closely with the candidate "in defining the challenging opportuni-

ty which the chancellor-president relationship offers for SMU's future." He added: Paul Hardin, III, is a first-class educator, an able administrator, and a fine churchman. It will be a privilege to work with him in the interest of Southern Methodist University."

During a four-month, nationwide

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RIGHT: Participants in April 9 groundbreaking ceremonies for new First United Methodist Church to be built at Hope. FROM LEFT: Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, Hope District superintendent; the Rev. Jerry Westmoreland, associate pastor, and the Rev. Norris Steele, pastor.

(HOPE STAR photos by C. M. Rogers Jr.)



Laymen who took part in groundbreaking ceremonies for new church at Hope, left to right: William R. Routon, chairman of Trustees; George T. Frazier, Building Committee; Mrs. Arch Wylie, W.S.C.S. president; Roy Anderson, oldest active member; Donna Johnson, newest member, and John R. Graves, chairman of Administrative Board. It is anticipated that the new edifice will be completed within a year.

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■ Bishop Ensley delivers episcopal address at General Conference

Emphasis on "redemptive faith" urged in "State of Church" message

by AAK

Approximately 8,900 people crowded into the Atlanta Civic Center Exhibition Hall for the opening communion service of the 1972 General Conference. Bishop Paul Hardin, president of the Council of Bishops, presided at the session, and Bishop Charles Brashares, retired, brought the sermon at the worship service.

Caucuses met late Sunday evening following the communion service with more than ten groups meeting to plan their strategy for presenting their causes before the General Conference. The largest group which met on Sunday evening included about 2,000 people who attended First Methodist Church to discuss the presentation and strategy for action on the report of the Structure Study Commission.

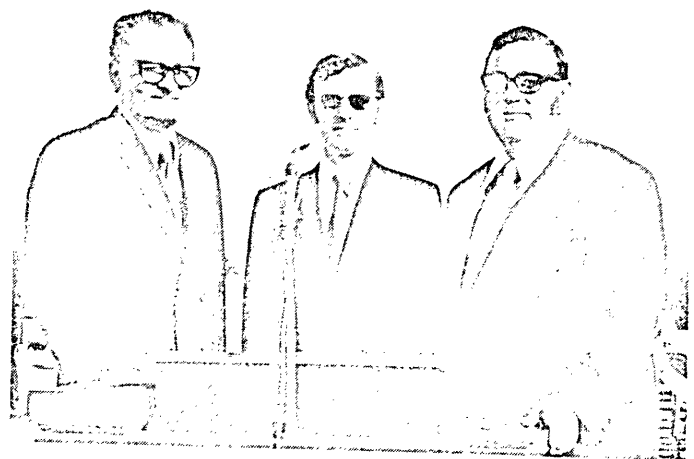
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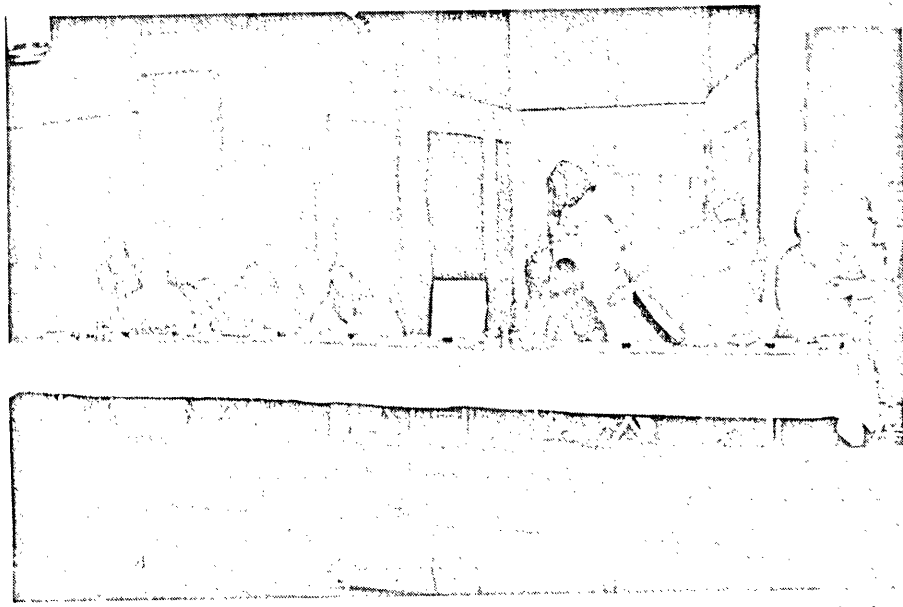
voted to perfecting the organization of General Conference and the election of Dr. J. B. Holt of Perkins School of Theology as the new secretary of General Conference, succeeding Wesley Hole.

The episcopal address was delivered by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, in which he made suggestions of assessments in the traditional "State of the Church" message in the quadrennial session. In the first place, the bishop reminded the delegates that the Christian gospel must be conceived as it was in the days of its greatest strength, a redemptive faith, and that the church must convince modern men that ours is a redemptive universe.

The 7,000 word address took a hard

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A dramatic portrayal of "The Last Supper" as depicted in Leonardi da Vinci's well known work of art, was presented by the Men's Club at Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith on Palm Sunday. The Rev. Larry Powell, pastor, narrated the presentation, as members of the cast assumed the poses indicated in the da Vinci painting, and each performer gave a brief autobiographical account of the role he portrayed. Plans are underway to present the drama annually.

80 Ministers Exchanging Pulpits

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) —A group of 80 ministers, including a bishop, will be involved this summer in the exchange program sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

Of the total, 38 are from the United States, 32 are from England, two from Northern Ireland, two from Germany, and one each from the Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, Wales and New Zealand. Most of the exchanges will be for the summer months, but two will continue for a year.

A unique feature of this year's program is the participation of Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, a president of the World Methodist Council. Bishop Ensley will occupy the pulpit of the Rev. S. R. Meech in Epsom, Surrey, England. Mr. Meech will preach in churches of the Ohio West Conference and participate in various conference activities.

\$29,478,493 Paid in Pensions

EVANSTON, ILL. (UMI)—A total of \$29,478,493 was paid in pensions to 17,250 retired United Methodist ministers and other annuitants during 1971, according to the denomination's General Board of Pensions.

The average age of an annuitant is 74 years, the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary, said, with 27 persons more than 100. The average pension check paid to ministers was some \$200 per month.

AT RIGHT: The Rev. David Driver, senior at Candler School of Theology, at Emory University, is a native of Rogers, and was a resident at Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock from 1958 until 1965. He graduated from Little Rock's Central High School and after one summer term at Southern State College in Magnolia enrolled at Hendrix College where he graduated in June of 1969. Driver was licensed to preach in the Little Rock District in May of 1966. He has served as summer youth director with the Rev. Harold Sadler at Stamps in 1967, and with the Rev. Bob Trieschmann at Smackover in 1968. He was accepted as a probationary member and ordained deacon in the North Arkansas Conference in 1970. During the summer of 1970 he served as youth director and associate pastor at Mullins, S. Car., and assumed a similar position with the Rev. Bill Womack at Heber Springs during the summer of 1971. He expects to return to the North Arkansas Conference for an appointment.

Arkansas/Louisiana projects featured in April response

Two articles in the April issue of *response*, magazine for United Methodist Women, are of special interest to Arkansas and Louisiana readers.

The lead five-page article features St. Mark's Community Center of New Orleans. It is entitled "Community Centers are no longer Child's Play" and is written by Bella Jarrett with pictures by Raymond Nance.

The section "From the Regions" features "Learning to Read in Arkansas." This describes the Laubach Literacy movement in Arkansas which has been spearheaded by Methodist minister's wives of the state, encouraged by Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, bishop's wife. The article is by Mrs. Earl Hughes, minister's wife of Forrest City and chairman of Christian Social Relations for the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society.

DR. EDWARD B. HOLLENBECK, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Benton is the author of the lead article in the May issue of "The Christian Home". The article entitled: "What Makes A Marriage Christian?" introduces the theme of the month which is "Marriage Relationship".

Dr. Power to lead Preaching Mission in Malvern

A Perkins School of Theology associate professor of Old Testament, who in 1971 was chosen "Outstanding Professor" in the S.M.U. Rotunda, will lead a Bible Preaching Mission at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, May 7-10.

Dr. W. J. A. Power's messages will be centered around the topic: "Encounter: Old Testament," according to the pastor, the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft. He will bring the message at the 8:30 and 10:50 worship services on Sunday morning, and will speak at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening. A church-wide family dinner will precede the Sunday evening service.

Dr. Powell will also bring messages at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

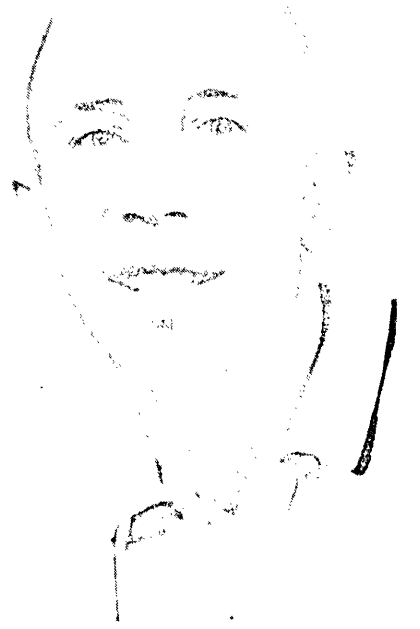
Dr. Powers received the B.A. and M.A. degrees in Near Eastern languages from the University of Toronto; and the Ph. D. degree in Hebrew from that same institution. He was on leave of absence during 1967-68 for study of contemporary Israeli archaeology at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and conducted an archaeological survey of sites in the desert south of Amman, Jordan. He also engaged in studies at the Carl Jung Institute in Zurich.

A nursery will be provided for all services.

ANTIQUE AUCTION TO BE FEATURE OF COUNTRY FAIR

A highlight of the Aldersgate Country Fair, May 6, will be the Antique and Treasure Auction. Plans for this are under the direction of Mrs. Paul V. Galloway and Miss Mary Florence Scobey and a large committee. The ladies have already collected a large number of items, according to Mrs. Galloway, who is donating some rare glass from her late mother's collection.

The committee is appealing to the public for donations of antiques or unusual treasures. These will be on display at the Country Fair all day Saturday, and at 6:00 p.m. the auction will get underway. A professional auctioneer will entice the public to bid and buy.



Gerald Cound

Director of Student Services named at Hendrix

Gerald Cound, presently instructor in physical education and track coach at Hendrix College, has been named director of Student Services at Hendrix.

This is a new position and the appointment of Cound was made recently by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president.

"We have created this new position," Dr. Shilling said, "because we are convinced we need a bold new approach to student services and programs. This director of student services will have the responsibility for developing a comprehensive, diversified, ongoing program of student services and activities aimed at meeting more adequately the out-of-class needs of Hendrix students. Its thrust will be toward a more creative use of leisure to enhance the academic program of each student."

Cound is a graduate of State College of Arkansas. While a student there he won the Neil Gibson Martin Athletic Award and was the NAIA National 880 yard run champion. He has also served in Venezuela in the Peace Corps and has been the assistant director of Student Work for the Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. Cound is the former Mariette Spinks of North Little Rock. The Counds have three children Mike, 7, Chela, 4, and Jerry, 1. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Conway.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT HOLLY GROVE CHURCH

The Holly Grove United Methodist Church will commemorate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, April 30. Former members and pastors are invited to the 10 a.m. worship service and the dinner at noon. The new parsonage will be dedicated at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Charles Nance is pastor.

"Signs of Life" as seen by Chairman of Council of Secretaries

The United Methodist General Conference is a very democratic body, made up of elected delegates from 75 Annual Conferences in the United States and 20 conferences overseas. Once the chairman bangs the gavel, the conference is off the ground and flying. Nobody knows for sure where the big bird will touch down or when the tour will end. There will be 1,000 delegates trying to advise the sky pilots in the chair. More than half of them never rode in this kind of vehicle before. Some of them may even be hijackers.

Like most of you, I am a layman, not a member of the clergy. However, let me try to make a three-point landing on this subject in true churchly homiletical style.

First, the issue which I hope will not preoccupy the conference is that of structure. Some say that when an institution becomes preoccupied with its own structure, it is sounding a death rattle. It is certainly true that the United Methodist Church, like any other massive institution can become so intent on contemplating its own "innards" that it forgets its basic mission. I honestly believe that the church is nowhere near dead. In fact, there are some exciting signs of life. Nevertheless, during the first few days at least, the conference largely will be dealing with the report of the Structure Commission.

The commission believes its proposals will bring about a more representative national organization, more flexible and more efficient. Critics of the report think the plan does not improve on grass roots representation in decision-making, and that the proposals will centralize too much power in the hands of too few. Those are the issues: representation and decision making and centralization of power.

Now to the more important signs of life I mentioned, and to the second point of my three-point landing. One of the fascinating aspects of this General Conference will be the effect of unofficial caucus groups. I view these groups as evidence of real life, vitality, and a new openness on the part of the organized church. They represent groups who believe the church is not dead, but provides a viable instrument for good. They will be heard and the establishment of the church is listening more carefully than before.

In 1968, the racial caucuses came into their own — Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Indian. The result has been the creation of a continuing Commission on Religion and Race, and a 20 million dollar fund for reconciliation.

In 1970, the youth caucus came of age. The result has been self-determination for the Council on Youth Ministry and the seating of youth delegates on the conference floor for the first time.

I predict that 1972 will be the year of the women's caucus. There are more delegates who are women at this General Conference than ever before, approximately 130. There will also be a strong caucus group at work. Two major goals will be to achieve representation for women throughout the church commensurate with their 54 per cent membership, and to establish an adequate continuing Commission on the status and role of women.

These and other caucuses will be important and I think will be healthy influences on the General Conference and evidences of life in the church.

There will be a lot of debate on social issues. There always is when United Methodists meet. We believe the Christian message applies to all of life. We have tried to say so loud and clear, throughout our history. Any church willing to come to grips with the basic issues of life and death, war and peace, human relationships, and obedience to civil law is very much alive. Of course, there are risks when we do this in public forum. Not the least is the way the press may report what is said. But a clear voice of conscience is needed in our society, particularly in an election year.

The report of the Social Principles Study Commission ploughs some new ground, but it is based on statements of the two former churches. It deals with the ecology, animal life, and space, for example. It touches on the family, marriage, human sexuality, birth and death in new ways. It also updates more traditional statements on rights of ethnic minorities, religious minorities, children, youth, aging, and women. The economic community, the political community, and the world community are discussed.

Perhaps the most important new material in the social issues discussion is the emphasis on what people are rather than what people do. The Family Life statement, and other resolutions from the Board of Christian Social Concerns, the emphasis on Rights for Women all get us beyond our former preoccupations with drinking and smoking to questions of life and death, abortion, contraception, human sexuality. The fact that the church is struggling to deal openly with these issues is an important sign of relevance. This is where the people are really confused and hurting—where life is.

(The following statement by Dr. Roger Burgess was made to the press briefing just prior to the opening of the General Conference. We are delighted to share it with you as a guest editorial from Atlanta. —AAK)

Some of the other social issues to be discussed—amnesty for war resisters, abortion, drugs, war in Indo-China, issues of repression, including police and military harassment, health care as a right, and many others.

To close, let me mention the flight fuel—money. In a time when many churches are cutting back their programs because of decreased giving, the United Methodist Church is expanding its program because of increased giving.

In 1970, our people gave nearly 820 million dollars to support their church. This was up nearly 20 million dollars from the year before. It is interesting to note that the 42 to 48 million dollars we debate at General Conference represents only five per cent of the total. That per cent figure has been pretty constant for nearly 10 years.

There has been a shift of emphasis. Our people clearly want to give their money to programs they can see and understand. Some national programs have given way to more localized concerns. Funding proposals for the next four years cut down on administrative overhead and the funding of national boards. But they include items like a six-million dollar fund for Black churches, and a one and one-half million dollar annual Human Relations Day offering to support minority empowerment.

Like other institutions, you can tell a lot about the life of a church by watching where the money goes. Take a good look at the report of the Council on World Service and Finance.

the Editor's Corner



First Day's Business
in Atlanta

One of the major questions of the Restructure Study Report was answered at General Conference Monday afternoon in an unscheduled business session. The delegates in a decisive first vote on the crucial issue decided not to refer the report as a unit to the Legislative Committee.

The decision meant that each section will be referred to the Legislative Committee dealing most directly with the agencies being considered in a specific part of that study report. This means that sections of the report will be acted on periodically throughout the sessions.

As we understand it, this will give delegates a much better opportunity to accept some parts of the report and reject others. Had the long report been referred as a unit, in the minds of many delegates, there would have been less opportunity to slow down its passage.

It is the opinion of Dr. Albert Outler and others that the wisest course of action would be to postpone action on the restructure for another four years. As one dear woman delegate from Pennsylvania put it, "We've been restructuring for all of the last four years."

Debate on Monday concentrated on two points—the concern of power in the Council on Ministries, and the distance the proposed structure puts between local church and general church.

One thing we know for sure, the fate of restructure will not be decided early in the conference.

There is no structural organization of society which can bring about the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, since all systems can be perverted by the selfishness of man.—William Temple

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Religious Heritage of America has announced as award winners, five Americans who have made significant contributions to mankind in the furtherance of brotherhood, religious education and human welfare in the highest traditions of our religious heritage. Awardees include: Clergyman—Theodore M. Hesburgh, Notre Dame University (Ind.) president; Churchman—Jerome Hines, Metropolitan Opera star; Churchwoman—Mrs. Lenore Romney, wife of the secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Gold Medal—Dr. Charles Forbes Taylor, long-time evangelist with a ministry international in scope, and Special Award—Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, president of Tyndale House Publishers and translator of the Bible into simple, contemporary language.

Some 500 persons at First Baptist Church in Atlanta celebrated the Jewish festival of Passover as part of the congregation's observance of a Southern Baptist emphasis on Jewish Fellowship Week. Jonas J. Cohen, field evangelist for the American Bd. of Missions to the Jews, led the congregation through the various parts of the seder, during a service designed to give the Baptists an understanding of Jewish customs and traditions. Mr. Cohen explained the significance of each item as the congregation joined in eating the various elements of the Passover meal, including maror (strong horseradish), charoset (mixture of apples, nuts, spices and wine) and bitter herbs.

Among some 500,000 students visiting the resort areas in the Daytona Beach area of Florida during the Easter vacation were 500 who took part in a three-weeks Southern Baptist evangelism project. In Fort Lauderdale, they spent afternoons talking with other students on beaches and operated a coffee-house in the evenings. Mornings were spent in Bible study and evangelism training. In Daytona, they operated a "Rap Room" visited by more than 500 people, and assisted the Red Cross in securing 72 pints of blood. Nathan Porter, Home Mission Bd. director of student evangelism, describing the experience of the Baptist students engaged in the evangelistic project said: "They are taxed to the fullest, physically and emotionally, but they are seeing God at work as never before. As God works in their life, they will touch the lives of others."

Handicapped children in Greenwood, Ind. will soon be attending a special Bible class for handicapped children which has been established at the Greenwood Christian church. A teacher in the Indianapolis school system's Department of Special Education, assisted by an Indianapolis public school teacher and a licensed practical nurse, is serving as class instructor. Formation of the class was the idea of William T. Ryker, a former national consultant for United Cerebral Palsy, who said, "We are equipping our public school systems with the tools and faculty for special education of the handicapped but little special attention has been given to providing them with spiritual training. This is the aim and objective of our special Bible class."

New York Bible Society International has released an eight-page tabloid featuring a modern language version of the Gospel of John, in an effort to make the Bible "a part of today's street scene." The newspaper, "Great News," features contemporary black-and-white graphics and such chapter titles for the Gospel as "Rapping at the Wall" (Chapter 4), "Has-sled for Doing Good" (Chapter 5), and "The Heaviest Day" (Chapter 19.)

The Rev. Donald B. Patterson, chairman of a conservative coalition of members of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) has reaffirmed his group's intention "to make our plans for a Presbyterian Church loyal to the Scripture and the Reformed faith."

Once a month, usually the first Tuesday, you can find people carrying their Bibles to an upstairs dining room at Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale—often regarded as the swankiest restaurant in Minneapolis. The noon-hour class, taught by Rabbi Max A. Shapiro, spiritual leader of Temple Israel, draws 20 to 30 members from the temple—many of them business and professional men who work downtown. A temple adult education leader said, "After all, we are supposed to be 'the People of the Book.'" The class which began last fall is still studying Genesis.

The 16th-Century formal gardens inside the walls of Vatican City have been opened to tourists for the first time in history. Pope Paul announced that "groups of tourists" will be permitted to visit the delicately manicured formal gardens—long an off-limits area—for the average tourist. A per person fee of \$1.70 will be assessed.

Leonard K. Firestone, a member of the noted tire and rubber family, has given the School of Religion of the University of Southern California \$125,000 for a professorship. The chair will bear the name of the industrialist and will be used to appoint on short-term bases distinguished scholars or to honor members of the USC religion faculty making substantial contributions in scholarship. Firestone is a long-time benefactor of the university which was originally Methodist-maintained but is now independent.

Roman Catholic Bishop Joseph L. Hogan of Rochester, N.Y. has encouraged constituents of his diocese to attend and participate in a crusade there to be led by evangelist Leighton Ford, April 28-May 7. Ford, a member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), is a brother-in-law of Evangelist Billy Graham and vice-president of the Graham Evangelistic Assn. In a recent letter to pastors Bishop Hogan wrote, "The primary object of the Leighton Ford Crusade has been to stir up the uncommitted of our family to a deeper sense of vocation as witnesses of Christ in today's world. It seems to have a salutary effect on our alienated youth. That alone would be enough to merit my approval."

A 22-member task force on religious affairs for the University of Minnesota, appointed by President Malcom Moos, has since October been delving into the question: What should a state university be doing in the area of religion? Its first action was to ask Dr. Moos to support the request by the University's Religious Studies Committee to establish a religious studies program. One sub-committee is questioning what should be the relationship, if any, between the extra-curricular religious learning developed off-campus by the religious foundations and university academic offerings; and whether course offerings should be clustered in the humanities-oriented fields or include other fields such as the hard sciences and technologies. A second subcommittee has studied the services and relationships of the university to the adjacent religious community; the third is raising questions regarding the school's relations with the wider religious community.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, President Nixon's special consultant on aging, has urged local churches to become involved in dealing with the problems of the aged. Speaking at a Lutheran Resources Commission conference in Washington, D.C., Flemming suggested that local congregations study the recommendations of the White House Conference on Aging, now being released, and consider them within the Christian context and the Christian spirit.

Primarily because of declining income, the Council for Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ will shift its activities toward research and information on national and international issues and replace its entire staff. A staff of nine professionals and seven clerical workers will be dismissed "with appropriate notice and severance pay," according to John Shinn of Washington, D.C., chairman of the agency which in the early 1960s spearheaded the religious support for what led to the 1964 Civil Rights Acts. Another factor in the decision to reform the agency is reported to be because some of the work it launched has been taken over by other denominational units.

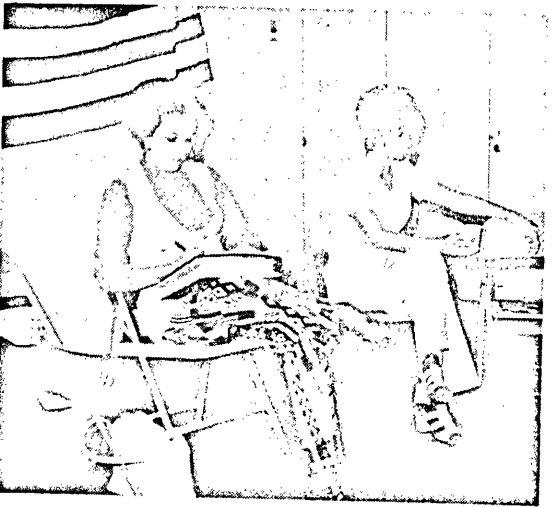
Twenty-four issues of "The Bethlehem Star" have been published by Walker & Co., a New York publisher. They were prepared by boys and girls, 11 years of age, in the Sunday school class directed by Schuyler Van Vechten, Jr., at All Saints Episcopal church in Navesink. Vice-president of McCalls Pattern Co., Van Vechten said when it became evident that he was "losing" in the question-and-answer period following lessons on the life of Jesus, the idea for "The Bethlehem Star" was born. The stories, editorials and interviews are as the children wrote them. One "reporter" describes the account of the question of paying tribute to Caesar (Matt. 22:17) in this manner: "I was doing my shopping when all of a sudden a big mob hit me. Some kook was asking Jesus about taxes. He wanted to know if they should be paid to the church or to the government. He got mugged, so then this other guy showed Jesus a coin with Caesar on it. Jesus said, 'Give Caesar your money, and give God your love.'"



Radio station WIOD in Miami has jumped from sixth to first among area stations in number of listeners during the Sunday evening hours, according to recent surveys there. Station officials attribute the rapid climb to one change in programming—the addition of "The John Huffman Program." Huffman, pastor of Key Biscayne Presbyterian church hosts an open-phone talk show in which he chats with 20 to 40 callers each Sunday night. He conducts the program from an explicitly Christian point of view, declaring at the outset, "I'm a Christian, and I believe Jesus Christ is God." Station manager, Elliott "Biggie" Nevins, who is Jewish, says Mr. Huffman's show is "one of the programs we're proud of." (RNS Photo)



Area officers shown at April 4-6 meeting in Hot Springs of directors of Christian Education. FROM LEFT: Blanch Clem of Malvern, vice chairman; Ann Williams of El Dorado, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. Roger Armstrong of Jacksonville, director of publications; John Copher of Searcy, chairman of nominations committee.



FROM LEFT: Ann Williams, director of Youth Ministry at First Church, El Dorado, and Marilyn Bischof, hostess for Hot Springs meeting—who has served for 14 years as director of Christian Education at First Church.

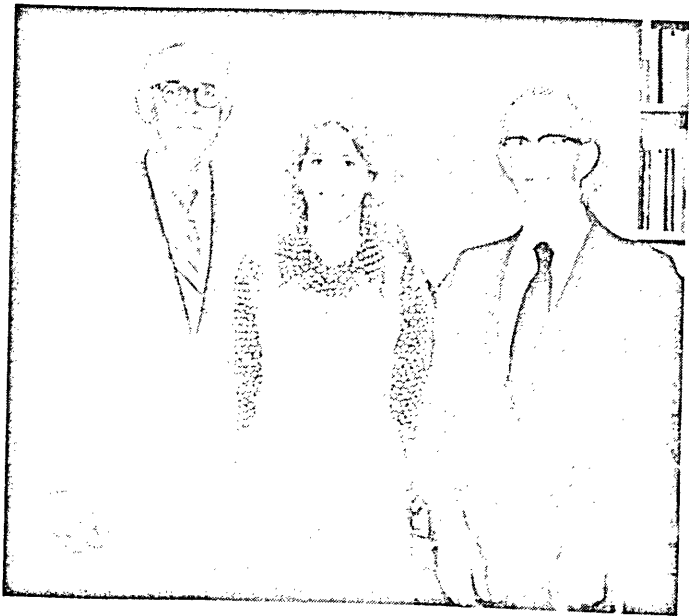


Dr. George F. Ivey (right), pastor of First Church, and host for luncheon meeting of DREs at Downtowner in Hot Springs.

NEWS AND NOTES

DR. D. L. DYKES, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Shreveport and former pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville, will be the speaker during "Four Nights for God" next week, April 23-26, in First Church, Jonesboro. The Rev. Worth Gibson will be host pastor.

THE QUITMAN United Methodist Charge is having a Lay Witness Mission on April 21, 22 and 23. The churches involved are Quitman, Damascus, Mount Pleasant, Enders, Morganton and Goodloe. The coordinator for this mission is Inspector David Bentley of the Little Rock Police Department in Little Rock, and the Rev. Otha Strayhorn is pastor.



Chaplain George Stewart (right), Methodist Hospital in Memphis and Miss Jean Jutman from the School of Nursing met with senior high youth at First Church Osceola during a recent Sunday School session to discuss the training programs at the hospital which are open to young people. Shown with them (at left) is the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, First Church pastor. Miss Jutman, recruitment counselor for the School of Nursing, also addressed the congregation at morning worship. The program was arranged by Mrs. M. D. Dennis, local church secretary of Enlistment, and Earl Phillips, Health and Welfare representative.

Program Directors to Local Churches

Seed Sowing

This is springtime and many of us will be sowing flower, vegetable, and grain seeds. To plant seed in the earth, to water it, and to watch it grow is a rich experience for young, middle-aged, and older persons. If you don't believe this try it and see for yourself.

There is open to every man the privilege, too, of sowing "idea" seeds. It takes more patience to prepare the soil of the mind, to cultivate, and then to wait for the harvest of such seeds.

There is open to every man also the joy of sowing seeds of kindness and love. One ought to do this daily for the seasons of the Soul and the receptivity of the soil to this seed is not as easily discerned as the seasons of the year. Thus one does not know, when he is planting, whether the soul will be receptive or not. Only God knows this but our faith encourages us to sow the seed and allow God to give the increase.

Now permit me to share the idea concerning the:

Shepherding of the Flock

The Goal: to provide a personal ministry of concern and caring for all members of a congregation, to the extent that each member would feel loved and at the same time be encouraged to respond in the sense of sharing and loving others.

The Days: Twelve months, (not an easy objective to attain).

Procedure: A task group from the local Council on Ministries could be asked to develop an assignment list, which would give each member of the Administrative Board not more

than six or eight families to care for during the year.

A meeting of the Administrative Board should be called for the specific purpose of presenting the program of this needed ministry. Each Administrative Board member (with rare exception) would be urged to call his families together at the following times during the year.

1. Beginning of the Advent Season.
2. Beginning of a special church wide study.
4. Beginning of a special evangelistic period.
5. During a stewardship emphasis.
6. At other times as needed or desired.

These small group meetings could take place in: 1. The home of the Administrative Board member; 2. The home of one of the church members; 3. The Church.

The Administrative Board member would "Shepherd" his six or eight families and thus aid the Pastor in "Shepherding the Flock". Special needs, joys, and sorrows could and would be brought quickly to the attention of the Pastor and he in turn could quickly mobilize the whole church to meet the spiritual and physical needs of any family or any member of the church.

Cost—Expense would be limited and if necessary the Church would surely be glad to meet the cost of rendering a real ministry to those in need.

Resources—Creative minds and hands of interested laymen and the Holy Spirit to give guidance, courage, and faith to undertake and maintain this much needed ministry.

Jesus said to Peter, "Tend My Sheep."

Some 120 women have taken part in National Legislative Training Events in Washington, D. C. this spring under sponsorship of the United Methodist Board of Missions' Women's Division.

J. Arthur Rank, 83, president of a British food and entertainment empire and a prominent lay leader in British Methodism, has died in Winchester, England.

NEWS and NOTES

A WEEKEND YOUTH REVIVAL was held at College Hill United Methodist Church, Texarkana, April 14-16. Bruce Blevins, a high school senior from Little Rock, led the revival and David and Sherry Bentley from Little Rock directed the music. The Rev. Carl E. Beard is pastor.

HOLIDAY HILLS United Methodist Church, Brownville Baptist Church, and First Baptist at Greer's Ferry held a joint Easter sunrise service at the Brownville Baptist Church. The Rev. Tom Cowan, pastor of the Holiday Hills Church was the speaker. The Baptist Churches supplied the music.

THE REV. DAVID HANKINS was guest speaker in Tigert Memorial Church, Hot Springs, on Friday night, April 8, where he showed slides of his 1971 European tour. Mr. Hankins, now director of the Arkadelphia Wesley Foundation and pastor of the Okolona Charge, served as pastor at Tigert during his first appointment. The Rev. Robert E. Woody is the present pastor.

THE BANQUET HONORING Seniors at Morrilton United Methodist Church was given by WSCS and WSG members. Sophomores and juniors were also invited with their guests. The speaker was the Rev. Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr., pastor of Wesley Church in Russellville.

THE GEORGIA WRIGHT bequest to First United Methodist Church in Paragould has been finalized and the church is the recipient of \$63,876.11. The Rev. Harold H. Spence is the pastor.

MRS. HORACE POWELL, chairman of the Commission on Missions in First Church, Forrest City, is in charge of the study of "Technethics" being held on Sunday evenings during April. Mrs. Earl Hughes, pastor's wife, is assisting in the planning.

DR. PEARLE McCAIN, missionary to Japan, now retired, was guest speaker in Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church of Fort Smith on Sunday morning, April 16. The Rev. Waymon Hollis is pastor.

RODNEY ROBERTS, superintendent of the Navajo Methodist Mission School in Farmington, New Mexico, was guest speaker in First Church, Helena on Monday, April 17. The Women's Society and Guild sponsored his appearance. The Rev. Jim Beal is the Helena pastor.

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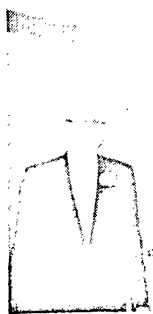


This Confirmation Class was admitted to membership in First United Methodist Church at Benton on Palm Sunday. Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck is their pastor.

THE REV. I. L. CLAUD, retired and living in Morrilton, was guest speaker in the Dardanelle United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 9. A. B. Cox presided at the service. Sam Blair was in charge of the evening service for the Rev. Clyde E. Crozier.

THE REV. JON GUTHRIE, who spent eight years as a missionary to the Congo, was guest speaker in Malvern First United Methodist Church at the opening session of "The New Generation in Africa." Mr. Guthrie is presently minister to students at Hendrix College. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is the Malvern pastor.

ST. PAUL CHURCH, Little Rock, will devote two Sunday evenings to mission emphases. On April 23, the theme will be "How to be Human in a Push-Button World." Guest speaker will be Dr. Robert S. Bryles, resident in psychiatry at U. of A. Medical Center. Mrs. Leroy Nelson will review the comedy "The Second Coming of Mrs. C." On April 30, following a pot-luck meal, the emphasis will be on "The New Generation in Africa." A Nigerian student attending Philander Smith College will be guest speaker. Mrs. Louise Pate is chairman of the Work Area of Missions. The Rev. J. Robert Scott is pastor of St. Paul.



A tea honoring Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Terry for their years of service on the Pine Bluff District was held April 9 at First United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. Churches, pastors and laymen across the district contributed to a "money tree" which was given to the Terrys. Dr. Terry is shown, at left, standing beside the "money tree."

AT RIGHT: Dr. Terry is being presented a plaque of appreciation by Van Reid from the First United Methodist Church, Sheridan, for outstanding services rendered to the church as Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District. The presentation was made at Sheridan on Sunday, March 19.

MRS. MINNIE ROBEY HOLMES

Mrs. Minnie Robey Holmes, a Methodist for over 80 years and a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, died on March 22. The funeral service was conducted March 24 by Dr. James W. Workman at Ruggles Murry Funeral Home in Arkadelphia. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Arkadelphia.

She was born May 17, 1881 at Gifford, Ark., the daughter of Henry Richard and Emma Elizabeth Robey. She was married in 1908 to Harlan Cole Holmes who preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Dr. Harlan C. Holmes of Little Rock, Dr. Glen I. Holmes of Beaumont, Tex., six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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NETTLETON AND BROOKLAND United Methodist Churches had missionary guests on March 27. Mr. and Mrs. Garry Parker, Methodist missionaries to Indonesia, working on the island of Java, showed slides and lectured on their work. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield was host pastor.

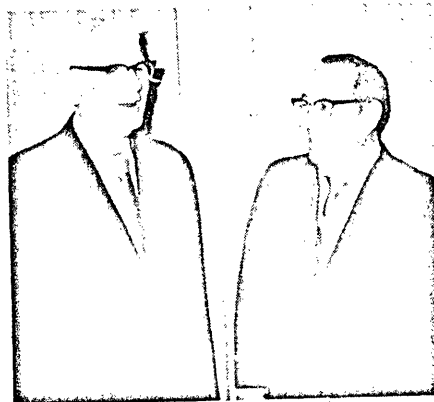
THE TILTON UNITED Methodist Church held the spring revival, April 9-15, with Dr. Earl Hughes, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, bringing the messages. The Rev. James A. Barton is pastor of the Tilton and Hickory Ridge churches.



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 23—Sunday	John 16:26-33
April 24	Acts 4:1-12
April 25	Rom. 6:3-11
April 26	I Cor. 15:22-28
April 27	II Cor. 5:1-15
April 28	I Thessa. 4:13-18
April 29	II Tim. 1:1-10
April 30—Sunday	I Cor. 15:51-58



The Rev. Frank Stage, pastor of the Blanchard (La.) United Methodist Church, had a surprise visit from his boyhood Sunday school teacher and scoutmaster recently. Louis M. Frazier, Sr., at left, of Little Rock and formerly of Parkin, was visiting his son, Louis, Jr., who is administrator of the V. A. Hospital in Shreveport, when he renewed friendship of "37 or more years" with Mr. Stage.

GRAND PRAIRIE UMYF SUB-DISTRICT MEETS

The monthly meeting of the Grand Prairie Sub-District UMYF was held at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, Sunday, April 9, with 115 persons attending. Mt. Tabor youth presented a play, "You're Bugging Me," which was written and directed by Janet Murphy, a ninth grader from Mt. Tabor. After a business meeting, refreshments were served by WSCS members. The attendance banner was won by Mt. Tabor with 24 present. The Rev. T. G. Poss was host pastor. The next meeting will be May 14 at Carlisle.

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MRS. LOUISE BEASLEY SEWELL, sister of the Rev. Robert S. Beasley of Hot Springs, returned to her home in Hot Springs recently following open heart surgery at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex. She is convalescing at the family home, 118 Liberty Hill, Hot Springs.

THE REV. HOWARD CHILDS was guest preacher on April 9 in the Markham Church, Little Rock, of which he is a former pastor. Mr. Childs is now pastor of the Beverly Hills United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Michigan. The Rev. John Workman is the Markham pastor.

APRIL 20, 1972

Church Women United schedule five area meetings

Five area meetings are being held in April and May by Church Women United of Arkansas, according to Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney of Pine Bluff, state president.

Dates and places of meeting are:

- April 24 — Arkadelphia, First United Methodist Church
Mrs. Alta Day, chairman
- April 25 — Little Rock, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church
Mrs. Fred Walker, chairman
- April 26 — Fayetteville, Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church
Mrs. Henry Lotz, chairman
- April 27 — Mountain Home, First United Methodist Church
Mrs. Grace Mallinson, chairman
- May 5 — Monticello, First United Methodist Church
Mrs. Fred L. Arnold, chairman

Mrs. Dabney will be assisted in the presentation of the program in all meetings by these state officers: Mrs. Alta Day of Hot Springs, vice-president; Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, Little Rock, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Gordon, Little Rock, chairman of Citizen Action (formerly Legislation).

Special guest will be Mrs. Clifton B. Drinkard of Austin Texas, regional vice-president for National Church Women United. Mrs. Drinkard will be in all of the April meetings.

An additional resource person in the Arkadelphia and Little Rock meetings

will be Mrs. Harri Baker of Little Rock, who was the Arkansas representative attending the January Citizens Action Workshop in Washington, D.C.

The agenda lists registration at 9:30, opening at 10 a.m. Mrs. Dabney will lead team members listed above in dialogue of subjects: Who Are We—Arenas of Action—Dollars and Sense—Listening to Each Other.

Following luncheon, Mrs. Drinkard will summarize "CWU — Ready to Hear — Ready to Act."

Adjournment is at 2:30 o'clock.

N. ARK. GUILD RETREAT

The Spring Retreat for Wesleyan Service Guilds of the North Arkansas Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock.

The leader will be the Rev. Ross E. Whetstone of Nashville, Tennessee, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

The first 11 years of Mr. Whetstone's ministry were served as an officer in the Salvation Army. These years gave him a rich background of experience in evangelism, mission, welfare and rescue work. Mrs. Whetstone was also an officer in the Salvation Army. At the time of their marriage in 1942, she was supervisor of the infant's floor at Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Hospital. Mr. Whetstone joined the Central New York Conference of the Methodist Church in 1960 and has served pastorates in New York and Pennsylvania.

Subject of the weekend retreat is "Communicating Christ to a world in Future Shock". Outler's book "Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit" will be used as guide, according to Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson of Fayetteville, chairman of the conference spiritual task group planning the retreat.

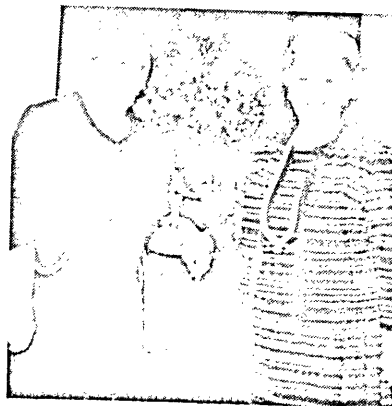
Mrs. Clarissa Stephens of Fort Smith is chairman of conference guilds.



The Rev. Ross Whetstone will be leader for the North Arkansas Guild Retreat.

L. R. GUILD RETREAT

Leaders for the Little Rock Conference Guild Retreat, which will be held this weekend, April 15 and 16, will be from all six districts. Saturday afternoon, beginning at 4 p.m., Arkadelphia District, Mrs. B. W. McCrary, chairman, and Hope District, Mrs. W. D. Metz, chairman, will have charge of the program. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff District chairman, and Mrs. Perry Councille, Monticello District chairman, will preside Saturday night. Sunday morning's program is arranged by Little Rock District, Miss Floreta Skinner, chairman, and Camden District, Miss Carrie Brown, chairman. Mrs. Fred Arnold of Dumas, conference chairman of spiritual growth, will close the retreat.



CAMDEN DISTRICT WSCS RETREAT AT MARYSVILLE

The Camden District WSCS had a Spiritual Retreat on February 29 at Marysville United Methodist Church.

Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent, opened the 10:00 a.m. meeting with prayer.

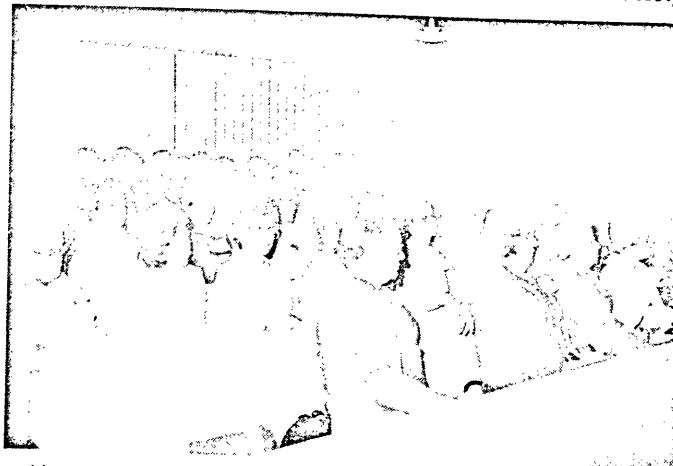
Mrs. J. T. McQuade, district spiritual growth chairman, was in charge of the study on Acts. She was assisted

by Mrs. Jennings Shaw, Marysville; Mrs. Reasons and Mrs. W. B. Scales, Jr., First Church, El Dorado.

The host church WSCS served drinks for the noon meal—sack lunches brought by individuals.

The Retreat, attended by over 80 people, ended shortly after 1:00 p.m.

The Rev. Fred Haustein is pastor of Marysville Church; Mrs. Allen Bonsall is president of the Camden District Women's Society.



Mrs. J. T. McQuade, at right, was the leader for the retreat held by women of Camden District in the Marysville Church, shown at left.

Financial Statement

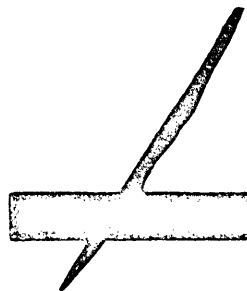
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First Quarter - 1972

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	
Pledge to Missions	\$17,840.00	\$4,681.93	
Special Memberships	850.00	245.00	
In Remembrance	162.50	2.00	
World Thank Offering	108.22	89.24	
Total Received on Pledge	\$18,960.72	\$5,018.17	\$23,978.89
Supplemental	37.85	20.00	
Call to Prayer	3,306.11	997.13	
Magazine & Picture Fund		5.00	
School of Mission Fund	111.00	105.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	58.50	8.50	
Bernice Rogers Special Fund	234.90	77.00	
Total Other Income	3,748.36	1,212.63	4,960.99
Total Receipts			\$28,939.88
Balance, January 1, 1972			7,626.29
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total to Be Accounted for			\$42,566.17
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pledge to Missions	16,056.00	4,213.74	
Special Memberships	850.00	245.00	
In Remembrance	162.50	2.00	
World Thank Offering	108.22	89.24	
Total Paid on Pledge	\$17,176.72	\$4,549.98	\$21,726.70
Supplemental	37.85	20.00	
Call to Prayer	3,306.11	997.13	
Magazine & Picture Fund		5.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	58.50	8.50	
Bernice Rogers Special Fund	234.90	77.00	
District Cultivation	1,320.00	430.00	
Conference Cultivation	2,520.22	516.80	
Total Other Disbursements	7,477.58	2,054.43	9,532.01
Total Disbursements			\$31,258.71
Balance, April 4, 1972			5,307.46
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total Accounted For			\$42,566.17

Mrs. James E. Nix
Conference Treasurer

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR APRIL 30: The Missionary Imperative

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:45-49; John 17:6-23; Acts 13:1-3

MEMORY SELECTION: As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. (John 17:18)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help members of the class understand the importance of the missionary enterprise in the life and history of the church and to renew their determination to support it with their total capacities.

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Although the program of world missions has changed a great deal in recent years, the missionary imperative of the New Testament has not been revised. We who are a part of the family of God are also a part of the family of man in every part of the earth. Last week we discussed the Christian's necessity to witness—placing the emphasis largely on the sharing we do in the midst of our own community. Today we will be reminding ourselves of the heroic story of world missions and will be taking a look at the manner in which this type of our witness has changed in recent years.

Today's missionary is different in many ways from the one who went out to the far corners of the world a generation ago. The doors have been closed to evangelistic and preaching missionaries in some parts of the world as developing countries have developed a feeling that they needed to discover their own identity and see the missionary in the light of their new discoveries. Other nations, like India, have taken the position that efforts to proselytize by evangelistic workers from western churches is against the interest of their new nationalistic spirit and have prohibited certain missionary activities.

Overseas churches are seeking to become independent, and yet are finding that they need help from the churches that formerly sent missionaries to their countries. Out of these rapidly-changing times there is emerging a new mission strategy that is attracting the attention of the whole church. Short-term missionaries and volunteers are writing exciting new chapters in the world outreach of the Christian community.

Although missionary efforts in China, India, and Africa have declined, the younger churches in other parts of the world are testing themselves. Some of them are even beginning to send missionaries, and they are seeking guidance in this program. Sharp lines between home and foreign fields are disappearing, and we are coming to see that North America is just one of six continents in which workers are needed to spread the word of Christ.

It is apparent that the missionary task will be different tomorrow, but it will be based on the same New Testament commission that is at the heart of today's lesson.

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THE GIVING OF THE COMMISSION

Following the appearance of Jesus on the Emmaus Road, the disciples involved hurried back to Jerusalem to report their experience to others. While they were making this report, Jesus showed himself to the total group. He explained to them that everything which had happened to him was a part of the preparation for the great outreach in which they were to have such a large share.

The mandate for mission is given in Luke 24:46-47: "He said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the

dead the third day; And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

In this passage of scripture we have the message of missions from Jesus himself. He pointed out three things about this gospel which they were to share with all men: (1) It was Biblical in content. In discussing the missionary task with his disciples, he based the importance of this task on the Biblical material from the Old Testament with which he was familiar. No matter how rapidly the world may change, we cannot get away from the fact that what we are sharing has the authority of scripture;

(2) It was redemptive in character. Jesus made it clear that the mission of the church and all its supportive activities are of value as they demonstrate the all-embracing love of God and open doors to the gospel.

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"AS THOU HAST SENT ME"

Another great missionary passage is from John 17 where we find these words in the 18th verse: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Here Jesus made it very clear to those who followed him that they did not exist merely for themselves, but to go to the world, to influence it, to save it, changing it from what it is, into what it is meant to be. Dr. Arthur John Gossip says in Interpreter's Bible: "What these men were to accomplish was not merely a dull appendix in small print, after the really momentous happenings are over. They were to carry on and out his enterprise and mission. . . . It is with Christ's commission, Christ's authority, Christ's trust in them, Christ's hopes centered upon them under God, that they are set to their immense and hazardous and impossible looking task. And he is sure that given the help of God, they are well able to see it through if they themselves are zealous and whole-hearted in the business."

Jesus had been sent on a mission to this world by his father. He fulfilled that mission, and then he laid the foundations for others to go out in his name. He was sending all who believed on him. The church can never be ingrown and self-centered; it must always be out-going and world-centered.

In this mandate for mission, Jesus points out that the Christian fulfills God's purpose by obeying God's word, by giving himself to Christ, and by divesting himself of any claims he thinks he has to run his life as he wants to.

Jesus sent his apostles out into the world, and he empowered them for this service, in order that they might bring others to believe in him and that they might minister to the needs of people everywhere. As we sketch the history of the missionary enterprise, we will be understanding that Christians in every generation have been willing to answer this challenging call only after they have felt the sense of God's power in their lives.

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FOLLOWING THE MANDATE

The early church heard the words of Jesus' command, and so they went out to tell others about the gospel. It was a fairly simple undertaking at first. One man told another of his experience. But then the missionary task became more sophisticated and complicated so that there developed a need for persons of all kinds of dedicated talents to devote those abilities to the missionary task.

It was when Paul and Barnabas were sent out as ministers-at-large (missionaries) that the church found the meaning of its existence. Through them

they broke every limiting tie of parochialism and moved out to become a world church. They carried to every corner of the Roman world the story of what God had done in Christ. Paul and Barnabas roamed the Mediterranean region establishing churches in Syria, Asia Minor, and Greece. By the time of Paul's death, Christianity had been established in many places between Jerusalem and Rome.

There were no outstanding missionary heroes for almost 200 years, but we can be sure that individual Christians were making their witness and that the faith was spreading spontaneously. This was the period in which the persecutions occurred and these helped to spread the faith because of the courage of those that died.

Following the recognition of Christianity by Constantine in 313 A.D., a new era began in which the faith was carried to the rest of the known world. There were a few outstanding persons like Ulfilas and Patrick who pioneered to establishing the church in the most remote and primitive sections of what we know as Europe. During a period of about 400 years wandering bands of monks moved into every known corner of the world that was then known and within reach of them. Dr. William J. Carter says in Adult Bible Studies: "By the time Protestantism came into being in the sixteenth century, all of Europe and some Asian countries were Christian, at least in name."

Protestants concentrated first on trying to convert the nations of Europe from Roman Catholicism, and although the Roman Catholic Church was sending missionaries to India, Ceylon, Japan, and other countries in the sixteenth century, Protestants did not begin missionary work until the 18th century.

As Protestants came to North America they brought their faith, but it was William Carey, an English Baptist, who is credited with beginning the Protestant missionary movement in 1793.

The nineteenth century followed as the great era of the missionary with thousands going to every corner of the globe to carry out the mandate of Jesus. Dr. Carter says: "The high point in Protestant missionary activity was probably 1928 when thirty thousand missionaries were in the field and sixty million dollars was spent by all the denominations."

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THE CONTEMPORARY MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

As we have looked backward to see how each generation of Christians has responded to the mission challenge confronting it, we now address ourselves to the contemporary challenge.

There are many misconceptions which need clarification concerning the missionary enterprise. Some persons point to the turmoil that is found in some nations that are seeking self-identity and consider this evidence that the seeds of the Christian faith have been wasted there. What they so often fail to see is that the leadership in so many of the nations has been trained in Christian schools and that the inherent worth of the person which was at the heart of the Christian message helped to make depressed people come forward to assert themselves.

There is a new strategy in the handling of funds for the mission fields. Whereas all money was formerly appropriated and administered from the office of the Board of Missions in this country, the church leadership in many of the countries are now receiving funds in "block grants" which they are charged with budgeting and administering.

The missionary is quite a different person today. Some who were in positions of administrative leadership are taking subordinate roles and working under the leadership of the church on the field. I have a close friend who has served many years in Panama where he was a district superintendent for quite a while. Now he had stepped out of administrative responsibility and is witnessing to the same people through a music ministry.

There is still a great missionary imperative, and great number of workers are needed. We are facing the challenge that has been really faced in every previous generation — that of finding a mission strategy that is meaningful and effective in changing times.

Relief goal surpassed in World Service giving

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A \$1,000,000 relief goal surpassed and dramatic increases in two funds designed to aid blacks and other minority groups highlight the United Methodist Church's financial record for the first quarter of 1972.

According to a report issued here April 7 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination, a total of \$1,010,764 has been received as of March 31 in an emergency church-wide offering to aid victims of war and related disasters in Bangladesh.

When the offering was requested by the United Methodist Council of Bishops in November, a goal of \$1,000,000 was established. It is expected that some additional collections for the fund will be reported in subsequent months.

The increases in funds aiding minority groups came in the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation—up 25 per cent from the first quarter of 1971—and the Race Relations offering aiding 12 church-related black colleges—up 67 per cent from 1971. Despite the increase in the Fund for Reconciliation, it appears that the goal of \$20,000,000 in the 1968-72 quadrennium will not be reached.

Another major increase was in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This fund, used by the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, is up 65 per cent from the first quarter of a year ago.

Support of the denomination's basic program fund—World Service—for the quarter was \$2,703,127, down just

under one per cent from a year ago. Annual goal in the fund is \$25,000,000.

The complete report for the regular benevolence funds shows:

World Service—\$2,703,127, down .89 per cent.

World Missions Advance Specials—\$1,744,018, down 9.4 per cent.

National Missions Advance Specials—\$565,657, up 9 per cent.

Overseas Relief Advance Specials—\$355,174, down 29.32 per cent.

One Great Hour of Sharing—\$73,993, up 65.33 per cent.

World Communion—\$40,765, down 1.26 per cent.

World Service Specials—\$19,642, up .78 per cent.

Temporary General Aid—102,153, down 13.83 per cent.

Fund for Reconciliation—\$260,675, up 25.61 per cent.

Ministerial Education—\$596,166, down 19 per cent.

Race Relations—\$195,838, up 67.49 per cent.

Student Day—\$22,280, up 6.17 per cent.

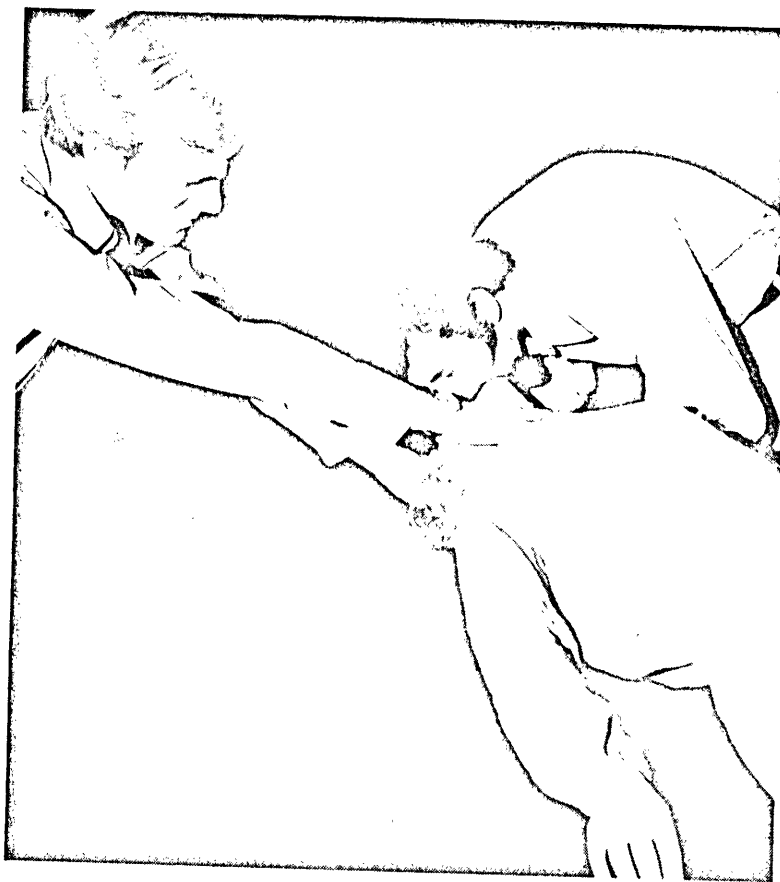
Youth Service Fund—\$28,850, down 4.96 per cent.

The report for three administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund—\$439,222, down 3.56 per cent.

General Administration—\$202,616, down 8.53 per cent.

Interdenominational Cooperation—\$82,659, down 10.54 per cent.



Mike Boardman, left, a Red Cross instructor, guides David Marshall, a young seminarian, as he practices mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on a dummy. Acquiring the technique is part of a new ministry conceived by Jeff Mangel, a graduate student at the School of Theology in Claremont, Calif. It would prepare ministers and seminarians to give first aid and crisis counseling to victims of such disasters as earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, airplane crashes and highway accidents. Mangel, who came up with the idea for this unique ministry after the earthquake and firestorms in southern California last year, hopes to organize a disaster response team at the school which would be on call night and day. Ten percent of the World Service dollar is used to strengthen ministerial education, mostly through the theological seminaries.

from page one DR. HARDIN

search, the search committee's nine trustees and their 14 advisers screened a total of 172 names proposed by members of the SMU community, its alumni, and the general public. The entire committee met with Dr. Hardin in late March and then unanimously recommended his election. Professor Alan R. Bromberg of the SMU School of Law, one of five faculty members who served as advisers to the trustees' committee, said in commenting on the selection: "If we looked for five years, I doubt that we could find a better candidate for the presidency."

The Search Committee also was advised by three students, two alumni, two deans, and two of SMU's vice presidents.

Dr. Hardin earned his baccalaureate degree in English and election to Phi Beta Kappa at Duke University and also maintained good standing on the varsity golf team. Two years later (in 1954) he received his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Duke's School of Law, where he was graduated first in his class. From 1954 to 1956, Dr. Hardin served with the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. He was engaged in the private practice of law in 1954 and, from 1956 to 1958, was associated with the firm of Bradley, Arant, Rose and White of Birmingham, Ala.

In 1958, Dr. Hardin joined the

Duke University law faculty, where he rose to the rank of full professor during his ten years of teaching. He was a visiting professor at the University of Texas at Austin in the summer of 1960 and at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962-63.

At Duke, Dr. Hardin served on three all-university committees concerned with academic freedom and tenure, year-round use of facilities, and international studies. He served the Law School as faculty placement director for four years, as chairman of the School's Long Range Planning Committee, and as a member of the Committees on Admissions and Scholarships, Curriculum, and Faculty Appointments.

For four summers (from 1962 to 1965), Dr. Hardin engaged in a comparative study of the administration of justice under a grant from the Ford Foundation, pursuing his work first at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, later at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica and McGill University in Canada, and finally at the University of Ife in Nigeria.

In 1968, he left his professor's post at Duke to become president of Wofford College, a Methodist-related institution founded in 1854 which is considered one of the most prestigious of the small liberal arts colleges in the Southeast. According to members of the search committee he has

strengthened that college's traditional curriculum and also has provided leadership in establishing innovative programs in science, languages and cross-disciplinary studies and in encouraging faculty involvement in such changes and in self-definition.

In a report to the trustees, the Committee said that Dr. Hardin "has a clear record in support of academic freedom and a positive record of student relations," stemming from his position on students taking responsibility for their out-of-class affairs.

Dr. Hardin, who received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Clemson University in 1970, currently is president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of The United Methodist Church and of the Church Related Colleges of the South. He is a director of the Southern University Conference and a trustee of Duke University.

He is an active member of The United Methodist Church and has been a delegate to the denomination's General Conference, as well as jurisdictional and annual conferences.

His publications include two books and a large number of articles in his academic field.

Every new scientific discovery can bend to aid humanity if people will love Christ and one another. But we must pay a price.—Frank C. Laubach

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look at the state of the church, Christian education, its ministry, its relationship to its institutions, and its missionary outreach. The bishop suggested three endeavors the church should consider to bolster Christian motivation without abandoning social emphasis.

First, renewed emphasis upon evangelism should be made. They said, "The tradition of evangelism was right in its strategy of changing the individual. Its fault was that it did not change him enough. It made him, perhaps, a reader of the Bible, a faithful attendant at church, but it did not always change his views as a citizen, and his practices as an employer."

Secondly, the message said "a first task at recovery of the Christian faith is a widespread study of the Bible, for the scripture is the soul of Christianity. God only knows what such a study might bring in increased loyalty, gladness, and religious creativity to the membership of the church."

Third, the bishop suggested the church must invite men and women to commitment. "To proclaim the gospel is a minimum. We must also seek for acceptance. We have said modern man does not want to be censured for his sins and urged to come to Jesus. One wonders sometimes, however, if men are not more willing to respond than the church is to invite."

United Methodist evangelicals to meet in St. Louis August 16-18

"Above All—Christ!" will be the theme of the third annual Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity. **Good News** magazine (Elgin, Illinois) is the sponsor.

Major speakers include Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Houston, Tex.; the Rev. Maurice King, prominent black Methodist and Dean of the Upper Room Chapel, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Walter Albritton, United Methodist General Board of Evangelism and director of the denomination's Lay Witness program.

Others will be: Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Lexington, Ky., prominent layman and longtime head of the Board of Lay Activities in The Methodist Church; the Rev. Ed Robb, United Methodist evangelist from Abilene, Tex.; Dr. Jack Sparks, Berkeley, Calif., leader of the Christian World Liberation Front; Mrs. Reeve Betts, Asheville, N. C., United Methodist laywoman and former missionary to India; Dr. John T. Seamands, Methodist missionary and Professor of Christian Missions, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. General sessions and seminars will be held there, according to Convocation Chairman, the Rev. Michael Walker, pastor of Salem-Kinser United Methodist Church, Greenville, Tex. "Over 2000 people came to the last convocation in Cincinnati, Ohio," Walker said, "and with the central location in St. Louis, we hope to attract at least this many again."

Convocation Program Chairman, the Rev. William Hines, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Hamilton, Ohio, reported a stronger emphasis on training in this year's program. Aimed at equipping United Methodists for more effective service in the local church and conference, six

Training Sessions, each consisting of six hours of learning, will be offered.

These are: "The Church's Ministry of Healing" led by the Rev. Alfred W. Price, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; "Inductive Bible Study" led by Asbury Seminary's Dean Robert Traina; "Christian Marriage and Family" led by Mrs. Virginia Law of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville; "Principles, Priorities, and Secrets of Bible Study" led by Mr. Wayne Watts, a layman from Wichita Falls, Tex.; "The Evangelical and Racism" led by Clayton Hammond of the United Methodist Council on Religion and Race; and "Resources for Personal Evangelism" led by the Rev. Kenneth Carter, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Carrollton, Tex.

Hines also reported that shorter Seminars will be offered on an elective basis. These seminars will be led by United Methodist laymen and/or pastors from more than thirteen states.

Several varied musical groups will be offering leadership in the worship experiences of the Convocation and special program features are planned for the scores of youth expected to be participants.

Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee is Mr. William R. Kirby, an attorney who is a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in St. Louis. Inquiries concerning program or registration information may be sent to Mr. John Morris, Convocation Registrar, Box 973, St. Louis, Missouri 63188.

Be such a man, and live such a life, that if every man were such as you, and every life a life like yours, this earth would be God's Paradise.—Phillips Brooks



"Listening to the Church" is the title of a book in which a wide range of opinion among United Methodists has been gathered as an aid to planning priorities and program for the next four years. The Rev. Virgil W. Sexton (right), author of the book and staff executive for the project, discusses some of the implications for local churches with the Rev. Richard P. Coad, superintendent of Dayton South District. Long range planning is one of the functions of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning of the Program Council—supported by World Service funds. (Ralph E. Baker)

History of Emory reprint ready for release

COVINGTON, Ga. (UMI)—A **History of Emory University 1836-1936**, written by Dr. Henry M. Bullock and first printed in 1936, is being reprinted by Cherokee Publishing Company, Covington, Ga.

Dr. Bullock, editor of church school publications for the United Methodist Church, is an alumnus of the United Methodist-related university located in Atlanta, Ga.

His doctoral dissertation for Yale University formed the basis for the first part of the book from the founding of the college in Oxford, Ga., in

1836 to the establishment of the university in Atlanta in 1915. The book was completed at the request of the Emory president and trustees, published by Emory University, and printed in 1936 by Parthenon Press, Nashville. The new edition is to be released in mid-April.

Cherokee Publishing president W. B. Williford said Dr. Bullock's book is being reprinted because it continues to be a valuable reference tool for persons interested in the cultural development of Georgia and the Southeast as well as the history of the university.

Missionary-educator urges careful reevaluation of overseas work

NEW YORK (UMI)—Calling for a hard look at "mission schools," a United Methodist strategist in international education believes the church should constantly seek the rationale for its involvement in educational work overseas.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Smith also recommends a "thorough, comprehensive and impartial survey and evaluation of every institutional program overseas." This, he says, so as to guide the United Methodist Board of Missions and national churches to which it is related in "a radical reappraisal of their policies and future use of funds and personnel" in education.

Dr. Smith is executive secretary for Education in the Board's World Division. In that post since 1966, he coordinates the relationship of the World Division—and through it the relationship of U.S. United Methodism—to many schools, kindergarten through university, in some 50 countries overseas. He sets forth "Suggested Goals and Objectives of Educational Programs Overseas" in the March issue of **Dimension**, an occasional newsletter published by his office.

The former missionary, industrial educator (he developed Firestone rubber plantation schools in Liberia), college president and dean outlines overall goals for United Methodist-related schools overseas, as well as discussing specific recommendations such

as more priority on work with the mentally retarded, physically and socially handicapped and the "dropout."

Dr. Smith cautioned: "Those of us involved in institutional programs related to the church need to keep open the work of the Holy Spirit, and to the development of the world and its peoples . . . to discontinue certain forms of service if this seems wise, and take a new approach in order to advance in meeting our brother's and our need."

In staking out goals for church-related (mission) schools overseas, Dr. Smith suggested to both national churches and the World Division: 1) Find "relevant processes" in vocational, industrial, technical and agricultural education. "To relate more and more of our education to the requirements of trained manpower for each community." 2) "Pioneer in experimenting with curricula and methods inherited from 'colonial' pasts and traditional systems of education—at times, the education we provide in 'mission' schools serves primarily to alienate the student from his own culture." 3) Be the "irritant—challenger—questioner—throughout the educational milieu of a country."

In more specific recommendations, Dr. Smith said that new educational institutions should be started wherever critically needed through cooperative (ecumenical, church-government, etc.) efforts,

and that only where there are no such opportunities should a church proceed denominationally. He recommended the World Division "disengage as gracefully as possible," though always in consultation with the national church. On the other hand, the World Division and national churches should continue to place high priority on such secondary educational efforts as upgrading science facilities. Missionaries can still be placed in some secondary schools, he added.

Recommending care in expanding higher educational institutions, Dr. Smith said that with governments moving strongly into the field, the church's greatest area of service may be in providing favorable, "Christian-like" environments for students away from home.

Greater emphasis was urged in non-formal education, the church seeking to develop opportunities for young people and adults with little or no formal education. He stressed moving from an "institutional" to a "situational" emphasis in education, with stress on service to the physically handicapped, the mentally retarded, the dropout—in the "educational vacuums wherever they occur."

Summing up, Dr. Smith said that as a North American agency aiding overseas churches, "that which we offer in education must contribute to quality first."

APRIL 20, 1972



Miss Layona Glenn died in Atlanta on March 20 at the age of 106. This photo of the retired missionary was taken on her 103rd birthday.

Oldest UMC missionary dies in Atlanta

NEW YORK (UMI)—Miss Layona Glenn, believed to be the oldest missionary in the United Methodist Church, died March 20 in Emory Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., at the age of 106. Death followed complications resulting from a fall.

Miss Glenn served for 35 years as an educational missionary in Brazil, working first in a fashionable mountain suburb of Rio de Janeiro and later with slum children in the then capital city.

During World War I, having been called home by the illness of her father, she used her knowledge of Portuguese in the Postal Censorship Bureau in New York. After the war she returned to her family home in Conyers, Ga., and became assistant editor of the *Conyers Times*.

She resumed her interrupted missionary career in 1923. She officially retired as a missionary in 1934, but continued to make periodic visits to Brazil. On one such visit in 1958, the President of Brazil presented her with the medal of honor of the National Order of the Southern Cross, the highest tribute which Brazil bestows on civilians.

Her last trip to Brazil was made six years ago to celebrate her one hundredth birthday. She prefaced that trip with a stop in Washington where she was received by President Johnson at the White House and was guest of honor at a reception in the Brazilian Embassy.

On her official retirement as an active missionary in 1934 Miss Glenn declared: "Because the mission board has retired me does not mean the Lord has retired me." She continued to write and speak about mission work almost to the time of her death. In the month following her 100th birthday visit to Brazil, she fulfilled speaking engagements in Georgia churches on all but two days of the month.

For many years she wrote a weekly newspaper column for three Georgia weeklies: the *Rockdale Citizen*, the *Covington News* and the *Lithonia Observer*.

A firm believer in the benefits of exercise, Miss Glenn, long after her 100th birthday, took delight in as-

toning doubters with a demonstration of her ability to bend over and lay the palms of her hands flat on the floor.

When, at the age of 99, she moved from her home in Conyers into the Wesley Woods retirement community in Atlanta, she found an unexpected bonus from living in the modern high-rise structure. When weather prevented her from taking her daily constitutional outside, she could get her exercise by climbing the stairs of the 13-floor Wesley Towers.

Layona Glenn was born March 8, 1866, near Conyers, Ga. Her father had been a surgeon in the Civil War. Growing up during the Reconstruction period, she picked up a variety of skills, including how to operate a wood lathe and how to work with iron. At the age of 12 she began helping her father as he dressed wounds and set broken bones. Her mother died when she was 6.

Miss Glenn got her early education at home and entered high school when she was 15. On graduation she taught school in Newton, Rockdale, and DeKalb counties.

Her early childhood interest in religious work grew with her years and she felt called to mission work. She received a scholarship to Scarritt Bible Training School, then located in Kansas City, Mo., where she took Bible and nursing courses, and subsequently became the school's first graduate.

She began her missionary career in Brazil in 1894. Together with another missionary she helped to establish a school at Petropolis, a mountain suburb of Rio de Janeiro. Brazilian government officials who summered in Petropolis sent their children to her school. At Petropolis she often turned her hand to carpentry, plumbing, cabinet making and electrical work as well as carrying on her official work as a teacher of Bible, English, geography and mathematics. The school was known as the Collegio Americano.

The school was merged with another institution in Rio de Janeiro in 1913 to form what is now known as Bennett College, the first junior college for girls in Brazil.

She continued to teach in Brazil until called home by the illness of her father in 1917. Her wartime work with the Postal Censorship Bureau and her later newspaper work in her hometown helped support her invalid father.

In 1923 she returned to Brazil to resume her missionary work and became principal of the People's Central Institute, a school in the slums of Rio de Janeiro. Her experience with unprivileged children led her to the establishment of the Instituto Ana Gonzaga, a vocational school which has served thousands of orphaned youngsters.

Miss Glenn retired from active missionary work in Brazil in 1934. Since that time she spent much of her time writing, traveling and lecturing on behalf of her Church's mission work.

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.—J. Wilbur Chapman

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MRS. MARTHA HUNTER

Mrs. Martha Hively Hunter, age 85, came to the conclusion of her earthly pilgrimage in a hospital in Batesville, Ark., on Feb. 23, 1972. She was the daughter of a local Methodist minister, the Rev. Thomas R. Hively, and his wife Jane Hively. She was a sister of the Rev. Charles F. Hively, who served effectively as a member of the North Arkansas Conference for a number of years. She was married to James N. Hunter who preceded her in death in 1926.

Being left a widow with four children, Mrs. Hunter worked diligently and heroically to provide for their physical necessities and to rear them in the faith of their family heritage. She was serving as superintendent of the Sunday School of the Camp Ground Methodist Church at Bethesda when this writer was assigned there as his first charge. She was always ready to help in any way with the work of the Church and held steadfastly to her faith in Christ and His Church throughout all the experiences of her long life.

After her daughter, Everne, entered the Methodist ministry, Mrs. Hunter made her home with her and went with her to all her assignments and took a real interest and delight in the life and work of the Church. We may feel confident that she has entered into a rich heritage of life in the presence of the Heavenly Father.

She is survived by two sons, Gainor Hunter of Marysville, Cal., and Kenneth Hunter of Sacramento, Cal.; two daughters, Mrs. Paul Staggs of Batesville, Ark., and the Rev. Everne Hunter, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Judsonia; one sister, Mrs. Jane Russell of Fresno, California; six grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hunter were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. John Lee, and her District Superintendent, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines. She was laid to rest in the Campground Cemetery at Bethesda.

—The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers



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(Leonardo Da Vinci)*

Outreach

Coursing the infinite reaches of the Universe,
Silent beams, some known, some undiscovered,
Stream and swirl in complex design
Among far-flung millions of galaxies and suns.

As anxious eyes search for dawn's first faint glow,
So, man's feeble outreach haltingly gropes
To find, to feel, to understand the Cosmic pulse.

With quasars, pulsars,
And yet ungiven names,
We identify, and strive to know
These elusive spatial somethings.
To our poor present ken, they
Seem by random bits of energy,
Coming purposelessly
From who knows where.

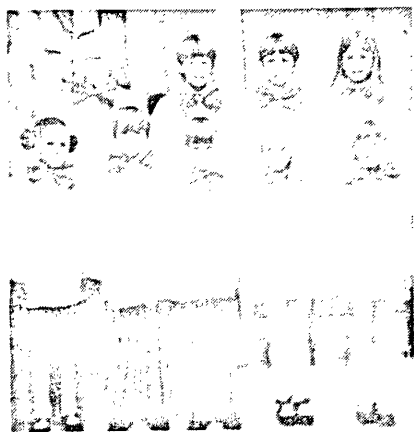
Probing within ourselves for unfathomed insight,
Could it somehow be, forsaking literal concepts
Of Pearly Gates, vibrant harps, and Streets of Gold,
We shall one day fine-tune to the Ultimate Truth,
And fully know and richly be
One with the vast everywhere that is God?

—by H. Raymond Gregg

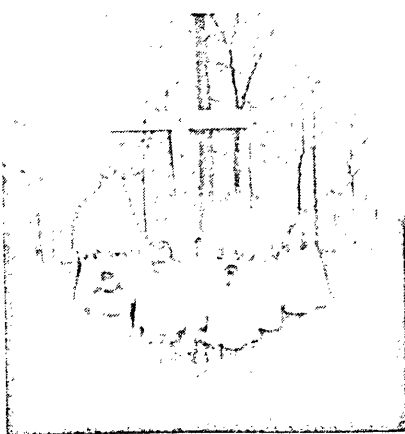
Faith

I will walk with calm repose
as if Thy voice I hear,
I will gently steer my boat,
and bring it to the shore.
Ah, faith will play its part,
God is in the waiting.

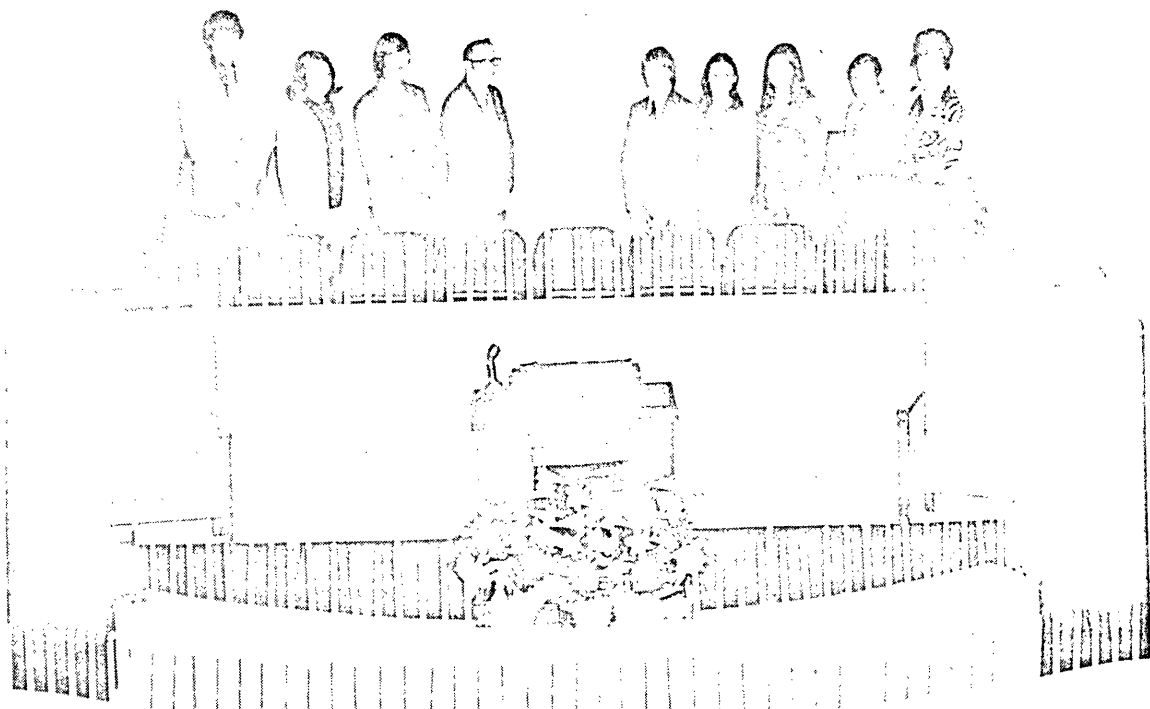
—by Rosemary Clements



The Cherub Choir of Asbury United Methodist Church in Batesville (shown at left) presented special music at their church on Palm Sunday. The Rev. George Cleary is pastor.



AT RIGHT: The Mount Tabor United Methodist Church's Junior Choir presented special music at the annual Easter Sunrise Service held at Kennedy Lake, and at their home church on Palm Sunday. The Rev. T. G. Poss is pastor of the Mount Tabor Church (on the Austin Circuit in Little Rock District).



"Come Walk With Him" was the theme of the Holy Week Candlelighting services held at Piggott United Methodist Church during Holy Week. The youth of the church, under the direction of Mrs. L. W. Brannon (right), participated in daily morning services focusing on the places where Jesus walked during the last days of his ministry on earth. The Rev. J. B. Harris (fourth from left) is minister at Piggott.

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