

# Arkansas Methodist

91st YEAR

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1972

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## Dr. Dixon speaker at Philander Smith Commencement

Dr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr. of Dayton, O., associate general secretary of the Program Council of the United Methodist Church and a former president of Philander Smith College, will be the speaker for the 1972 commencement exercises at the college at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 14. Ninety-five seniors are candidates for degrees at the program which will be held on the south mall of the college's administration building.

Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaske Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be the preacher for the baccalaureate service which will be held at 10:40 a.m. May 14 at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Dr. Dixon, a native of San Antonio, Tex., was president of Philander Smith from 1965 until 1969 when he took his present position.

Honorary doctor of humane letters degrees will be given at the commencement exercises to Al Bell, executive vice president and national promotional director of Stax Records of Memphis, and to Isaac Hayes, a recording artist for Stax Records, who recently won an Academy Award for his theme music for the film, "Shaft."

Bell, 30, is a graduate of Scipio Jones High School at North Little Rock and Philander Smith College. He is a trustee of the college. In 1969 he became the first black to receive the Record Executive of the Year award from the Radio Program Conference.

Hayes sings, plays the piano, organ, saxophone and vibes. He recently gave a benefit concert for Philander Smith College at the Barton Coliseum.

## Schedule for Adult Ministries training announced for Mt. Sequoyah

OKLAHOMA CITY—Adult Ministries Training for 1972 in the South Central Jurisdiction will center in three events at Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas. (1) **Adult Ministries I, July 24-28**, for Conference and District workers in Evangelism, Health and Welfare Ministries, Stewardship, Social Concerns, and Worship. (2) **Adult Ministries Week-End, July 28-30**, for Local Church Workers in all work areas of the Local Church Council on Ministries; and (3) **Adult Ministries II, July 31-August 4**, for Conference and District Workers in Ecumenical Affairs, Education, Interpretation and Missions.

Adult Ministries I (July 24-28) will feature the 1972 Mt. Sequoyah Will-

## Arkansas Methodists will honor Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway

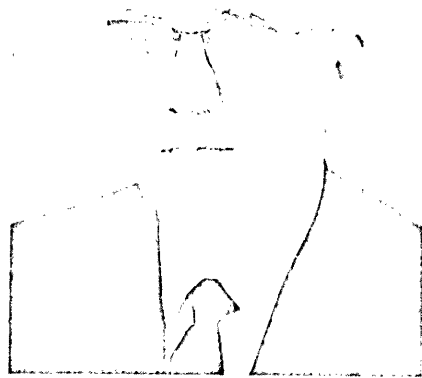
Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway will be guests of honor at the Celebration of Appreciation Banquet which will be held at Hendrix College, Friday, May 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Galloway will be retiring at the close of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference which meets in Houston, Tex., July 10-14.

Approximately 400 persons will tax the facilities of the special dining room in Hulén Hall as persons from all of life in Arkansas and the Southwest gather to give their personal testimony concerning the influence of the ministry of the Galloways. (Details of the program will be announced in next week's paper.)

Bishop Galloway was born in Mountain Home, Ark. when his father, the Rev. J. J. Galloway was pastor there. He was licensed to preach by the Arkadelphia District Conference in 1924 and was admitted on trial by the Little Rock Annual Conference in 1925. He attended Hendrix College, Conway, and Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, receiving his A.B. degree in 1926. He attended Perkins School of Theology and Yale Divinity School, receiving his B.D. degree from the latter institution in 1929.

His appointments have included: Associate Pastor, First Church, Fort Smith; Arkadelphia Circuit; Manila-Dell; Swifton-Alicia; Joiner-Keiser; Clarendon; Osceola; Forrest City; Central Church, Fayetteville; Winfield Church, Little Rock; and Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa. He was elected to the episcopacy in June, 1960, and assigned to the San Antonio-Northwest Texas Area. He was assigned to the Arkansas Area in June, 1964.

Bishop Galloway serves currently



Bishop Paul V. Galloway

as Chairman of the United Methodist Board of Health and Welfare Ministries and is a member of the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops and was a member of the

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America—Revolution and Change."

Thirty-five outstanding leaders in all facets of the church's ministry will participate in the three events covering the two weeks, July 24-August 4, including Dr. and Mrs. Hendrix Townsley, Delhi (India) District Superintendent and wife, who will teach the church-wide study course on India; and Dr. Grover C. Bagby, Associate General Secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, who will teach the course on "The Church and State."

Adult Lab and Seminar work will be offered in Adult Ministries II with Dr. Joseph E. Taylor, pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark. as Lab Director.

## Perkins elections include Arkansan

Students from Arkansas and Louisiana were among those elected to important posts of leadership in the recent Student Council elections at Perkins School of Theology.

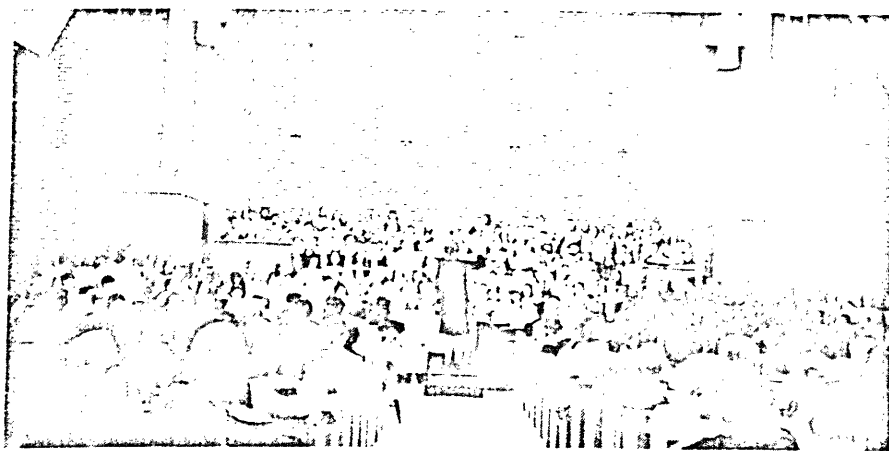
Elected Social Action Committee Chairwoman was Kathy Fadick, daughter of Mrs. Fred Fadick of Pine Bluff, Ark. She is a first year student and a candidate for the Master of Theology Degree.

Elected Academic Affairs Committee Chairman was David G. Trickett, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Trickett of Shreveport. He is a first year student and a candidate for the Master of Theology Degree.

Miss Mimi Raper was named the first woman student body President ever at Perkins. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James S. Raper of Asheville, N.C. and a second year student.

Elected Vice President was Jose F. Salas, Jr., first Mexican-American student body vice president ever elected at Perkins. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Jose F. Salas, Sr. of Floresville, Tex. and is a second year student.

Other officers elected by the Perkins students included: Secretary — Mrs. Janice Riggle Huie, daughter of Mrs. James Riggie of Beeville, Tex.; Treasurer — Billy Tom Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williamson of Galena Park, Tex.; Editor of the Log — Robert Charles Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Davis, Jr. of Garland, Tex.; Newsletter Editor — Paul N. Spellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis U. Spellman of Stamford, Conn.; Ecumenical Affairs Committee Chairman — Richard Lee Cromwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cromwell of Bethel Park, Pa.; Social Life Committee Chairman — Gary L. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Graham of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Ronald H. Petty, son of Mrs. Mena Petty of Dallas.



More than 300 children from 19 churches participated in the Fourth Annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mrs. A. L. Butler of Ada, Okla. was the guest director for the occasion which attracted an overflow crowd.



A new parsonage was recently completed by the Lincoln Parish in the Fayetteville District and occupied by the pastor, the Rev. Van Hooker. The parish is made up of Lincoln, Morrow, Cincinnati, Rhea Mill, Summers and Weddington churches. Roger Pitts was chairman of the Building Committee for the new house which cost about \$20,000. There is a small balance which the parish expects to liquidate next year. The Rev. Leonard A. Peters is associate pastor of the parish.

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## North Arkansas Pension Report

Contributions to the Pension Endowment Campaign in the North Arkansas Conference through March 31, 1972, totaled \$728,233.23, according to the Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the Campaign. This amount represents 61% of the Fair Share Goal for the Conference.

The report of offerings for the three months of the quarter is as follows: January — \$35,087.66; February — \$13,550.52; March — \$21,256.66. Total 1st Quarter, 1972, \$69,894.84.

A further breakdown of the report indicates that: 104 Churches have reached their First Year Goal; 252 Churches have reached their second Year Goal; 46 Churches have reached their Third Year Goal.

Four hundred churches of the Conference are in fair to excellent shape in regard to their Fair Share Goals. There are 464 local churches in the Conference.

A summary by Districts is as follows:

DISTRICT	FAIR SHARE GOAL	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED OR BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID TO APR. 1	% PAID OF 3 YR. GOAL
Batesville	\$ 132,000	\$ 136,965.25	\$ 85,382.08	61%
Conway	186,000	182,988.02	129,709.54	70%
Fayetteville	180,000	190,554.70	135,206.35	75%
Forrest City	186,000	193,577.65	94,057.53	51%
Fort Smith	192,000	202,301.50	121,806.33	63%
Jonesboro	198,000	200,182.80	91,153.78	46%
Paragould	126,000	123,082.00	70,917.62	56%
TOTALS	\$1,200,000	\$1,229,651.92	\$728,233.23	65%

## MEMPHIS' METHODIST HOSPITAL'S ACCREDITATION RENEWED

Methodist Hospital has received notification that it has again been fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The Commission is made up of representatives from the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Surgeons.

The surveyors from the Joint Commission recently spent two days at Methodist Hospital examining and surveying all aspects of the hospital's operation, according to Las Savell, Director of Public Relations. With this accreditation the public is guaranteed that Methodist Hospital is providing excellent medical care with good and proper diagnostic treatment facilities, as well as a competent and well qualified staff.

## LAY DELEGATES TO STUDY PRE-CONFERENCE DIGEST

Batesville District has arranged a meeting for lay delegates to Annual Conference to study reports in the Pre-Conference Digest, to acquaint delegates with their duties and responsibilities, and to pre-view issues to come before the body when it convenes in Fort Smith the week of May 29.

The meeting is scheduled for May 15 at 7 p.m. in Southside United Methodist Church, five miles south of Batesville on Highway 167 South.

Plans for the workshop are being worked out by the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., district superintendent, and laymen Marvin L. Gaither and Charles Mabry. Guests assisting in the workshop will be Dr. Harold O. Eggenberger and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, both of the Conference Program Council.

# Program Directors to Local Churches

## NEW MANUAL — JUST OUT!

The Superintendent of the Study Program is responsible for the supervision of the school of the church and is the educational consultant to the age group and family coordinators. He also coordinates study activities involving more than one age group.

NOW . . . MANUAL FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STUDY PROGRAM offers the help that is needed for the person filling this most important position. It outlines the duties and gives practical suggestions on getting the job done. This new manual is 5½ inches by 8½ inches, contains 64 pages. Its number is 7872-BC, and may be ordered from Cokesbury at \$1.

The Table of Contents includes five chapters: I. Introduction; II. Relationships; III. The Job of the Superintendent of Study; IV. Concluding Statement, and V. Additional Information.

The Introduction includes: "The Need for Study as Demands of the Day", and "The Place of Study in the Church." The chapter on Relationships includes the following sub-topics: "Chairman of Education and Superintendent of Study"; "The Superintendent of Study and Age-level and Family Coordinators — A Team Effort"; and "The Superintendent of Study and the Council on Ministries".

Sub-topics in the chapter on The

Job of the Superintendent of Study are: "Be an Informed Consultant", "Coordinate and Integrate", "Interpret Objectives", "Engage in Study", "Discover Needs", "Supervise", and "Evaluate".

Education in the church needs to be just as effective as education in public schools and industry. The study program of the local church has been neglected far too long. We have been too content to get by with shallow and insignificant learning.

The generation now in our elementary grades, junior and senior high schools, and colleges are a brand new challenge to the church. They want honesty, truth, and real adults who are not only serious about their commitments in life, but who can also support these commitments. Adults stand in need of serious study that will help them verbalize their faith, their commitments, and find a basis for what they believe. The needs of these generations are a cry for help that we cannot neglect. The need for better adult leadership and improved study programs for all ages is a demand of the day.

The church will be preserved in our time if the right study program is offered to assist its members to be in mission in the world in which they live. The MANUAL FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STUDY PROGRAM is to assist in this task.

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## Summer Term Plans at Hendrix

A proposal from the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs for the development of a summer term at Hendrix was recently passed at the Faculty meeting April 12, 1972.

The summer school program, which would become effective as soon as feasible, would consist of three three-week sessions of courses. The student would be required to concentrate his efforts on only one course for a three week period. At the end of that period the student would receive credit for the course just as he would receive credit for a course during the regular school year. The student could then complete one or two other three week sessions if he so desired.

Several three week courses will be offered in each session. These courses may be existing courses which can be adapted to the intensified period, new courses, experimental courses, or special courses. Classroom, laboratory, and studio and research aspects for the courses will have to be worked out and integrated by the departments offering the courses.

Under certain conditions, two or three professors may cooperate to provide a "block" of two or three courses covering a six or nine week period. The blocks will provide course-

related field experiences, and the courses in such a block may be offered concurrently or in a series.

For a successful operation of the program there will have to be a minimum number of students signing up for the program. In addition there will have to be a minimum number of boarding students signing up for the residence hall and dining hall so that facilities can be in operation for any given three week session.

Supplementing the academic program will be programs of recreation and special events for these summer sessions.

Under this flexible summer term program, students could theoretically go to school year round for three years and complete their college career. This program would also make it possible for students to take term breaks at a time other than the summer. For example, the student could "break" in the winter term and make up the time by going to the summer term.

The inter-term concept has gained broad acceptance in American higher education and is capable of providing flexibility of application. An experiment with a full credit taught in a short term has proven successful at Hendrix.

## National Family Week

For the last thirty years the first week in May has been observed as National Family Week with its climax coming on Mother's Day. The fact that church leaders have been influential in initiating and continuing this observance underscores the feeling the church has for the stability of the family. We know that this emphasis grows more important with the mounting pace of living and the forces that threaten to destroy the unity of the family.

The large number of mothers and wives who hold full-time jobs and the increased leisure hours resulting from automation and the continuing industrial revolution have made church leaders more aware of the challenge that is theirs in this realm. Every pastor spends an increasing number of his office hours and his worrying hours dealing with issues involved in family living, 1972.

The affluent society has much to say about the course of family life among those who are numbered among the "haves." The style of our "success psychology" likewise has a strong influence on the thinking of the families characterized as the "have nots." The new upsurge in the demands for women's rights and the widespread employment of women in all areas of business and industry have provided additional income for many families. In other instances we have to face the fact that the mother's income is all there is. However, this accounts for the mother's absence from the home during hours that are crucial in the development of the child. Businesses which care for children are becoming a big thing in our land with several chains of them being franchised like motels and nursing homes.

Other factors which cannot be ignored are the urbanization of American life, the great pressure of the drug culture, the increasing influence of mass communications, and the changing roles played by different members of the family. Family units are becoming increasingly mobile in order to adapt to job opportunities, and as a result, the roots of family stability are cut off and personal identity is often threatened.

Divorce remains a major problem in the land. It continues to occupy more time in the courts than any other single item. Al-

most five million children have divorced parents. There is an abundance of statistical evidence that children from unstable homes will be more apt to have insecure homes when they are married. This is why the church feels that this is a major item on its agenda. However, we are not concerned just for the sake of statistics. It is persons about whom we are thinking.

We know, of course, that religion is not a magic cure-all for this or any of the other ills of our world. The church is anxious to give a great portion of its energies to offering guidance and aid to those who will allow it. Unfortunately not enough of our own church-related individuals think of the pastor and the educational program of the church as ready and able to help them prepare for the important roles of home-making and parenthood. We recognize that this is in a measure our own fault. However, honest efforts are being made to remedy this situation. Family-centered church programs are being developed, and these deserve our commendation and increased support.

Many family life authorities recognize that one of the firmest foundations upon which the homes of tomorrow can be built is the security a child gains from realizing that his own parents who think they are giving their children everything they need are not giving them this one thing that they need most. Happiness within the family is communicated.

The Christian faith affirms that even in a changing time there are abiding values that must not be lost. Death, illness, economic reverses, and the moving away from old friends all strike shattering blows at the family.

The Christian home receives no guarantee that it will be spared such blows. However, if the members of the family know Christian love they can move through such emergencies without being too severely shaken.

As we have previously indicated, the church has a vital mission in preparing young men and young women for responsible parenthood. This it does, in part, through the guidance it provides during the years when they are rearing their children. The church also has a real responsibility for helping the young people understand the nature of their own physical and emotional development. The church can further extend its ministry as it lets people know we are dedicated to the wholeness of life and the application of Christian love to every human situation.

Some churches are re-examining their priorities to see if sometimes their own "busy-ness" has not contributed to the frustrations of family life. We must be willing occasionally to sacrifice some of our own institutional concern in order to deal more realistically with the ideals of Christian family living.

In a highly mobile age like ours one of the greatest challenges to the church is that of cultivating meaningful fellowship among its members. The Greek word "koinonia," used for the church in the New Testament refers to the kind of relationship among family groups within the church that sustains them as part of the family of God.

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## the Editor's Corner

### I Remember Mama

It is natural that those of us whose mothers are no longer with us should turn our thoughts toward their memories as Mother's Day approaches again.

These are the things I remember most about my own mother:

—A deep-seated Christian faith that grew out of her Scotch-Irish ancestry and the long affiliation of her family with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. (Both Mother and Father were Cumberland Presbyterians, and we moved our membership to the Methodist Church only when that denomination discontinued its church in my hometown.)

—Her energy and devotion to hard work. When I was about eight years of age we moved to a new home which had no spot for a garden — only a backyard completely occupied by bermuda grass. While all the rest of us told her it was a hopeless task, she attacked that bermuda grass with only a butcher knife. In due course, we had a lovely garden growing there.

—Her habits of thrift. Mother taught school for many years. In the bottom of the depression she received only \$45 per month salary, but even then she saved money and had a few dollars to help with my college expenses.

—Her dedication to high moral principles. Whatever else came along in the life of our family, mother was never willing to forget the high ethical standards which had been inbred in her, and which she used as a yardstick in measuring every question of conduct which came up in our family.

—Her love of her family. She was not overly-demonstrative, but all of us knew that we were at the center of everything she ever did, and she kept at her teaching profession as much from love for us as for the children she taught.

—Her devotion for her native state of Mississippi. Mother lived in Arkansas for many years, but she never lost that bright love in her heart for her native state of Mississippi. She always idealized everything that she remembered about her life in the northern part of that state around the little town of Byhalia.

I remember mama, with such fond devotion!

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All major English Churches are participating in a massive, unprecedented evangelism campaign launched in the North of England at Easter with the reading in an estimated 10,000 churches of a joint Easter Letter written by three top churchmen. The letter framed by Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of York, Roman Catholic Archbishop George Andrew Beck of Liverpool and the 1971 moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, Dr. John March, urged Christians throughout the North of England to "work out ways of making the Christian faith intelligible to those at present out of touch with Christian worship and activity." Although "Call to the North" is confined to the populous, industrial North—the campaign, which results from four years of discussion and planning, is expected to make an impact throughout Britain.

The Rev. William J. Fogleman, new president for the Texas Conference of Churches sees his two-year term as crucial to the ecumenical future in Texas. The Houston clergyman was one of 19 delegates to the TCC annual meeting held earlier this year, who signed a resolution saying the "moment of truth" has come. The statement said three years had provided an opportunity for the members to become acquainted and to be involved in "limited action." It added that the time has come "to be willing to commit ourselves more fully (to TCC)."

A resolution authorizing and requesting President Nixon to designate by proclamation the weekend of Sept. 15-17 as "God Day Weekend" and calling upon Americans to "observe such a weekend with appropriate ceremonies and activities" has been introduced in the House by Rep. Mario Biaggi of N.Y. An aide to the Roman Catholic Congressman, told newsmen that the suggestion for such a proclamation came from Concerned Citizens for God and Country. Biaggi indicated he was submitting the bill "in the interest of restoring allegiance to country through revived faith in God."

A Long Beach, Calif. Baptist layman, who has conducted airborne relief operations for snow-bound Navajos in Arizona and for Biafrans during the Nigerian civil war is undertaking a new challenge in Bangladesh. Russell P. O'Quinn is founder of the Foundation for Airborne Relief (FAR), a non-profit organization that has received a \$1.5 million grant for operations in Bangladesh from the Agency for International Development. FAR will fly food, medicine and other emergency supplies to parts of the interior that are difficult to reach by surface transportation.

Government officials in Phnompenh, Cambodia estimated that some 10,000 people attended mid-April evangelistic crusade meetings, conducted by Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham of World Vision, Inc., and said to be the first public meetings of this type held in that country. Statistics indicate, crusade members said, that out of a population of 7,000,000 there were only 600 Protestant church members in Cambodia before the crusade began. The report said "more than 2,000 came forward to accept Christ" . . . with "more than 90 per cent being men between the ages of 18 and 25" including several government officials.

A former Jesuit college and seminary in St. Mary's, Kansas — which includes 11 major buildings and a large tract of land—was given to the Pottawatomie Indian tribe, according to a joint statement released at the Jesuits' Missouri Province in St. Louis. The St. Mary's College property, valued at \$750,000, will provide the Prairie Band Pottawatomie tribe with a base for educational, cultural and community development programs. The Jesuits first came to St. Mary's in 1848 as missionaries to the Pottawatomie and the Indian school they founded became a college in the early 1860s. It closed about four years ago when the seminarians were moved to St. Louis.

# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The New York Assembly overwhelmingly approved a bill requiring high school students to pass citizenship and character-building requirements to qualify for diplomas. Sponsored by Assemblyman John A. Esposito, the measure would require students to "show performance and growth in the vital areas of character and citizenship development" in addition to passing school subjects to earn a high school diploma. At the present time, school administrators have no means to deal with unruly students, Esposito said, adding that the present situation "permits students who have robbed, mugged, assaulted or been lured into drug use to receive their diplomas, along with good students of strong moral fibre."

The world famous Korean Children's Choir, under sponsorship of World Vision International, will begin its fifth tour to the U.S. in October. The 30-voice ensemble will appear in major cities in the U.S. and Canada. The children who range in age from 8 to 16 years will be featured on major television. A missionary-statesman familiar with the plight of children in underdeveloped countries of the world has suggested that the choir is a living "thank you" to people who have aided needy and orphaned children.

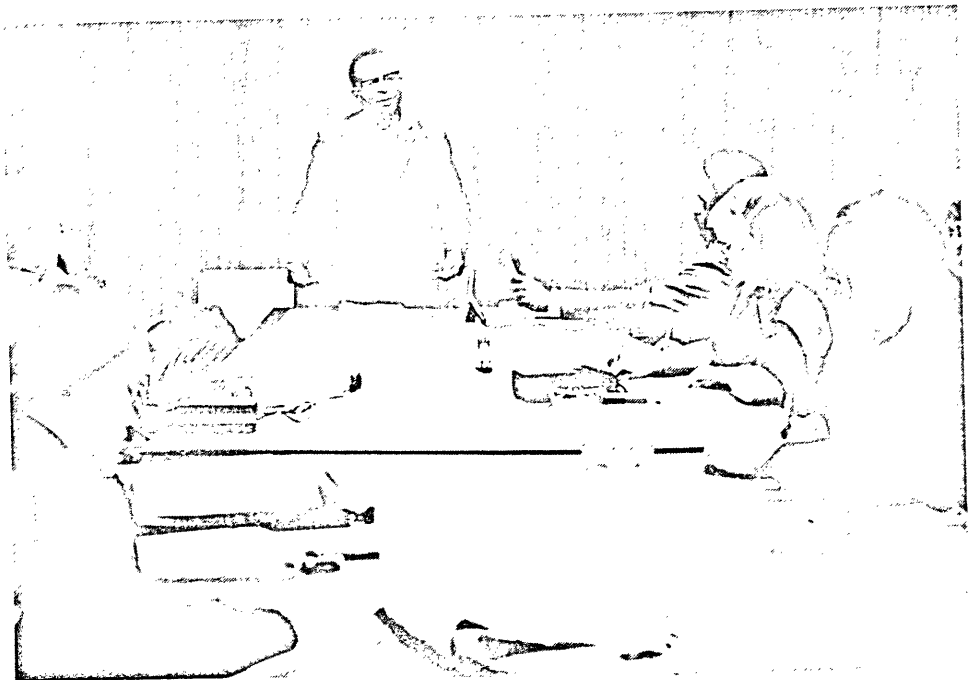
Franklin Richards, an assistant to the Council of 12 Apostles, the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), told the church's annual meeting that public prayer, secret prayer and family prayer all have their place in a person's life. "It is important to recognize that the laws governing prayer are as immutable as those governing science," he said. "Response is predicated upon having the proper attitude and so living that we are entitled to the whisperings of the spirit."

The observance of National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews on April 30 is reported to have drawn support from a number of Christian leaders. Presidents of three Baptist conventions — Southern, American, and Progressive — issued a joint statement supporting the observance and calling on President Nixon to intercede for Soviet Jews during his visit to Moscow this month. The Texas Conference of Churches, which includes 15 Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic bodies, encouraged its members to participate in the effort to secure a million signatures on petitions urging President Nixon to exert his influence on behalf of Soviet Jews during his visit to the Soviet Union.

Responding to criticism of him on the floor of the United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, evangelist Billy Graham said: "I would like to see the Methodists, who are declining in membership, get back to the simplicity, the discipline and the theology of their founders—John Wesley, George Whitfield and Francis Asbury." Graham sent greetings to the conference stating, "I have deeply appreciated the encouragement and support that Methodists have given me throughout my ministry. I recognize that in every denomination we have our supporters and our critics. I always profit from constructive criticism."

"One of my greatest satisfactions is being a Christian, working every day for Christ," said South Carolina's "Mother of the Year," Mrs. Jesse Blackwell. Mrs. Blackwell, mother of two sons, is also one of only three women mayors in S. Car., according to Sen. Strom Thurmond, who commended her on the Senate floor.

The State of Arizona plans to repurchase a 249-acre tract of land that it sold to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) 12 years ago for a proposed university. In 1960, the Mormon Church purchased the land for \$1,550,000 under a "gentleman's agreement" stipulating that it would be used for a branch of Brigham Young University. If not used for this purpose it was agreed that the land could be re-sold to the state. Plans call for the state to use 145 acres of the tract for a mental retardation center, a community technical college, and a right-of-way for the Papago Freeway.



NEW YORK — United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of Salisbury, Rhodesia, briefs an ecumenical group in New York on why he and many black Rhodesians are opposing a diplomatic settlement between Britain and the Salisbury regime of Ian Smith. The churchman, head of the African National Council of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), addressed the United Nations Security Council. He opposes the settlement because it does not set a timetable for black majority rule and because no blacks were involved in drafting it. Rhodesia has 5.5 million blacks who are currently ruled by 250,000 whites. The Anglo-Rhodesian proposals are aimed at ending a diplomatic deadlock caused when the Smith regime unilaterally declared independence from Britain six years ago. (RNS Photo)



# Little Rock Conference 1972

## Camp Tanako Summer Program



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The Conference Board of Education is making available 60-plus camperships for underprivileged children and youth during this year's camping sessions. We are asking the local churches across the conference to locate such persons, provide them with clothes, linens, etc., necessary for a week at camp, and arrange transportation to and from Tanako. The camper-ship will then take care of the room, board, insurance and other fees of the week in camp. For further information on this, contact Rev. Joe E. Arnold.

### SESSIONS AVAILABLE

(See Definition of Initials Below)

June 5-9	Conference Choir Camp Directors--Richard Lines Felix Thompson
June 12-16	Middle High I (H, LR, M) Director--Rev. John Dill
June 19-23	Conference Camp Director--Rev. Joe E. Arnold
June 26-30	Elementary I Director--Rev. Norris Steele
July 3-7	Junior High I (PB, M) Director--Rev. Therral Wilson
July 10-14	Senior High Assembly Director--Rev. John Walker
July 17-21	Middle High II (A, C, PB) Director--Rev. Ralph Hemund
July 24-28	Junior High II (H, C) Director--Rev. Dan George
July 29	CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY
August 7-11	Junior High III (LR, A) Director--Rev. Michael Clayton
August 11-13	Young Adult Weekend
August 14-18	Elementary II Director--Rev. James Richardson
August 26-27	Conference Laymen's Assembly

A - Arkadelphia  
C - Camden  
H - Hope

LR - Little Rock  
M - Monticello  
PB - Pine Bluff

All camps are conference-wide this year, but it is hoped that, where initials are shown, these sessions will be supported primarily by those districts.

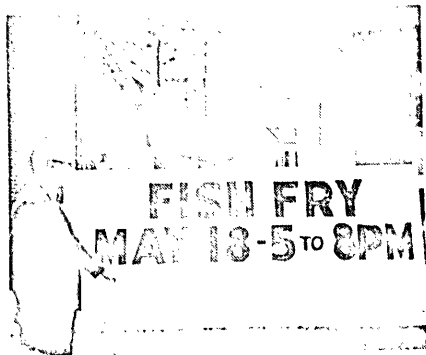
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# NEWS and NOTES

**THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING** of Morning Star United Methodist Church, located near Hot Springs on Old Highway 88, will be held on Sunday, May 21. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m., following Sunday school, worship, and basket dinner at the usual hours. Friends and former members are invited by the congregation and pastor, the Rev. Robert E. Woody, to see the new addition to the church.

**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH** of Harrison honored the residents of buildings of the Heritage Heights and Woodland Heights Apartments with a luncheon at the church, April 20. The entertainment hour which followed was under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Max Whitfield. This was an activity of the outreach program sponsored by the work area of Evangelism.



Forty years ago the Rev. Arthur Terry was appointed to Hawley Memorial Church in Pine Bluff. The Hawley congregation declared April 23 as Dr. Arthur Terry Day, honoring him as he concludes his term as Pine Bluff district superintendent. Dr. Terry stands beside the sign advertising the Hawley Methodist Men's upcoming fish fry.

**GLENDAL UNITED METHODIST** Church held a three-day revival April 23, 24 and 25, opening with a Communion service. The sermons, special music and fellowship were enjoyed with members of sister churches from surrounding communities. Guest speaker was the Rev. Loyd Perry of Almyra. Host pastor was the Rev. Gene Ratekin.



Jim Wenner, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wenner of Lake Hamilton, received his God and Country Award during recent morning services at Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs. Jim, a sophomore at Lakeside High, has been in scouting for seven years. He is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm and is the senior patrol leader of Troop 12. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold, Oaklawn pastor, is shown with Jim and his parents.

## GALLOWAY SUB-DISTRICT UMYF INSTALLS OFFICERS

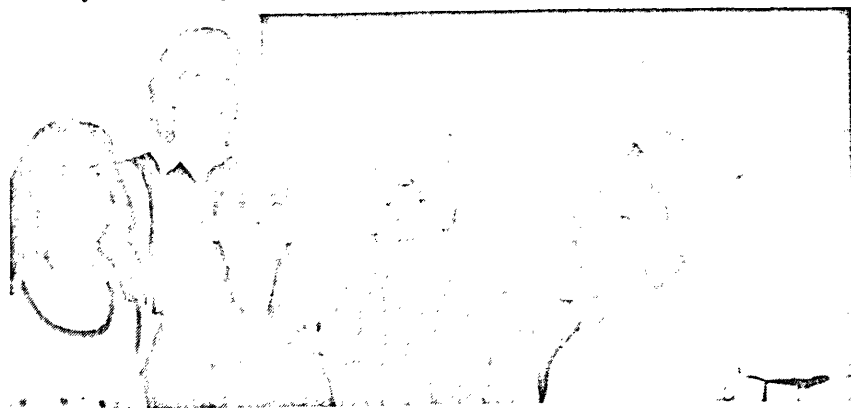
The United Methodist Church, Nashville, was host to the Galloway Sub-district UMYF April 10. Some 50 youths participated in this last meeting of the year.

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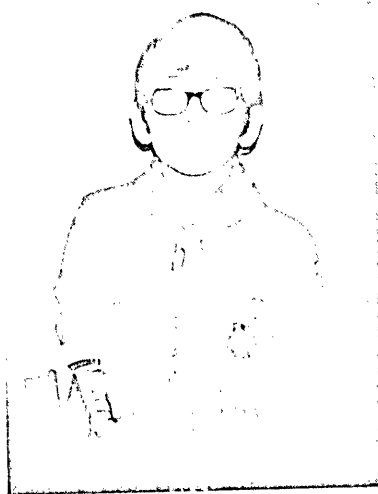
sided over the business meeting, after which he installed the new officers for 1972-73.

The Rev. Bob Treischmann, pastor, presented the program, rating oneself on "What Do I Believe."

The meeting adjourned with refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.



New officers of the Galloway Sub-District UMYF were installed at Nashville. They are from left, front row: Donna Daniel, treasurer; Nancy Pate, secretary; Keith Bell, vice-president; Mary Young, president. Back row: Council Members Pam Bell, Amanda Honeycutt, Dave Barnes, and Tim Hogan.



Jay Bourland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bourland, Camden, has made a perfect record in his three years of Cub Scouting, and Webelos Den Leader Floyd Bullock thinks that perhaps Jay has set an unequalled record. He has a perfect record in attendance and has earned all 15 Activity Badges. Jay joined Pack 24 in Camden in October, 1969. The family moved to Batesville and Jay joined Pack 52 in November, 1970. Upon moving back to Camden, Jay joined Pack 6 in March, 1972. Six badges were earned in Camden and nine in Batesville. Mike McCaffrey was his first Den Chief and also his last.

## P. K. KORNER

**DAVID WAYNE WEATHERFORD**, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Weatherford of Leachville, has won a \$1000 National Merit Scholarship. Nine such scholarships were granted to students in Arkansas and about 1000 nationwide. David's scholarship was sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation and will be paid to Hendrix College. David plans to major in chemistry at Hendrix. He is also valedictorian of Leachville High School for 1972, with a 3.94 grade point out of a possible 4.00. He has been a member of the Leachville Beta Club for three years and currently serves as its president. He is the school photographer, a member of the Student Council, and a three-year member of the Northeast Arkansas All-Region Choir.



**STEVE AVERITT** and Linda Rogers were married in Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, on April 27. He is the son of Mrs. Thelma Averitt, former assistant treasurer of the Little Rock Conference, and the late Rev. Louis W. Averitt. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rogers of Little Rock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Louis L. Averitt of Rison, brother of the bridegroom. The couple will live in San Diego where Steve reported for duty May 1 with the U. S. Naval Reserve.

## 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.

May 14—Sunday	John 1:1-14
May 15	John 3:1-6
May 16	John 5:17-31
May 17	John 17:1-10
May 18	Rom. 2:1-11
May 19	Gal. 3:7-14
May 20	Gal. 3:15-22
May 21—Sunday	Matt. 19:16-22

## XYZ CLUB REPORT FROM HOT SPRINGS

The Xtra Years of Zest (XYZ) Club of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, held the April 25 luncheon meeting in fellowship hall.

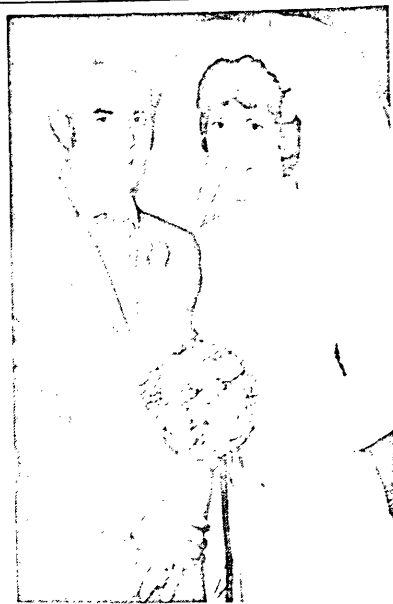
Gospel singing was led by Dr. George F. Ivey, pastor, with David Aston, church music director, at the piano. Kenneth Ross demonstrated the Clarion miniature organ.

Fifty club members and guests partook of the buffet style lunch.

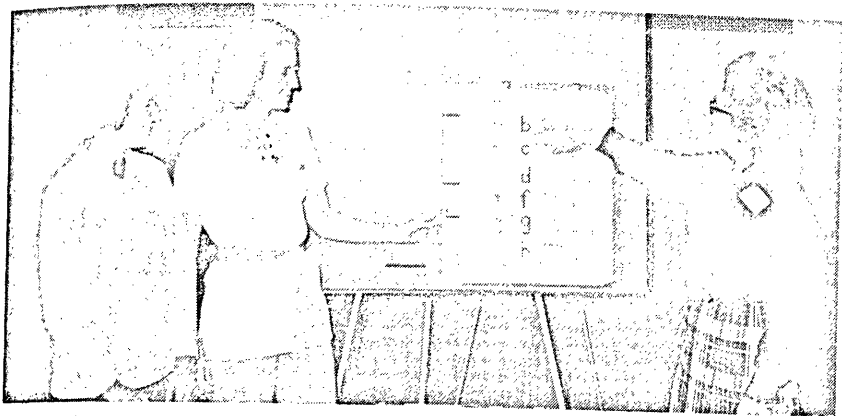
The afternoon agenda was presided over by Mrs. Prentiss Adams, president. Mrs. Floyd Thompson read the minutes and W. J. Simpson gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. J. M. Eastburn, program chairman, introduced Mrs. June Smith, who is in charge of the Hot Springs-Garland County CONTACT program. She explained the international program which has been initiated in many cities. Volunteers who man telephones 24 hours a day in readiness to help those in need are inter-denominational and inter-racial. Mrs. Smith was assisted by Mrs. Marilyn Bishof in showing a film of the CONTACT services.

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Annetta Brannon and George O'Brien were united in marriage April 23 in First Church, Osceola. The bride's father, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, officiated, and her two sisters, Sue and Sharon, were in the wedding party. She was given away by her uncle, Laverl Brannon of Paragould. The couple will live in Boston where he is employed by the Hood Dairy Company, and she is senior administrative dietitian at the Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical Center.



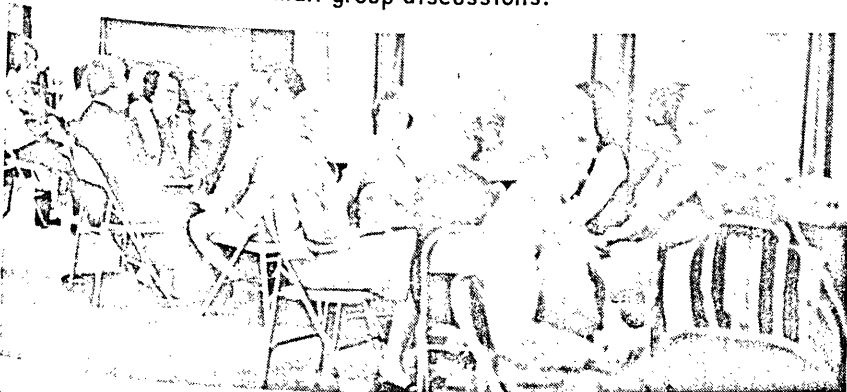
The Helena Laubach Literacy Workshop, held in First United Methodist Church, enrolled 34 persons. Mrs. W. B. Wood of Parkin was instructor for the three-day school. Shown above are Mrs. Doris Sibley, chairman of the Work Area on Christian Social Concerns, Mrs. Mauzel Beal, coordinator of the group, and Mrs. Wood.



The Rev. Aubra Hays, right, was a volunteer teacher's aid in the 15-week adult special education class held in Monette recently by the Delta Vocational School of Marked Tree. Mr. Hays, pastor of the Monette and Macey United Methodist Churches, is standing at right in the group picture of students and tutors, below.



The North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild spent Saturday and Sunday in retreat at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock on April 29 and 30. The Rev. Ross Whetstone, above, of the Board of Evangelism, led the thinking along the line of "Communicating the Gospel to a World in Future Shock." Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson of Fayetteville, shown with him, is chairman of spiritual growth for the conference. BELOW: Some of those attending are shown in small group discussions.



## West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission to be June 12-16 at Mt. Sequoyah

The West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission will be held June 12-16 at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly Grounds, Fayetteville, Ark. This is the program to train leadership for Conference Schools of Christian Mission which are held in July and August.

Church study courses for the coming year are to be explored and each person attending will study every course during the intensive five-day workshop.

Courses being offered this year are: INDIA: ONE SIXTH OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE; FAITH AND JUSTICE; and ROMANS.

Leadership for these studies will be: Miss Bernice Dvorak, serving as chairman of the team, is a staff member of the Board of Missions, Women's Division, with headquarters in Dayton, Ohio; Leading the study of ROMANS will be Dr. Katherine B. Hockin, Dean of Studies, The Ecumenical Institute of Canada, Toronto, Canada; Gilbert M. Galloway, scheduled to teach the course on INDIA, is presently associate director of the Audio-Visual Resources Department of the United Methodist Board of Missions, but was previously a missionary in India; Mrs. Thelma Barnes of Greenville, Miss., brings to the study of FAITH AND JUSTICE a background of experience in church, business, U.S. Air Force, and politics.

Focus for the 1972 Regional Schools will be the work of the Board of Mission. The approach will deal with United Methodist Women in Church and Society. Representatives from the Women's Division who will be attending Mt. Sequoyah are Miss Ann Eaton, Miss Peggy Halsey, Mrs. Gerald Heilman and Mrs. Harry Wells. Other resource personnel scheduled to attend are Dr. Bertha Corfield, Mrs. Lynette Mannering, Mrs. Judith Woodward, Frederick S. Bunyan and the Rev. Spurgeon Dunnam.

Attendance at the regional schools is by pre-selection only. Conference WSCS/WSG officers who will attend are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chairmen of program areas for Christian Social Relations,

Missionary Education, and Spiritual Growth, secretary of Program Materials, chairman of Conference Committee on Nominations, chairman of each Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, and up to three additional Guild representatives. Also: deans, assistant deans, and team coordinators for conference schools who are not already in list above. Teachers in conference schools may attend regional schools for certification.

Other regions to hold schools are: Upper Atlantic, South Atlantic, Midwest, and Pacific. In 1971, the West Gulf Region school had the highest attendance.

Area women who serve on the planning committee for the West Gulf Regional School are: Louisiana Conference—Mrs. Gilbert Bandel, Baton Rouge; Southwest Conference—Mrs. Alice Preston, Murfreesboro, Ark.; Little Rock Conference—Mrs. D. E. McCoy, Sheridan, Ark.; North Arkansas Conference—Mrs. James Nix, Brinkley, Ark.

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### SUBJECT: "FAITH" WHEN PINE BLUFF DISTRICT HELD DAY APART

Pine Bluff District WSCS Spiritual Growth Chairman Mrs. Guy Kirkley was in charge of the district DAY APART on April 27 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

"Faith" was the theme of the morning program. Mrs. James Peavey, local chairman, gave the devotional. The Rev. Robert Regnier, Wesley pastor, gave the inspirational message.

Group discussions were based on six questions concerning Faith. Each group reported its conclusions when the session reconvened.

The program was adjourned following the Holy Communion conducted by the host pastor.

Fifty women from the district attended. Mrs. H. L. Kennedy is the district president.

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### Batesville District women met at Holiday Hills

The Batesville District Women's Society of Christian Service had a Spiritual Growth Day Apart on April 27 at Holiday Hills United Methodist Church on Greers Ferry Lake.

Miss Fern Cook, chairman of Spiritual Growth introduced each person on the program. The meditation was given by Miss Everne Hunter. Group singing was led by Miss Irene Cook. The speaker for the Hour of Worship was Mrs. Earl Hughes of Forrest City who gave an inspiring message.

Following lunch, Mrs. Joy Bates gave her personal witness of "How God Speaks to Me." Everyone had an opportunity to witness in small sharing groups. Mrs. Ira Mae Whitley encouraged everyone to a deeper dedication and prayer life. Mrs. Alta Lewis told of "God's call through His Word." Mrs. W. D. Murphy gave the closing devotion.

Approximately 60 persons attended.

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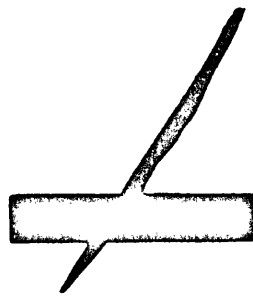
Committee of Fifty which directed the Quadrennial Program of the United Methodist Church during the last four years.

Honorary degrees have been conferred by Arkansas A.M. and N. College, Hendrix College, Oklahoma City University, McMurry College and Southern Methodist University.

Mrs. Galloway has been recognized for leadership in her own right everywhere they have served, but she has been most active during the past few years for the motivation which she has given to the Literacy Council in Little Rock and throughout the state. Because of her efforts hundreds of persons who could not otherwise have been able to read and write have had these doors opened to them by the workers who have been trained all over Arkansas.

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR MAY 21: The Church's Teaching Ministry

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; 3:10-17

**MEMORY SELECTION:** All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help all of us understand the necessity for continuous teaching in the ministry of the church and for the challenge this brings to all of us in learning and in teaching.

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Of all the signs of concern which one sees in modern church life perhaps none is more discouraging than the statistics which indicate that a decreasing number of persons are participating in the educational program of the local church. This is not a question of numbers; it is rather an indication that for some reason this important aspect of the church's ministry is not touching the lives of as many people as it once did. We would be quick to recognize that the total life style of our time has conditioned people into new habits, but there are still basic needs which must be met by this teaching ministry.

The background materials are from Paul's letter to Timothy, and we find in these words addressed to a youthful protege, the urgent necessity of preparing to be a teacher as well as a preacher. Paul had reasons for giving this advice. He knew that sound doctrine was essential for sound action. We know from reading the Gospels that Jesus spent a great deal of his earthly ministry teaching his disciples what he expected of them and what their work would be like when he was gone. He was often called "teacher" ("rabbi"). He was constantly occupied with teaching about personal living, the nature of the Kingdom, and the requirements of discipleship.

It is this writer's observation that in this period in which we note a decline in enrollment and attendance in the educational program of the church, great progress is being made in the content and the depth of materials that are being prepared for teaching. Some people do not want to accept the challenge of these materials. Some do not want to practice the disciplines necessary to preparing to teach them. There is ample evidence to prove that superficial teaching will not attract an increased enrollment. Our educational leaders are offering us more mature leadership than perhaps at any other time, and it is important that we respond to the challenge to become a part of this process.

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### THE WELL-TRAINED TEACHER

Timothy, whom we are told was well trained in the Scriptures from his earliest youth, had been trained by a godly mother and grandmother. He was with Paul on a number of his missionary journeys, and was sent by the apostle on a number of special missions. He was with Paul on one trip to Corinth and accompanied him on his journey to Jerusalem with the collection mentioned in Acts 20.

Later Paul wrote from prison in Rome that he was going to send Timothy to Ephesus to deal with false teachers and to supervise worship and the appointment of church officials. He hoped to rejoin Timothy, but was afraid he might be delayed, so he wrote the letter we know as I Timothy. In this letter he outlined what the young preacher's personal

responsibilities to the church are. (4:6-10)

First, he pointed out that the minister is expected to be a teacher. Surely none of us would deny that an untaught church is a starved, weak church. The pastor teaches from the pulpit, in small groups, and on a man-to-man basis. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the minister must continue his own education if he is to be able to maintain this position of leadership. The recent General Conference underscored the importance of the continuing education programs of the seminaries and called on local congregations to plan to give time and financial help to their preacher in order that he might keep up-to-date of the resources needed for both his preaching and teaching ministries. We hope that you are aware of the importance of this part of your pastor's ministry and that you are prepared to help implement this opportunity to help him become a better teacher and preacher.

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### DOCTRINAL FOUNDATIONS FOR ALL THAT WE DO

Because the United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations have never placed emphasis on all members' believing exactly the same things, there have been those who accused us of not having any doctrinal positions. This is not true, and the 1972 General Conference took care to point this out.

Timothy was advised to have nothing to do with "godless and silly myths." The Ephesian church was bothered by religious faddists who taught severe asceticism, including the forbidding of marriage. Paul felt that these positions were threatening the stability of the church, and so he told the young preacher to deal with them.

The General Conference authorized a study guide for the new emphasis on theological guidelines in the United Methodist Church. It is not intended that all of our people should be forced into one theological mold, but that the different points of view held by our people should be based on Scripture, the traditions of the Church, experience, and common sense.

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### THE EXAMPLE OF THE TEACHER

We have developed beyond the day when the personality of the teacher can completely compensate for an inadequate mastery of subject matter and technique. However, we cannot forget the individuals who played such a large share in molding our own development. Often the most productive form of teaching has been the good example set by the teacher.

A man of low morals may be a good teacher of math, but the Christian teacher must match his conduct to his instruction. When Paul wrote to Timothy that some people might show resentment because of his age, his better advice was that he should silence critics by the absolute integrity of his life. The church in Ephesus needed good teachers, but its greatest need was persons of Christlike demeanor. Such people teach by their lives.

As one speaks with those who have responsibility for developing the educational program, he hears always of the need for more and better teachers. This is a problem that many of us could help to solve if we would only make ourselves available and take advantage of the training opportunities that are provided by our denomination and through interdenominational enterprises.

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## THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Teaching was an essential part of the life of the early church as the missionaries and the evangelists presented the gospel. It was essential in overcoming error and in giving specific directions in the conduct of personal and church affairs. Later schools were developed for the training of leaders and the exploration of theology. For a long time the teaching ignored the needs of the people. With the coming of the Renaissance (fourteenth to sixteenth centuries) the education of persons other than leaders was seriously undertaken by the church.

Dr. William J. Carter, in Adult Bible Studies, points out that the Protestant emphasis on the Bible created a need for more education in the churches—that to understand the Scriptures, one must be able to read and write, so all churches became interested in educational work.

The Sunday school movement got started in the 1780's in England when Robert Raikes became interested in this as a means of educating poor children, most of whom worked six days a week in factories. Children—and some adults gathered for instruction by laymen. In the past only the clergy had done the teaching, but now every member was a potential teacher.

Some objections were raised to the Sunday school movement when it was first brought to America. However, Dr. Carter points out that by 1826 denominations were establishing Sunday school societies; and publishing houses were being formed to provide literature and guidance. In recent years Christian educators have broadened the concept so that now the Church school goes far beyond the concept of education on Sunday, and many varieties of religious instruction are being undertaken by churches throughout the week. Some churches are even experimenting with Church school sessions on a day other than Sunday and placing a greater emphasis on family's worshipping together on Sunday.

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### IMPROVEMENTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is exciting to read of all of the improvements that are being made in Christian education today. Many of the aids for teaching that have found wide acceptance in the public schools are being used effectively in religious education.

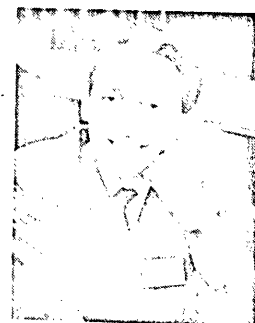
Long a pioneer in the use of audio-visual resources, religious educators have moved on to show how the multi-media techniques continue to communicate the essential messages that we are seeking to communicate. Just recently a storehouse of resource material has been compiled in Nashville, Tenn. by the Division of the Local Church of our denomination. This information has been stored in a computer and is available instantly for the guidance of religious educators in all parts of the country.

It is interesting to note the widespread use that is being made of the small groups within the church family. We do not believe that we have ever seen so many people who are involved in the learning process—who are personally entering into the experiences of Christian education. This may seem to be in contradiction to the idea that enrollment is down in Church school, but what we are trying to say is that those who are attending are being drawn into the learning process in a way that touches their whole lives.

Another existing adventure in teaching is the widespread participation in the "each one teach one" technique developed by Dr. Frank C. Laubach to teach persons to read. Many of our churches are participating in the training for this program, and the persons who have become involved are discovering the great joy of passing on this skill.

Remember that Paul urged Timothy to be a part of the teaching adventure: "What you have heard from me before many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Teaching communicates the faith from person to person. Our own faith came to us as the result of personal sharing in an unbroken succession back to Jesus.





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

Just a week from the time that I am writing this the Unity vote which may decide the future of the Church of England and the Methodist Church will take place in Church House at Westminster in the heart of London. In July 1969 at Birmingham in the north of England the Methodist Church decided by a majority of 77.4 per cent that it would accept the scheme. Now the Anglican Church has made up its mind that it needs 75 per cent majority in order to achieve an answering yes. This would in fact take precedence over the 69 per cent majority which was registered by the Anglican Convocations in 1969 at the same time as the Methodist vote and paved the way for the beginning of Stage One in the Unity scheme.

In previous despatches I have described the scheme in some detail. In a sentence it amounts to a Stage One which would bring together the Ministries of the two churches, enable Anglicans and Methodists to take

communion in each other's churches, and provide a proving ground of say ten to fifteen years up to Stage Two. Stage Two would be organic union when both churches would be totally together.

Opinion varies as to whether the Anglicans will, next week, vote in favour and in fact the balance is indeed delicate. The Archbishop of Canterbury is known to be strongly in favour, many of the Bishops have declared themselves also to be for the scheme and it is obvious that a large proportion of Anglicans want it also.

Opposition comes from the Conservative wing of the church, and also the High Church element of the Anglican Church—a slightly odd alliance in the eyes of many people.

Fears have been expressed that the vote will once again fail to reach the required majority. One thing, however, is certain. Nothing will ever be the same again after next week. If the answer is "Yes" then the whole scheme

can proceed. If the answer is "No" then in spite of the formal rejection the grass roots of the churches must continue as they have been in the past two or three years to grow together.

In many places in Britain Anglican and Methodist Churches have built joint churches, shared building schemes, shared present premises. Joint Ministries have been set up. In most places a unity on the ground is already well on the way. No formal vote can alter this and one of the most interesting results of a negative answer next week would be that in the intervening years before the matter is formally raised again there may well be unity in spite of officialdom.

A time-table which dates back as far as 1945 may be of interest and it will be seen from this that the vote next week is not a sudden decision but if it is favourable will be the fruit of very many years of negotiation and discussion.

#### UNITY TIME-TABLE

- 1946 Lord Fisher's Cambridge sermon.
- 1953 Methodist Conference passed resolution that the Methodist Church would be prepared to proceed to a further stage toward inter-communion with the Church of England.
- 1955 Methodist Conference adopted resolution (two dissentients) confirming that it would be ready to respond to the invitation to hold conversations which would lead to closer relations with the Church of England.
- 1956 Conversations begin.
- 1963 First report published: Conversations between the Church of England and the Methodist Church.
- 1963 Methodist Conference endorsed a resolution (one dissentient) to send the Conversations report down to the quarterly meetings and synods for report in 1965.

- 1965 Methodist Conference voted 488 to 137 (78.08 majority) approving main proposals of the Conversations report, with a number of clarifications required. Joint negotiating commission set up to "clarify."
- 1967 (March) Joint negotiating commission published Interim Statement, "Towards Reconciliation."
- 1967 (July) Commission's final report postponed to Easter 1968, resulting in the decisive votes not taking place until 1969.
- 1969 Methodist Conference voted by 524 to 153 (77.4 per cent) in favour of entering Stage One of Anglican-Methodist Unity. Anglican Convocations achieved only a sixty-nine per cent in favour; seventy-five per cent was required.
- 1970 High Court judgment ruled that the 'final authority within Methodism for the interpretation of its doctrines is Conference,' so establishing the validity of the 1969 vote.
- 1970 Methodist Conference confirmed the 1969 vote with an increased majority: 79.64 per cent.
- 1971-72 Voting in the Anglican diocesan synods showed a majority of the Scheme of 67.9 per cent.

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### Bishop Nichols speaker for Scarritt's 80th Commencement

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — Bishop Roy C. Nichols, episcopal administrator of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area of the United Methodist Church and a trustee of Scarritt College for Christian Workers in this city, will deliver the Commencement address at Scarritt's eightieth graduation service Friday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Wightman Chapel on the campus. Bishop Nichols is a member of The United Methodist Board of Evangelism. He was named to the Pennsylvania Governor's Committee on Children and Youth in 1969 and Forum chairman of the 1970 White House Conference on Children. He is a trustee of Carnegie-Mellon University as well as Scarritt College. He has been featured in a series of Radio-TV appearances: "Protestant Profile," "Let's Talk Religion," and "Point of View." At the Uppsala Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1968, Bishop Nichols was elected a member of its

policy-making Committee, and its Executive Committee.

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#### News in Brief

The Rt. Rev. John Victor Samuel, formerly bishop of the United Methodist Church in Pakistan and now bishop of Multan Diocese of the Church of Pakistan, has been named deputy moderator of his church. Another former United Methodist, Dr. Anwar Barkat, is general secretary.

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Miss Chanda Christdas, a former staff executive in the United Methodist Board of Missions' World Division, has been named principal of a boys' high school in Bangalore, India. She reportedly is the first woman to hold such an administrative post in a boys' school in the Methodist Church of Southern Asia.

## POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

"When God thought of mother," said Henry Ward Beecher, "He must have laughed with satisfaction, and framed it quickly — so right, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power, and beauty of conception."

### My Mother and I

At the moment  
of my birth  
she became a part  
of me and I of her.

Jubilant years  
tightened loose  
heartstrings.  
Golden days  
illuminated our  
friendship.

Bound by a  
glowing treasure —  
love without measure,  
we share a silent joy  
forever,  
my mother and I.

—by JoAnn Selig Smith

### Faith in Mother's Prayer

The worry of tomorrow's fate  
Is foremost in my thoughts today.  
It is easier to concentrate,  
Dear Mother, if I know you pray.

Before I am allowed to sleep  
While skillful, steady hands repair  
The cause of pain that makes me weep  
I need the power of your prayer!

I know the words you speak for me  
Will reach the One beyond our view.  
Because of your sincerity,  
Dear Mother, He will answer you.

I will be blessed in your belief  
Every moment I am there.  
Awakening will bring relief . . .  
I NEED the power of your prayer.

—by Remelda Nielsen Gibson

# Major structural changes for United Methodism summarized

by Bob Lear

ATLANTA, Ga.—After four years of study by a special commission and countless hours of discussion and debate here, the United Methodist General Conference has completed the most sweeping reorganization of its general boards and agencies in recent history of either of the two churches which were united in 1968.

It was union of the former Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches which gave rise to the study commission to carry forward the work of the commissioners drafting the plan of union. When the commission's 183 pages of recommendations were presented to the 1,000 delegates on the first business day of the church's top law-making body, opponents of the plan were far more visible and vocal than supporters.

Mid-way through the first week of the session, an observer looked at preliminary reports from the legislative committees considering the proposals and suggested that a final summary of the debate might well be a paraphrase of a popular television commercial: "They won't believe they bought the whole thing."

When Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., sounded the final gavel near midnight on April 28, the delegates hadn't "bought the whole thing," but a chart of what they did approve bears striking resemblance to that originally proposed—and many of the details were similar, also.

Implementing the new legislation will take about a year. When it is completed, the denomination will have a Council on Ministries, (COM), a Council on Finance and Administration, a Board of Pensions, a Board of Publications, a Joint Committee on Communication related to the COM, Commissions on Religion and Race, Archives and History, and Status of Women, and program Boards on Church and Society, Discipleship, Global Ministries, and Higher Education and Ministry.

Major changes from present structure include:

## BISHOPS CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS

ST. SIMON'S ISLAND, Ga. (UMI) — Bishop Charles F. Golden, San Francisco, Calif., has been named president-designate of the United Methodist Council of Bishops to take office in the spring of 1973.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, will serve as president for the 1972-73 term, having taken office April 18 during the General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. President of the council the past year has been Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C.

Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Sun Prairie, Wisc., was elected secretary of the council to succeed Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., who is retiring at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference this summer.

—Council on Ministries growing out of the Program Council and given responsibility to eliminate overlapping and conflicting programs, review national activities in terms of relationships to local churches, and engage in research and planning for the denomination;

—Board of Global Ministries comprising the former Board of Missions, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, and enlarging the mandate of the church's committee on emergency relief;

—Board of Discipleship combining former Boards of Evangelism, Laity, two divisions of the Board of Education, and the Commission on Worship;

—Board of Higher Education and Ministry including the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries, and an office of personnel for church-related vocations;

—Joint Committee on Communication combining the Divisions of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFICO) and Interpretation from the Program Council, United Methodist Information and the Advance;

—Council on Finance and Administration broadening fiscal responsibilities of the former Council on World Service and Finance.

Relatively fewer changes were made in the new Board of Church and Society which grows out of the Board of Christian Social Concerns; also remaining much the same were the Board of Pensions, the Board of Publication, and the Commissions on Religion and Race and Archives and History.

The Commission on the Status of Women is a new group authorized by this General Conference.

Major changes were approved in the way some top board executives are chosen and in working relationships between units, among other things.

Extensive debate accompanied some of the changes—the Council on:

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The idea of 'the American century' is a utopian notion, to begin with. Such notions lead people to expect the impossible, and when they don't get the impossible, they are miserable. For instance, we seem to be willing to accept the accusations of those who say we haven't tried to bring racial justice, despite the most spectacular effort made by any nation in modern times to achieve that goal. We listen seriously to everyone who comes along to tell us that we are immoral or materialistic or what not."—Daniel J. Boorstin, director, National Museum of History and Technology of the Smithsonian Institution.

Ministries and Boards of Discipleship, Higher Education and Ministry, and Global Ministries. Others, such as the Board of Church and Society and the Joint Committee on Communication, brought relatively little discussion.

The recommendations finally adopted were drafted by the standing legislative committees of the Conference during the first week of the General Conference session. They were based on the structure study report, proposals from the boards and agencies themselves, and many petitions filed by church members and groups.

"This is not an executive committee of the church," Paul Webb, Jr., Atlanta attorney, said in introducing the Council on Ministries. During a part of the debate concerning the base of COM membership in each annual conference, the Rev. John B. Warman, Pittsburgh, Pa., said: "This membership is to provide communication from the grassroots up—a hearing aid for the hierarchy."

As adopted, the 118-member body is about half the size of that proposed by the Structure Study Commission. A wide variety of responsibilities and functions are spelled out. Included are such things as:

—Making changes "in missional priorities necessitated by emergencies or by other significant developments which substantially affect the life of the church" and make adjustments in program budgets accordingly;

—Working with the proposed Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) to allocate funds among the program agencies;

—Resolving any overlapping structure or functions among agencies;

—Reviewing all plans of general agencies for production and distribution of free literature and promotional material;

—Recommending to the General Conference priorities for the church's ministry;

—Engaging in research and planning in cooperation with the general agencies and the annual conferences;

—Electing the chief staff executive of program boards upon nomination from the boards.

Built into membership provisions is one feature which departs from traditional Methodist procedures. It is recommended that membership be so drawn that it includes as nearly as possible one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy. For the past 100 years, it has been the practice to divide membership in conferences and most other church bodies on a 50-50 basis between clergy and laymen. The recommendations also are drawn to build in representation

## News in Brief

Central Methodist Church in Oslo, Norway, recently became the first non-state church to have a Sunday morning worship broadcast by Norwegian radio. Heretofore, services of the state Lutheran church have been broadcast Sunday mornings and free church services have been aired Sunday evenings.

from racial and ethnic minorities.

In debating the Board of Global Ministries, some proponents of the former Board of Health and Welfare Ministries and the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs said they could serve the church better as separate agencies. Speakers in favor of the revamped board argued the logic of placing these two units with the functions of the former Board of Missions where there are more resources and where greater access to local churches might be available.

The new Board of Church and Society will very nearly resemble the former Board of Christian Social Concerns. Major divisions in General Welfare, Human Relations and World Peace will be continued and a new Division of Emerging Social Issues will be added. The new division will have the responsibility of dealing with newly-emerging issues which do not necessarily fall into the areas of concern covered by the other divisions.

Overall purpose of the Board of Church and Society will be "to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the church and to the persons and structures of the communities and world in which they live."

The new Board of Discipleship will be the primary agency dealing with local church ministries. Drawing one of the lengthiest debates during Conference sessions on structure, the board will bring together functions performed by the Board of Evangelism, Board of Laity, and two divisions of Education.

Included as the primary purpose of the new board is the mandate to assist conferences, districts and local churches "in their efforts to win persons as disciples of Jesus Christ and to help these persons to grow in their understanding of God that they may respond in faith and love."

The Division of Higher Education of the present Board of Education was placed in a new Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Also included in this agency will be matters related to enlistment and personnel.

According to the legislation, the function of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry is to "assist in the preparation for, and the fulfillment of, that general ministry to which we are all called as United Methodists through institutions of higher education and to give evidence, counsel and assistance to enter any one of the special ministries of the church."

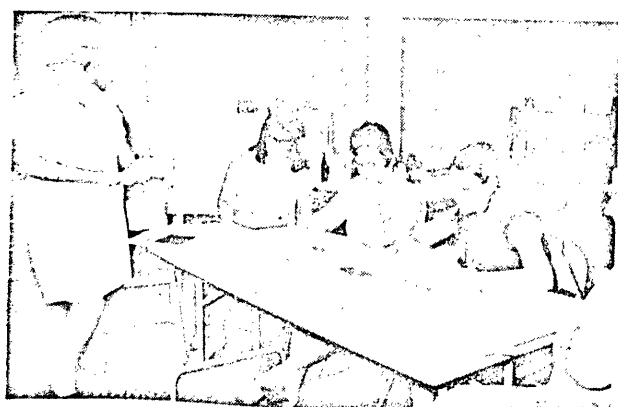
Reviewing the work of the past four years and the two weeks here, the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the Structure Study Commission, said that the model adopted by the Conference "is designed to provide improved coordination, accountability, flexibility, 'grass-roots' representation and efficiency."

"Structures cannot produce the Holy Spirit, but they may restrain," Dr. Kirkpatrick said, "An incarnational religion cannot consider structures irrelevant to mission. . . . The call to Christ's church comes out of the future. . . . Our church intends to be obedient."

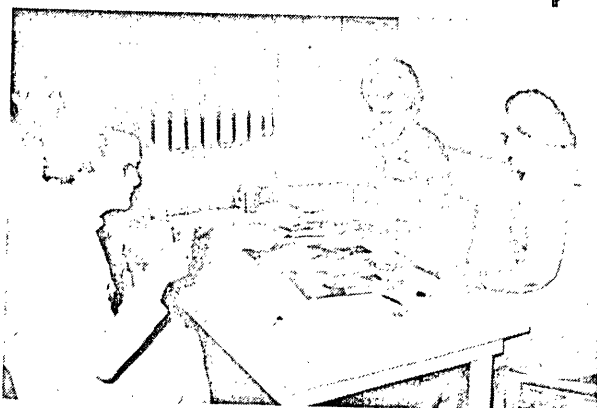
## Batesville District VCS Workshop



Class of workers with Elementary grades I-II taught by Joy Bates at Batesville District VCS Workshop held at Asbury Church on April 30. Mrs. Emma Lou Hedden is district director of Children's Work; the Rev. Floyd G. Villines is district superintendent; the Rev. George R. Cleary was host pastor.



Kindergarten class taught by Mildred Cleary.



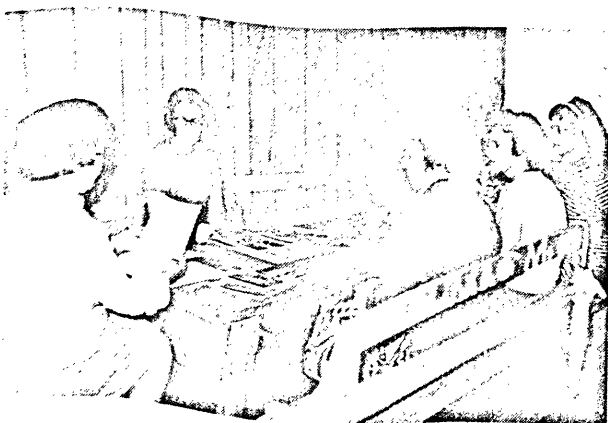
Nursery workers with teacher, Bernice Rogers.



Workers with Elementary V-VI were taught by Jane Kinley.



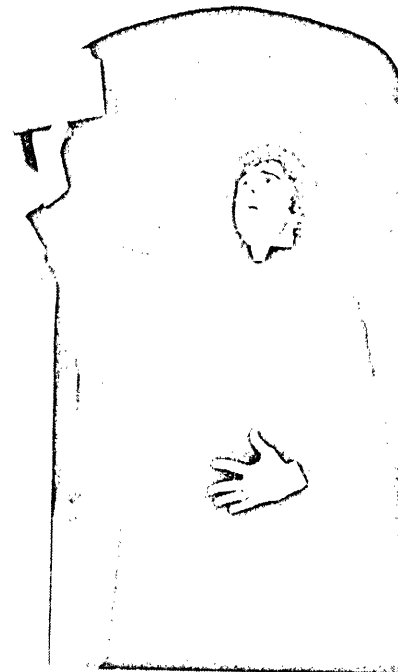
Administrative group of VCS workers taught by Julia Ernest.



Ula Williams teaching Elementary III-IV workers.

"Liberation theology defines God as one who is actively breaking down barriers that prevent people from achieving selfhood and dignity in community."—Rev. Dr. Negail Riley, assistant general secretary for minority affairs, National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.


"If the church is dedicated to one thing, I would say it is dedicated to the diffusion of that kind of truth which makes possible understanding on that level where human beings can meet together and understand each other and motives are exposed. We who are pursuing higher motives and a better world for all men have a struggle against the forces of darkness which work in a vale of secrecy, of misrepresentation and of lies."—Bishop Ramunda A. Valenzuela, head of the Methodist Church of Chile.



Scene from "Luther" as presented by the Alpha-Omega Players of Dallas, Tex., a performance which is scheduled for presentation at First United Methodist Church, Crossett on May 14 at 7 p.m. The youth of the Crossett church will sponsor the "Benefit Performance" with proceeds going towards their EXPLO '72 trip to Dallas, June 12-17. The "Luther" drama written by John Osborne, English playwright, won the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award and the Tony Award for the 1963-64 season.

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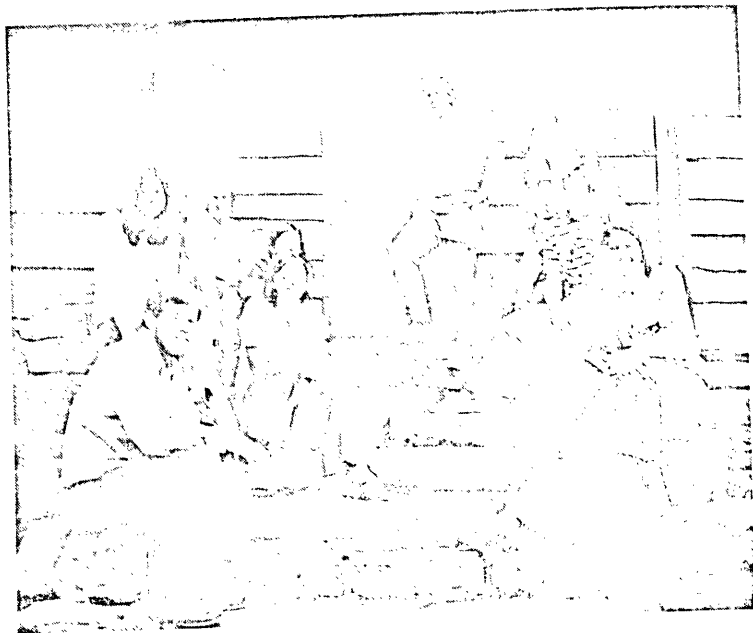
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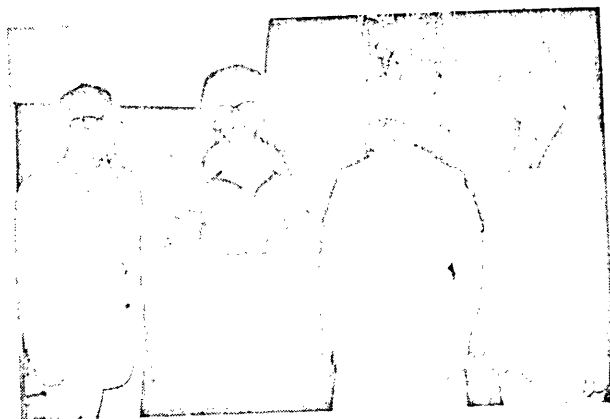


Pictured are members of University Fellowship, student organization of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, during recent retreat at Devil's Den State Park. LEFT PHOTO: (left to right) Allen Alverson, Huntsville; Carolyn Thurlby, Fayetteville; Stephen Deen, Blytheville; Becky Cathy, Melbourne; Mary Lynn Farmer, Dumas; Judi Matkin, Little Rock; Joan Bullock, Fayetteville; Randy Boyd, DeQueen; Alena Treat, Fayetteville. RIGHT: Jon Shermer, Fayetteville; Mary Margaret Shermer, Fayetteville; Steve Halbrook, Fayetteville; Susan Dreier, Puerto Rico; Bert Goins, Berryville; Terri Turnbow, Springdale; Craig Brown, Jeanie Fox, both of Fayetteville.

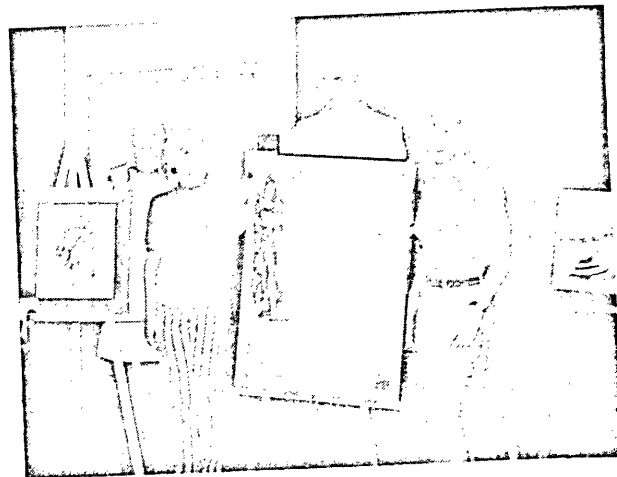


Registering guests at Little Rock District Arts and Crafts Festival held at Asbury Church in Little Rock, on Saturday, April 30 were (left to right): Mrs. L. V. Canatser, Mrs. V. B. Story, Mrs. Pratt Rimmel and granddaughter.

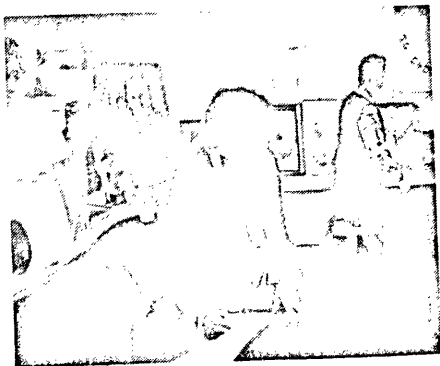
Seen at Pine Bluff District Arts and Crafts Festival held at First Church, Stuttgart (from left): the Rev. Robert O. Beck, host pastor; Mrs. W. N. Hargrove, festival chairman for Little Rock Conference; Mrs. Carl Ditelman, of Stuttgart First Church, and W. N. Hargrove, Lodges Corner. Arkadelphia, Camden and Little Rock Districts will join also in Conference-wide display at First Church, Little Rock, May 22-25.



The Rev. and Mrs. John Walker and sons, David and Dennis, display poster with Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, at Pine Bluff District Festival held in Stuttgart. Walker is pastor of Hawley Memorial Church in Pine Bluff.



Mrs. Ruth Rimmel with her photography and herbs displays.



Mrs. Harlan Calhoun, Little Rock, signs guest register at Asbury festival.

Dr. Gerald Fisher (left), superintendent of Hot Springs city schools, was guest speaker for recent "Oscar Night" held at First Church, Benton to honor graduating seniors and their parents. Others in photo (from left) are: Mrs. Eugene Rolleigh, youth coordinator at First Church, Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck and Pastor Hollenbeck. Dr. Don Brashears, teacher for the senior class, presented novelty awards to the graduates.

