

Little Rock First Church to host session of Little Rock Annual Conference

The organization of boards and agencies for the new quadrennium and the consideration of two merger proposals will be major items on the agenda of the Little Rock Annual Conference when it meets at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, May 22-24.

This will be the first time the Conference has met in Little Rock since 1953. The host church has just completed extensive enlargements and

renovation of their building in anticipation of the session.

The guest preacher for the session will be Dr. D. L. Dykes, Jr., who has been pastor of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport since 1955. He will preach at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will be presiding over the Conference for his eighth and final session since he will be retiring at the session of the South

Central Jurisdictional Conference which meets in July in Houston.

The Conference will have on its agenda plans for merger with other Annual Conferences. First, they will be voting on a plan to merge with the North Arkansas Annual Conferences which covers the northern half of the state. This would require an affirmative vote from both conferences involved. The North Arkansas Annual Conference meets May 29-31 in Fort Smith.

Also coming before the Conference will be the proposal to merge with the Southwest Annual Conferences which includes the black churches of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas and Oklahoma. If this plan receives a positive vote in each of the Annual Conferences involved the black and white congregations would become part of the same Annual Conferences within which they are located geographically.

The first business session of the Conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon, May 22. Following the opening Devotional Service, the report of the District Superintendents will be presented. This will be followed by the nomination and election of members of boards and agencies for the new quadrennium. At 4:30 p.m. these newly-elected members will

meet for organization.

Bishop Galloway will officiate at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with which the session will open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The business session will begin at 9:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. the Rev. Palmer Garner, pastor of First United Methodist Church, McGehee, will bring the message for the Service of Commemoration which honors the ministers and ministers' wives who have died during the year.

Dr. Dykes will preach at the Ordination Service on Wednesday evening, with Bishop Galloway reading the appointments of the ministers at the close of the session.

The conference preacher is a former pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville. He is a native of Pleasant Hill, La., where he finished high school. He graduated from Centenary College. He attended Perkins School of Theology for one year and then completed work for his B.D. degree at Candler School of Theology. Centenary College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on him in 1952. He served as pastor at Zwolle, La. and as associate pastor of First Church, Shreveport, before he was appointed to Central Church, Fayetteville.

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Conference on Christian Experience is scheduled

The second national Conference on Christian Experience will be held at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, July 6 through 9, according to the pastor, the Rev. Worth Gibson.

The conference will be sponsored by the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism and the Boards of Evangelism of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences.

The announced purpose of the conference will be to consider the work and person of the Holy Spirit, what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit, how to experience the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and what it means to live daily under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

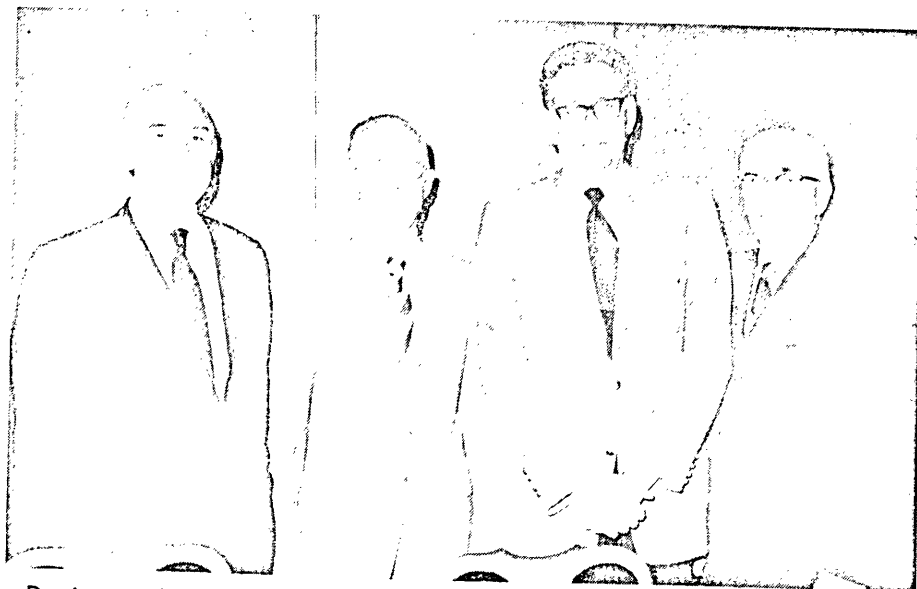
All persons who are concerned about these matters are invited to participate. In addition to the addresses, the conference will afford loving fellowship in small groups.

Music leadership for the conference will be provided by Richard and Judy Bradford of Wichita, Kans. Richard is Minister of Music and Youth at Immanuel Baptist Church. Another musical feature will be "The Christian Edition," a group of singing and witnessing youth from the host church, under the direction of Robert Fuller, director of music at the church.

Speakers for the conference will be:

-Paul S. Rees, vice president at large of World Vision International, editor of World Vision magazine and director of overseas pastors' conferences for that organization.

-David S. Seamands, a former missionary in India for 16 years and pastor of First United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky.



Dr. Leonard Griffith, second from left, 1972 T. J. and Inez Raney Lecturer at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, is shown at a luncheon during that series with (from left): Clay Raney, Dr. James B. Argue, the host pastor, and Bishop Paul V. Galloway.

-Robert Tuttle, Jr., minister of evangelism of First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.

-Robert B. Hall, executive director of the Episcopal Center for Evangelism in Miami, Fla.

-Virginia Law, director of Family Life, The Upper Room, General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

-Walter Albritton, director of the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the Board of Evangelism and author of lay witness and small group materials.

Registration cost for the conference will be: \$10.00 each for adults; \$15.00 husband and wife; and \$3.00 each for youth.

Persons desiring a brochure containing further information about registration, housing, camping facilities, etc. should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to either the Rev. Walter Albritton, Board of Evangelism, 1908

Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37203 or the Rev. Worth Gibson, First United Methodist Church, Main at Matthews, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.

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BISHOP W. C. MARTIN PREACHED AT OKOLONA

Bishop William C. Martin, retired, was licensed to preach in the Okolona Methodist Church 58 years ago. He returned to Okolona to preach on Sunday, May 7. Members of Center Grove, Trinity and Okolona Churches made it a day of homecoming. The Rev. David Hankins is charge pastor.

Bishop Martin now lives in Little Rock, where he was pastor of First Methodist Church from 1928 until 1931. Other churches he pastored were in Texas. Elected to the episcopacy in 1938, he served the Pacific Coast Area and the Dallas-Fort Worth Area before retiring in 1964.

Bishop Galloway will serve with Evangelism Board

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will be one of two bishops retiring at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference who will be assigned to the staff of the General Board of Evangelism following the adjournment of the Jurisdictional Conference. The announcement was made last week in Nashville by Dr. Joseph Yeakel, General Secretary of the Board.

Bishop Galloway and Bishop Noah W. Moore of the Nebraska Area will be serving as missionaries related to the Board. The two bishops will be made available to the general church for a variety of speaking engagements, missions, revivals, retreats, teaching situations, etc.

They will be available to seminaries, colleges, districts, conferences and local churches — any units of the United Methodist Church having legitimate evangelistic causes and agreeing to underwrite their travel and entertainment costs.

The assignments are being made by the Council of Bishops under Disciplinary Paragraph 395.1 which allows for the relationship of a retired bishop with an agency of the church until such time as he reached his 72nd birthday. This will allow Bishop Galloway to serve nearly four years in this capacity and Bishop Moore to serve two years.

Bishop Galloway has expressed enthusiasm concerning this new responsibility and said, "I am looking forward to this new opportunity as a missionary related to the Board of Evangelism."

Bishop and Mrs. Galloway will make their home in Tulsa, Okla. following their July retirement.

Program Directors to Local Churches

CHURCH LIBRARIES

Church libraries are becoming increasingly important — especially the need for a library that is more than books. How can a church have a library which will serve the needs of all its members? Often the key to good service is the person who serves as librarian and the quality of the service is determined by the training of that person. Such training will be provided at Mt. Sequoyah, June 17-23, with Mrs. A. C. Collins as the Director. For complete information write to Mrs. Collins at 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024. Two categories of persons who might be interested are:

LEADERS-IN-TRAINING: These may be persons who are now serving as church librarians or those who expect to do so. All should be persons interested in learning how to have a church library or how to improve an existing library.

POTENTIAL LABORATORY LEADERS: Certified library leaders are few and far between. They are very special persons who meet the following requirements: Previous attendance at one age-level laboratory class, previous attendance at one church library laboratory class, experience in a church library.

DUST AND ASHES

We have received word that the duo, "Dust and Ashes" is continuing their ministry independent of the General Board of Evangelism. Many of you have heard these young persons. If there are local churches that would be interested in a concert or a celebration of worship, "Dust and Ashes" may be contacted at 1808 Warfield Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37215, or call (615) 297-7403.

SEMINAR ON STRESS

The Seminar on Stress will be held at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, June 26-29, 1972. The Seminar is sponsored by Cooperating Churches and The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture and Division of Continuing Education. The Seminar is planned for Pastors and Interested Laymen. The Meetings will be held at the James E. Pomfret Housing Center (Coed Complex on the Campus of the University). REGISTRATION will begin at 3:00 p.m., June 26, in the lobby of the Center, and the first session begins at 7:30 p.m. with a welcome address by Charles W. Oxford, Vice President for Administration, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Mr. William M. Gould, Jr., Director Counselor, the Southwest Career Development Center, Arlington, Texas will give three addresses. The theme—STRESS—will be developed by Mary Burton, Home Economics Department from the University on "Family Stress with Emphasis on Middle Years"; Dr. Henry Meenen, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology from the University on, "Economic Stress: The Whole Picture"; and Beverly J. Holcomb, Extension Specialist—Gerontology, Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock, will close with "Stresses of Aging". Additional information may be secured from the Chairman of your Annual Conference Committee on Town and Country Work.

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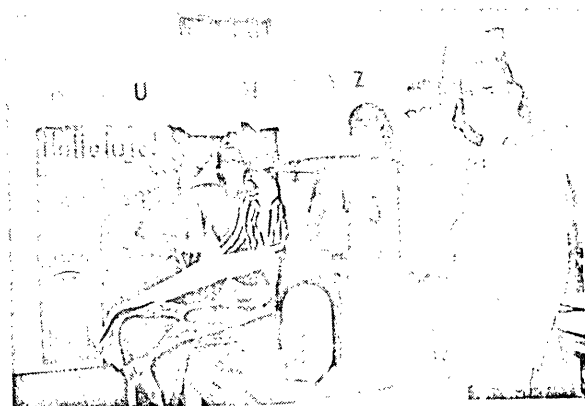
CAMP LEADERSHIP

We have been asked to announce two changes in camp leadership for camps at Shoal Creek. The Rev. Arvest Lawson will serve as the registrar for the June 25-29 5th and 6th Grade Camp, and the Rev. Charles McDonald will serve as associate director of the June 5-9 7th and 8th Grade Camp. This is an exchange of responsibilities announced in the Camp Brochure.

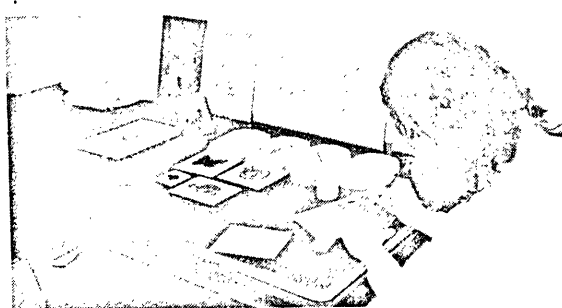


Pictured during the recent Arkadelphia District Arts and Crafts Festival were Mrs. Kelly Oliver, District Coordinator of Children's Ministry and Mrs. John P. Miles, wife of the host pastor.

Admiring a beautiful quilt and hand-crafted prayer bench at Arkadelphia were Dr. Kelly Oliver, chairman of the festival, and the Rev. George W. Martin, District Superintendent.



Mrs. Kathy Jennings, artist, at work during the May 7 Craft's Fair at First United Methodist Church, Helena.



Part of the crafts display at the Helena Fair.



Our Seminary Students

Phil Hathcock, a native of Fayetteville, is currently a Junior at the Divinity School of Duke University. He attended Hendrix College and is a graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in journalism and speech. He is a member of Central Church in Fayetteville.

As a student, Phil served two terms as president of the U. of A. Wesley Foundation. He was a member of the Area Committee on Higher Education. During this quadrennium, he has been a member of the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs.

In his last two college years, Phil served as lay speaker for the United Methodist Churches at Winslow and Goshen. He also preached at the Wesley Foundation Chapel each week.

In 1970 he was the summer youth director for Asbury Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Following his graduation, he joined the staff of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa as director of youth ministries.

He is married to the former Ruth Ann Shafer, a native of Miami, Okla.



Phil and Ruth Hathcock pictured at their home near Durham, N.C.

Ruth taught in the Tulsa school system and was a member of Boston Avenue Church, where they met. She is currently working as a Research Assistant for Social Systems Incorporated, a Durham firm.

Ruth and Phil plan to return to the North Arkansas Conference following completion of his seminary work.

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It's Annual Conference time again

Through our years in the Methodist ministry there have been many times when we were reminded of that fundamental axiom that "the Annual Conference is the basic unit of Methodist organization." We have seen many changes come in the way in which the Conference does its business. However, we never outgrow our excitement at the approach of Conference. It still means four sessions to prepare for, and cover, and report—but that is just another of the extra privileges of being an editor.

Sessions must be seen in their relation to the quadrennial General Conference. There is the year before when the election of delegates occupies a major portion of the schedule. We are always concerned to watch the ballots come in and note how the brethren are voting.

However, it is the session following a General Conference that really shapes the course. More important than the delegates that are elected to General Conference are the persons that are elected to membership on the boards and agencies of the Annual Conference. Then, when they meet early in the session to choose their officers for the next four years they are designating an important segment of the leadership for the next four years. These persons become the members of the Program Council (now to be known as the Conference Council on Ministries) which is to have an ever-increasing responsibility for guiding the program of the Annual Conference.

The General Conference adopted a program of major restructuring, the full importance of which will not be apparent for several months. However, we will be looking at some of these actions at these sessions that are just ahead of us, and it is most important that we move ahead to understand their full implication for the Annual Conference and the local congregation just as soon as we can.

Many came away from Atlanta with the conviction that the whole structure of the General Conference needs restudying. It seems to this writer that one of the things that is most desperate-

ly needed is for something to be done that will allow more time between General Conference and Annual Conference. If we could move the former back into the winter months, or at least earlier in the spring, there would be more time for interpretation of the actions and a better chance for consensus when the new legislation becomes effective. We do hope that serious consideration will be given to this proposal in the not too distant future.

One of the most exciting reports at General Conference received only slight attention in the news media. In it the Program Council (soon to become the General Council on Ministries) placed a major responsibility on Annual Conferences to start "doing their own thing." This means that instead of receiving the detailed outline of a quadrennial program from the general church, each Annual Conference is challenged to consider its own needs and set its own goals. This could be the most effective result of restructuring done by the 1972 General Conference.

The Annual Conferences will be working on a new election this year. They will be nominating three persons, from the current General Conference delegation, to be considered by the Jurisdictional Conference for membership on the strategic new General Council on Ministries. Each Annual Conference will be represented by just one person, but the legislation requires that there be an equal number of ministers, laywomen, and laymen. The Jurisdictional Confer-

ence will have to develop a technique for electing the persons from each category.

Nothing has contributed to a new atmosphere of seriousness about the Annual Conference like the training sessions now being held for lay delegates in practically every district. As we have observed the planning for these meetings, we are convinced that these sessions not only make the lay delegate face up to his responsibility for attendance at the sessions, but also give him a greater awareness of what is being considered in the business sessions.

We will be having quite a number of youth members in our Conferences this year, and we know this will bring a spirit of innovation and imaginative leadership into the sessions. Youth at Atlanta made a great contribution to the General Conference session, and we are sure that the same will be true about their representation as full members in the Annual Conference.

New days are ahead for the work of the Annual Conference, and we should all be excited about it.

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The Voices of Little Children

For some time we have been impressed with the high quality of music being heard in the churches we visit. No one can deny that our congregations are being led into worship experiences of the greatest dimension by these volunteer groups who are taking their work most seriously.

We would particularly like to pay tribute here to the work that is being done with our children's choirs. All across Louisiana and Arkansas the highest quality of music is being used in great numbers of these groups. Many of them are having the additional advantage of summer camp experiences in which the fun of camping is blended effectively into real choir training.

It was our privilege recently to attend the annual Children's Choir Festival of the Little Rock Annual Conference, hearing music of unusually high caliber. More than 300 children made up the festival choir which had Mrs. A. D. Butler of Ada, Okla. as its guest conductor. St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Little Rock, was packed with an appreciative audience which recognized high quality music when they heard it.

Although this writer realizes the limitations of his own musical knowledge, he still feels that he knows good music when he hears it. This is why he wants to speak out for all of those tireless workers who are giving themselves to the cultivation of programs of good church music which means so much to the nurture of our children and to the total life of the church.

The voices of little children — how wonderful when properly guided!

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A Duke University researcher, Dr. Robert L. Wilson, said in a recent article in *Christian Advocate* that the United Methodist Church may be facing a growing over-supply of clergy. While the situation remained in balance during the past decade, Dr. Wilson noted that few are now leaving the clergy and special appointments are becoming less abundant. Clergy assigned to non-pastoral positions increased from less than 3,000 to more than 4,100 between 1960 and 1970. Dr. Wilson said that if there is a trend toward fewer non-pastoral assignments—unless older clergy retire earlier than they have in the past—seminary graduates may have a hard time finding churches.

Father Hesburg, president of the University of Notre Dame, writing in a special *New York Times* section devoted to the problem of population said: "One of the greatest evolutions of our times, human dignity, is becoming lost in the discussion of population growth." The educator said, "For a nation which engineered the Berlin airlift and the lift to the moon, the challenge is to wed its resources with its compassion to build a human community."

Southern Baptist clergy and laymen are planning to join with "Jesus people" to provide a massive Christian witness to delegates and radical protesters at the Democratic Nat'l. Convention in Miami July 9-14. Officials of the Miami Baptist Association's Evangelism Committee have issued a call for "hundreds of dedicated, mature Christian college and high school students to help us." Christian literature is expected to play an important role in the evangelistic effort. Plans call for the issuing of daily news sheets, called "The Daily Forever News," that will emphasize Christian tenets concerning the life of Jesus and their application today.

Six Protestant Churches, with some 4 million Sunday school students, have formed a partnership arrangement for cooperative work in Christian education. Known as Joint Educational Development (JED), the partnership includes the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America, United Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern). Twenty-one projects have been launched by Christian education executives of the six denominations. Other cooperative projects are planned.

The Presbyterian Economic Development Corp. has granted a \$500,000 loan to the Cherokee Boys' Club of North Carolina—the largest transaction in PEDCO's four-year history. The Boys' Club is an Indian reservation enterprise which operates bus services, restaurants, painting and construction businesses, and several native handicraft factories and stores catering to the tourist trade. Organized in 1932, the Boys' Club today has 126 full-time employees and 300 members who are part-time employees and receive full-time training.

A personal statement favoring amnesty for resisters to the Vietnam war was issued in Seattle by Mrs. Marcus Rohlf, president of the American Baptist Convention. She said the U.S. should "seek to re-unite individual families" of the men who have fled to escape induction "as well as the total American family." "It will demand Christian forgiveness, some repentance, and realistic thinking all the way around, as well as understanding of many facts uncomfortable to examine," she stated.

Following two days of debate, the Missouri House of Representatives approved, by a vote of 97 to 54, a bill allowing state funds for the purchase of textbooks for children in private and parochial schools. The Senate had already passed the bill, the first Missouri legislation to give any kind of public aid to non-public school students. It is estimated that the measure will save non-public school parents \$1.2 million in costs for secular, non-religious textbooks.

news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Student Interfaith Assn. (SIA) of the Mississippi State College of Women has been commended by President Nixon for "outstanding" volunteer community service. In making the commendation, the president cited a news account describing SIA's "service in a number of community projects, which include tutoring retarded children, organizing recreation for orphans and children in low-income housing units, visits to the elderly and help to countless others in the community."

Mark Sharman has returned to London after walking 2,000 miles to Jerusalem and hitching his way back. The 22-year-old graduate of Reading University left from Westminster Abbey on Aug. 8 after praying for help and guidance. His objective—to raise \$24,000 for relief for Christian Aid, the service agency of the British Council of Churches, and the Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund, known as TEAR. A former Communist, Sharman was converted through the evangelical Campus Crusade for Christ. While relating his experiences from the long trek, he signed about 600 letters to his sponsors, each of whom had agreed in advance to pay a certain sum for each mile he walked.

Some 200 college chaplains, campus ministers, students and national staff people from several denominations took part in a three-day Convocation on the Ministries to Blacks in Higher Education at Howard University, predominantly black institution in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by United Ministries in Higher Education, which represents 10 Protestant denominations, the convocation which first met in 1969, had as its theme "Black Spirituality on College Campuses: Its Meaning, Impact and Challenge for Ministry."

A year-old Baptist congregation has dedicated a new chapel building in Ly Thuong Kiet, South Vietnam, thanks to funds allocated by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and members of the Trinity Baptist church in Saigon who joined with other sources which made contributions for construction. The new congregation plans to open a sewing school nearby as a social ministry. Funds from the Southern Baptist Board have been used to buy sewing machines, and plans call for having a Vietnamese tailor to teach three daily classes. Clothing made at the school will be donated to an orphanage in Quinhon.

Dr. Cynthia Wedel, president of the Nat'l. Council of Churches, speaking to the Minneapolis Ministerial Assn. said she found as she travels around the country that lay people are "hungry for God," and they "desperately need help in understanding the real orthodox Christian view of the Incarnation." She said "One has to understand the true Christian gospel that Jesus is Lord—God in human form."

"More orthodox Biblical sermons" which can be understood by people who don't know a thing about the Bible, were urged by Dr. Cynthia Wedel as she spoke to a Minneapolis ministerial group recently. She predicted that a growing trend to teach about religion in the public schools will make life easier for the church in about 10 years by providing some kind of intellectual background of the Bible and religion.

Beans and cornbread were the bill of fare for 500 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) when they met in Corpus Christi for a "hunger dinner." Proceeds from the \$3-a-paper-plate dinner, estimated at \$1,500, were designated for use in area agencies that serve children of the poor.

The Assemblies of God denomination, with authorization by the government in Saigon, is launching a mission program in South Vietnam. The program includes plans to relocate families in ravaged areas in more productive agricultural regions and the building of chapels in new villages envisioned under a Saigon plan. Assemblies of God families in the U.S. are encouraged to provide funds so that each relocated Vietnamese family could receive \$25 required to buy tools and seeds. Speed-the-Light, a youth movement in the denomination, is raising funds for a print shop which will issue religious instruction materials in Vietnamese.



MIAMI — The "New Directions," an interreligious, interracial choir and ensemble sponsored and organized by Miami's Riverside Baptist church, is on the run to sponsor its musical message. The group has been invited to appear on the program delivered at the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach this July. The choir is accompanied by 13 musicians and ages range from 13 to 27. It is directed by Jack Day, a composer-arranger who studied with Fred Waring and at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

HIGHLAND UNITED METHODIST Men invited two laymen who were delegates to General Conference to their meeting held on May 15. William Shepherd of Little Rock and Matt Ellis of Conway explained the significance of General Conference action to a local church. The Rev. Bryan Stephens was host pastor.

THE REV. EUGENE EFIRD of the Release Guidance Foundation was the speaker for the May 7 meeting of United Methodist Men of St. Andrew Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Charles O. Walthall is the pastor.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND in Corn- ing United Methodist Church was April 27-30. Mrs. H. J. Pillow, Jr., was general chairman, and Bob Shannon served as team trainer. The Rev. Wayne Clark is pastor.

PARK VIEW CHURCH, Benton, reports that eleven young people were admitted to church membership in the confirmation class. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

ANNUAL LUNCHEONS FOR MINISTERS' WIVES

Little Rock Conference:

Wednesday, May 24, at the new Holiday Inn, Sixth and Broadway, Little Rock, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.25. Mrs. Fred H. Arnold is president of the group. Mrs. Sam Jones, vice-president will be in charge of the program. Mrs. John Alston is secretary-treasurer.

North Arkansas Conference:

Wednesday, May 31, at 12:30 p.m. at Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church, Hendricks Hills Blvd., Fort Smith. Tickets are \$2.00. Transportation will be provided from First Church to the luncheon. Officers are: Mrs. Earl Hughes, president; Mrs. Wayne Clark, vice-president; Mrs. Jim McKay, secretary-treasurer.

ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST Men elected officers at the April 24 meeting. They are: James M. Kimberlin, president; Herb Lehman—vice president and program chairman; Charles W. Cromley, Jr.—secretary-treasurer; Lonnie Dallas and Harley Fulton—special activities. The May meeting will be "Ladies Night," and officers will be installed then. Curtis V. Packard is the retiring president. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is the pastor.

THE REV. I. L. CLAUD of Morilton, retired, was the guest minister at Vantrease United Methodist Church, El Dorado, April 30. At noon a potluck meal was served in his honor, sponsored by the Lothair-Baracca Class that he taught for 10 years while living in El Dorado. The Vantrease pastor is the Rev. Kirvin A. Hale.

GARDNER UNITED METHODIST Church of Hot Springs held a revival the first week in May with the Rev. Irl Bridenthal of North Little Rock bringing the messages. The Rev. Claud E. Barron was host pastor.

THE JAZZ ENSEMBLE of the School of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Missouri, presented a musical program of folk music and spirituals on Sunday evening, April 30, at the Oaklawn United Methodist Church. The Soft Tones, a singing group, also presented the folk musical "Who Wants to Be Free?" The group was under the direction of Leon Bradley. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is pastor of Oaklawn.

YOUNG METHODISTS of Lonoke spent Saturday, May 6, on Mt. Petit Jean. Pam Alagood, Hendrix student who was youth worker at Lonoke the past two summers and will be again this summer, directed activities for the day. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.

DR. JOHN MILES, Arkadelphia minister, finished the speaking engagement begun in First Church, Jonesboro, by Dr. D. L. Dykes of Shreveport. Dr. Dykes became ill after filling one night of the "Four Nights for God" mission. Bob Fuller led the singing. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

THE GIRLS' CHOIR of the Alexander Training School presented a program in the Geyer Springs Church of Little Rock on April 23. A reception was given for them following the evening service. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is pastor.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT laymen held a rally and fish fry on Thursday, April 27, at Wayland Springs Camp. Henry Rainwater of Walnut Ridge is district lay leader.

THE UMY of Vantrease Church, El Dorado, was host to the sub-district meeting on May 1. The opening remarks were given by Ronnie Atkinson, retiring president. The program was in the form of a Hymn Sing. The Rev. J. B. Swain, pastor of Parkers Chapel Church, El Dorado, installed the officers. Mrs. John Neal is counselor of the UMY group. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale was host pastor.

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 21—Sunday	Matt. 19:16-22
May 22	Matt. 26:31-46
May 23	Mark 10:23-31
May 24	Luke 10:25-37
May 25	1 Tim. 6:17-19
May 26	Titus 1:1-4
May 27	Titus 3:1-8
May 28—Sunday	John 3:7-13

MISSIONARIES TO PERU, the Rev. and Mrs. Elton Watlington were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Murray in El Dorado this week. They furnished the program for the Men's Club "Ladies' Night" fish fry at Anthony Lake House on May 17.

THE MENA WSCS held the study on "New Machines and the New Humanity" at the church in an all day session, with covered dish luncheon at noon. Mrs. Vernon Rodgers is chairman of missionary education for the society, and Mrs. Bill McChristian is the president.

ART SHOW AT LODGE CORNER

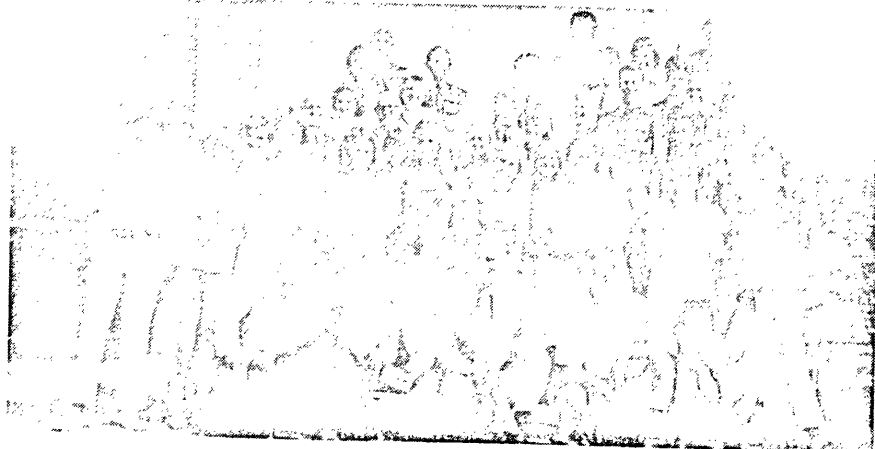
Members of Lodge Corner United Methodist Church participated in an art show Sunday evening, April 16, in the educational building.

There were 87 entries in visual arts in adult and youth categories, which included painting, photography, chinaware, ceramics, needlecraft, aviation and space models, and sculpture.

In the performing arts category were presentations by the following: Miss Mary Kay Simpson, ballet; Miss Jill Eldridge, vocal solo; Leon Goetz, Jr., vocal, accompanied at the piano by Jim Sparks; and piano solos by Lori Hargrove, Deena Goetz, Angela Rosencrantz, Becky Eldridge, Diane Simpson, and Rita Hargrove.

Mrs. W. N. Hargrove and Mrs. John Simpson were co-chairmen of the event, assisted by Mrs. E. D. Eldridge, Mrs. Dan Eldridge, and Mrs. Leon Goetz. Buffet supper was served following the program.

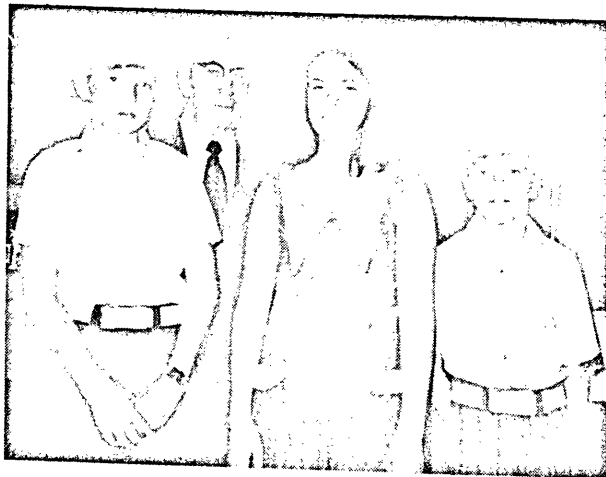
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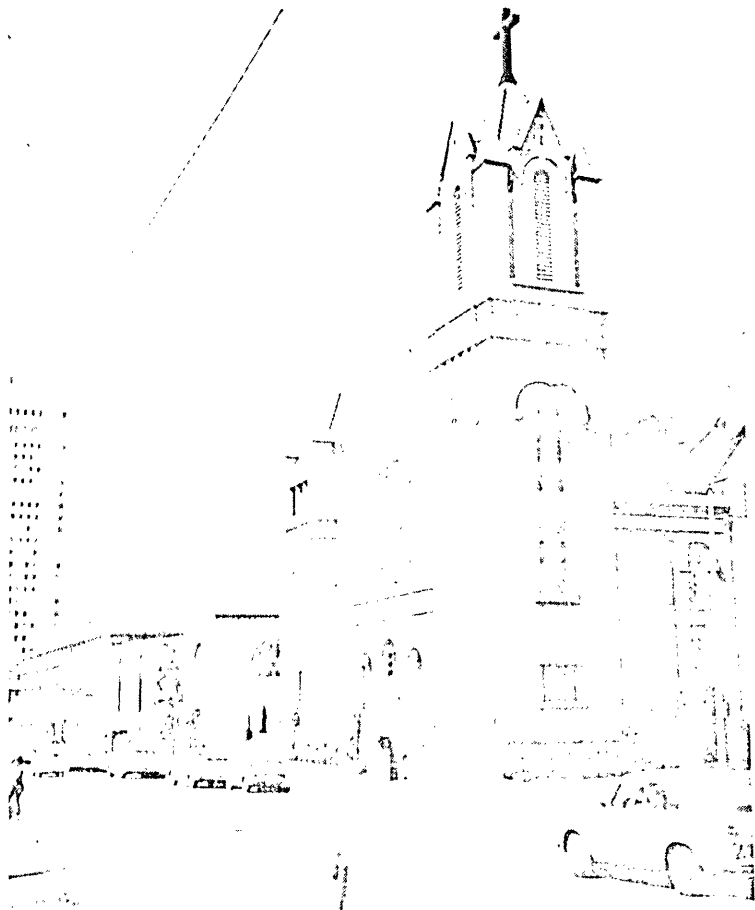


Members of the Lay Witness Team visiting the Quitman United Methodist Church, April 21-23, are shown in front of the church. The Rev. Otha Strayhorn, pastor, reports average attendance of 225 at services. Inspector David Bentley of the Little Rock Police Department was the coordinator.

The Women's Society of Fairview Church, Texarkana, honored graduating seniors with a progressive dinner. Pictured from left, seated, are Sandra Kindler and Sophia Arnold. Standing are the Rev. Darrel Bone, pastor, Mark Hickman, O'Neal Teel (a guest) and Mrs. Darrel Bone. Hostesses were Mrs. Robert Johnson, WSCS president, Mrs. Charles Gardner and Mrs. Carl Glenn.

Ricky and Diane (twins) and Kevin Wimberley were received into full membership in the Macey United Methodist Church Sunday, April 9 by the Rev. Aubra O. Hays, pastor. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wimberley.





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ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Monday, May 22

- 9:30 a.m. Boards, Commissions and Committees (as called)
- 2:00 p.m. Devotional Service
- Business Session
 - Report of District Superintendents
 - Nomination and Election of Boards and Agencies
- 4:30 p.m. Organization of Boards and Agencies for the new quadrennium
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Service
 - Dr. D. L. Dykes, Preacher
 - Choir — Trinity United Methodist Church

Tuesday, May 23

- 8:15 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 - Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Presiding
- 9:30 a.m. Business Session
- 11:30 a.m. Service of Commemoration
 - The Reverend Palmer Garner, Preacher
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session
- 4:00 p.m. Board Meetings
- 7:30 p.m. Preaching Service
 - Dr. Dykes, Preacher
 - Choir — St. James United Methodist Church

Wednesday, May 24

- 7:30 a.m. Communion Service Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Business Session
- 12:30 p.m. Layman's Luncheon, Downtown Holiday Inn
- 1:00 p.m. Ministers' Wives Luncheon, Downtown Holiday Inn
- 2:30 p.m. Business Session (if needed)
- 7:30 p.m. Ordination Service
 - Dr. Dykes, Preacher
 - Choir — First United Methodist Church
- Reading of the Appointments

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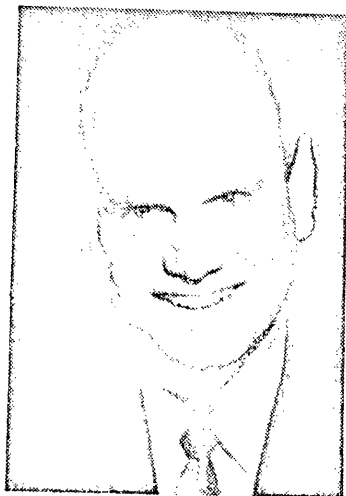
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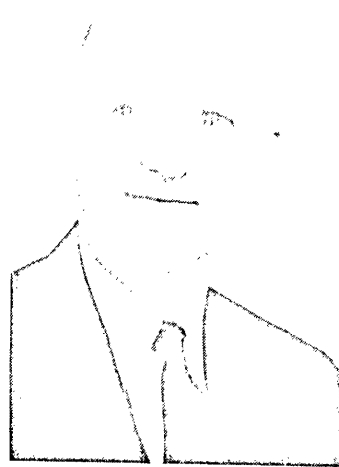
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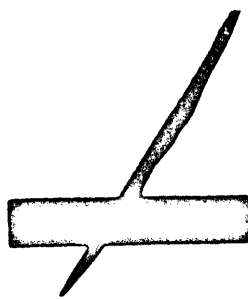
ROOM ASSIGNMENTS FOR BOARDS AND AGENCIES

Board or Committee	Room	Building
Lay Pastors	Elem. 3	Education
Archives & History	Pastor's office	Education
Arkansas Methodist	Office	Meth. Bldg.
Book Store	Fellowship Hall	Education
Cabinet Room	Bishop's office	Meth. Bldg.
Camp Tanako	Sunshine	Sanctuary
Choir Room	Choir Room	Sanctuary
Christian Social Concerns	12th grade	Education
Program Council	Parlor	Meth. Bldg.
Conference Secretary	Elem. 6	Education
District Conference Journals	Library	Education
Conference Treasurer	Trea.'s office	Meth. Bldg.
Ecumenical Affairs	Elem. 2	Education
Education	Bethel	Sanctuary
Enlistment for Church Vocations	Parlor Annex	Meth. Bldg.
Evangelism	Lounge	Meth. Bldg.
Health and Welfare	8th grade	Education
Insurance	7th grade	Education
Laity	Friendly Couples	Meth. Bldg.
Minimum Salary	Elem. 4	Education
Ministry	Faulkner	Meth. Bldg.
Missions	Bowen	Meth. Bldg.
Nursery	Nursery	Education
Pensions	11th grade	Education
Registrations	Gym	Meth. Bldg.
Resolutions	Library	Education
Statistician	Elem. 5	Education
Trustees (Conference)	Danho	Meth. Bldg.
World Service and Finance	10th Grade	Education
Worship	Lounge annex	Meth. Bldg.
Lounge	Parlor	Meth. Bldg.

Parking will be made available at the church lot on a first come-first served basis. Other lots are located at: 8th & Main, 7th & Louisiana, 4th & Louisiana, 6th & Louisiana, 7th & Scott. Meter parking adjacent to the church.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MAY 28: Need for Renewal

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-17;
1 Peter 4:12-19; Revelation 2:1-7; 3:14-22

MEMORY SELECTION: Have this mind among
yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 2:5)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain some understand-
ing of the needs of individual Christians to un-
dergird their spiritual lives and for the church
to find new sources for its own strength and
vitality.

From every direction we hear voices calling for Christian renewal. Surely no lesson we have studied in this series on "The Mission of the Church" speaks with such urgency as does this one on renewal. As we approach the subject we will be trying to keep in mind that there are two kinds of renewal needed—one relates to the individual Christian and the other speaks to the needs of the institutional church.

At the recent session of the United Methodist General Conference, two of the groups which were most active were United Methodists for Church Renewal and Black Methodists for Church Renewal. These often caucused together and then distributed their suggestions to the delegates concerning changes which need to be made within our denomination. In almost every Annual Conference of our church there are groups organized to give attention to the promotion of church renewal.

We do not need organized groups such as these to call our attention to the fact that the church is not perfect and that individuals within the church are not all that they might be. Throughout this seven weeks' study we have been discovering weaknesses and strengths of the church. Although divinely instituted, the church is made up of human material which, even in its regenerate state, is subject to misconduct and error. God's Spirit is calling to us in this day to give ourselves more completely to the task of enabling the church to witness more effectively.

At the heart of today's challenge to church renewal is a strong tide of negativism. One author has written on the subject under the title, "The Church Against Itself." It would be easy to drift with this tide and adopt an attitude of defeatism as great numbers are doing. It appears to this writer that many who have marched under the banner of "church renewal" have left the institution and shown that they were unwilling to labor for the changes that need to be made to make it relevant. Let us remember throughout this lesson that renewal is a positive approach. We must believe that the church is still a divine institution and God is trying to break through to tell us that he wants us to do. This is no time for rededication to the philosophy of "status quo," but rather, in this day of rapid change within the church as elsewhere, there is a need for Christians who are willing to work with God to renew His church.

Dr. William J. Carter has started it very well in Adult Bible Studies: "Something in men and the systems they devise seems to invite frustration. Every now and then things have to be swept away, paths opened, and a new direction taken. Renewal is a continuing need of people and institutions—especially in the church. In this lesson we ask the question, How shall we go about the task of renewal—as persons and institutions?"

CHURCHES DO HAVE IMPERFECTIONS

We do not want to belabor the point, but churches have had imperfections since their begin-

ning. One thing that some of today's renewal advocates do not seem to realize is this very fact—they seem to think that they are the first to discover "cracks in her armor."

Included in our background material today are some passages from Revelation in which the writer spoke of some churches he knew about that were less than perfect. The writer, exiled on Patmos, had a vision of the glorified Christ thinking of seven representative churches, each of which had a glaring weakness. One by one he passed judgment on these churches, praising them for their strong points and exposing their faults. We can be sure that the writer's purpose was not to help destroy those churches but to enable them to see themselves in order that they might be renewed.

In Revelation 2:1-7 we read about the church at Ephesus which might be considered like many of our contemporary churches. It is commended for its endeavors for good and for the work it has done in suppressing heresy among its members. But Christ charged this church with "having left thy first love." He meant that what they were doing was no longer motivated by devotion to him. Many churches are expecting to be renewed by just getting busy, but the fact remains that they are in need of finding the spirit of Christ anew.

Another church mentioned is the one at Laodicea which is described as one about which there is nothing good to say. We are told that it has lost its enthusiasm and lapsed into dead formalism. Certainly we all know about that church—it is the one to which many of us belong.

Because churches are still like these and the others described, they and their members are in need of new life. We do not need to spell out all of the negative things which are being said about the church today. What we need to do is admit that there is much truth in what is being said and look around for ways in which we can become involved in movements and activities which will strengthen God's church.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon suggests that we may have to come out against the possibility of complete failure before we move out of our complacency. He indicates how a number of great persons including Leo Tolstoi, Mark Twain, William James and Harry Emerson Fosdick reached the point in their lives when they were in utter despair. Yet all of these used that moment of hopelessness in their lives to start a journey upward to new hope. Then he suggests: "May not the church's dark hour turn out to be a turning point also?"

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

In the third chapter of Colossians, Paul speaks of personal renewal as moving from death to life. He recognized that persons need to look backward in order to realize who they are. This letter uses the experience of baptism as the medium for making his points. He said that the old man of sin was buried and a new man had come forth from the grave.

Note some of the things Paul had to say about the new life or new relationship of Christians. They were delivered from the power of darkness and brought into the kingdom of Christ the king. The main point that Paul was making was that the Colossians should live in harmony with their new nature. He was saying, "Let Christians be Christians." Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "Whatever difficulty there may be in the church today would soon be corrected if Christians would follow this advice. It seems like such a simple answer. Why then do we not act as Christians?"

There is a great passion these days for remaking the structure of the church—for discovering new programs, establishing new organizational forms, and giving new names to our activities. This was the spirit which dominated a great deal of the recent General Conference. Many decisions were made that will give this church of ours a new look, but unless there is renewal within the area of commitment and dedication, we will only have done a redecorating job.

The Christian is a new man, said Paul, "being renewed in knowledge after the image of him who created him." He is not just a reformed sinner, but is a new creature or a new creation. Some of the characteristics of his renewal include: renewal of the mind (Col. 3:1-2); renewal of self-control (Col. 3:5-10); renewal of the affections (Col. 3:12-15a); and renewal of thankfulness (Col. 3:15b-17). Renewal is necessary in all of life. There is no place for halfheartedness and satisfaction with things as they are. As Dr. Carter says: "Prophetic voices are needed constantly in the church. However unpopular they may be, prophets must speak out against the complacency of Christians who stand idly by while the work of the kingdom of God is neglected." Are we prepared to be renewed?

LIVING THE NEW LIFE

The Christian was told in our Bible material that he not only must put off the old garments and the old habits of his life, but that he must put on new garments of righteousness. This new wardrobe must include tender affection, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forgiveness, peace, thankfulness. The covering garment must be love so that every Christian might be able to appear before God and walk with his brethren.

As we have indicated above, Paul was never guilty of teaching a negative ethic. He granted, of course, that there were some habits of life a Christian must abandon, but there are others he must assume.

NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Those of you who have read very much of our material know that we are completely sold on the idea that Christian renewal will come through the church, or it will not come at all. Although some still doubt it, we believe that there are many signs of new life in the institution.

Although there were times when the processes of the recent General Conference seemed to be slowing down the process of renewal, those of us who were a part of the whole session saw many signs of health and life in the emerging new structures of the United Methodist Church. Polarizations which have existed in some other General Conferences were not as marked in this session. Minority voices were heard within the normal schedule, whereas in other conferences there had been confrontation and disruption. The speakers who sought to place obstructions in the way of reorganization just because we had always done things a certain way received no sympathetic hearing.

Now we agree that this in itself does not constitute renewal, but it is a sign that we are on our way.

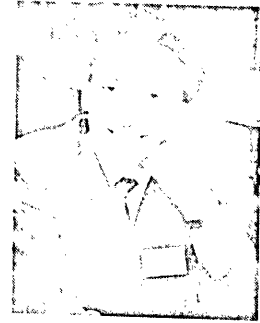
As Dr. Carter says: "The fact that the church is a mission and has a mission is basic to the understanding of its purpose in the world. It does not exist for its own sake but for the sake of others. The church is called upon not to be something but to do something. What it should do is show Christ to the world."

RENEWAL IN EVANGELISM

Evangelistic renewal is presenting the claims of new methods. We are all concerned about reaching the unreached—not so much for statistical gains but in order that the persons out there might find enrichment and direction.

The revolt against the church includes large numbers of youth and young adults who live in an impersonal society totally unlike the small-town communities of the past. They are bombarded with claims for their attention; and if evangelism is to compete with these claims, it must find new ways of presenting its message. We are confident that this too will happen.

the British scene



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

At last the long trail has come to an end. On Wednesday May 3 at about 5:45 p.m. the Anglican Synod of the Church decided to vote on the Anglican Methodist Unity Scheme. They had set themselves a necessary majority of 75% for acceptance, and the final voting was as follows:

Bishops: Yes: 34. No: 6: 85%
Laity: Yes: 147. No: 87: 62.82%
Clergy: Yes: 152. No: 80: 65.52%
Overall percentage in favor:
65.81%

Thus by about 9% the Church of England Synod decided, after all, not to proceed with a scheme which had originated with a sermon by Lord Fisher, then Archbishop of Canterbury as far back as 1946.

The debate was prefaced by an appeal by Dr. Ramsey, the present Archbishop of Canterbury to hold a decisive debate so that any argument which might be persuasive against the scheme might be put. And the end of the day he spoke again and said that he had listened carefully for "some imperative moral or intellectual argument against" but had heard none. In

spite of that, as the members filed into the voting lobbies, they voted against a scheme which had always been fraught with difficulties for some of them.

This is in spite of the considerable numbers of shared building schemes, unity ideas and projects and united acts of witness which are going on all over the country.

The Archbishop was visibly disappointed, as was Dr. Kenneth Greet, new Secretary of the Methodist Conference. The representatives of other churches crowded the gallery as the debate went on, and they, too, must have been heartily sad as they watched the work of years vanish in a vote.

The question is, of course, what will happen now? One thing is sure. The places where the churches are together will go on being centres of united activity, and, indeed, although the required majority was not formally reached, there is quite obviously, a clear majority in both the Methodist and Anglican Churches in favour of this organisational unity. This must prove an incentive to go on seeking

unity which does not require the approval of Synods and Conferences, and both the Archbishop and Dr. Greet indicated in Press Conferences after the vote that this would be so.

What has happened is undeniably a blow for the Christian cause in its organised framework, as Dr. Greet said at his own Press Conference.

This refusal to go on by the Anglicans has reduced the credibility of the established church, and a number of newspaper commentators have not been slow to point this out. They have urged the churches to stop tinkering about with the nuts and bolts of ecclesiastical joinery, and get on with the job of preaching the gospel.

In the end, unity of a formal kind will have to come as a result of what happens at the grass roots, and the younger people in the churches will be less patient with their solemn elders after this. Perhaps it could all be the start of a revolt which will put Christians into the arena where it matters, and take them out of the almost neurotic climate of finding formulas.

That, at least is the hope of many

of us, who, like myself, are on the frontiers of communication, where, to the ordinary man in the street, orders and canons of validity are of no importance, but a search for a meaning and purpose in life is. That man in the street wants to see a new community statement on how the gospel works in ordinary life. Now, maybe, time and energy will be given to showing that.

Bishop Lord to head "Call for Peace"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI)—A long-time champion of world peace efforts, United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, has been named director for the church's new Call for Peace and the Self-Development of People.

The program was developed by the denomination's Council of Bishops and adopted overwhelmingly last month by the United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta. It aims at building study and action programs at the congregational and other levels of the church, as well as working ecumenically and with governmental and other agencies in the furthering of peace.

Bishop Lord will retire in July from administration of the Washington Area, which he has headed since 1960. Earlier he was bishop of the Boston Area for 12 years. His activity in the interest of peace has included co-chairmanship of both the U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace and the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

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JUNE ISSUE OF TOGETHER FEATURES THE AGING

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMI) — An exploration of how it feels to be growing old in a youth-oriented, throw-away society is featured in the June issue of *Together*, the United Methodist Church's national family magazine edited here.

Men and women who have coped successfully with the problems that come with aging tell how they have done it in the magazine, and aspects of nursing home care are highlighted. A picture story on a church-sponsored camp for older adults near Linwood Park, Ohio, stresses that camping isn't just for the young.

Looking to 1990 when, if the experts are right, the proportion of older

"Office of the Arts" established in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — An "Office of the Arts" is being established by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Howard M. Ham, the Division's General Secretary.

The new office will be directed by a task team headed by the Rev. Lander L. Beal. Other task members will include Charles W. Courtoy, Glenn S. Gothard, R. Harold Hipps, Alvin T. Maberry, and Vera V. Zimmerman.

Dr. Ham said funds projected for the office will include a student assistant working part time under Mr. Beal's supervision.

The three major responsibilities of the office, Dr. Ham said, would be:

—To provide a type of "brokerage service", or a directory of persons with skills in the arts who could assist in training programs.

—To develop a library of resources in the arts so that when requests come from the field they could be answered with concrete suggestions and resources.

— To answer all correspondence

people in our society will have more than doubled, *Together's* editors suggest that unless technology has fulfilled all the promises made in its name, the customary retirement age may have to be extended far beyond today's 65.

The magazine notes that many older persons feel that the church has left them high and dry to run after relevancy through social action, new forms of worship, and even new jargon that makes old ideas sound alien and strange.

"This is not healthy," the publication's editors assert. "The church needs to be very sure that its elderly members feel needed still, and that they know they are appreciated for their worth as individuals, honored for their loyalty and past good works, and loved because they are children of God."

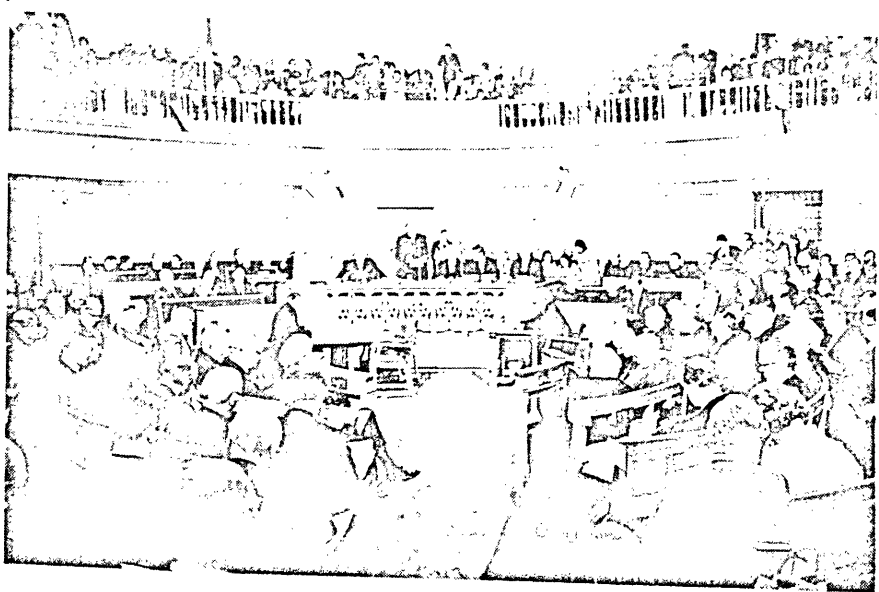
concerning the arts that comes to the Division of the Local Church.

Other projections for the office include the development of a contract with a person who could provide a monthly review of drama and other resources in the arts and produce a resource available to church leaders.

The Task Team is also authorized to produce an arts resource mailing for the annual conferences of the church three times a year and to help create summer drama teams which could be made available to annual conferences, districts and local churches.

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LONDON — Archbishop Donald Coggan of York (standing), who presided at the General Synod of the Church of England (Anglican), announces the defeat of the union measure to the delegates. To take the first major step toward union, the Synod's houses — bishops, clergy and laity — would have had to endorse the plan through the vote of 75 per cent of participating delegates. The general average was 65.01 per cent for approval, slightly more than 3 per cent less than the endorsement received in the first Anglican vote taken on July 8, 1969. Methodist delegates, meeting in conference in July 1969, provided more than the required 75 per cent approval for the plan.



Overseas churchmen make evaluation of General Conference

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — On the heels of the United Methodist Church's General Conference April 16-28, 70 key overseas churchmen gathered here to assess what the Conference meant for them and how they might adapt some of its decisions in their own lands.

Among other things, they agreed that: peace is a "worldwide concern" and "whatever is an enemy of justice is an enemy of peace"; every church must be free to formulate its own statements on Christian social concern, and these statements may be different from those of the church in the U.S.; women must participate equally with men in all phases of church life; mission is "pre-eminent" in the life of the church, and the missionary is "called to help fulfill God's mission."

The meeting April 29-30 was the Consultation with Overseas Churchmen, sponsored by the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions (soon to be part of the Board of Global Ministries created by General Conference).

Assembled were bishops and other heads of overseas churches related to U.S. United Methodism, including Central Conferences, affiliated autonomous Methodist churches and affiliated united churches; some overseas delegates to General Conference; missionaries; some elected members and

staff executives of the World Division. About 25 countries were represented.

The Consultation was non-legislative and spoke only for itself. However, it sent a series of recommendations and reports for consideration to the World Division and related churches outside the U.S. Discussion and recommendations focused around five topics:

1) Relationships; 2) the place of women; 3) implications of two General Conference-adopted documents, "The Statement of Social Principles" and the "Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples"; 4) structure of the United Methodist Church; 5) role of the missionary in the new structure.

After agreeing that General Conference was, perhaps of necessity, preoccupied with U.S. church concerns, the Consultation put as a preamble to its recommendations: "We recognize that we are living in a new age with rapid and dynamic change in structures and processes. The actions of the General Conference reflect this mood. . . . One of the principal moods of the General Conference was the growing sense of self-determination and selfhood of people. The actions of General Conference will need to be studied and implemented according to the situations in the various overseas churches and Central Conferences."

On the theme of each church "doing its own thing" in its national situation, the Consultation agreed that every church and Central Conference has "the right and privilege to speak clearly on national or world issues as it seems feasible." However, it agreed that "peace is a worldwide concern" and that "whatever is an enemy of justice is an enemy of peace."

Both the Statement on Social Principles and the Bishops' Call are to be distributed to overseas churches and should be studied by them, but in the recognition that "they relate in different ways in different countries." Overseas churches are encouraged to adapt the documents, to develop their own statements and priorities in social concern, and to share their statements with other churches, so that "hopefully we should expect a discovery, or rediscovery, of some basic and universal principles."

Consensus was reached by the Consultation that "the church cannot fulfill its mission to all persons until men and women participate fully, and equally, in the life of the church. Women need to be brought into places of decision-making at all levels and on all boards, from the local to the national and international. Every church should be encouraged to study the participation of its women." The group also affirmed that women should be considered equally with men in granting scholarships.

Though missionaries were not a

subject of direct discussion on the General Conference floor, the Consultation thought them a topic of central interest since questions have been raised as to the continuing need for missionaries. At that point, there was clear consensus: "We affirm that mission is pre-eminent and that the missionary is called to help fulfill God's mission."

However, again reflecting the felt need for diversity, the Consultation said that "each church must define its own missional priorities and clarify its meeting those priorities." It was agreed the missionary force should be more interracial and international, that missionaries demonstrate the "ecumenical dimension of the Christian community," and that missionaries with special skills are required in certain places for particular tasks at specified times.

The Consultation affirmed the emerging role of the World Methodist Council as a channel for communication, and thought that it may sometime be seen as a body within which worldwide Methodism "might consider new forms of cooperation in mission." The group urged that provision be made for more participation of church representatives outside the U.S., and of missionaries, in deliberations of the Board of Global Ministries and particularly the World Division.

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(RNS Photo)



NEW YORK — This portrait of a Costa Rican child at prayer, taken by William I. Kaufman on an around-the-world tour for UNICEF, appears in this photographic exhibit, "All God's Children," at American Bible Society headquarters in New York through Sept. 15. The show includes 79 photos of children in their daily activities. They are displayed with Scriptures in the various languages spoken by the children.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZED

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, is the new president of the United Methodist Church's top budgetary and fiscal agency.

Bishop Ensley was named to head the Council on Finance and Administration (formerly Council on World Service and Finance) at an organizational meeting of the group after adjournment of the 1972 General Conference April 28 in Atlanta, Ga.

Other officers include Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Nashville, Tenn., vice-president; Mrs. John W. Carrell, Fresno, Calif., recording secretary; and R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of the council and treasurer of the denomination. All officers are elected annually during the 1973-76 quadrennium.

Members of the CFA were named in one of the final business sessions at the General Conference. They are, in addition to the officers:

Paul Adrian, Salina, Kans.; Chester M. Alter, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. W. V. Bane, Cleburn, Texas; A. B. Blackburn, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Pauline Bobbitt, El Monte, Calif.; Mrs. James O. Brogden, Beach Haven, N. J.; James A. Crippen, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Rev. John W. Curry, Sr., Orangeburg, S. C.; the Rev. Merrill W. Drennan, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Garrett H. Evans, Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Raymond W. Fannings, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Roscoe Haining, Alexandria, Minn.; Mrs. Ross E. Hanna, Little York, Ill.;

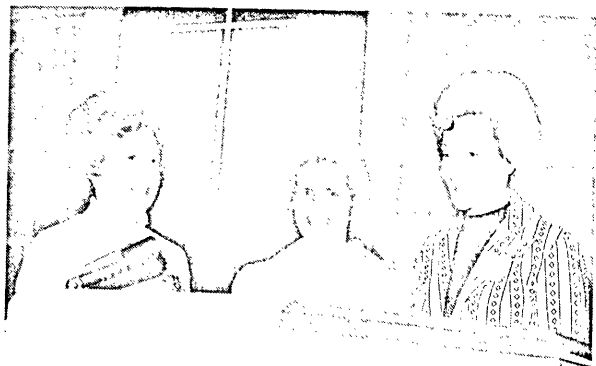
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"We have an earthshaking task of education before us in the church as we try to help our constituency realize we must love the Vietcong ('Love your enemies' — Jesus) and that we must learn to live with others who may be of different political persuasions (Communists) and religious teachings (Hinduism, Judaism)." — Rev. Donald E. Struchen, coordinator of leadership development, United Methodist Board of Missions.



Shown in the Newport First United Methodist Church during the Paragould District WSCS Spring Meeting are, from left: Mrs. C. E. Neighbors, president of the hostess society; Mrs. Daniel Grove of Pocahontas, speaker; and Mrs. Rudy Stark of Paragould, district president.

NEWPORT HOST TO WOMEN OF PARAGOULD DISTRICT

The spring meeting of Paragould District Women's Society of Christian Service was held at First United Methodist Church in Newport on April 26. "Alive Now" was the theme of the program. Mrs. Rudy Stark, district president, presided. The Rev. Elmo Thomason, district superintendent, offered the opening prayer. Mrs. C. E. Neighbors, president of the hostess society, extended the welcome. The Rev. David Conyers, host pastor, gave the devotional.

During the business meeting, the district society voted to present a scholarship to Jacob Cline of Paragould, who is studying to be a minister.

Special music during the luncheon, which was served by Newport ladies,

was by the High School Ensemble under the direction of Larry Hedrick. Other special music was by Woodward McDowell, Jim Wright and Mrs. Carl Cross in the morning, and by Mrs. Ralph McDonald, Jr., and Mrs. Troy Gray in the afternoon.

Mrs. G. A. McKelvey, program chairman, introduced the featured speaker, Mrs. Daniel Grove, from Pocahontas, who chose for her theme "Be Alive to God."

A Memory Service was conducted by Mrs. Wayne Clark. Mrs. Tyler Williams gave a report from the courtesy committee. The attendance banner was won by the Pocahontas Society. The total attendance revealed 153 persons representing 26 societies.

Holy Communion, administered by the Reverends Thomason and Conyers closed the meeting.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT W.S.C.S. AT ST. PAUL

The women of the Fayetteville District met at St. Paul's Church in Harrison on April 28. The scripture theme for the day was "I now remind you to stir into flame the gift of God which is within you." I Tim. 1-6.

After a prelude by Mrs. Richard Bell and greetings from Mrs. June Westphal, district president, a hymn "Come Holy Ghost, our Hearts Inspire," was sung. A meditation on the church emblem was given by Mrs. Everett Whillock.

Roll call indicated an attendance of 100 with 21 societies represented. Miss Edith Martin, retired missionary from Africa, now living in Harrison spoke words of welcome. Ministers' wives were introduced and an announcement made that they would have a short meeting during the lunch hour.

A panel discussion on the value of the W.S.C.S. was given with these persons participating in the discussion: Ruth Lanier, moderator; Mrs. Jack Korpnick, Harrison; the Rev. Max Whitfield, St. Paul pastor; Mrs. E. C. Hammons, Berryville; Karen Chambers, Springdale; and Mrs. Norma Tucker, Eureka Springs.

Following the lunch hour, the president presented some highlights from the Jurisdiction meeting and then introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Charles Nobel, district president of the Ft. Smith district who is living at Paris. In an unusual and inimitable way she indicated what the W.S.C.S. is not and then what is really is, what it could be and should be. This was followed with Cluster Groups and Sharing Time.

CONWAY DISTRICT WOMEN MET AT GREENBRIER

The theme was "Mission Operation Now" when 110 women of Conway District gathered in the Greenbrier Church, April 27, for the annual spring WSCS meeting.

Mrs. Earl Horton of Russellville presided. The invocation was by the Rev. J. Wingo, host pastor. Mrs. C. B. Hartwick gave the welcome.

Highlight of the program was the appearance of Dr. Pearle McCain and Miss Nellie Dyer, retired missionaries, and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, church and community worker assigned by the Board of Missions to the Batesville area. After their introduction by Mrs. Ed Davis, district vice-president, they served as a panel discussing "Windows on Missions" and conducted a question and answer session.

During the business session, Mrs. P E Munnerlyn called the roll and district officers gave reports. Mrs. Paul Bankhead, chairman of the program materials had literature on display and for sale. Mrs. Albert Turner emphasized the Christian social responsibility of voting. Mrs. Edwin Outlaw reported on the recent spiritual growth retreat held at Aldersgate Camp with Dorothy and "Tank" Harrison as leaders. Mrs. Outlaw also gave the opening devotional. Mrs. Earl Hilliard announced the Interconference of Christian Mission to be at Hendrix College, July 26-28. Mrs. T. D. Hampton, treasurer, reported that the district did not pay its Pledge to Missions in full, although Special Memberships were increased.

The fall meeting will be in Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock.

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An urgent call for house parents is the request of Youth Home, Inc. with several group homes in operation in the Little Rock area and another to open soon in Pine Bluff, Mrs. Carol B. Smelley, director, sends this appeal:

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NANCY HUSKEY was leader when the youth of Vantrease Church, El Dorado, had charge of the Sunday evening worship, April 30. The opening prayer was given by Melinda Nesbit and the message was brought by David Wilson, a member of the Westside Baptist Church in El Dorado. The benediction was by Alan Avery, vice-president. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.

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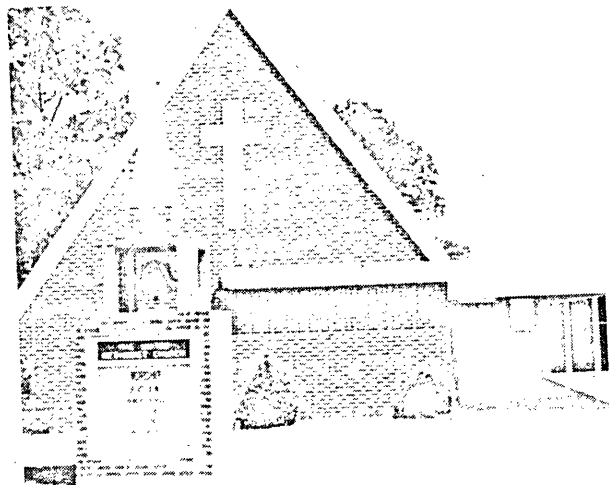
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The new parsonage at Morrilton was finished in October, 1971. This replaces the one destroyed by fire, and is occupied by the Rev. Clyde T. Parsons and family. It has a foyer, formal living room and dining room, four bedrooms, two and one-half baths, large family room with fireplace, all electric kitchen, utility room, double car garage, storage room and patio.



The Roe United Methodist Church has a new steeple and bell tower, designed by the pastor, the Rev. Hursel Richert. The new structure is 15 feet tall and six feet square at the base, and houses the bell from the old church, which was built in the 1890's. The present church was constructed in 1961.



Libby Hix of Clarendon was elected president of the Galloway-Tollison Sub-District UMYF at the May 1 meeting held in the Salem Church on the Wheatley Charge. Other officers are Pam Williams of Brinkley, vice-president; Mary Hunt, Brinkley, secretary; Sherry Nash, Wheatley, treasurer; and John Clifton, Holly Grove, reporter.

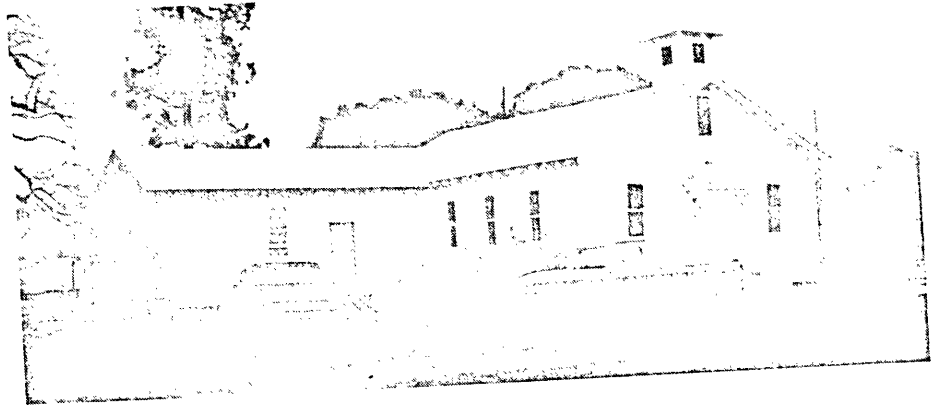
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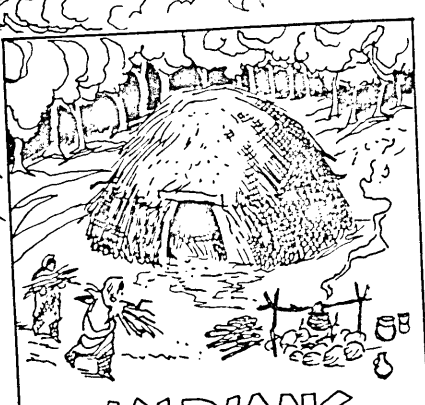
This "family" participated in the Hope District Youth Encounter held at DeQueen, May 6 and 7. A family was comprised of several youths and one adult leader. New officers of the Hope District UMY are: President, Becky Dowling from Foreman; vice-president, David Van Bebber from DeQueen; secretary-treasurer, Cindy Cook from Texarkana.

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