



Ordained Deacons at the North Arkansas Conference were: Back row (l. to r.), Jay Frank Holstead, Philip Loyce Hathcock, Keith Douglas Goza, Philip Webb McLarty and Charles Marcus Cooper; Front row: Leslie V. Beck, Nicholas Carter Lascaro, Loye Vern Mason and Jimmie Faye Brooks.

North Arkansas Conference closes with 47 appointment changes

Forty-seven changes were announced in the appointments of the North Arkansas Annual Conference when Bishop Paul V. Galloway read the list at the close of the session which met in First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, May 29-31.

Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, who has been pastor of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, was named District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, succeeding the Rev. J. William Watson who was appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church, Blytheville. The pastor of that church, Dr. Virgil D. Keeley, was transferred to the Little Rock Conference last week and named District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District.

The Rev. Earl B. Carter, associate director of the Program Council for the last five years was named pastor of First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, succeeding the Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, who was appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church, Osceola. The Osceola pastor, the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, will succeed Mr. Carter on the staff of the Program Council.

The conference voted overwhelming approval of the plan to merge with

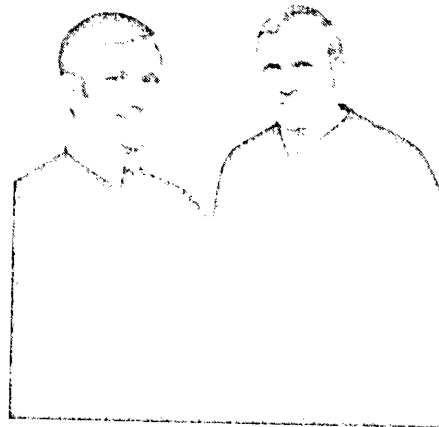
the Southwest Annual Conference. The affirmative vote, together with that of the Little Rock, Oklahoma and Southwest Conferences completed the authorization for this important step. When Bishop Galloway read the appointments the close of the Southwest Conference they were added to the appointments of the districts of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences in which they are located geographically. (Appointments of Southwest Conference charges located in Oklahoma were included in the appointments of that conference.)

The delegates turned down the proposal to merge with the Little Rock Annual Conference by a vote of 228 to 102 after a lengthy debate which occupied most of the Tuesday morning session. The plan was presented by the Rev. William P. Connell on behalf of the committee which drew it up.

Four ministers were granted the retired relationship by the conference and two were received into full membership. Those retired were: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, Dr. W. O. Scroggins, Jr., the Rev. H. Mitchell Sanford and the Rev. Luther K. Wilson. Received into full membership were Jerry Amos

Pulliam and Murphy Rogers Spurlock. Received as probationary members were the following: Jimmie Faye Brooks, Charles Marcus Cooper, Keith Douglas Goza, Philip Loyce Hathcock, Jay Frank Holstead, Philip Webb McLarty, Gary Lynn Langston and Jimmy Lyle Rorie.

On Tuesday morning, the Rev. Charles Ramsay delivered the sermon in the Service of Commemoration which honored the following ministers and ministers' wives who died during the past conference year. They were: *Ministers:* J. Wilson Crichtlow, T. C. Chambliss, Jack W. Glass, Warren D. Golden, Harry King, Eugene Miser, John W. Sandage, Sam Sutherland, and Sam G. Watson; *Ministers' wives:*



Ordained Elders at the North Arkansas Conference were Jerry A. Pulliam, left, and Murphy R. Spurlock.

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Southwest Conference holds last session before merger

The Southwest Annual Conference, in its meeting at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Little Rock, gave the final approval to the Plan of Merger which had been previously approved by the Little Rock, North Arkansas and Oklahoma Annual Conferences.

The count vote on the merger proposal was 57 for, none against, and five abstaining. Bishop Galloway announced that the merger would be effective at the close of this conference, and that churches of the former Southwest Conference would become parts of the Little Rock, North Arkansas and Oklahoma Annual Conferences according to their geographic location.

The appointments were read according to their former arrangement in the Southwest Conference. Bishop Galloway named the Rev. C. C. Hall as District Superintendent of the Southwest District, and announced that he would be working with the cabinets of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences representing the churches of the former Southwest Conference during the period of transition. He also announced that the Rev. J. H. Thompson would be working with the Program Council staffs of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences and that the Rev. A. S. Wamble, Sr. would be working with the staff of the Program Council of the Oklahoma Conference.

OPENING: The conference opened on Thursday evening, June 1, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock, with Bishop Paul V. Galloway presiding. Bishop Galloway brought

the message and officiated at the Service of Holy Communion assisted by the district superintendents and the host pastor. Special music was furnished by the Wesley United Methodist Church Choir.

DEVOTIONS: The Rev. J. W. Hobbs led the opening devotions on Friday morning.

PENSIONS: The first item of conference business was the report of the Board of Pensions. The Rev. C. C. Hall, chairman, and Dr. Miller from the staff of the General Board of Pensions spoke to the report.

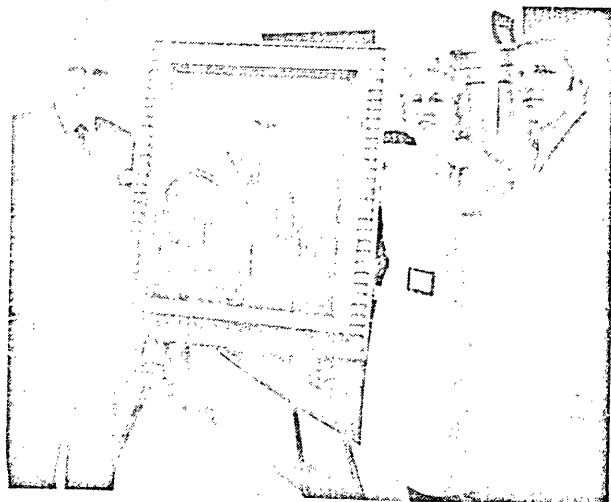
Bishop Galloway presented a check in the amount of \$1,658.75 as the conference's share of the proceeds from the United Methodist Publishing House. Rev. Hall accepted this check and presented a check in the sum of \$4,450 to Dr. Miller for deposit in the conference's account with the General Board of Pensions.

Dr. Miller announced that conference claimants would start receiving checks July 1 based on the annuity rates of the other three conferences. These rates per service year are: Oklahoma, \$78; Little Rock \$61 and North Arkansas, \$61.

Based on the responsibilities being assumed by the other three conferences, the reserve funds on hand in the account of the Southwest Conference on July 1 will be distributed according to the following ratios: Little Rock Conference—43%; North Arkansas Conference—31%; and Oklahoma Conference—26%.

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Bishop and Mrs. Galloway and Dr. Roy Shilling, Jr. of Hendrix College shared in the unveiling of the portrait of Bishop Galloway. The work of Mrs. Betty Dortch Russell, the portrait will hang in the Administration Building of the college.





This group of youth and young adults from First Church, Conway, visited the sessions of the North Arkansas Conference at Fort Smith.

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NORTH ARKANSAS

Mrs. Effa Hays, Mrs. Minnie Webb Forrest Hook, Mrs. Leona Patty, and Mrs. Mary R. Potter.

The following were elected to orders and ordained by Bishop Paul V. Galloway on Wednesday evening: **Deacons:** Leslie V. Beck, Jimmy Faye Brooks, Charles Marcus Cooper, Keith Douglas Goza, Philip Loyce Hathcock, Jay Frank Holstead, Nicholas Carter Lascaro, Loyce Vern Mason, and Philip Webb McLarty; **Elders:** Jerry Amos Pulliam and Murphy Rogers Spurlock.

The Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr. was re-elected secretary of the conference and named as his assistants Larry Dodgen and James McKay.

PROGRAM COUNCIL: Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, program director, presented the report of the Program Council. He paid special tribute to the contributions the Rev. Earl Carter has made as a member of the staff and to the leadership exerted by Bishop Galloway on the work of the Program Council.

PENSIONS: Doyle England of the United Methodist Publishing House presented a check for \$6,955.53 as the conference's share of the proceeds of the Publishing House.

Dr. M. D. Deneke and the Rev. Clyde Parsons presented the report of the Board of Pensions, and received permission to extend payments on the Pension Endowment Fund through 1973. The Rev. Earl Carter who has been directing the follow-up on this campaign reported that \$749,611.78 had been received on the campaign through May 1. The first Sunday in November will be observed as Retired Ministers' Sunday.

MERGER WITH SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE: The Rev. John B.

Hays presented the Plan of Merger with the Southwest Annual Conference and it was adopted by an overwhelming vote.

NOMINATIONS: The Rev. Elmo Thomason, secretary of the Cabinet, expressed the appreciation of that body for the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Galloway, and then made nominations for boards and agencies for the new quadrennium.

LYDIA PATTERSON INSTITUTE: President Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, reported on the work of that institution and expressed appreciation for the leadership Bishop Galloway has given to the development of the school.

MOUNT SEQUOYAH: The Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of Mount Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, revealed plans for the observance of the

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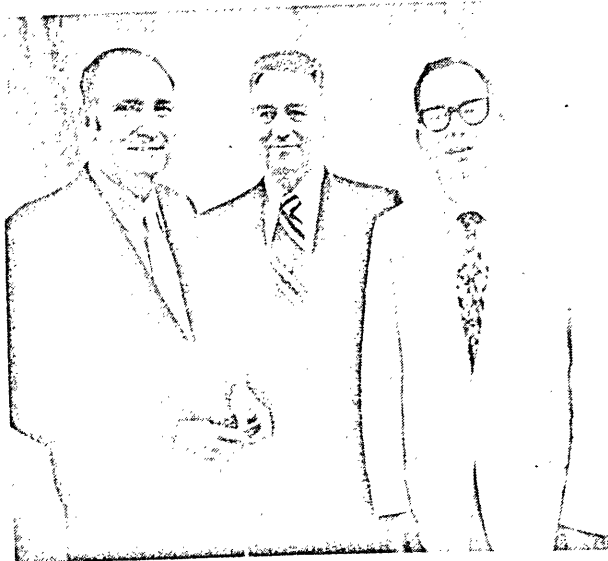
SOUTHWEST

INSURANCE: Dr. Miller also announced the plans of group insurance coverage being carried by the other three annual conferences and emphasized the importance of signing up for this insurance before July 1.

SECRETARY: The Rev. C. G. Tillmon nominated the Rev. A. S. Wamble as conference secretary, and he was elected. The first eight rows across the front of the church were established as the bar of the conference.

MERGER VOTE: Dr. W. D. Lester, chairman of the Southwest Conference Ad Hoc Committee on Merger presented the Plan of Merger of the Little Rock, North Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Southwest Annual Conferences. The vote was: 57 for, none against, and 5 abstaining.

At the Board of Education Luncheon were (l. to r.) the Rev. Earl B. Carter, Dr. Howard Ham of the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, and Dr. Charles Casteel, chairman of the Conference Board of Education.



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Interfaith representatives planning for ministry to new city Maumelle

Approximately 20 representatives from various religious bodies in the central Arkansas area met at the Sheraton Hotel in Little Rock on Monday, May 22 in an all-day conference to explore possibilities for serving the religious and spiritual needs of persons who will reside in the new city of Maumelle which is expected to have a population of 45,000 within a few years.

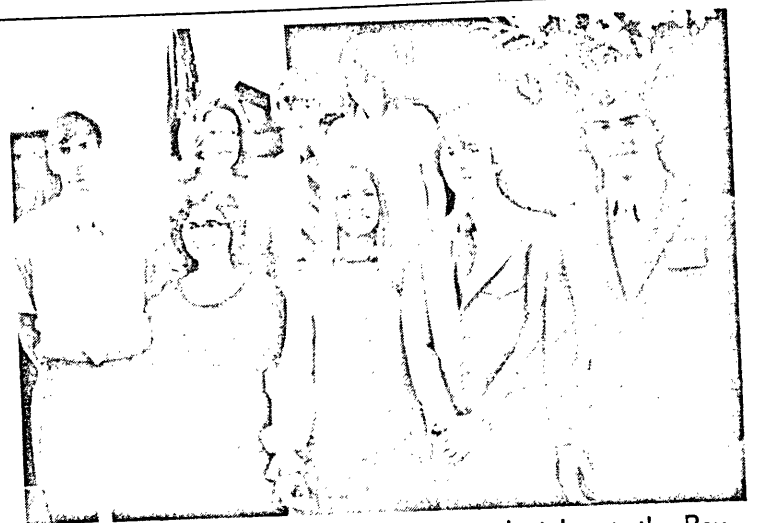
The ecumenical exploratory meeting was chaired by the Rev. Ed Bayliss, executive secretary of the Presbyterian Center of Arkansas. Meeting with the group were Dow Nayer, executive vice president of Maumelle and David Byrd, vice president of legal counsel for Maumelle.

The group voted to form a Maumelle Interfaith Planning Council. A second meeting is planned for June 12 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at Faith Lutheran Church at Markham and Mis-

issippi Streets. A spokesman said that a representative and an alternate from interested religious bodies will be invited to attend this organizational meeting, which will be convened by Bayliss.

Three task groups and chairmen were named as follows: Agenda, the Rev. Ed Bayliss; Planning Model, the Rev. Gordon Swope; Invitations, the Rev. Dean Sudman.

Of particular interest to the group was a presentation by a team from Associates and Mission, Urban Life Center of Columbia, Md., introduced by the Rev. James Hamlin, a Baptist pastor, and the Rev. Robert Grochau, pastor of the Church of the Living Word, also of the new town, Columbia. The effective plan of ministry at Columbia is one of several new town ministries under study by the Arkansas planning group.



Bishop Galloway, left, extended his good wishes to the Rev. and Mrs. Luther K. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Goodloe, and the Rev. H. M. Sanford as they retired at the North Arkansas Conference.

At the North Arkansas Laymen's Luncheon were: (front) Bishop Galloway and E. Clay Bumpers, and (back) William M. Shepherd and Raymond Hillis of the Little Rock Conference.

TO MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

We are most grateful to the ministers and their families and the members of the Southwest Annual Conference for the reception Saturday night and the lovely gifts you presented.

You will always be a part of our lives, and we shall ever be grateful for being with you and shall keep you in our love and prayers.

—Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway

Bishop Galloway spoke concerning the merger plans, and announced that the Rev. C. C. Hall would be named as the new District Superintendent to work with churches of the former Southwest Conference during the period of transition.

Dr. Lester moved that there should be an annual reunion of the Sons and Daughters of the Former Southwest

Conference. It was seconded by R. B. Brown and the motion was approved. A resolution was presented by the Rev. W. H. Bass concerning the leadership from former Southwest Conference members and it was approved.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: Lucille Vanzant and the Rev. J. W. Lofton were elected as assistant secretaries.

RELIGION AND RACE: The Rev. J. L. Jones of the staff of the Commission on Religion and Race, addressed the conference and extended congratulations on the merger action

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Editorial

World Reacts To Massacre In Israeli Airport

Voices have spoken in every part of the world in reaction to the killing of 25 innocent people and the wounding of 77 others in the Lod International Airport near Tel Aviv, Israel. Three hired Japanese terrorists, apparently in the employ of a Palestine Liberation Front group fired into a crowd of 250 to 300 people. The dead included 13 Israelis and 12 Puerto Ricans who were members of a delegation of Christian pilgrims beginning a visit to the Holy Land.

Secretary General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations said he "was shocked at the ruthless and irresponsible act of violence." He continued, "Such acts can only be deplored as a purposeless, cruel interference with peaceful international aviation travel." Accenting the cruel, inhuman nature of the attack were radio broadcasts from Syria and Egypt which praised the attack.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations George Bush issued a statement saying he was "shocked" at the shooting incident. He branded the attack as "outrageous and murderous." He said that the attack underlined very clearly the need for governments and the international aviation community "to crack down severely on such threats to passengers traveling on international civil aviation carriers." He said that the action at Lod convinced him of "the senseless horror of this kind of totally irresponsible violence." "I was outraged by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's statement of glee and rejoicing. How callous and inhuman can mankind be?" Mr. Bush asked.

The general secretary of the World Council of Churches condemned the "indiscriminate and wanton character" of the shooting incident. In a cable to President Zalman Shazar of Israel, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake expressed his organization's feeling that no political objectives "could conceivably explain, much less justify, the Tel Aviv airport crime wantonly committed against clearly innocent people, both Israelis and pilgrims from the West."

His message said in part:

"The WCC has repeatedly expressed over a considerable period our deep concern about the now practically worldwide systematic violations by governments of the most basic human rights. We have also urged that the equally growing number of acts of violence victimizing innocent people to promote political ends was immediately related to that state of affairs and that, therefore, speedy and thorough measures were needed to overcome the root causes of this frightening symptom of a widespread escalation of premeditated acts of violence.

"However that may be in the light of clear facts of the Tel Aviv airport massacre, I want to send to your excellency our deepest condolences for the tragedy that has taken place in your country and the strongest condemnation of the act committed, its indiscriminate and wanton character, and its perpetrators and instigators, whoever they may be.

"No political reasons or purposes alleged could conceivably explain, much less justify, the Tel Aviv airport crime wantonly committed against clearly innocent people, both Israelis and pilgrims from the West."

An official of the United Church of Christ Board of World Missions, Dr. David Stowe, who once taught at the Beirut School of Theology in Lebanon, said that the massacre should spur U.S.-USSR action to

work out some solution to the threat to peace in that part of the world. He said: "Men of every religious faith are appalled by the horror of the massacre of the innocent people in the Tel Aviv airport. The world cannot endure such senseless and unfeeling disregard of the sanctity of human life nor such haphazard and hopeless attempts to settle political differences through terror.

"It is not enough to make moves toward disarmament in Moscow and to leave a fire raging in the Middle East. The governments of the United States and the Soviet Union have a responsibility to follow their first steps toward peace with a determined effort to bring about a settlement of the differences between Israel and the Arab people, and to establish and help maintain lasting peace in the Middle East."

We have now passed the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the uneasy peace which came following the Six Days War in 1967. The recent incident at the Lod Airport underscores the urgency of finding a lasting solution in the very near future.

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the Editor's Corner



Rediscovering The Road To Jericho

A group in Cincinnati has entered into a new sort of involvement which could be taken seriously by many others.

It's not the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, it's Interstate 75 which cuts through Ohio and Kentucky, but the "good samaritans" are out there helping hundreds of freeway drivers overcome stalls and steaming tempers.

Headed by a Roman Catholic Brother, sponsored by Protestants of Greater Cincinnati, and financed by local firms and institutions, the "Good Samaritan Highway Safety Program" patrols I-75 on holiday weekends looking for motorists in trouble.

The mechanical assistance, encouragement and even refreshments are free.

The young people who man "Samaritan Wagon" are paying their own expenses and donating their time in payment for driver-training courses received from the Council of Christian Communities. Many received their driver's licenses because of the council's youth ministry run by Brother Thomas Payne, S.M., who also heads the highway program.

This year, two assistance vehicles are prowling the shoulders of I-75 looking for travelers in trouble, thanks to the Cincinnati Red Cross and a local truck dealer.

The program is recognized by the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Cincinnati police and the Hamilton County Juvenile Court and supported by local auto clubs and oil companies.

Refreshments are offered the motorists and their families while repair work or traffic jams are waited out—and no payments are accepted.

Maybe I-75 is the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, after all.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

By a vote of 411 to 310, the United Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Denver voted May 19 to withdraw from the Consultation on Church Union which it helped found more than a decade ago. While liberal on most social and theological issues, C. Willard Heckel, the new Moderator of the UP Church is reported not a COCU enthusiast. The Rutgers law professor told reporters, "I'm much more interested in interdenominational cooperation than in amalgamation."

The deputy associate administrator of the U.S. Nat'l. Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dr. Wernher von Braun, addressing a commencement audience at Belmont, N. Car. said "By providing a perspective of the earth never seen before, the space program is bringing people together as never before." Success in space trips has removed human "mental barriers" as to what it is possible for men to achieve, he said. "I do think the space program has a message for people everywhere, and that message is—we can solve any problem facing us if we only have the will and the courage," von Braun added.

Dr. Peter Day, chief ecumenical officer of the Episcopal Church, said in an interview that "apathy" has replaced "anxiety" about the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), a coalition of denominations that have worked together for a decade. He suggested three reasons for lack of concern: declining popularity of the COCU proposal, a U.S. mood turning away from reliance on national structures and "less worry that the Church might take such an action" that is, approve the COCU plan of union.

There is a serious shortage of ministers in the United Church of Canada, according to the Rev. Ernest E. Long, secretary of the General Council (Toronto). In an interview Dr. Long said two years ago there was a slight surplus "and we jumped to the conclusion it was a permanent trend. Now, we realize that the opposite is true. With all the specialized ministries that are developing — counseling, social work, the 'pub' ministry and so forth—we are falling badly behind." He predicted that by 1974, the UCC will be short 175 ministers, despite the merging of some congregations.

The overseas mission board of the United Church of Christ, in a cable to President Nixon and Soviet leaders, recommended a settlement of the Indo-China war by "simultaneous shutting off of arms and military aid to both sides." Copies of the statement were sent to key participants of the Peace talks in Paris, including Ambassador William Porter of the U.S. and representatives of North and South Vietnam and "the provisional government of South Vietnam."

Dr. Walter C. Wright, Jr., a practicing attorney in New Jersey and an ordained United Methodist clergyman, is the new general counsel of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Because of the organization's expanding litigation program, Dr. Wright will work as head of the legal department on a full-time basis.

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of religion at Temple University whose specialty is problems of conflict between church and state, praised the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision exempting Amish children from compulsory high school attendance as a victory for religious liberty and an end to years of harassment. "In a time when statist and totalitarian controls are increasing all over the world, it's wonderful to have a victory for liberty of conscience," Dr. Littell said.

The October 5th union of the Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England into a "United Reformed Church" now seems a certainty. Congregations, county churches and presbyteries of both Churches voted by large majorities for union in nationwide rank-and-file polls. The move was finally and officially cleared when separate May Assemblies of both Churches gave the go-ahead at their last sessions in London. This means 176,000 Congregationalists and about 60,000 Presbyterians will become the first in Britain to cross denominational boundaries and unite. Approval by the British Parliament is expected in July.

United Presbyterian national agencies will be completely reorganized and centralized in New York City, as a result of recent action taken in Denver by the denomination's General Assembly. In recent years, major headquarters have been in New York and Philadelphia, with smaller operations in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

Religious-related agencies can file a "certificate of exemption" which enables them to avoid, legally, paying certain federal taxes, such as the 10 per cent federal telephone tax, according to the Peace Section—Washington Office of the Mennonite Central Committee. The form is available from local telephone offices, Delton Franz, editor of the Peace Section's "Washington Memo" said.

"It is tragic at a moment when young people are looking to Jesus Christ in admiration that some theologians should be denying that Christ is God," said Cardinal John Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, in a pastoral letter read throughout his archdiocese on Trinity Sunday in the London area. "The Creed is wrong, they say, in affirming that He is one in substance with the Father . . . they reject the doctrines of the Blessed Trinity and the Incarnation which are the foundation of our faith," he continued, and added that it was time parents and teachers re-introduced the "thoroughly Catholic practice" of bowing heads at the mention of the name Jesus.

A new marriage service allowing the bride and groom to write their own vows has been approved for provisional use in the Lutheran Church in America. According to the introduction the service is designed to "provide a wide variety of options." One option is for the bride and groom to write their own promises, "provided that they always mention the complete sharing which is marriage and an indication that the promises are to be a life-long commitment. For it is not a formula that makes a marriage, but the promise of fidelity."

"The first Christians who go to China will have to go as individuals — businessmen, educators, scientists, agricultural experts, athletes—Christian individuals, yes, but not as members of churches or missions. They will be accepted for their abilities, not for their faith. Any ministry they may have will be on a one-at-a-time basis," declared Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, vice president of World Vision International in the keynote address before the Nat'l. Assn. of Evangelicals meeting in St. Louis.

Dr. Herman Will, Jr., chief peace officer for the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, and Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, director for international affairs of the U.S. Catholic Conference have been named as religious representatives on a new Inter-American Advisory Council of the U.S. State Department. The other 22 members of the council represent such fields as education, business, labor and foundations.

Co-author of the new book, "We Were Never Their Age," Dr. Edward Wakin, said in an interview with Religious News Service that young people who grew up after World War II are products of the post-industrial age, and their attitudes and values are molded by a society radically different from the one in which their parents grew up. Their consciousness is raised beyond economic fulfillment, and they are disillusioned by the inhumanity spawned by the "plastic society." "Teenagers worship honesty and condemn hypocrisy wherever they see it," the Fordham University professor said.

Speaking at the Governor's Prayer breakfast in Minneapolis, Gov. Wendell Anderson claimed that company researchers at General Mills have substantiated the Biblical account of the loaves and fishes. According to the Mark 6:35-44 account, Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. The researchers took the amount of wheat needed to make five loaves, the governor said, converted it into "Wheaties," and found they had enough for 5,000 servings of cereal.

Dr. Paul W. McCracken, an advisor to Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, has been named Nat'l. Chairman for the 32nd annual inter-faith National Bible Week, Nov. 19-26. McCracken, a Presbyterian layman, succeeds the Hon. Arthur J. Goldberg, 1971 chairman.



SUN CITY, Ariz. — Members of the First Baptist church of Sun City, enjoy a fellowship dinner in the church's parking lot following a constituting service. The church is unique for it is believed to be the first Southern Baptist church to be constituted in a retirement community. The place is unique because Sun City is an unincorporated, non-political community for senior citizens whose population of 25,000 is all over 50. But the people of Sun City maintain a vigor which belies their ages. It is not just a place for bridge, whittling and loneliness. Residents of the community can and do enjoy more than 125 clubs and organizations and recreational facilities. (RNS Photo)

NORTH ARKANSAS

50th anniversary of that institution.

STATISTICIAN: The Rev. Luther K. Wilson, conference statistician for a number of years, presented his final report to the conference, since he is retiring at this conference.

TREASURER: Grafton Thomas, area treasurer, presented his report. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, associate general secretary of the Commission on World Service and Finance and a member of the North Arkansas Conference, spoke to the report. He commended the North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences for being two of the 15 annual conferences that paid out on World Service.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: The Rev. William M. Wilder made the report for the Commission on Archives and History, giving special recognition to the Augusta United Methodist Church for the history which they published this year. He also reported on the plans that are being made for the preparation of a new history of Arkansas Methodism.

MERGER WITH LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE: The Rev. William P. Connell presented the plan for merger with the Little Rock Conference. After a long debate a ballot vote was taken, and the results were 102 for and 228 against.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Dr. Earle Hughes presented the report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns with an emphasis on highway safety. Speaking to the report was Lt. Wilson Wallis of the Arkansas State Police.

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE: Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College reported that \$1,380,000 had been received in cash and pledges on the Two Million Dollar Capital Funds Campaign for that institution.

METHODIST HOSPITAL: Henry Hottum, administrator of Methodist Hospital, Memphis, reported on the continuing expansion that is taking place at that institution.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Dr. Charles Casteel, chairman, and the Rev. William M. Wilder, chairman of the Camping Committee, presented the report of the Board of Education. Emphasized as projects to be held during the coming year were a Human Relations Lab, Confirmation Labs, Young Adult Labs, Youth Encounter Labs and Teaching Clinics.

Dr. Howard Ham, general secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, spoke to the report.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive secretary of the Christian Civic Foundation, who is retiring at this session spoke briefly concerning his appreciation for the support he had received. He commended his successor, the Rev. Edward W. Harris.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: The Rev. Bob Orr, chairman, and the Rev. Leonard Byers, Conference Secretary of Evangelism, presented the report of the Board of Evangelism in which they indicated plans for full participation by the conference in the pro-

gram of Key '73.

HENDRIX COLLEGE: Dr. Roy Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix College, presented the report of that institution. Assisted by the Rev. James E. Major, he unveiled the portrait of Bishop Galloway painted by Mrs. Betty Dortch Russell. It will hang in the Administration Building of the college.

MISSIONS: Dr. Charles W. Richards, president, and the Rev. David P. Conyers, secretary, presented the report of the Board of Missions in which was outlined a long-range program for the next four years. This includes a plan for purchasing new church sites and for the establishment of new churches during the quadrennium.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE: Mrs. Joe Crumpler of Fayetteville, conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, presented the report of that organization.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES: The Rev. Harold H. Spence, chairman, and O. H. Duwall, secretary, presented the report of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, in which attention was called to the work being done by the Methodist Hospital in Memphis; the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home; the Methodist Nursing Home of Fort Smith; and the Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould.

In adopting the report, the conference voted to continue the In-Depth Study on the need for low-rent housing for retirement purposes.

The conference submitted the following nominations for the General Board of Health and Welfare: Elmer L. Smith, Mrs. Howard Johnson and the Rev. Harold Spence.

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: The Rev. James L. Glass of the faculty of St. Paul School of Theology presented the work of that institution.

BOARD OF THE LAITY: E. Clay Bumpers, Conference Lay Leader, presented the report of the Board of the Laity. In approving the report the conference elected the following: Conference Lay Leader: E. Clay Bumpers; Associate Conference Lay Leader: Matt L. Ellis; Associate Conference Lay Leader: Joe S. Pierce; Associate Conference Lay Leader: Warren Blaylock; and Conference Director of Lay Speaking: Jim Wiseman.

MINIMUM SALARY: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, chairman, and the Rev. Thomas E. Weir, secretary, presented the report of the Commission on Minimum Salary.

ENLISTMENT FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS: The Rev. David Moose presented the Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations.

MEETING PLACE FOR 1973 SESSION: The conference voted to accept the invitation of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, to entertain the 1973 session of the Annual Conference.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION: Dr. Marshall T. Steel brought the message for the Service of Ordination. Bishop Galloway, assisted by members of the Cabinet ordained the following: **Deacons:** Leslie V. Beck, Jimmy Faye Brooks, Charles Marcus Cooper, Keith Douglas Goza, Philip Loyce Hathcock, Jay Frank Holstead, Nicholas Carter Lascaro, Loye Vern

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and spoke of the work now facing the conferences to implement the merger. Bishop W. C. Martin was introduced to the conference, and he spoke briefly.

MISSIONS: Dr. Negail Riley of the staff of the National Division of the Board of Missions, spoke to the conference summarizing his impressions of recent world tours taken for the Board.

Mrs. Alice Preston, president of the Southwest Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, introduced Mrs. E. T. Davenport, president of the Little Rock Conference women. She also introduced Mrs. Ben Jordan of Conway, dean of the Interconference School of Christian Mission, which will be held at Hendrix College.

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: Dr. J. B. Holt of the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, addressed the conference relative to the plans and progress of the seminary.

PROGRAM COUNCIL: Mrs. Lula Tillmon made the report for the Program Council, emphasizing the activities which have been promoted during the year. The report was adopted with minor revisions.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: The Rev. J. W. Lofton was the leader for the Memorial Service. The Rev. C. C. Hall brought the sermon.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY: Mrs. Alice Preston brought the opening devotional for the Wednesday afternoon session, and then led in the presentation of the report by various officers of that organization. Mrs. E. T. Davenport of the Little Rock Conference spoke of joint plans for merger that had already been going on between the officers of the women's groups.

NOMINATION: Bishop Galloway announced the nomination of the Rev. J. W. Lofton to the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Residence.

EVANGELISM: The Rev. R. B. Brown presented the report of the Board of Evangelism in which the program of Lay Renewal within the local church was emphasized.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: The Rev. Harold Flowers presented the report of the Board of Trustees asking for authorization for the sale of certain abandoned church properties and reported the disposition of properties already sold.

Dr. Negail Riley offered the following amendment to this report: "That the trustees of the former Southwest Conference incorporate in order to transact such business as necessary, to sell properties and recommend the distribution of the proceeds for the development of ministries within the black communities of Oklahoma and Arkansas until such time as this function is no longer necessary."

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE NIGHT: Clinton Anderson presided for Philander Smith College Night on Friday evening. Dr. Walter R. Hazzard addressed the conference and an offering of \$501.50 was received for the college.

MISSIONS: C. James Washington, chairman of the Board of Missions,

Mason and Philip Webb McLarty; **Elders:** Jerry Amos Pulliam and Murphy Rogers Spurlock.

presented the report. At the request of Bishop Galloway, Dr. Riley told of the strategic importance of the program of Advance Specials.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT: The Rev. J. W. Hobbs and Mrs. Wanda Irby presented the Statistician's Report.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT: The Rev. J. H. Thompson presented the composite District Superintendents' report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Rev. J. H. Thompson made his report as conference treasurer and the report was adopted.

LAITY: Varnell Norman, conference lay leader, made his report and it was adopted.

YOUTH CHOIR: The Young Peoples Choirs from St. Paul and Mark Chapel United Methodist Churches were introduced by the pastor of St. Paul's, the Rev. William Robinson. They sang three numbers.

PHILANDER SMITH: Dr. Hazzard brought the conference up-to-date on the status of the financial campaign for the college. He said that there is a need for approximately \$600,000 to complete the current drive for \$2,000,000.

ADMITTED IN FULL CONNECTION: Upon recommendation of the Board of Ministry and following the vote of the conference, E. Frederick Shannon was admitted into full connection and elected to Elder's Orders.

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT: The Conference Treasurer, the Rev. J. H. Thompson, brought the conference up-to-date on the financial status. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to have a full audit of all finances. On motion of C. C. Hall it was voted that Rev. Thompson should continue as treasurer through the period of transition.

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE: Bishop Galloway named the following committee to serve as an Implementation Committee, and also to serve as a Homecoming Committee: Mrs. Lucille Vanzant, Vernell Norman, Dr. W. D. Lester, the Rev. G. C. Tillmon and two to be named later.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE: The Rev. R. B. Brown presided for the Saturday evening worship service, with the Rev. E. T. Hickman reading the scripture and leading the prayer. The music was furnished by the Mission to the City Choir. The message was delivered by Dr. John H. Graham of the staff of the National Division of the Board of Missions.

A reception followed in the Student Union Building at Philander Smith College.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: The Rev. J. H. Oliver, the Rev. W. H. D. Bright and the Rev. Ira A. Pointer led the Love Feast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

CLOSING WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ORDINATION: Dr. Lester presided at the Sunday Morning Worship Service. The Scripture was read by the Rev. J. H. Thompson and the prayer was led by the Rev. A. S. Wamble. The music was furnished by the Wesley Choir. Dr. Graham brought the message, and Bishop Galloway officiated at the Service of Ordination in which the Rev. E. Frederick Shannon was ordained elder.

Bishop Galloway read the appointments and the conference adjourned.

North Arkansas Conference Appointments

TRANSFERS OUT:

Clint D. Burleson, Elder to Little Rock Conference
Ray Burrow, Elder to Little Rock Conference
Virgil D. Keeley, Elder to Little Rock Conference
Paul D. Wilson, Associate Member to Oklahoma Conference
Ronald P. Knight, Elder to the Southwest Texas Conference
A. W. Martin, Jr., Elder to the Puerto Rico Conference

TRANSFERS IN:

Ben G. Hines, Elder from Little Rock Conference
Harold W. Brent, Elder from Little Rock Conference
J. Ralph Hillis, Elder from Little Rock Conference
Robert Boyd Clanton, Elder from Little Rock Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Floyd G. Villines, Jr.
District Superintendent, (2)
Antioch Circuit T. Kelly Jones (5)
Bald Knob Gail Anderson (2)
Batesville:
Asbury-Bethesda George Cleary (2)
Central Avenue Charles Casteel (3)
First Dois M. Kennedy (2)
Beebe Brady Cook (4)
Bradford Jewell T. Holland (AM) (2)
Cabot Braska Savage (6)
Calico Rock
James C. Southerland (PM) (2)
Cave City Gerald Martin (AM) (13)
Cedar Grove
Ramsey B. Woodall (LP) (9)
Clinton Harold Scott (2)
Cotter-Bull Shoals
Ray H. Edwards (4)
Dennard-Shirley Frank Shell (R) (3)
Desha Circuit Felix Holland (AM) (1)
Griffithville Fern Cook (3)
Heber Springs W. M. Womack (2)
Holiday Hills Tom Cowan (RS) (8)
Horseshoe Bend Denzel E. Stokes (1)
Judsonia Everne Hunter (3)
Kensett-McRae Omma L. Daniels (4)
Marshall-Leslie
Orville Knapp (LP) (2)
Melbourne Parish Paul Kelly (4)
Associate L. V. Mason (LP) (3)
Moorefield-Southside
Carl Strayhorn (AM) (1)
Moorefield Circuit
Ivan Wilson (RS) (3)
Associate Forrest Thomas (3)
Mountain Home Norman Carter (2)
Mountain View Jesse A. Bruner (1)
Newark Harold Brent (1)
Pangburn Roger Hook (LP) (4)
Quitman Circuit
Otha Strayhorn (AM) (4)
Salem-Viola D. J. McCammon (2)
Searcy:
Charles Richards (2)
First Lewis Ernest (AM) (2)
Grace

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain U. S. Navy Marvest Lawson
Chaplain U. S. Army Robert B. Howerton, Jr.
Bridwell Library, SMU Page A. Thomas
Candler School of Theology, Assistant Prof. E. Brooks Holifield
Church and Community Worker (Board of Missions)
Mrs. Bernice Rogers

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Drew School of Theology Gary Longston (PM)
Perkins School of Theology Philip McLarty (PM)

DISTRICT STAFF

Age Level Coordinators
Children—Mrs. Emma Lou Hedden
Youth—John Copher
Adult—Charles Mabry
Evangelism—Charles Casteel
Christian Social Concerns—H. H. Fulbright
Children's Home Commissioner—Eugene Dodson
Golden Cross—Lewis Ernest
Missions—George Cleary
Town and Country—Braska Savage
TRAFCO—Harold Brent
Arkansas Methodist—James McCammon
Secretary of Enlistment—Denzel E. Stokes
Camping—James Southerland
Worship—Dois Kennedy

Stewardship—W. M. Womack
Christian Education—Norman Carter
Health and Welfare—Carl Strayhorn
Methodist Information—Harold Scott
Family—Jesse P. Bruner

CONWAY DISTRICT

J. Ralph Clayton
District Superintendent, (4)
Atkins-Pottsville M. J. Pollard (2)
Belleville Parish Joe A. Hutto (2)
Bells Chapel Muriel H. Peters (2)
Conway:
First Ben F. Jordan (4)
Associate Bill Williams (3)
Wesley-Vilonia Britt H. Cordell (3)
Salem Von D. Mooney (1)
Wesley Foundation, SCA
Von D. Mooney (4)
Danville J. Hillman Byram (2)
Dardanelle Clyde E. Crozier (3)
Dover Circuit J. C. Wright (RS) (2)
Faulkner County Parish
Greenbrier James E. Wingo (3)
Mayflower Peter M. Soens (LP) (2)
Jacksonville:
First Bob Edwards (6)
McArthur Drive
Irl Bridenthal (RS) (3)
Mallettown W. T. Watson (RS) (2)
Morrliton:
First Clyde T. Parsons (2)
Morrliton Circuit
Jay Vee Gamble (LP) (1)
North Little Rock:
Amboy Myers B. Curtis (2)
First Earl B. Carter (1)
Gardner Byron McSpadden (2)
Indian Hills W. Maurice Lanier (1)
Lakewood John B. Hayes (3)
Levy Gerald D. Hammett (4)
Rose City-Beacon-Bethel
Jerry A. Pulliam (1)
Sylvan Hills James D. Keith (3)
Washington Avenue
Kenneth F. Renfroe (2)
Ola-Plainview Parish
Charles A. Crossno (AM) (3)
Associate Royce Savage (LP) (2)
Perry County Parish:
Oppelo Carroll D. Jackson (3)
Perryville A. C. Madison (3)
Plummerville Elbert Bruner (AM) (1)
Russellville:
First Charles E. Ramsay (3)
Wesley-London
Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr. (2)
Wesley Foundation, Ark. Tech.
Muriel H. Peters (7)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain, Methodist Hospital—George Stewart
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Associate Director, Program Council—Arvil C. Brannon
Associate General Secretary, Council on World Service and Finance—Ewing T. Wayland
Editor, The Arkansas Methodist—Alfred A. Knox
Professor, Hendrix College—James S. Upton
Professor, Hendrix College—Robert W. Goodloe
Professor, Hendrix College—Ferris Baker
Dean, Hendrix College—Francis Christie
Counsellor and Campus Minister—Jon Guthrie
Chaplain, U. S. Navy—B. Vernon Dennis
Funeral Home Chaplain—Willis Harl

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Perkins School of Theology Robert W. Lee
Emory University James D. Harrison
Emory University Jay Holsted
Boston University Jimmy Lyle Rorie
Drew University Bruce Cook
Duke University Carl Settle
Austin Seminary Carol N. Lascaro
Austin Seminary Nicholas C. Lascaro
Emory University Bennie R. Harmon

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Youth—Chris Meyer
Children—Mrs. Maureen Mueller
Family—John B. Hays
Evangelism—Byron McSpadden
Missions—Bob Edwards
Golden Cross—Britt H. Cordell

TRAFCO—Kenneth F. Renfroe
Town and Country—James E. Wingo
Arkansas Methodist—Earl B. Carter
Enlistment—J. Hillman Byram
Christian Social Concerns—Von D. Mooney
Camping—Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.
Methodist Information—Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.
Worship—Muriel H. Peters
Stewardship—Myers B. Curtis
Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home—O. H. Duewall

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Raymond Franks
District Superintendent, (5)
Bentonville Samuel B. Teague (1)
Berryville Victor Nixon (1)
Brightwater Parish
Harvey Hazelwood (1)
Decatur-Centerton John W. Lee (2)
Elkins Community N. Lee Cate (1)
Elm Springs-Harmon
Raymond W. Fisher (LP) (2)
Eureka Springs DuBois M. Pettit (2)
Fayetteville:
Central Joel A. Cooper (6)
Associate Robert Boyd Clanton (1)
Sequoyah-Farmington G. B. Ames (2)
Trinity Dewey Dark (2)
Wesley Foundation
Lewis V. Chesser (6)
Wiggins Allan E. Hilliard (4)
Gentry Parish David Moose (1)
Goshen C. W. Good (RS) (2)
Gravette-Sulphur Springs
Sherman Waters (1)
Green Forest-Alpena
S. Woodrow Woods (2)
Harrison:
John M. McCormack (2)
First St. Paul's Parish
D. Max Whitfield (2)
Associate Leslie V. Beck (LP) (10)
Associate TBS
Huntsville-Presley Chapel
Jerry K. Yarbrough (1)
Jasper
Horace W. Blackshear (RS) (1)
Lincoln-Morrow Parish
Vann Hooker (2)
Associate Joe Sherman (1)
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel Parish
Joe Sherman (3)
Associate Kenneth Spore (RS) (3)
Prairie Grove-Viney Grove
Vernon Paysinger (3)
Rogers
William P. Connell (2)
Central Merle A. Johnson, Jr. (2)
Siloam Springs
Springdale Clint Atchley (4)
First Tom Adkinson (2)
Associate W. P. Fiser (5)
Wesley-Hebron
TBS
Winslow James Eastwood (LP) 2
Yellville

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Counselor, Colorado Division of Employment James Rudolph Woodruff

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Perkins School of Theology Charles Marcus Cooper
Perkins School of Theology Terrence J. Dowdy
Duke University Phillip L. Hathcock
St. Paul's School of Theology Thomas W. Barnett

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Family—William P. Connell
Camping—Allan E. Hilliard
Evangelism Merle A. Johnson, Jr.
Golden Cross Dewey Dark
Lay Leader Robert D. Cheyne, Sr.
Missions Clint Atchley
Social Concerns Victor Nixon
Stewardship T. V. Hilt
Town and Country W. P. Fiser
TRAFCO David Moose
Worship Robert Boyd Clanton

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Ethan W. Dodgen
District Superintendent (6)
Augusta Lowell Eaton (2)
Brinkley John R. Chapman (2)
Cherry Valley Harry W. Price (AM) (5)

Clarendon D. Leon Gilliam (AM) (1)
Colt Charles Berlon Davis (AM) (6)
Cotton Plant Oliver Logan (3)
Crawfordsville Uriah Smith (11)
Earle J. Leon Wilson (5)
Elaine James Breazeale (3)
Forrest City
First Earl Hughes (2)
Forrest Hills H. L. Robison (RS) (3)
Helena Jim Beal (3)
Holly Grove Lorne Piercy (AM) (1)
Hughes Kern Johnson (AM) (2)
Marianna W. Leonard Byers (2)
Marion B. W. Stallcup (2)
Marvell Roy Moyers (2)
McCrory Lon Brewer (5)
Parkin Gerald Rainwater (PM) (1)
Vanndale Graham Sellars (AM) (1)
West Helena William C. Haltom (4)
West Memphis
First Ben G. Hines (1)
Rosewood James Linam (3)
Wheatley Charles W. Nance (AM) (1)
Widener Charles E. Reed (AM) (2)
Wynne William M. Wilder (2)
Tupelo, Ext. H. J. Couchman (RS) (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

Chaplain, U. S. Army James Robnolt

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Youth—Lowell Eaton
Children—Mrs. James Beal
Evangelism John R. Chapman
Missions Earl Hughes
Golden Cross Oliver Logan
TRAFCO James Linam
Town and Country J. Leon Wilson
Arkansas Methodist W. Leonard Byers
Enlistment Lon Brewer
Christian Social Concerns William C. Haltom
Worship Jim Beal
Commissioner Children's Home W. Fred Rhodes

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Charles P. McDonald
District Superintendent (2)
Alma Joe Jerry Nichols (1)
Altus Irl S. Lancaster (RS) (2)
Booneville
Lawrence Dodgen (2)
Charleston Raymond Hawkins (1)
Clarksville J. Clarence Wilcox (7)
Fort Smith
Cavanaugh Larry Powell (4)
First John A. Bayliss (8)
Associate James M. McKay, Jr. (2)
Goddard Memorial
Archie N. Boyd (2)
Hendricks Hills Waymon Hollis (5)
Massard
H. Doyle Millard (AM) (2)
Midland Heights Pryor R. Cruce (3)
St. Paul W. L. Douglas (2)
Wesley Victor Green (5)
Wyatt Memorial
Ellsworth Watson (2)
Greenwood J. M. Rogers (3)
Hartford
Associate Elmer D. Dempsey (2)
Hartman Gaston Matthews (AM) (4)
Lamar J. B. Tackitt (LP) (1)
Lavaca A. L. Chaffin (AM) (4)
Magazine Lindsey Rolland (AM) (1)
Mansfield TBS
Mountain View J. T. Byrd (RS) (3)
Mulberry Jimmy F. Brooks (PM) (1)

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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.

June 11—Sunday Job 14:1-19
June 12 Psalm 141:1-7
June 13 Eccles. 7:1-6
June 14 Eccles. 12:8-14
June 15 Lam. 3:1-18
June 16 Romans 1:17-23
June 17 Romans 3:9-18
June 18—Sunday Job 7:6-21

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NORTH ARKANSAS

- Ozark James P. Anderson (3)
 Paris William Hightower (4)
 Prairie View John R. Benham (LP) (2)
 Scott County Parish George Kleeb (RS) (5)
 Van Buren
 City Heights TBS
 First Arvest Lawson (2)
 St. John's David D. Scroggin (LP) (1)
 Waldron Frank Clemmons (4)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS
 Professor East Tennessee, State
 University Robert Paul Sessions

DISTRICT STAFF

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 Adult—J. Clarence Wilcox
 Youth—Frank Clemmons
 Children—Mrs. Robert Harmon
 Family—Waymon Hollis
 Stewardship Archie N. Boyd
 Missions Pryor R. Cruce
 Golden Cross W. L. Douglas
 TRAFCO Larry D. Powell
 Social Concerns James P. Anderson
 Arkansas Methodist John A. Bayliss
 Enlistment Victor Green
 Evangelism Ellsworth Watson
 Camping William Hightower
 Town and Country H. Doyle Millard

JONESBORO DISTRICT

- J. Ralph Hillis
 District Superintendent (1)
 Bay-Lunsford Jack Skelton (1)
 Blytheville J. William Watson (1)
 First Lake Street-Promised Land (1)
 Bono Parish L. L. Bounds (2)
 Caraway-Black Oak Murphy Spurlock (5)
 Dell-Christ Church Jimmie M. West (PM) (3)
 Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley Joseph Wilkerson (5)
 Hickory Ridge-Tilton Thomas E. Weir (2)
 Joiner-Turrell James A. Barton (2)
 Jonesboro Wilbert R. Feagan (AM) (4)
 First Worth W. Gibson (4)
 Fisher Street-Pleasant Grove Pharis J. Holifield (5)
 Huntington Avenue James R. Chandler (2)
 Nettleton-Brookland John Anthony Holifield (2)
 St. Paul-Mt. Carmel Jerry D. Canada (2)
 Wesley Foundation-Pleasant Valley James T. Randle (2)
 Lake City-Lake View T.B.S. (7)
 Leachville Frank Weatherford (7)
 Lepanto-Garden Point B. J. VanCleve (3)
 Luxora-Keiser Raymond Dorman (2)
 Manila-Community Wendell Dorman (3)
 Marked Tree Bob Orr (2)
 Monette-Macy Aubra O. Hays (2)
 Osceola Lloyd M. Conyers (1)
 Trumann Charles Thompson (5)
 Tyronza-Centerview Cleve Yarbrough (3)
 Weiner-Fisher Glenn Bruner (1)
 Wilson Joe E. Linam (4)
 Yarbrough Eugene Hall (RS) (4)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force Leroy Henry
 Chaplain, U. S. Air Force Paul Dean Davis

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS
 Emory University John H. Brown

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 Adult—Thomas Weir
 Youth—Jerry Canada
 Children—Mrs. James Barton
 Family—Worth W. Gibson
 Arkansas Methodist Wendell Dorman
 Christian Social Concerns Charles Thompson
 Evangelism Bob Orr
 Mission Lloyd Conyers
 Worship James A. Barton
 Stewardship J. William Watson
 Town and Country Pharis Holifield
 TRAFCO John Anthony Holifield

Children's Home Hudson Wren
 Enlistment Joe Linam
 Camping Joe Wilkerson
 Golden Cross Raymond Dorman

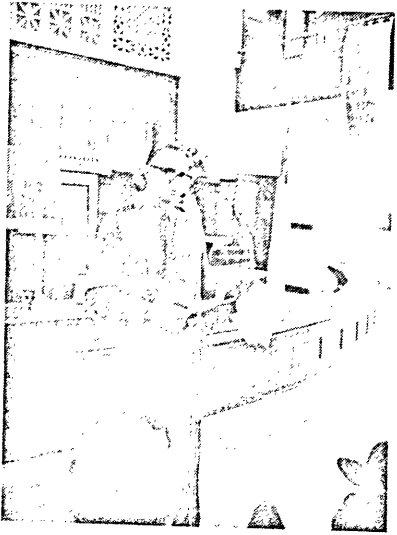
PARAGOULD DISTRICT

- Elmo A. Thomason
 District Superintendent (2)
 Beech Grove Rex Darling (LP) (2)
 Black Rock Bill J. Kirkland (AM) (1)
 Boydsville Chester Penny (AM) (7)
 Cherokee Village Roy Poyner (2)
 Corning Wayne Clark (4)
 Hardy Andrew M. Hall, Jr. (1)
 Hoxie J. D. Lawrence (2)
 Imboden Orville Stahl (AM) (3)
 Mammoth Spring Rayburn Jackson (AM) (2)
 Marmaduke Charles P. Reed (5)
 Maynard Parish Leroy Craig (LP) (1)
 Associate Maurice Kemp (10)
 James Weatherford (RS)
 Newport David P. Conyers (3)
 First Robert English (1)
 Umsted Harold H. Spence (2)
 Paragould David Driver (1)
 First J. Albert Gatlin (4)
 Associate TBS
 Griffin Charles Southard (LP) (2)
 Paragould Parish No. 1
 Paragould Parish No. 2
 Paragould Parish No. 3 Eugene Bain (AM) (2)
 Pocahontas Gaither McKelvey (2)
 Piggott J. B. Harris (6)
 Rector Wayne Jarvis (2)
 Rector Circuit Marvin Thompson (RS) (1)
 Sedgwick Richard M. Stegall (LP) (1)
 Shiloh Joe L. Kennedy (1)
 St. Francis George Scrum (AM) (1)
 Swift Theo Luter (AM) (6)
 Tuckerman Willis LeGrand (AM) (2)
 Walnut Ridge James M. Meadors, Jr. (4)
 Walnut Ridge Circuit E. C. Hance (RS) (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT
 Emory University Keith Goza

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 Adult—David Conyers
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 Family—Mrs. Harold H. Spence
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 Missions Andrew Hall
 Social Concerns J. Albert Gatlin
 Stewardship James Meadors
 Health and Welfare Harold Spence
 Arkansas Methodist Roy Poyner
 Camping Wayne Clark
 Enlistment Joe Kennedy
 Worship Robert English
 Town and Country Charles P. Reed
 TRAFCO J. D. Lawrence
 Ecumenical Affairs David Driver



Lt. Wilson Wallis of the Arkansas State Police spoke to the North Arkansas Conference on highway safety as part of the report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Southwest Annual Conference

Appointments

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- District Superintendent:
 C. C. Hall
 Conway Charge:
 Center Ridge-Conway-Morrilton
 Springfield-Marche L. T. Thompson
 Cotton Plant Charge: M. D. Nelson
 Brinkley-Cotton Plant To be supplied
 Danville To be supplied
 Duncan Circuit:
 Duncan-Sweet Home-Lonoke
 Fordyce Circuit R. B. Brown
 Hot Springs-Caddo Gap T. E. Snow
 Johnsonville Circuit Loyd Smith
 Little Rock: Wesley C. H. Roe
 Little Rock: White Memorial To be supplied
 J. W. Lofton
 Marianna Enlarged Charge:
 Clarendon-Marriana-Scruggs-
 Forrest City Joe Hughes, Jr.
 Kokomo-Hughes C. B. Banks
 Newport W. H. D. Bright
 Mark's Chapel Elijah Morgan
 St. Paul:Maumelle William Robinson
 North Little Rock:
 Bullock Temple and Hensley
 McCabe W. H. Piggee
 To be supplied
 Pine Bluff Enlarged Charge:
 St. James W. H. Flowers
 St. Mark-McGehee D. W. Terry
 Gould-Dermott G. G. Troupe
 Mallalieu: Ft. Smith-Van Buren
 Danville R. C. Preston
 To be supplied
 Murfreesboro-Clow-Center Point
 J. T. Counts

Macedonia-Mt. Carmel-Foreman
 Dequeen-Horatio J. H. Oliver
 Lewisville-Nashville-Hope-Saratoga
 H. A. Davie
 Texarkana: Hall's Chapel-Paroloma
 J. C. Tyus

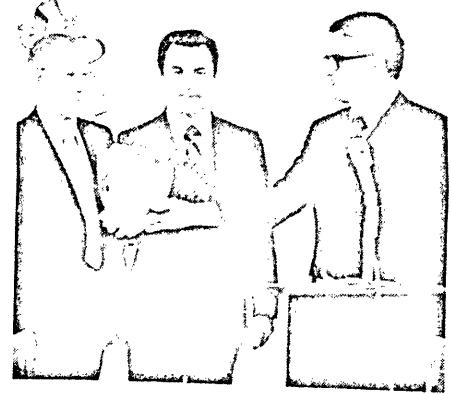
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Arkansas Area Program Council
 Board of Global Ministries J. H. Thompson
 Negail Riley
 District Secretaries:
 Missions William Robinson
 Evangelism R. B. Brown
 Social Concerns J. W. Lofton

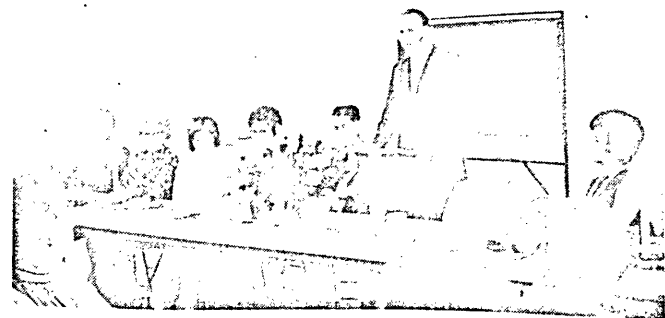
OKLAHOMA APPOINTMENTS

Oklahoma Program Council:
 A. S. Wamble, Sr.
 Anadarko-St. Paul-
 Seminole-Bethel Connie Davis
 Park's-Wewoka (Associate) T. R. Green
 Ardmore: Warren Chapel-
 Wynnewood: Reed's Chapel
 E. T. Hickman
 Mt. Vernon-Crescent
 Oak Grove-Langston J. W. Hobbs
 St. Paul-Guthrie G. D. Waterford
 Spencer Memorial-Muskogee
 Franklin Memorial-Okmulgee
 Norris Chapel E. Frederick Shannon
 Paul's Chapel-Hugo To be supplied
 Wesley-Tulsa C. G. Tillmon
 Quayle-Oklahoma City F. C. Souder

Dr. Charles W. Richards, right, chairman of the Board of Missions, awarded the plaque for the Small Town Church of the Year to the Rev. Roy Moyers, pastor of the Marvell United Methodist Church, while Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent, looks on approvingly.



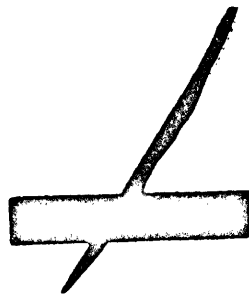
At the conclusion of a fun evening at the Town and Country Dinner, the Rev. J. A. Gatlin, in costume, center, had the privilege of awarding the Open Country Church of the Year award to the Sharp Church. Others in the picture, from left, are: the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Batesville District Superintendent, the Rev. Forrest Thomas, pastor, E. Clay Bumpers, Conference Lay Leader, and the Rev. Braska Savage, chairman of the Town and Country Committee. The Board of the Latty presented a check to the winning church.



The Rev. Bob Orr, chairman of the North Arkansas Board of Evangelism, presided at that group's dinner on Monday evening.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 18: Meeting God Through Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. (Isaiah 55:6)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons better understand some of our Lord's teaching on prayer and commit themselves to the improvement of their prayer practices.

"One can no more live the Christian life without prayer than the electric light bulb can glow with light without a cord to connect it with the electric current. Prayer is that connecting cord which brings all the power of God into our lives so that they can glow with his light." Thus did Constance Garrett underscore the necessity of prayer life in her little book, *Growth in Prayer*, written a number of years ago. It is still a sound position to take concerning the nurture of the devotional life.

There are many things which have changed about the church in recent years, but there has been no change in the fundamental reality that we must keep tuned in to God through prayer if we are to discover his will for our life and do it.

The recognition of prayer as a necessary activity for successful Christian living is not always matched by practice. Jesus said that we "should keep on praying and never lose heart" (Luke 18:1), and Paul exhorted his converts to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). However, many Christians make little effort to maintain regular prayer habits.

Dr. Buttrick, in his classic volume on *Prayer*, said: "Prayer, which William James described as 'intercourse with an ideal companion,' is either the primary fact or the worst delusion . . . if God is in some deep and eternal sense like Jesus, friendship with Him is our first concern, worthiest art, best resource, and sublimest joy."

Jesus' followers today are in many respects like those who walked with him along the Galilean shores, and we, too, cry out to him, "Lord, teach us how to pray." We, too, look to him for leadership. Recognizing that we are sadly in need of direction, we should be able to find it in today's study of prayer.

We will be looking primarily at The Lord's Prayer and seeking what it has to say to us as a model of prayer. However, we will also move beyond that model to discuss the disciplines in which we should engage if we are to implement an effective prayer life.

A PROPER POSTURE OF PRAYER

In answering his disciples' request for leadership in prayer, Jesus started by explaining to them how not to pray. He said in Matthew 6:5, "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men."

He was pointing an accusing finger at some of the most religious people of the time who delighted in praying in public so that they might be seen by men. No sin was more sternly denounced by Jesus than the sin of hypocrisy. In any area of life, insincerity is to be deplored. In worship it is doubly reprehensible. The gist of our Lord's teaching both on almsgiving and prayer is that when these are engaged in to gain the applause of men they are thereby rendered unacceptable to God.

Dr. E. F. Scott says in his book on *The Lord's Prayer*: "Faith cannot exist without sincerity, and it is on this aspect of prayer that Jesus most often dwells, for it is within our own control. The best of men, with all their efforts, are weak in faith, but every one can at least be honest in his approach to God. He can state in plain terms what he really

wants, not asking for one thing while he secretly desires the opposite."

Our Lord counseled his disciples to seek privacy for their personal devotions. He was not saying that one cannot or should not pray in a busy place, but that when this is done for notice and acclaim, it is rejected of God. Prayer should be a private matter between the person who prays and his Lord.

It is important that we see in the mind's eye the background of religion against which Jesus spoke, but that we also see what he is telling us about the development of a private and personal prayer life.

THE MODEL PRAYER

The disciples were aware that Jesus knew something about prayer which they did not know. In Luke we read that they said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." (11:1) The model prayer which he outlined is included as part of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Dr. Scott says, "Matthew places it right in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount because he saw in it the sum of all the sayings, expressed in the form of a prayer. For the same reason the church in every age has made it a necessary part of all acts of worship. It stands for the whole message of Jesus. It reminds us of all that he taught us about God and our relation to him and the aims he has set before us and our obligations as Christian men."

It is interesting to note that the prayer is at once communal and individual. Jesus evidently meant it to be repeated in unison by his followers, who were thus to signify that they were brethren, all dedicated to his new way of life. The prayer is individual in that it is concerned with those things which are essential in every man's life, and which you do not fully realize until you make yourself one with other men.

Though very brief, the concepts of the Lord's Prayer are so profound as to invite extensive amplification. Essentially, this prayer is a model instructing us how we may approach God with acceptance. The prayer tells us if we seek a benefit from God it must be one which we are willing, in some way to share with our fellow-men. This feeling of sympathy with those around us, even when we pray for ourselves, was for Jesus one of the primary conditions of true prayer.

THE PETITIONS OF THE PRAYER

Although there are six or seven individual petitions in the prayer, each must be seen in the light of all others. Coming through all of the requests is the knowledge of God which Jesus himself possessed and which he sought to impart to us.

First, there is the spirit of childlike trust in God as Father which is at the heart of all our prayer. This is a very brief statement affirming that God is very high above us and yet cares for us as a Father, and may be addressed in a very intimate fashion.

The first affirmation, taking priority over any personal need or desire, is for the coming of God's kingdom on the earth. For Jesus it was the very essence of prayer that we should seek to conform our own wills to that of God. It must be said that this petition for the Kingdom is the central one in the prayer.

Then the prayer passes on to the daily needs of man at the most elemental level: "Give us this day our daily bread." Some people get lost in debate over the meaning of the word "daily." Such argument is beside the point. Jesus was simply trying to point out that we are dependent on God for our daily needs, and he was teaching that it is entirely fitting that we should ask for needed supplies. Dr. Scott says: "In providing us with bread God keeps us in life, and since our life is thus a continual gift from God we must use it worthily."

The next petition asks for forgiveness, which is

just as necessary for the sustenance of life as is our daily food. At the heart of this petition is our willingness to make God's forgiveness conditional on our own. This idea that we must ourselves forgive if we would be forgiven is a new element which had not been introduced in prayer before Jesus' time. What we really pray for is to have within us a forgiving spirit, without which we cannot hope for the forgiveness of God.

After praying for past offences, then we are taught to pray that we may not repeat them or fall into new ones. The idea springs up easily in most religions that since there are means of winning back God's favor we need not trouble too much about our sins. It is only natural that "Forgive us our trespasses" must also mean "Lead us not into temptation."

The final words, which do not appear in the version of the prayer in Luke, affirm that we pray to God because there is evil within us and all around us, and we can do nothing without his help. This closing Doxology may have been added by the later church, but it seems a fitting close for a prayer which began, "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."

REDISCOVERING PRAYER

One of the things that should come to our attention as we seek to rediscover prayer is that prayer starts with God. We may think we are going to him of our own accord—being drawn to him in our own extremity—but he is in reality drawing us to him.

We are made in the image of God, with a spirit that seeks communion with God from whom it came. St. Augustine expressed it this way: "Thou has made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in thee."

Prayer is the response of the soul in its longing to be reunited with God. Prayer is being in the presence of God. Prayer is the recognition of the power of God, and the realization that we can get power from no other source.

John R. Mott, on one occasion, said that in his early college days he had grave doubts as to the effectiveness of prayer. He found it difficult to believe that prayer could change either things or persons. He had been imbued with what is sometimes called the "scientific temper," which emphasizes the inexorableness of natural law. To remove the doubts which oppressed his mind, he decided to read some books on prayer. He read forty-three. While he found these helpful and sometimes inspiring, they did not resolve his doubts. These were settled only as he abandoned wearisome discussions on prayer and actually began to pray. This, too, is how we can resolve our doubts about prayer—we can pray.

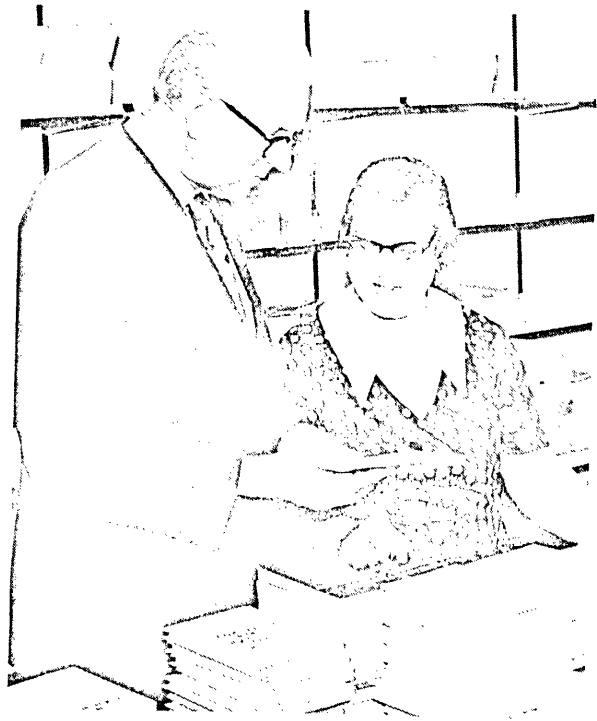
GROWTH IN PRAYER

No doubt all of us intend to pray more than we do. The pressures of life throw many obstacles in our way. Because of this, we must discipline ourselves if we are going to develop better habits of prayer.

Thomas a Kempis said, "How much the more thou knowest, and how much the better thou understandest, so much the more grievously shalt thou therefore be judged, unless thy life be also more holy."

Some have expressed the feeling that all they have to do to develop a prayer life is simply talk to God, and some of the great spiritual giants have testified that this was the way they did much of their praying. However, it is important that there should also be fixed times and seasons for private devotions. Dr. John Henry Newman said, "Those who do not pray at stated times in a direct and earnest manner are not likely to pray at other times."

Someone has compared praying to the playing of a great musician. He learns to play by practicing scales, chords, and phrases, and by reproducing the music written by others. Even after he has become a concert pianist he is reproducing the music of others most of the time, but adding his own spirit and interpretation. Now and then he improvises music of his own, when he gathers up all he has learned from the work of others and from long practice and uses it to embody his own thoughts and so creates something distinctly his own, an original masterpiece.



Preparing for the fiftieth annual summer season at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly are Dr. Virgil D. Morris, program director of the South Central Jurisdiction, and Mrs. Irma Lou Smith, manager of the Mt. Sequoyah Cokesbury Bookstore. A large stock of books, resources, and study materials are available through the bookstore for the church leaders who come from across the eight-state Jurisdiction each summer for training at Mt. Sequoyah.

Perkins co-sponsoring summer school for church musicians

Intensive study for church musicians will be offered June 11-18, at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology.

The eight-day Church music summer school, which is open to both professionals and volunteers engaged in church music work, is part of a four-year sequence which provides the requirements for certification as associates in music in the United Methodist Church. One of two such schools in the nation, it is co-sponsored by Perkins and the United Methodist Board of Education.

This year's curriculum will include study of theory and conducting under Jane Marshall and choral literature directed by Dr. Lloyd Pfautsch, both of SMU's Music Division. Perkins faculty members Nathaniel Lacy and Dr. Carlton Young will lead sessions on the church in mission and hymnology, respectively.

Richard Avery and Donald Marsh, the innovative minister-music director

team from the Port Jervis, N.Y., Presbyterian Church, will conduct sessions based on their book *Hymns Hot and Carols Cool*.

The program will conclude on Sunday, June 18, with the Choristers Guild Festival Service at 4 p.m. and "An Evening with Richard Avery and Donald Marsh" at 7:30 p.m., both in Perkins Chapel.

The school is scheduled for the convenience of people who would like to remain for the national convention of the American Guild of Organists at SMU June 18-24, to be followed by SMU's international organ seminar June 26-30.

Tuition and fees for the church music school total \$30. Applications, accompanied by a \$10 fee, should be sent to Dr. Carlton Young, Perkins School of Theology, SMU Dallas 75222. Requests for housing at \$31.50 should be directed to the SMU Office of Special Services.

Leadership training opportunities begin at Mt. Sequoyah June 9

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI)—The fiftieth annual summer season at United Methodism's Mt. Sequoyah Assembly will open here June 9 with a wide range of training opportunities for "leaders of leaders."

Owned and operated by the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction, Mt. Sequoyah is a modern retreat center in the scenic Ozark mountains overlooking the city of Fayetteville, home of the University of Arkansas.

Each summer a staff of church leaders from several states and foreign countries converge at Mt. Sequoyah. Coordinator of the summer events is Jurisdictional Program Director Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Okla. City.

The 1972 summer season will include the annual Willson Lectures to be given July 24-28 by Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Beginning at Mt. Sequoyah in 1957, the lectures are endowed by the J. M. Willson family of Floydada, Tex. The Mt. Sequoyah lectureship is one of 28 endowed across the nation by the Willsons.

Dr. Goodrich, Jr. is widely known across the church as a radio and television preacher and as author of several books. He has been pastor of the Dallas church since 1946. Theme of his lectures, which will be given in connection with an adult ministries training enterprise, is "Affirming the mission of the church through worship, stewardship, social concerns, and evangelism."

Major events scheduled for the summer include:

June 9-11—Weekend training event sponsored by the Women's Society-Wesleyan Service Guild for employed women.

June 12-16—Women's Society of Christian Service Gulf School of Mission.

June 18-23—**Children's Ministries Week.** Directed by Mrs. Lucy Collins, Houston, Texas, the training event will include laboratory, lectures, workshop, seminar and recreation with more than 19 leaders from eight states. (Those taking seminar work are required to arrive for June 17th).

June 18-23—**Family Ministries Week** will be directed by Mrs. Collins and Dr. Prenza Woods, San Antonio, Tex. During the week laboratory classes will introduce a relatively new concept in training for parents, children and youth. The "inter-generational laboratory" classes will involve family problem-solving, family communication, family council. The labs, open only to family units and conference directors of family ministry, will help participants plan, carry out and evaluate the learning experiences under the guidance of trained leaders. Other events during the week will include a course on "life style" led by John E. Bradshaw, Houston, Tex. Dr. Bradshaw, a Catholic educator, with a degree of Social Theology in the field of the Christian family, is a teaching fellow in Psychology of Religion at Rice University. Purpose of the course will be to examine the life style of adults in the Christian family and what it means to be a Christian man

or woman in today's world.

June 26-30—**Youth Ministry** training event will be under the direction of Rev. Richard Sechrist, Central Texas Conference Youth Ministry Coordinator. Leaders will learn to develop skills in leading groups, planning and implementation of program, use of curriculum, and techniques of worship, media, drama, recreation, and study.

July 17-21—**An Ecumenical Mission Conference**, focusing on "Faith and Justice" and "India" will involve participants from six states representing 12 Protestant denominations. Known previously as the "Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission", the Conference is one of 11 regional interdenominational conferences held each summer under regional leadership in cooperation with the Department of Education will include the Rev. Satish Chandra Gyan, an Indian pastor studying at Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Mrs. Shireen Subramanya, an officer of Church Women United; the Rev. Kenneth Lamber, professor at Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Tex.; Dr. Walter C. Daniel, president of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; Mrs. Clement Graham, Tulsa, Okla.; and Mrs. M. L. Vickers, Oklahoma City.

July 24-28—**Adult Ministries I** is planned for conference and district workers in evangelism, health and welfare, social concerns, stewardship and worship. Dean of the event will be the Rev. M. Buren Stewart, El Paso, Tex.

July 28-30—**Adult Ministries Weekend** will include concentrated training for leaders in all work areas of the Council on Ministries of the local church.

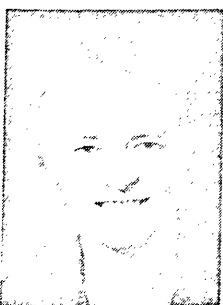
July 31-August 4—**Adult Ministries II** is planned for conference and district workers in education, ecumenical affairs, interpretation, and missions. Dean of the event will be Dr. Broadace Elkins, El Paso, Tex. The Willson Lectures will be included in this event.

Individuals interested in any of the Mt. Sequoyah events should contact the program director of their annual conference. Brochures on each of the events may be obtained from the Program Directors, Jurisdictional Program Council office in Oklahoma City, or from Mt. Sequoyah.

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Some of the leaders for the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, June 12-16, are shown above. The Bible study of ROMANS will be taught by Dr. Katherine B. Hockin, who is Dean of Studies at the Ecumenical Institute of Canada, Toronto. Mrs. Mike (Thelma) Barnes, Sr., of Greenville, Miss., will lead the course, "Faith and Justice." Her wide experience in business, church and politics serves as good background for the course. Miss Bernice Dvorak of Dayton, Ohio, is chairman of the Leadership Team. She is on the staff of the Women's Division, and has taught in many conference laboratory schools and schools of mission. Dr. Bertha Corfield, English professor at Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India, now on a short furlough, will serve as a resource person. Gilbert Galoway (not shown) will teach the course on "India." He is on the staff of the United Methodist Board of Missions (now to be known as the Board of Global Ministries).

Harvesting a Bumper Crop

Arthur West
United Methodist Information

United Methodists are getting set to harvest a "bumper crop" of new bishops this summer. All indications are that well over half of the denomination's 45 episcopal areas in the United States will have new leaders after the simultaneous meetings of the five jurisdictional conferences during the week of July 11.

At least 19 new bishops will be elected then to fill vacancies created in the episcopal ranks by death and retirement, and four other active bishops must move from their present areas because of the 12-year-tenure rule.

Seldom, if ever, in either the Methodist Church or the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which joined together in 1968 to form the present United Methodist Church, did such a widespread turnover in leadership occur.

In the former EUB Church, bishops were elected by its General Conference for a term of four years, but with only one exception they were re-elected until the age of retirement. Seldom did as many, as half of the personnel of the EUB's Board of Bishops change at any one time.

The Methodist Episcopal Church and the M. E. Church, South, also elected bishops at their respective General Conferences prior to their unification in 1939 with the Methodist Protestant Church to form the Methodist Church. The Methodist Protestant Church had no bishops but the merger plan permitted them to elect two at union in 1939.

Following Methodist Unification, the pattern of electing bishops by jurisdictional or regional groups became the rule.

Nearest to the record turnover of the current year was in 1960 in the Methodist Church, which then had 44 episcopal areas. Twenty bishops were elected and three others were shifted to new areas.

Now, with 45 areas in the United States, it is certain that 23 of these will have new leaders beginning in mid-July, and some observers predict that a number of other bishops who do not have to retire or move are likely to receive new assignments.

One vacancy in the Council of Bishops is the result of the death of Bishop Everett W. Palmer, who headed the Portland (Ore.) Area. Another vacancy results from the mid-quadrennial retirement of Bishop Paul Herrick in the Virginia Area.

Two bishops in the Western Jurisdiction — Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles and Bishop W. Maynard Sparks of Seattle — have asked for early retirement under an optional provision (Book of Discipline, Par. 395.3) which permits a bishop to retire after reaching age 65.

Mandatory retirement age for bishops is based upon a ruling which says that he must retire "at the close of the regular session of his jurisdictional conference, the first day of which next precedes his 72nd birthday." Because jurisdictional conferences meet every four years, this means in practical

terms that some bishops have to retire very soon after their 68th birthday and others may serve until they are well past 71. Fifteen bishops in the five U.S. jurisdictions now fall under this ruling for mandatory retirement. (At the time of EUB-Methodist union, the mandatory retirement rule was waived in the case of EUB bishops for the first quadrennium after union.)

Four bishops must move from their present area because of the 12-year-tenure rule. They are Bishop Eugene M. Frank (Missouri Area), Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton (Wisconsin Area), Bishop James K. Mathews (Boston Area) and Bishop W. Ralph Ward (Syracuse Area).

The jurisdictional conferences, which elect the church's bishops in the U.S., have an equal number of lay and ministerial delegates, chosen to represent the several annual conferences which make up each jurisdiction. The number of delegates to which an annual conference is entitled is based upon a two-fold formula involving both the ministerial membership of the conference and the number of resident church members.

Bishops are elected by secret ballot without nominations from the floor. Thus the first ballot serves, in effect, as a sort of "nominating ballot." In most jurisdictions, three-fifths of the votes of those present and voting are necessary to elect.

A newly-elected bishop cannot be assigned for his first term to the area from which he was elected.

Neither can a new bishop be transferred to another jurisdiction until he has served at least one quadrennium in the jurisdiction which elected him.

There is a somewhat involved procedure in the church's Book of Discipline which provides for transferring bishops across jurisdictional lines, but this legislation has yet to be invoked for active bishops.

Only once has a bishop been elected from a conference outside the jurisdiction which elected him. In 1948, Bishop Kennedy, who was then serving as minister of St. Paul Church, Lincoln, Nebraska (in the South Central Jurisdiction) was elected to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdiction.

In addition to electing, consecrating and assigning bishops, the jurisdictional conferences elect ministerial and lay members of the church's several general boards and agencies and transact other business authorized by the General Conference.

Jurisdictional conferences will be held as follows:

The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, the church's largest in point of membership meets July 11-16 at Stuart auditorium, Lake Junaluska, N. C. It represents more than three million United Methodists in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

The episcopal areas in this jurisdiction and their present bishops follow: (Numerals in parentheses following the name of a bishop who is not retiring indicate how long he has served that particular area)

Atlanta: Bishop John Owen Smith, retiring after serving 12 years.

Birmingham: Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson (8)

Charlotte: Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. (8)

Columbia: Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., retiring after serving 12 years. He is the immediate past president of the Council of Bishops.

Florida: Bishop James W. Henley, Lakeland, retiring after 12 years of service.

Holston: Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn. (4)

Jackson: Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, retiring after eight years.

Louisville: Bishop Roy H. Short, retiring after 24 years as a bishop, including four years in Florida-Cuba, 12 years in Nashville, and eight in Louisville. He has been secretary of the Council of Bishops for 16 years.

Nashville: Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr. (8)

Raleigh: Bishop William R. Cannon (4)

Richmond: Bishop Cannon has filled out the unexpired term of Bishop Paul M. Herrick, who retired in 1970.

The Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, meeting July 11-14 at Albright College, Reading, Pa., represents 2,186,500 members in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Areas involved and their present bishops are:

Boston: Bishop James K. Mathews, who must move because of 12-year rule.

Harrisburg: Bishop Hermann W. Kaebnick, retiring after serving since 1958 as a bishop, first in the EUB Church but always based in Harrisburg.

New Jersey: Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., Princeton (8)

New York: Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Rye, N. Y., retiring after 24 years as a bishop—the first 12 in Pittsburgh and since 1960 in New York Area.

Philadelphia: Bishop J. Gordon Howard, retiring after serving since 1957 as a bishop—in the former EUB Church in Pittsburgh until 1968 and since then in the United Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh: Bishop Roy C. Nichols (4)

Syracuse: Bishop W. Ralph Ward, who must move because of 12-year rule.

Washington: Bishop John Wesley Lord, retiring after 24 years as a bishop—12 in the Boston Area and 12 in Washington, D. C.

West Virginia: Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston (4)

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference will meet July 11-14 at the new Indiana Convention-Exposition Center in Indianapolis. The jurisdiction covers nine North Central states and represents 2,538,510 United Methodists.

The areas and present bishops are: Chicago: Bishop Thomas M. Pryor, retiring after eight years as bishop.

Dakotas: Bishop A. James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D. (4)

Illinois: Bishop Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill. (8)

Indiana: Bishop: Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, retiring after 18 years as a bishop—first in the EUB Church and since 1968 in the United Methodist Church, but always based in Indianapolis.

Iowa: Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines (8)

Michigan: Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit (8)

Minnesota: Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Minneapolis (4)

Ohio East: Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Canton (8)

Ohio West: Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus (8)

Wisconsin: Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton, Sun Prairie, moving under 12-year rule.

The South Central Jurisdictional Conference will be held July 10-14 in the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas. Included in this eight-state region are 2,086,680 members.

The areas and their bishops are:

Arkansas: Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Little Rock, retiring after four years in San Antonio and eight years in Arkansas.

Dallas-Fort Worth: Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, Dallas, retiring after four years in Arkansas and eight years in Dallas-Fort Worth Area.

Houston: Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland (4)

Kansas: Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka (8)

Louisiana: Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, New Orleans, retiring after 12 years.

Missouri: Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, moving because of 12-year rule.

Nebraska: Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., Lincoln, retiring after four years in Nebraska and eight years previous episcopal service with offices in New Orleans and Houston.

Northwest Texas-New Mexico: Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, Albuquerque, N. M. (4)

Oklahoma: Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma City (4)

San Antonio: Bishop O. Eugene Slater (8)

The Western Jurisdiction, which meets July 11-14 in University Temple, Seattle, includes more than 700,000 members in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Its areas and bishops are:

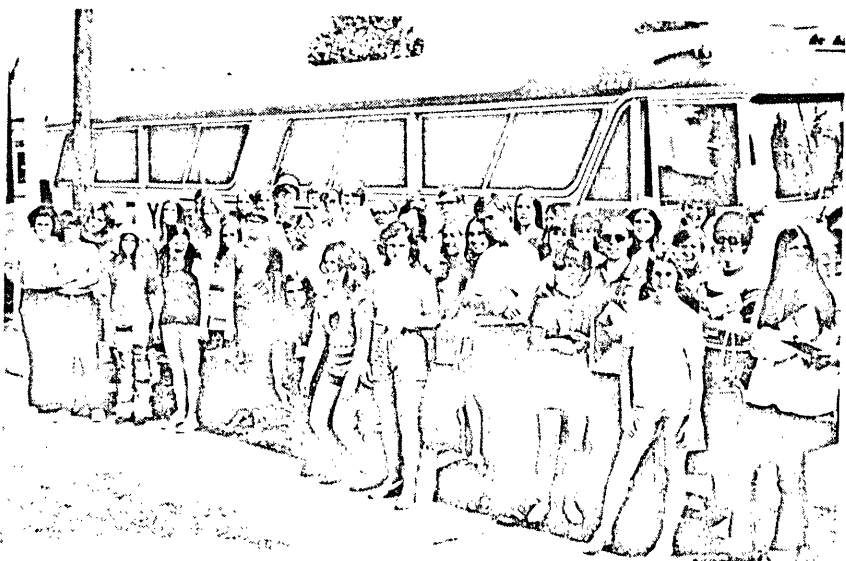
Denver: Bishop R. Marvin Stuart (8)

Los Angeles: Bishop Gerald Kennedy, taking early retirement after 24 years as a bishop, first in Portland, and then in Los Angeles.

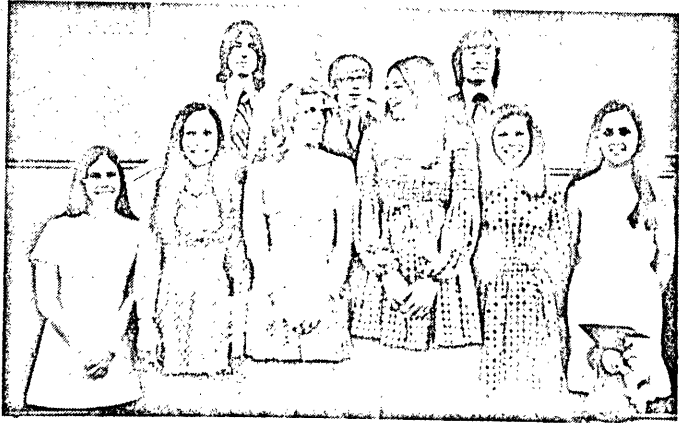
Portland: Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, filling unexpired term of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer.

San Francisco: Bishop Charles F. Golden (4)

Seattle: Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, taking early retirement after four years in Seattle and 10 years as an EUB bishop in Sacramento, California.



Youth Choir of First Church, Magnolia ready for departure on recent weekend trip to Biloxi, Miss. The singers under the direction of Hal Sweitzer presented a program of "Songs for Contemporary Worship" at First Church in Biloxi.



Graduating seniors of St. Paul Church, El Dorado, who with their parents were honored with a dinner. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor and master of ceremonies presented Dr. Reuben Setliff, guest speaker. The school colors, purple and white, and paper owls perched on the tables highlighted the decor for the occasion, and each grad received a gift.

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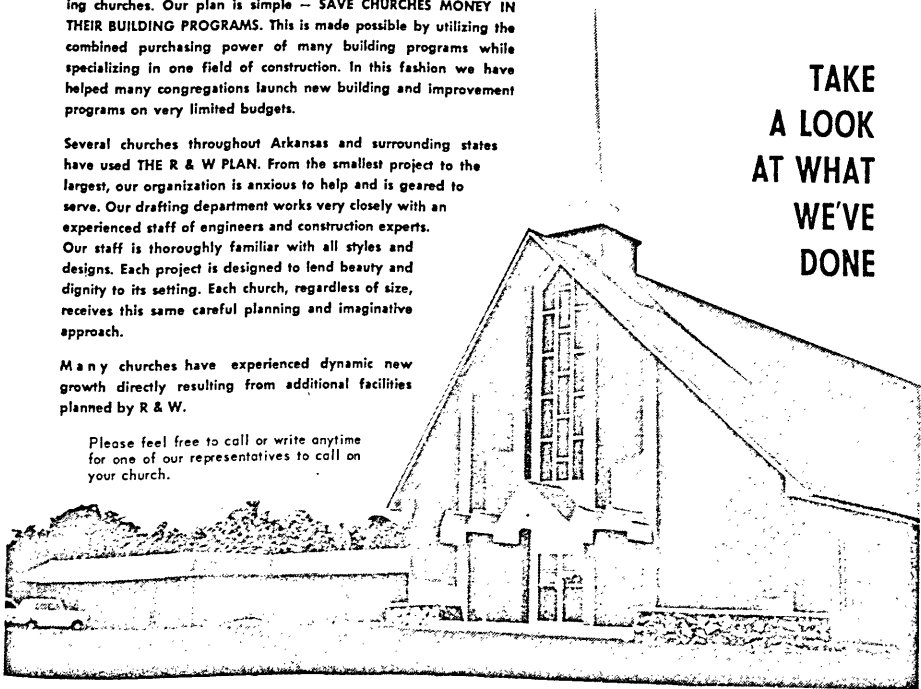
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HENDRIX PROFESSOR TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics (CUPM) has selected Dr. Cecil McDermott, Professor of Mathematics at Hendrix College, to receive the 1972 CUPM Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented at the annual CUPM meeting in Dallas June 2-3.

The Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics is a committee of the Mathematical Association of America charged with making recommendations for the improvement of college and university mathematics curricula at all levels and in all educational areas. The CUPM Distinguished Service award is presented each year to the person who has contributed significantly to the work of the committee.

According to Dr. Emile Yaqub,

chairman of the awards committee, Dr. McDermott will be recognized for significant contributions to mathematics education in the area of curriculum development. His work for CUPM in the area of applied mathematics starting in 1966 at a writing conference at Stanford University and terminating in 1972 with resource materials and guide lines for college instructors specifically earned him the 1972 CUPM award.

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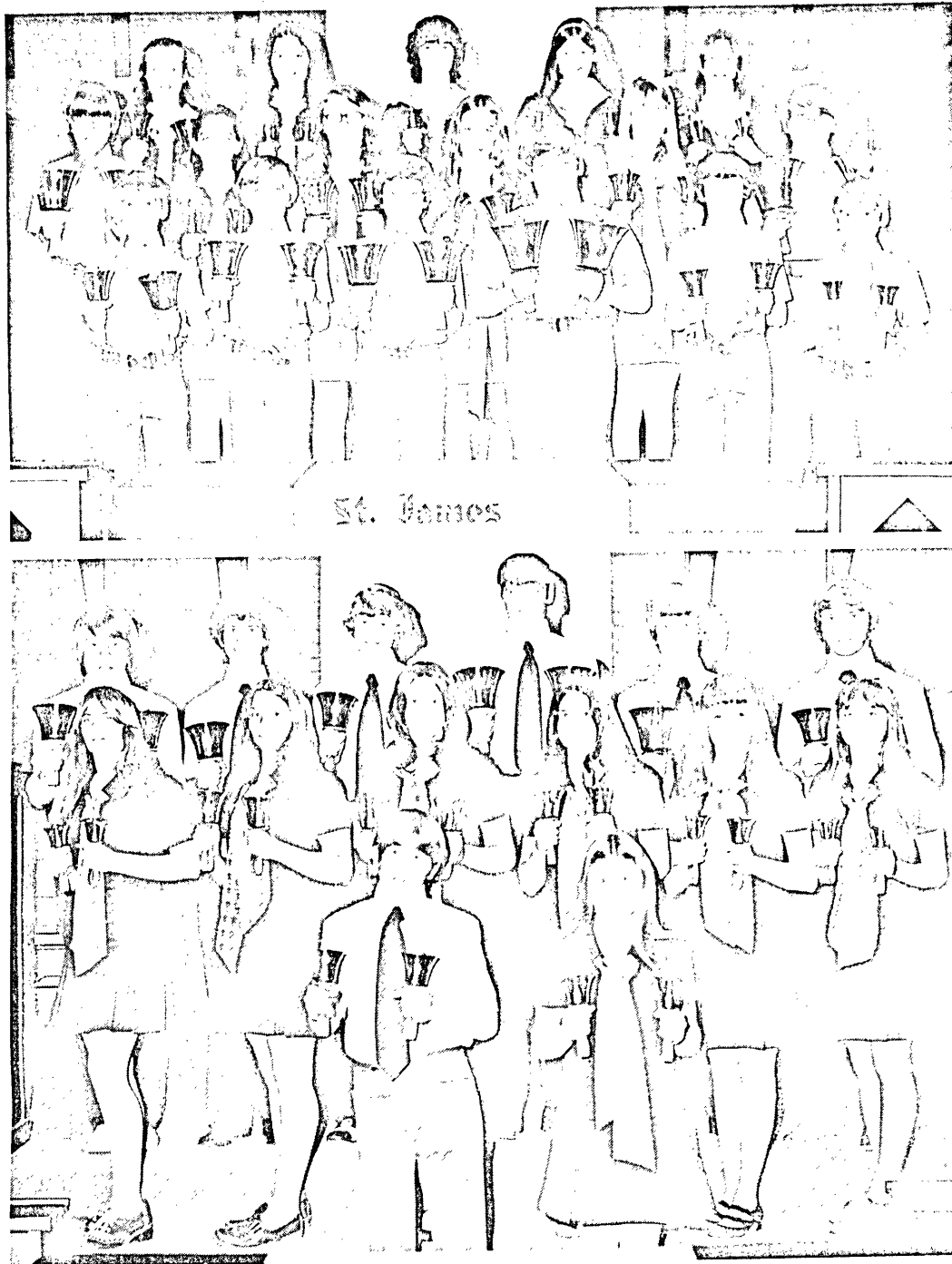
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Two of three Ringer Choirs from St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, which appeared in concert at First United Methodist Church, Stillwell, Okla. Sunday evening, June 4 en route to the Area IX Regional Festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers at Western Hills Lodge, Wagoner, Okla. In two years the St. James music program, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr., has grown from two choirs with 66 singers to seven choirs with 135 singers and ringers. Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr. is pastor.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT WOMEN IN BOONEVILLE

The Booneville Women's Society of Christian Service was host to Fort Smith District Women's Societies April 19. After an informal period of registration and coffee, local W.S.C.S. President Mrs. Marie Griffey welcomed the ladies of the District to the Booneville First United Methodist Church. A period of devotion was led by Mrs. Clarence Wilcox, and Mrs. Charles Noble, district president, called the meeting to order.

Dr. Pearl McCain, recently retired missionary from China and Japan, was the main speaker. She spoke of mission work, "PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE," in Asia and around the world.

Following a snack lunch, Conference Officers, Mrs. Hugh Hardin and Mrs. Leon Woolbright, were assisted by district officers in presenting material for local Women's Societies to use in study and outreach.

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DES ARC CHURCH HOST TO SPRING CELEBRATION

The Little Rock District Women's Society of Christian Service had the spring meeting in the lovely new sanctuary in Des Arc. Mrs. Dorothy Mason, chairman of Spiritual Growth, opened with a devotional and introduced Des Arc WSCS President Mrs. Sarah Burnett, who gave the welcome.

The District officers presented a skit on program planning. They made a hat showing why they were on the program planning committee and then told briefly how their offices interact with other offices.

Interest groups, with ladies choosing their interest, met in different rooms. Topics and leaders were: Catch-all-Misconceptions of Problems — Mrs. Jimmie Lee Stephens; Legislative Responsibility — Mrs. Doris Fish and Mrs. Leah McNamara; Women's Liberation in a Biblical Perspective—Mrs. Virginia Christian; Program Planning Ideas — Mrs. Joyce Moore and Mrs.

MRS. FRANCES C. McLEAN was honored at the family night supper held in First Church, Arkadelphia, on Sunday, May 28. She recently resigned as Director of Christian Education after serving nine years in that capacity.

THE REV. WAYNE JARVIS, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Rector, was the Baccalaureate speaker for the graduating class of Rector High School, May 18.

Jane McCoy; Project Sharing of Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Lula Reid; During lunch Mrs. Stephens, district president, made announcements.

The group returned to the sanctuary for the afternoon program presented by Mrs. Fish and Mrs. McNamara on their Legislative trip to Washington. Mrs. Dorothy Mason closed the meeting with a modern interpretation of scripture.

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

Commenting on the fact that no man ever sank under the burden of the day, George McDonald said, "It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear." And he cautioned, "If you find yourself so loaded, remember, it is your own doing, not God's. He begs you to leave the future to Him, and mind the present."

Consolation

He tells me that I shall not want
I walk with Him each day,
And though I cross a wider road
I keep the narrow way.

Though my sins are many
I hope that He'll forgive,
And then some day, across the way,
In dying, I can live.

—by Betty Heidelberger

Jesus Heals the Hurts

Jesus comforts one who weeps,
One alarmed by fears.
He is happy to assist
One who perseveres.
He forgives each sinner who
Comes to him repenting.
One believes His humble heart
Harbors no resenting.
Glorified with life again,
Jesus heals the hurts of men.

—by Remelda Gibson

NEWS

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NOTES

"FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD" will be conducted in Levy United Methodist Church of North Little Rock beginning Sunday, June 11. The Rev. Ben Jordan of Conway will be the evangelist. Bill Kennedy of England will have charge of the music. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is pastor.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH of Fort Smith plans a Family Retreat this weekend, June 9-12, at Shoal Creek Methodist Camp. Theme of the retreat is "Discovering a Christian Life Style." The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

MRS. AGNES (HOMER) DORTCH has decided to take a rest from her work as a Sunday School teacher—after 41 years of continuous teaching. Mrs. Dortch's teaching years have been at Moores Chapel United Methodist Church and Center Grove United Methodist Church. She has taught all grades, and has enjoyed her teaching but feels that a rest will not only be good for her, but likely inspire some other teacher or prospective teacher to take up her work. The present pastor of Center Grove church, where Mrs. Dortch has been a member for 48 years is the Rev. Theral Wilson.

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