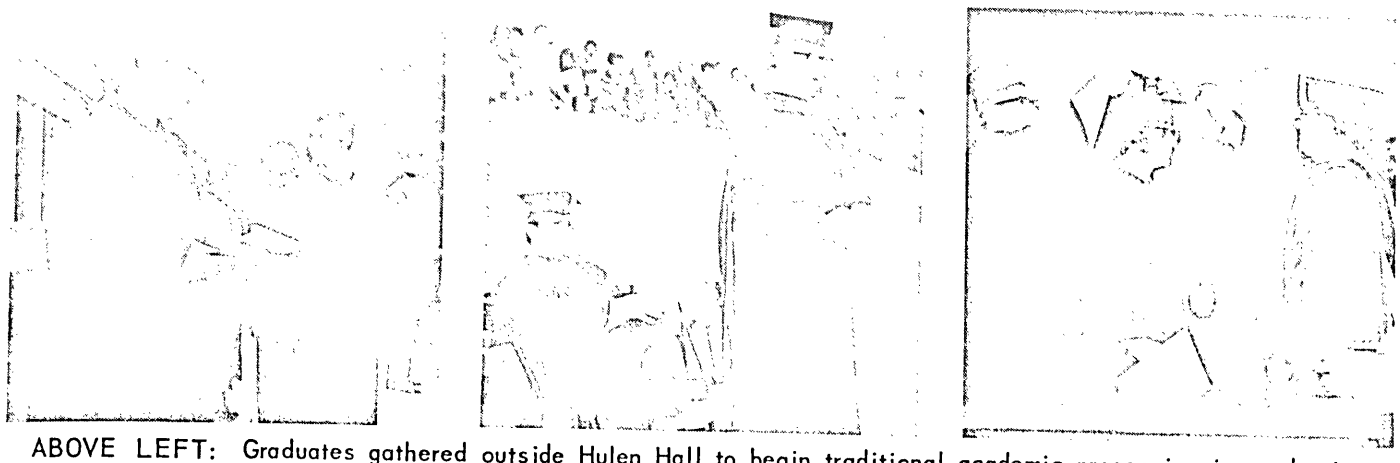

ABOVE LEFT: Graduates gathered outside Hulen Hall to begin traditional academic procession in graduation ceremonies. CENTER PHOTO: Dr. M. Francis Christie, Hendrix College dean, gave the address at the 88th Commencement held June 2 on the lower patio of Olin C. Bailey Library. RIGHT PHOTO: Dr. John Stuckey, professor of Chemistry and chairman of the Honors Examination Committee, places honors hood on Bob White of Morrilton. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr. (right), Hendrix president makes sure it is properly done.

Dean Christie addresses 190 Hendrix grads

Hendrix College conferred degrees on 190 seniors at its commencement on June 2. The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred on the following:

Little Rock: Danny J. Allbritton, Robert C. Armstrong, Rodney Fancher Berry, Lynda Janice Blackman, Ralph Edwin Blanks, John H. Bowser, Sandra Parker Bradford, Robert Tines Cheek, Robert Yale Cohen, Jr., William Michael Cox, Linda Kathryn Cranford, David N. Foster, David Henry, Charla Faulkner Hunter, Stephanie Lynn James, J. Richard Johnson, Judson C. Kidd, David J. Kraft, Richard Lee Livingston, Patsy Granger McFarland, Forrest C. Packard, Karen Sue Pitcock, James Ben Primm, Beth Puckett, Ann Holmes Razer, Roswald Aaron Richardson, Blake E. Robertson, Bill Robinson, Cindy Woodard Schnebly, Randolph Wayne Seamon, Donald R. Sluyter, Lizabeth Lee Stout, Fred Strebeck, Gary Dan Way, Philip Weber, George M. Wells, and Mackey Yokem;

North Little Rock: John Adametz, Jr., John Adams, Jr., Debbie Cook Bentley, Bernard R. Bevill, Charles H. Blanchard, Jack A. Frost, Billy Allen Green, Diana Stewart Hall, David Thomas Jones, Joe Henry Kuonen, Pamela Mask, Stephen John Meyer, III, Debra Roberts Rogers, Bill Wilkerson, Beverly Cook Williams, James Wilton Winget, and Dennis Leo Wingfield;

Conway: Ralph Edwin Crawford, Frederick Richardson Dickson, Jerry Ellen Jump, Dick King, Jean Daves Kuykendall, Michael L. Mizelle, Thomas Russell Perry, Marion H. Settle, Keith A. Shideler, Samuel T. Smith, III, Melvin White, Glynita McHenry Wilson, and Donna Brenske Zimmerman;

Hot Springs: Nancy G. Brawner, Burgess Burch, Jr., Lance Ellis, Michael Lambert Flemming, Robert Eric Jackson, Barbara Ann Lotz, Michael Scot McFarland, Betty Francine Ramsey, Sharon Qualls Woodruff, and John Fomer Wright;

Fort Smith: Lanier Bayliss, Carolyn Long Carter, Maurice Cristee Carter, George Robert Hardin, Robert Clark Harris, Albert Louis Hutchins, Jr., Deborah Gail McLendon, Elizabeth Ann Stroup, and Teri Loftin Westerfield;

Pine Bluff: Jason E. Gateley, Mitch Jansonius, Ted Kampbell, Jr., George A. Lea, Jr., Lewis Leslie, Linda Owen McNulty, William James Moore, Jr., Richard E. Ragans and Sherry Townsend;

Hope: Martha J. Bader, John B. Gardner, III, Nancy Nell Martindale, Ellen Turner and James Thomas Turner; **Batesville:** Jim Barnett, John W. Hargan, and Susan Jane Roll; **Camden:** May Atkins, Cynthis Edwards, and Valerie Sprow Holland; **Forrest City:** Joan Riffey Archer, Virginia Jones Wright, and Ann Stevenson Faith;

Greenbrier: Russ Benton, Shirley Jackson, and Susan Wingo; **Morrilton:** Arthur Isely, Jr., Carolyn Laux, and Robert B. White; **Stuttgart:** Debbie Ann Beck, Milton Bull, and Jerry George Franzen; **Texarkana:** Stanley Collins, Richard L. FitzRandolphe, and Joel Tull;

Benton: Joe Kelly Hardin and Beverly Couch McClain; **Rogers:** Sue Driver and Margaret McClain Hays; **Searcy:** Maripat Roberson Parnell and Joseph Booth Pierce; **Van Buren:** Skip Freeman and Steven Gray Peer;

Amagon: Bobby D. Evins; **Ashdown:** Scott Blundell; **Bentonville:** Michael P. Smith; **Blytheville:** Morgan Rainwater; **Brinkley:** Ernest Lee White; **Carlisle:** Albert Edward Kelly;

Clarksville: James Thomas Wilcox; **Corning:** Sara Petit Turner; **Dell:** Drucella Duncan Hester; **Dermott:** George W. Kelly, Jr.; **El Dorado:** Denzil Ivan Gainer; **England:** Mary Jane Case Hawkins;

Fayetteville: William Christopher Cooper; **Greenwood:** John A. Dill; **Hampton:** Regina Thomason; **Hazen:** Bruce Proctor; **Hoxie:** Sarah Marie Weir; **Lake City:** Rena Kay Griffin; **Lake Village;** Martin McClendon Rhodes; **Leola:** Jim Reeder; **Lepanto:** John S. Mosby, Jr.;

Lonsdale: Jacqua Ann Birdwell; **Magnolia:** Ricky L. Pearce; **Malvern:**

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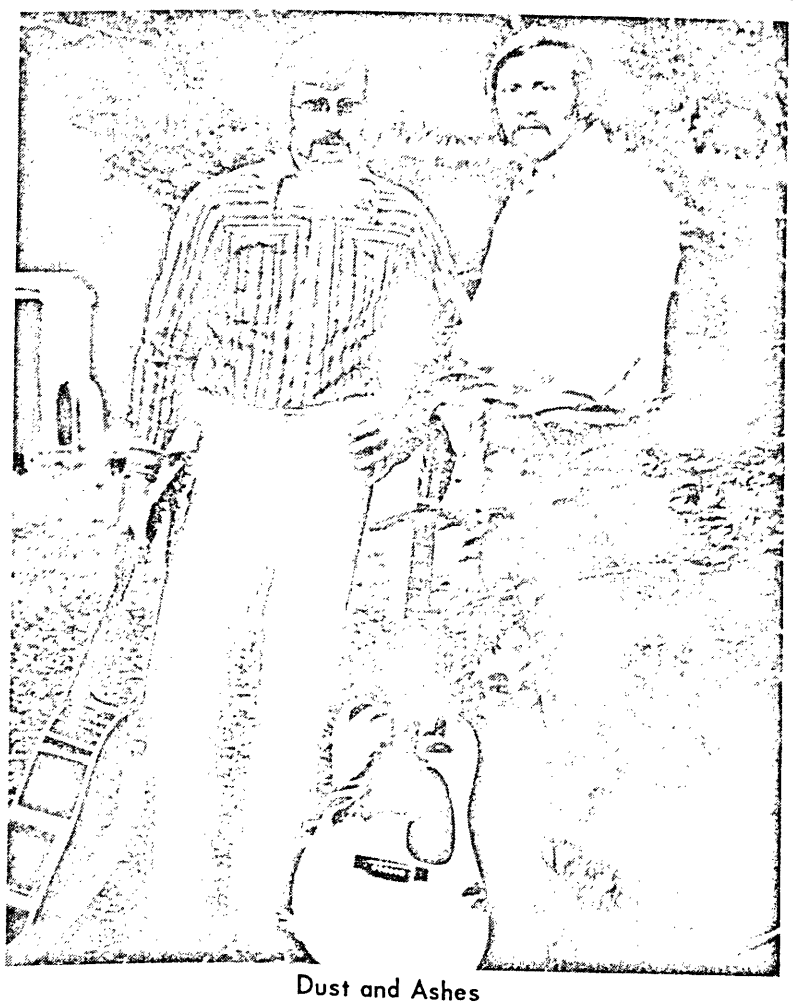

Dust and Ashes

Little Rock Conference Youth Rally to feature Dust and Ashes

Dust and Ashes, widely known for their unique contemporary music ministry, will return to Little Rock on July 29 to perform at the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally which will be held at First United Methodist Church, according to the Rev. Joe Arnold, Conference coordinator of Youth Work. The rally is an annual event, sponsored by the Conference Youth Council, for grades seven through 12.

Tom Page and Jim Sloan, who comprise the Dust and Ashes duo, reside in Nashville, Tenn. where their work originates. They will be remembered for their numerous appearances during their concert tour in this area during 1970. They were staff members of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism for two years but now operate independently.

Page and Sloan have composed much of their own music; with this material and adaptations from other contemporary composers they present a well-balanced concert of songs that simultaneously entertain and reveal current concerns of Christianity.

Page, a United Methodist minister, attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and was ordained in 1968. He has a long history of musical training, having begun singing with his father who was a professional entertainer.

Sloan has spent several years as a journalist, including two years as a correspondent with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. His creative style of writing has developed through newspaper and magazine editing and is reflected in the vivid and imaginative lyrics of his compositions.

Further information concerning the Youth Rally will be available at Camp Tanako during the summer camp sessions or at the Little Rock Program Council Office.

Hendrix College honor graduates (left to right): Linda Bly, Pocahontas; Joel Tull, Texarkana; Rick Johnson, Little Rock; Jim Turner, Hope; and Bob White of Morrilton.

Five graduate from Hendrix with honors

Five Hendrix College seniors received bachelor of arts degrees with honors at the commencement exercises held at the college on June 2.

The honor graduates are Linda Bly of Pocahontas, Richard Johnson of Little Rock, Joel Tull of Texarkana, Jimmy Turner of Hope, and Bob White of Morrilton.

Miss Bly, a French major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bly of Pocahontas. Johnson, who is a theater arts major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Johnson of Little Rock. Joel Tull, an English major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade M. Tull of Texarkana. Turner, who is a psychology major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Turner of Hope. A chemistry major, White is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. White of Morrilton.

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ELEMENTARY I – June 26-30 at Camp Tanako. Registration deadline, June 19. For children in the 6th grade in Fall, 1972. Send $5.00 and registration to Rev. Norris Steele, 209 S. Pine, Hope, Ark. 71801.

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HENDRIX

Sharon Kay Coleman; **Manila:** Michael Deaton; **Marked Tree:** Pam Fair; **Marshall:** Sue Nan Mays Wheeler;

Monticello: Charles E. Jackson, Jr.; **Newark:** Lee Dickson; **Overcup:** George E. McLean; **Paragould:** John Bland; **Paris:** Theodore George Harkey; **Pocahontas:** Linda Dixon Bly; **Portland:** Timothy Roy Tarvin; **Quitman:** Randall Lee Walker;

Rison: Cindy Olmstead Yokem; **Russellville:** David C. Garrett, III.; **Trumann:** Teresa Clogston Osam; **Tuckerman:** David Corydon Shaver; **Tyronza:** William Barton; **Waldron:** James Oldham Cox; **Wilson:** William Wayne Bussey, Jr.; **Wynne:** Deborah Sallings.

Those graduating from out-of-state were: Denise Bergqrist Gronberg and Jack Gronberg, Jr. of Bellaire, Tex.; Marcie Tatum of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mary Guittard of Dallas, Tex.; Jean Krueger Rummel of Denton, Tex.; William N. West, Jr., of Florissant, Mo.; David S. Fayad of Georgetown, S. Car.; Douglas George Biggs of Kansas City, Mo.; Ray Fuller, Jr. of Lawton, Okla.; Brenda Stanley of Mechanicsville, Va.; Rebecca Bruch and Helm H. Cooper, Jr. of Memphis, Tenn.; Susan Gill Fleetwood of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Robert W. Lee of Puxico, Mo.; Irene Johnson Barnes and Alita Mantels Meek of St. Louis, Mo.; and Craig Wilson Cox of Scarsdale, N.Y.

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Hendrix students honored for achievements

Honors Day was held at Hendrix College recently. Awards were made to outstanding students for achievements during the year.

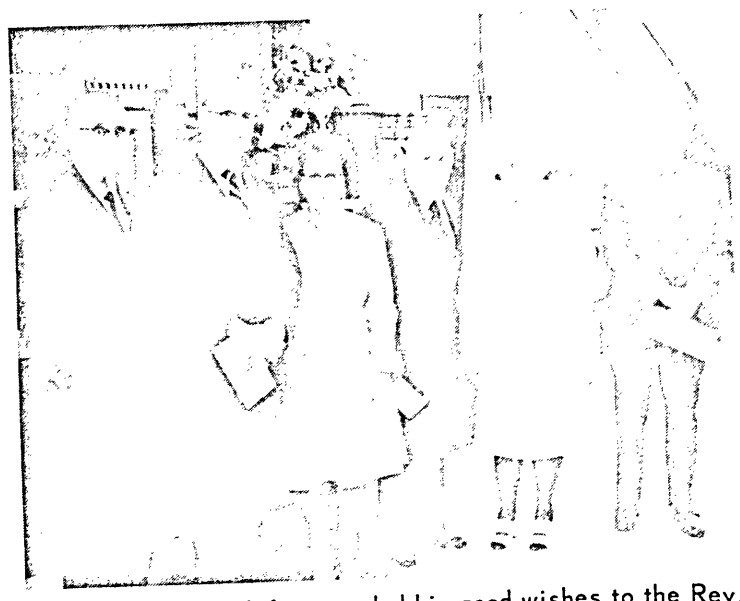
Awards and those receiving them were Intramural Athlete of the Year, Clark Fincher; Oustanding Student in First Year Chemistry, Stephen Tindall; Outstanding Student in First Year Mathematics, John Tiller; Outstanding Sophomore Man, Steve Snyder and Bill Spivey; Outstanding Sophomore Woman, Mary Wynne Parker;

Cardinal Key Scholarship, Gwendolyn Edwards; Blue Key Scholarship, Stuart Townes; French Prize, Glenda Bean, Linda Bly, and Alita Meek; Spanish Prize, Debbie Brians and Tricia Hamilton; H. Bradford Govan Journalism Award, Annelle Bew; Carmon Estes Memorial Award, Vista Bye; Mosley Sociology Prize, Frances Unsell; Hogan Mathematics Prize, Keith Berry and Marilyn Martin; McHenry Chemistry Award, Robert White; Vivian Hill Drama Award, Susie Roll; Myrtle E. Charles Service Award, May Atkins and Debbie Beck; L. P. Farris Service and Leadership Key, May Atkins;

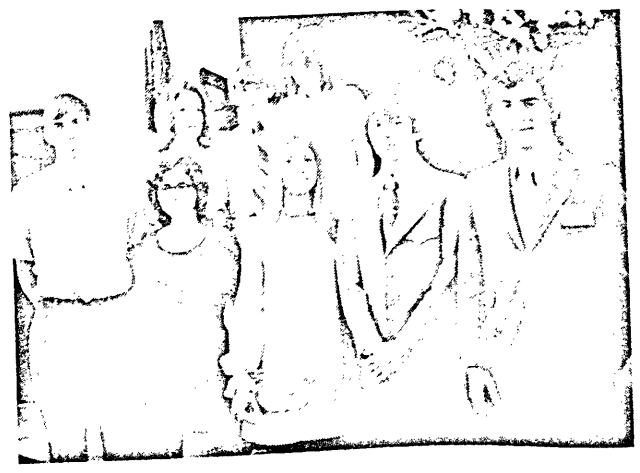
Elementary Education Award, Cindy Yokem, Outstanding Woman Music Major Award, Lanier Bayliss; Margaret Nicklaus Lyon Memorial English Prize, Lynda Blackmon; McCuistion English Prize, Irene Barnes; Mosley Economics and Business Prize; Jerry Franzen; E. W. Martin Memorial Accounting Award, Beverly Couch McClain;

Fleming Music Award, Lanier Bayliss; Earle A. Spessard Biology Award, Stephanie James; T. S. Staples History Prize, Lewis Leslie; W. C. Buthman Political Science Prize, Teri Westerfield; Scholarship Prize, Jim Turner; A. C. Millar Citizenship Award, Ron McDonald;

Moore Religion Award, Elsie McKee; Band Award, Margaret Stover; Darrell G. Trotter Memorial Award, Ted Harkey; Dr. and Mrs. F. Marion Tolleson Prize, Richard Johnson and the Choir Award, Pam Alagood, Lanier Bayliss, Jack Frost, Denny Gainer, David Henry, Stephanie James, Beverly McClain, Steve Peer, Ellen Turner, Sarah Weir, Jim Tom Wilcox, and Beverly Williams.



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 recent North Arkansas Annual Conference held at First Church in Fort Smith.



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

Editorial

Church Construction Dipped in 1971

Construction of religious buildings totaled $813 million and the lowest figure since the most recent high point in 1965 of $1,207,000,000.

These statistics were made available to Religious News Service by Aaron Sabghir, director of the Construction and Building Materials Program of the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Domestic Commerce, who has been keeping tabs on construction in the nation for the past 17 years.

Mr. Sabghir, who has taken a special interest in church construction, noted that building costs have gone up 25 per cent since 1969 and that due to inflation there is a lesser volume of actual physical building than would have been the case a few years ago with the same amount of money.

He predicted a slight increase in religious construction during 1972, to possibly $825 million, but inflation and rising building costs will result, again, in a slightly lesser volume of building than in 1971.

Asked to what he attributed the decline in construction, Mr. Sabghir gave five reasons:

-Inflation and rising construction costs have made it too expensive for this type of building.

-The longer-than-usual "lag time" between the planning period and actual construction results in a higher actual cost than the original estimates, again due to rising construction costs.

Mr. Sabghir noted that religious construction has one of the longest lag-times, which is understandable, he said, because in a non-profit undertaking, many people are involved in decisions to be reached regarding design, size, location, etc. He estimates an average lag-time of from three to five years in religious construction, depending upon the size of the structure.

-The shifting (mobile) nature of the population makes for uncertainty regarding planning and financing of religious construction. Most such construction is in new, developing areas of cities.

-Young families aren't as inclined to support the concept of erecting religious structures as older generations were at the same point in their lives, Mr. Sabghir believes. "I hate to think it, but it appears the new generation is not as generous as the older generations," he said. "They're not as building-oriented and don't think of themseleves as being rooted in a community as much as their parents did. There's a sense of alienation and rootlessness among them.

-Parochial education facilities, especially among Roman Catholics, have been given a higher priority than worship facilities, and this tends to reduce the amount of money available for the latter type of structure. He noted that educational construction has been booming in recent years.

Mr. Sabghir, who describes himself as an active participant in his local congregation, said he doesn't believe the day will ever come when religious construction in this country will be a work of art, of beauty." Utilitarianism is the overriding consideration more so now than ever before.

While the Gross National Product (GNP) has doubled since 1955, it is his impression that the American people are not giving the same proportion of their income to their local and national religious bodies as they did then. "The tithing spirit is fast disappearing from American life, and this is reflected in the lesser amount of money given for not only religious construction but in other areas of religious endeavor as well," he said.

The kind of buildings a society constructs tells a lot about the spirit of the society, Mr. Sabghir believes, whether it is largely utilitarian in its approach to life or sees some virtue in building as art, as something to lift man's spirit to something higher than himself.

By comparison, religious construction has declined steadily since 1965, when it was $1.207 billion. In the intervening years, it was as follows: 1966, $1.164 billion; 1967, $1.093 billion; 1968, $1.079 billion; 1969, $988 million.

Religious construction, as defined by the U.S. Department of Commerce, includes worship facilities (churches, synagogues, crematoriums, mausoleums and funeral parlors) and religious educational facilities (religious education buildings if physically part of the worship facility, convents, monasteries, and theological seminaries.

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the Editor's Corner

Recollections of Edward and Wally

Quite frequently a story in the newspaper starts our minds twirling backward to some event in the past which is related to the contemporary event.

The recent death of the Duke of Windsor started such a train of thought, and we recall those romantic days when the air waves (radio, of course) were filled by the uncertainties of the political situation.

We can recall that the abdication of King Edward VIII to marry "the woman I love" — Wallis Warfield Simpson of Baltimore — was the No. 1 news story of 1936. It overshadowed the American presidential election and the prediction of the Literary Digest that Alf Landon of Kansas would defeat Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (He actually carried two states — Maine and Vermont.)

On Nov. 16, 1936, King Edward informed Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin of his intentions to marry Mrs. Simpson. He said the marriage had become "an indispensable condition to my continued existence, whether as king or as man." He said if it were vetoed by his government, he would abdicate.

The Prime Minister consulted with his colleagues and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The House of Commons overwhelmingly refused to consider the marriage under any circumstances.

In the years following the abdication, the Windsors became familiar fixtures in international society, and the duke always insisted that he would "do it all over again."

We are so glad that the royal family opened their doors and their hearts and invited the Duchess of Windsor to stay at Buckingham Palace.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Protest rallies, boycotts and acts of civil disobedience aimed at turning public officials toward the policies of peace are "little acts of war" inconsistent with their goals, Dr. J. H. Jackson told the graduating class at Amherst College (Mass.). The president of the Nat'l. Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., largest black denomination in the U.S., said the "battle for peace" must go on but with the "agencies and methods of peace." Dr. Jackson, long an opponent of protest marches, advocated "goodwill, an appreciation for the rights of others, tolerance, respect for differences and a dedication to the preservation of all those human values without which no nation can stand and no people can survive."

Speaking at the North Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Minister DeForrest Wiksten called for a 100 per cent tithe commitment from the clergy by 1976, and from the Church's congregations by 1980. In a paraphrase of Matt. 23:23, Wiksten told the 700 delegates: "Alas, for you elders, deacons and laypersons; you brood, argue and resolve over justice, war and poverty, but you have overlooked the weighty and necessary demands of personal discipline, generosity, and the concretions of commitment." "Just because a minister serves the Church full-time, is no reason he should not tithe to the Church," he said.

Clergymen recently interviewed by a Religious News Service staff writer felt that the rise in shoplifting is just another symptom of over-all moral decay in the U.S., an indication of how far Americans have drifted from the "God ideals" of respect for others, the writer reported. Shoplifting is said to have reached "epidemic" proportions with Americans "ripping off" goods from retail stores at the rate of more than $8 million a day. "It's so obvious that shoplifting is morally wrong, you shouldn't have to preach about it," said the Rev. Lester Baker, a United Methodist pastor and one-time family court counselor for the N.Y. Council of Churches.

The U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring that Wisconsin Amish parents cannot be required to send their children to a public high school was acclaimed in an editorial in the official Roman Catholic publication of the St. Paul-Minneapolis area. The editorial stated that the Court "may have turned the corner in its recognition of the primary role of religion in the upbringing of our children." The Catholic Bulletin continued, "It had become so hung up in its own definition of 'entanglement' between church and state that it could not see the forest of education for the trees of the 'wall of separation.'"

The United Christian Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has deposited $100,000 in five black banks which make loans to small businesses. The banks are located in Detroit, Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., Chicago and Washington, D.C. The action was in accordance with the 1969 call by the denomination's General Assembly for agencies to put 15 per cent of their investment funds in "institutions that engage in regular cost loans to the poor, the powerless and the racially alienated, with special consideration for minority-controlled banks, savings and loans, and businesses."

Midwest Challenge, Christian drug rehabilitation program which recently opened in Minneapolis, has attracted the attention of clergymen, government officials and police. Founded by the Rev. Al Palmquist, an Assemblies of God clergyman, the program uses Bible studies, daily religious services, and Christian counseling in an effort to help young addicts kick their drug habit. Rehabilitated addicts express the following message to students in the city's schools: "One of three things will happen to you if you're an addict: You're going to end up in jail, or you're going to have a bad trip and end up in a mental institution, or you're going to be dead."

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Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a former vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, has on the advice of his physician announced his retirement from the ministry. As chief executive of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1961-63, Dr. Hobbs was instrumental in the organization of a Committee on Baptist Faith and Message, which drafted a statement of faith that was adopted by the denomination in 1963.

The United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs has recommended the application of "the most severe control measures" to prevent the abuse of and illicit traffic in marijuana. Peking, Moscow, Sofia and Budapest claim they do not have drug addiction problems because their societies do not face the type of social stresses which, in the West, are sometimes believed to drive people to drugs. Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Tarassov said "Soviet youth has no inclination for drugs, because of the many sporting, cultural and artistic organizations that direct their energies into constructive channels."

Government restrictions on the right of Christian young people to higher education is reported to be a major problem for Baptists in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). The May 26 report, confirmed by a New York Times story, stated that the move to keep young Christians away from universities and other places of higher learning was "apparently exercised with few exceptions."

Irish bishops, Protestant church leaders, government representatives and foreign diplomats were among a crowd of 900 who attended a recent interdenominational service of intercession for peace in Northern Ireland at Methodism's Central Hall at Westminster.

Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare during the Eisenhower Administration, told a conference on Church, State and Community in the Education of the Public that human life "fails to realize its greatest potential without knowledge of the religious heritage." Now serving as President Nixon's consultant on the aging, the former president of the National Council of Churches, urged the 130 participants to take advantage of the opportunity to teach "about religion" in the public schools as provided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance in South Vietnam reports a "marked improvement" in morale in that country, with increasing optimism and confidence among the South Vietnamese people. Tom Stebbins, mission chairman, said in the report: "I am aware that a very pessimistic picture is being presented through the news media. While there is cause for some pessimism, I would say the Vietnamese by and large are very optimistic and confident that they will hold their own against the North . . . Morale is very high, but they need continued prayer."

The United Presbyterian Church will emphasize neither believer nor infant baptism as a result of revisions in a Book of Church Order approved recently by the denomination's General Assembly. The action will give lay persons a greater role in administering Holy Communion, and parents will have the freedom to decide if they want infants baptized. Local congregations will decide at what age baptism is appropriate. Persons will receive a "commission" rather than confirmation" in joining the Church.

Some 60 Southern Baptist leaders and their wives gathered at Alyeska Ski Lodge near Anchorage, Alaska recently for a "Spring Thaw Retreat" with the aim of easing their "cabin fever," the lonely depression common to persons isolated from the outside world for long periods of time. "This aloneness is cabin fever,'" Everett Hullum of Baptist Press said, "It may not be in the Johns Hopkins lexicon, but Alaskans testify to its validity."

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President and Mrs. Nixon leave Moscow Baptist church after attending worship service. The sign over door reads: "All-Union Moscow Council of the Community of Evangelical Christian Baptists." It has been estimated that there are somewhere between 500,000 and several million practicing Baptists in the Soviet Union. Experts estimate that the number of Protestant believers may run as high as 7 million, and some observers say there is currently a religious revival going on in the USSR. More than 1,000 persons crowded into the church on this unusual Sunday. An 80-voice choir sang, and the president joined the congregation in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." (RNS Photo)

Program Directors to Local Churches

Special Program Suggestions

Frequently, those in the Program Councils are asked for suggestions concerning special programs in the local church. This week the staff wants to share two ideas that can be used effectively. The first can be easily utilized by almost any local church. The second might best be used in connection with several Methodist churches in a community or area working together. Again, it might best be utilized as churches of different denominaions work together on an ecumenical basis. In doing this, the program would be even farther reaching in its impact on persons of churches, communities, and areas.

I. HELLO UP THERE

This is a color motion picture of seven minutes duration which received honorable mention at the San Francisco International Film Festival in 1929.

Now if you have ever told a child "Come back later when I'm not busy" or know of persons who have said this to children, then this film is for you and for them. If you have ever been angry with a child over a broken vase, spilled milk, or a misbehaved pet, then "Hello Up There" is for you.

You see, 43 young artists in Omaha, Nebraska were asked to portray, through their own art and in their own words, their relationship to the world of older and bigger people. Now if "Hello Up There" was merely a picture about what children think of adults, it would be invaluable for parents, teachers, and others. But "Hello Up There" is also the end result of an experience in the creative arts.

This film:

1. Presents insights into the "generation gap".
2. Indicates children's impressions of the adult world.
3. Demonstrates how art can be used by a parent or a teacher to increase the level of communication with children.
4. Reveals what can be learned and also accomplished when children feel free to express their feelings through art and conversation.
5. Reminds adults what it means to be a child, the fears, the loneliness, the joy, the sorrow, the wonder of new things.

CAUTION: DON'T PLAN TO USE THIS PICTURE AS A WHOLE PROGRAM.

ENCOURAGEMENT: Do use it after careful preview.

Do plan for discussion and sharing following the showing of the film. Here is a good opportunity to help all persons better understand little children.

II. FOR THE JOY OF SINGING

Everyone likes to sing or hear a good song. One of the best ways to express our feelings and emotions is through singing. Methodism was born with a song of praise unto God. United Methodism's future may well rest in its ability to keep a song at the heart of its message.

Tom Page and Jim Sloan have been traveling full-time since 1968 singing the "good news of the Gospel". For two years they were staff members of the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church. They now work independently of the General Board.

They comprise what is known as the singing duo, "Dust and Ashes". Their composing, singing, and performing have helped them achieve a rapport with their audiences which permits their music to speak with authority and purpose. The purpose of their music is to speak prophetically and realistically of the relationship between God and man. "Dust and Ashes" sing what others have written, but they also sing music which they have composed concerning their own feelings and experiences. Truly they present a well-balanced concert of songs that reveal the concerns of Christianity and yet entertain all who listen.

"Dust and Ashes" are currently booking engagements for the fall of 1972 and spring of 1973. For program and cost information address your communication as follows:

Dust and Ashes
1808 Warfield Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37215
Telephone 615 294-7403

If you would like to hear their songs, two of their albums "From Both Sides" and "A different Shade of Blue" are available from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37203 or from the Cokesbury Bookstore, 1910 Main, Dallas, Texas 75221.

Why not consider this a real possibility for a wonderful ecumenical service with youth of the area or community sponsoring it?

Here is a handle—You Take Hold! Many will say, "Thanks."

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Las Savell, public relations director for Methodist Hospital in Memphis, has been appointed chairman of the Memphis Board of Review by Mayor Wyeth Chandler. Savell will head a Board of 15 citizens concerned with cleaner movies and reading matter for juveniles under 18 years of age. In addition to his public relations duties, Savell and his wife, Sara, co-direct the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing Glee Club. He serves as chairman of the Tennessee Hospital Association's Public Relations Committee.

Wynne Church plans for Summer pastoral exchange

On the last three Sundays in July, the Rev. Robert Plummer, pastor of the Pleasant Street Methodist Church of Brunswick, Maine, will be serving as pastor at Wynne and McElroy churches. He, his wife, June, and their two sons will be making their home in the parsonage at Wynne, and he will be conducting the preaching services.

At the same time, the Rev. William M. Wilder, pastor of our churches at Wynne, and family, will be living at the parsonage in Brunswick and he will be preaching there.

Neither of the congregations nor their pastors are personally acquainted, but became interested in one another through correspondence. They decided that a mutual exchange might be beneficial, and proceeded to work out details. Each congregation is planning a reception for their exchange pastor, and both pastoral families are looking forward to this new experience.

Plummer obtained his B.S. degree from Mt. Union College in Ohio, and his S.T.B. from Boston University. He is a native of Maine, and has served three pastorates there. He is in his ninth year at Brunswick. Wilder graduated from Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex. He has done further graduate work at Garrett School of Theology, Evanston, Ill. and at Scarritt College in Nashville.

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HENDRIX PROFESSOR RECEIVES NSF GRANT

Robert F. Baker, Jr., assistant professor of economics and business at Hendrix College, has received a National Science Foundation grant to attend the Summer Institute for College Teachers of Economics at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

The institute will run from June 18 to July 28.

Ferris W. Norton, Jr.

Crossett pastor to speak at USAF sponsored conference

The Rev. Ferris W. Norton, Jr. has been selected as a speaker for the USAF sponsored Christian Encounter Conference at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, July 17-21. Annually the USAF sponsors a 5-day Christian Encounter Conference for military personnel and their dependents. Each year approximately 400 attend this conference at Ouachita Baptist University.

The Rev. Ferris W. Norton, Jr. is presently pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Crossett, Arkansas. Former pastorates include the Pittsburg Methodist Circuit, Pittsburg, Tex.; St. Thomas United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex.; St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex.; First United Methodist Church Daingerfield, Tex., and the First Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Norton is a graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas (A. B Degree) and Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology (B. D. Degree).

Norton was the Outstanding Rural Pastor in the Texas Conference in 1954. He organized St. Timothy's in Houston, serving there for five years —beginning with no membership and a vacant lot of seven acres, receiving 1,000 persons into the fellowship of St. Timothy's Church during the period of five years. He served for several years as Chaplain of the 49th Armored Division, Texas National Guard, and in the Air Force Reserve as a Chaplain. He served as Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions (1964-72). He is a member of the Alumni Council, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

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NEWS and NOTES

DR. ROY B. SHILLING, president of Hendrix College, was the Baccalaureate speaker at McClellan Senior High School in Little Rock on May 21.

THE LAKE MINISTRY of the Hot Springs area includes morning services for 14 Sundays, beginning June 4, at Brady Mountain and Crystal Springs, with several churches participating.

THE TELEPHONE MINISTRY of CONTACT went into operation in Hot Springs on the night of May 30, following a Service of Consecration in First United Methodist Church. Fifteen different congregations from seven denominations will furnish volunteers to staff the telephones 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The CONTACT telephone service to people with problems is already in operation in Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

THE DERMOTT UNITED Methodist Choir presented a cantata, "The Sound of Singing" at the Sunday evening worship service, May 21. The 25 voices were directed by Mrs. Clarence Horton with Mrs. Christine Lincoln as organist. Soloists were Mrs. Hunter Shepherd, Mrs. Dewey Stueart and Mrs. Thomas C. Wilson. The Rev. Cagle E. Fair is pastor.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW CHURCH held vacation church school from May 22-29 with 29 students and 11 teachers and helpers. Mrs. Chester Tritt was supervisor. Parents and friends were invited to the closing program on Friday night, and were served homemade ice cream and cake. The Rev. John Benham, pastor, was one of the teachers.

THE JUNCTION CITY Church welcomed the Rev. E. Stanley Wagner and family back for the fifth year. Thirty-two families contributed to the huge grocery "pounding."

THE T. H. BENTON family and the Dennis Wright family presented to the Rushing Memorial United Methodist Church at Chidester, a Communion Service in memory of the late T. H. Benton and late Randy Wright. The set was used for the first time, Sunday, May 28. New linens for the Communion table were given by the Women's Society. Recently, cushions for the pews were purchased by the church board and the WSCS. New hymnals, pulpit and organ lights were given as memorials by members and friends. The Rev. George Bailey was pastor. The Rev. Larry Martineau was recently appointed to Chidester.

THE REV. FANUEL KADENGE from Rhodesia is to be the guest of the Crossett United Methodist Church June 21-25. Mr. Kadenge, recently served as a delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church held in Atlanta. He is the pastor of Mutumbara United Methodist Church in Rhodesia, and is also the Station Chairman of the Mutumbara Mission Station of the United Methodist Church. At Crossett, he will meet with classes in the church, attend an Area-Prayer Group, consisting of members of the area churches on June 22, lead a Lay Renewal Conference in Louisiana June 23-24, and be a guest in the service at the Crossett Church Sunday, June 25 for both morning and evening services.

BUDDY JESTER of Bradley, Ark. was the guest speaker for a revival held at St. Andrew Church in Little Rock from June 4-6. The Sunday evening service was preceded by a fellowship dinner. "Youth Night" was the special Monday evening feature. The Rev. Charles Walthall is pastor.

MACEY UNITED METHODIST Church, Jonesboro District, observed Memorial Day, May 28. The Rev. Aubra Hays, pastor, gave a message on "Our Heritage of Hope" at the morning service. Following dinner at the church, the afternoon was spent in fellowship and the placing of wreaths at the cemetery.

CLARENDON UNITED Methodist members honored choir members at a Wednesday supper, May 10. Miss Sandra Nelson, chairman of the Worship Commission, and Mrs. Susie Boshers, choir director, presented Mrs. Paul McKay a gift of red carnations in appreciation of her 35 years of service in the choir.

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BISHOP SHORT ADDRESSES ASBURY GRADS

Wilmore, Ky. — Bishop Roy H. Short, Resident Bishop of The Louisville Area of The United Methodist Church delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon to 131 graduates during commencement exercises May 21 at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. President Frank Bateman Stanger conferred degrees upon the candidates during the first commencement to be held in the school's new $1,500,000 Sherman Thomas Student Center which houses the Broadhurst Gymnasium-Auditorium.

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The Commission on Religion in Appalachia, a coalition of 27 Christian denominations and state councils of churches, including the United Methodist Church, has urged fair, uniform and enforceable legislation to regulate strip mining of coal.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT UMY ELECTS MARK DE LESS

Mark De Less, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce De Less of Crossett, was selected as the new president of the Monticello District United Methodist Youth for the new conference year.

Mark will be a Junior at Crossett High School next fall and is active in school and the Crossett First Church UMY. He is presently with a group attending EXPLO '72 in Dallas, June 12-17.

Other officers for the district are as follows: Vice President-Herman Fair of Dermott; Secretary-Ann Baker of Hamburg; Treasurer-Carrie Kirchman of Monticello, Publicity Chairman - Kaye Barnes of Hamburg, and Reporter-Allen Dobson of Fordyce.

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Youth Activities

DON ARMSTRONG, Hendrix student who is a member of Winfield Church, is summer youth worker in Highland Church, Little Rock, working with the Rev. Bryan Stephens.

ALLEN KIMBROUGH of Siloam Springs will work with the youth of First Church, North Little Rock, this summer. He is currently president of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Council, and has recently finished his first year in John Brown University. He will be working with the Rev. Earl Carter who was appointed to that church at the recent Annual Conference in Fort Smith.

MRS. JIM RANDLE, wife of the director of the Wesley Foundation in Jonesboro, will be summer youth worker in Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church at Jonesboro. She is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, has taught school and worked with church youth groups. The Rev. James Chandler is the Huntington pastor.

MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP team from Hendrix College who visited Central Avenue Church in Batesville, May 7, were Debbie Whitley, Ron McDonald, Betty Vance, and Mike Kubit. Dr. Charles Casteel was host pastor.

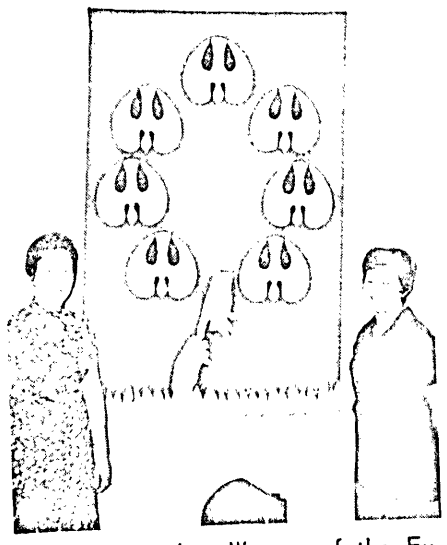
THE REV. SAM JONES, Wesley Foundation director at Little Rock, spoke to the graduating seniors of Park View Church, Benton, at a church-wide dinner, May 7. Lyle Hobby was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Horace Grogan is pastor.

CLYDE M. KNIGHT is beginning his third consecutive summer as youth worker in First Church, Jonesboro. He was recently recommended for a license to preach by that church and plans to attend Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., this fall.

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 18—Sunday	Job 7:6-21
June 19	Psalm 88:1-18
June 20	Prov. 12:7-8
June 21	Eccles. 7:11-22
June 22	Eccles. 9:7-12
June 23	Jer. 50:4-8
June 24	Ezek. 37:11-14
June 25—Sunday	Job 17:1-16



United Methodist Women of the Eureka Springs Church are involved in the project of creating banners to symbolize each of the seven seasons of the Christian Year. Mrs. June Westphal, president, and Mrs. Vi Pettit, at right, recently completed the banner for the season of Pentecost. The pastor is the Rev. DuBois Pettit.

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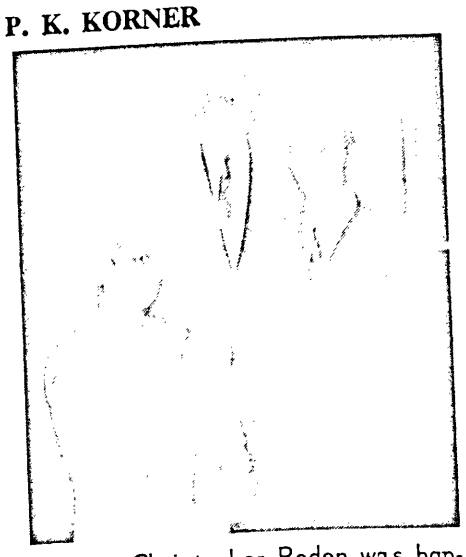
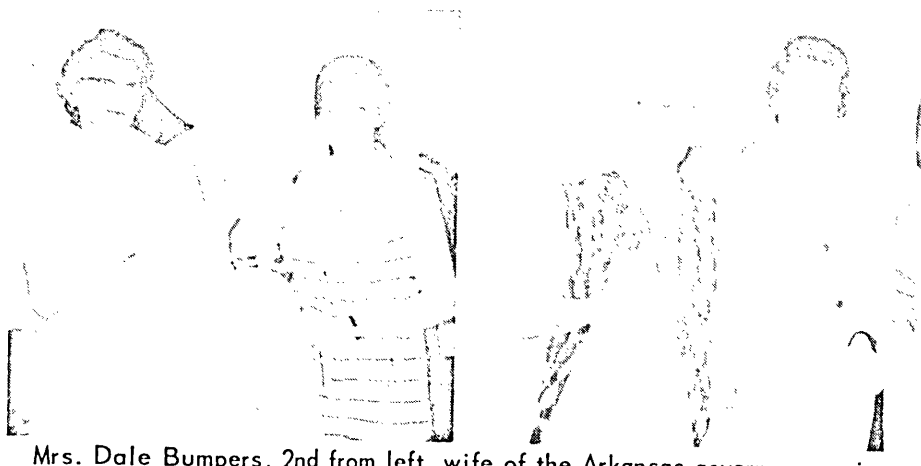
DES ARC LAYMEN conducted a revival recently under the direction of Charge Lay Leader J. Elmer Berry, assisted by T. E. Fisher, in cooperation with the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, pastor. Laymen brought the messages and gave personal testimonials. A men's choir provided special music.

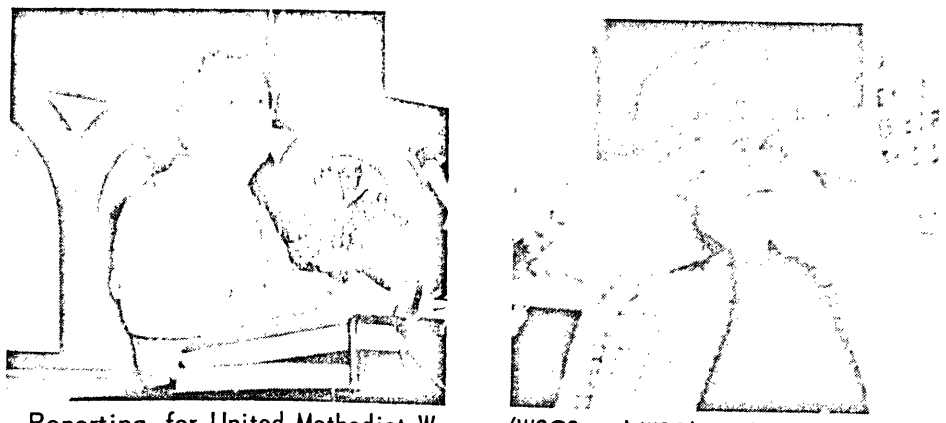
P. K. KORNER



Winston Christopher Roden was baptized by the Rev. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, at the Village United Methodist Church, May 7. "Chris" is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Winston D. Roden. Mr. Roden is pastor of the Village Charge.

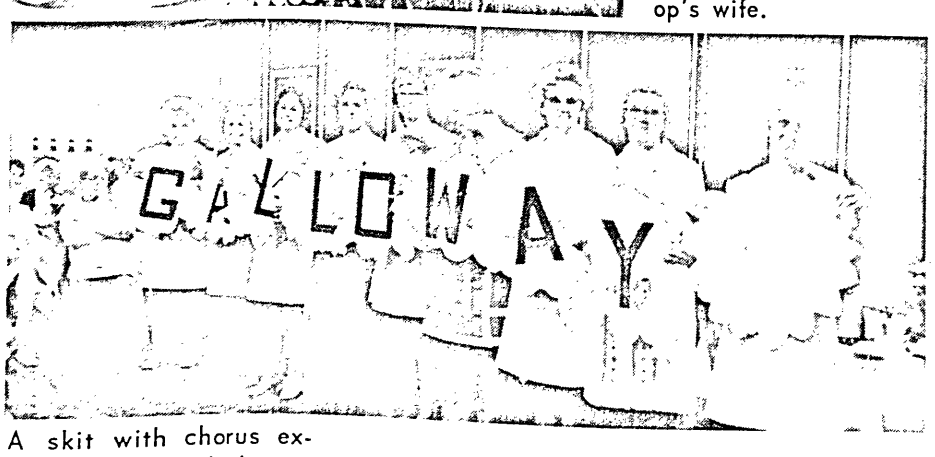


Mrs. Dale Bumpers, 2nd from left, wife of the Arkansas governor, receives a lap robe on behalf of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Schaffer, administrator of Greenhurst Nursing Home in Charleston. Making the presentation is Mrs. A. J. Godfrey, also shown in center of next picture as she presents lap robes to Mrs. Elsie Jones, assistant administrator of Southwest Nursing Home, and Mrs. Brenda Harberson, administrator of Whippoorwill Park Nursing Home. Two hundred of the lap robes were made by the women of Primrose United Methodist Church for use in nursing homes. Arthur B. Saunders of the W-R Flour Co., donated most of the material, and the women purchased linings, bindings and thread with money received from a bazaar. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is their pastor.



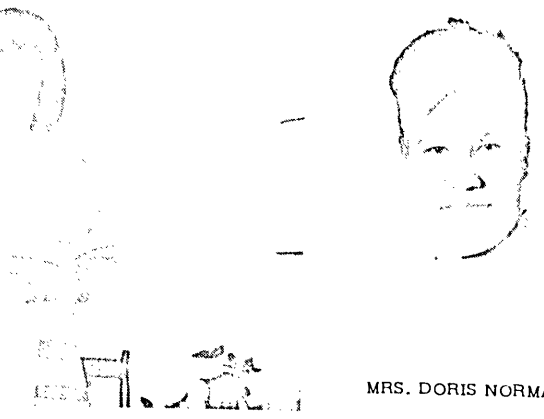
Reporting for United Methodist Women (WSCS and WSG) to the recent Annual Conferences at Little Rock and Fort Smith were Mrs. E. T. Davenport, at left, above, president of Little Rock Conference women, and Mrs. Joe Crumpler, president of North Arkansas Conference women.

Three honored guests at the annual luncheon for Ministers' Wives, Little Rock Conference, were introduced by Mrs. Fred Arnold, president, standing at right. From left, Mrs. William C. Martin, wife of retired Bishop Martin; Mrs. D. L. Dykes, Jr., wife of the conference speaker, and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, bishop's wife.



A skit with chorus expressed appreciation to Mrs. Elizabeth Galloway for her leadership. Mrs. Sam Jones, vice-president, was in charge of program. Singers above are: Murray, Harris, Hollenbeck, Miles, Hale, Ivey, Hankins, DeBlack, and Martin.

The program, held in the new Holiday Inn at Little Rock, featured Mrs. Tom Dennis, at left, reviewing Jean Kerr's "Penny Candy."



MRS. DORIS NORMAN

MRS. MARIE WATKINS

ARKANSAS WOMEN ON STUDY TOUR TO AFRICA

Two Arkansas women will travel to Africa this summer to participate in a study tour sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. Mrs. Marie Watkins and Mrs. Doris Norman, both of Little Rock, will leave New York on June 23 as part of a group of 21 from 10 different states.

Their itinerary includes a three-day stop in Greenwich, Conn., for orientation June 19-22, a one-day stop in Frankfort, Germany, 12 days in Tanzania, and four days in Kenya. They will return to New York on July 11. Purpose of the tour is to study the conditions of the area and the needs of the people.

Both women are teachers in the Pulaski County School System. Mrs. Watkins is in the science department at the Mabelvale Elementary School. She is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Little Rock where she is co-chairman of the Commission on Missions. She is the immediate past-president of the Little Rock District WSCS for Southwest Conference. Mrs. Norman teaches mathematics at Jacksonville Junior High School. She is a member of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church in Little Rock and is church organist.

Prior to the African tour, Mrs. Watkins has been at Mt. Sequoyah, June 9-11, where she has led an enrichment workshop for "Intentional Planning" at a jurisdiction school.

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PARSONAGE DEDICATION AT LINCOLN, JUNE 18

The new parsonage at Lincoln will be dedicated at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18th. Dr. Raymond Franks, Fayetteville District superintendent, will officiate; the Rev. Vann Hooker, pastor, will assist. An Open House will follow the dedication ceremony.

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THE CATHEDRAL HANDBELL Choir from First United Methodist Church of Bartlesville, Okla., completed a six-state tour by giving a program in Highland Church, Little Rock, June 4.

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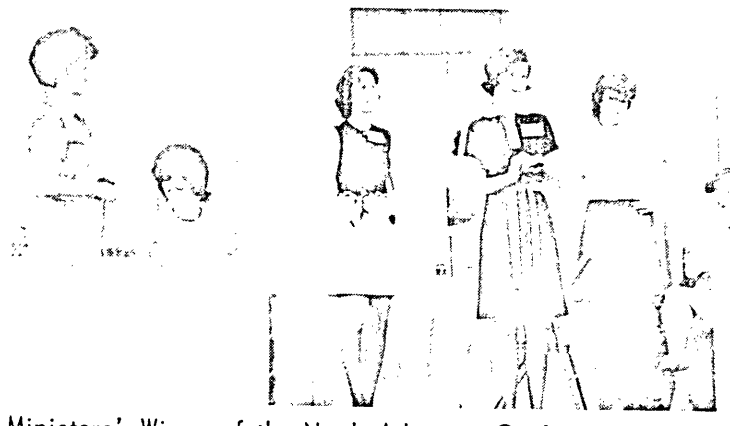
Ministers' Wives of the North Arkansas Conference held the annual luncheon in Hendricks Hills Church, Ft. Smith. Honored guests were Mrs. Marshall Steel, left, wife of the conference speaker, and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, wife of the presiding bishop. Mrs. Earl Hughes, at right, served as conference president of wives.



Ministers' Wives of the North Arkansas Conference were entertained at the Annual Conference luncheon by vocal talent representing all districts in a presentation of "Annie, Do Your Thing," a Broadway musical parody. The cast includes: Mrs. J. B. Harris, Mrs. Waymon Hollis, Mrs. William Haltom, Mrs. Anthony Holifield, Mrs. Dewey Dark, Mrs. Herschel McClurkin, and Mrs. John Copher. Not shown: Mrs. Andy Hall, who represented the district superintendent's wife, and Mrs. Ellsworth Watson, who accompanied. Mrs. Wayne Clark, vice-president, was program chairman and narrator.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR JUNE 25: Hunger for Security

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 57; 90:13-17; Isaiah 6:1-6; Romans 8:28-39.

MEMORY SELECTION: I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a better understanding of conditions which make people feel insecure in these days, and to suggest some ways in which a sense of security can be gained through the devotional life.

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There is no question about the fact that there is widespread insecurity in our day. As we think of the international situation we are aware of the thin line which seperates us from another World War. As we consider the domestic scene we are constantly being reminded of explosive human relations which keep us from feeling secure as we search for answers in this realm.

We are looking for some secret of security. Advertising agencies are well aware of this fact and build many TV commercials and much newspaper and magazine advertising around this need. Dr. Georgia Harkness has pointed out that much of the world's progress has resulted from man's response to insecurity, and that it would not be good for the human race to arrive at a state of complete security. Dr. Charles M. Laymon (International Lesson Annual) tells the story of a Latin teacher who was listening to a history teacher who was telling of the constant changes and revisions that she was called on to make in her lesson plans. The Latin teacher exclaimed, "I'm thankful that my subject is dead!" She felt secure in this, but it was a tragic kind of security.

Following the completion of a unit of three lessons on "The Bible and the Devotional Life," we now move into a group of three lessons which will deal with "Seeking Answers Through the Devotional Life." We begin this series today with a consideration of security based on material in Psalm 57. The writer of this song was caught up in his own experiences of insecurity, and he was responding as persons have in almost every period since the beginning of recorded history.

One of the supreme values of the Bible is that it is concerned with men and women caught up in troubled times. One writer points out: "The long historic period covered from Genesis to Revelation is broken here and there by brief intervals of peace; but these are the exception and not the rule. For Israel there was bondage, pilgrimage, conquest, civil war, and exile. For the church there was misunderstanding, hardship, persecution, internal strife, and martyrdom. Some persons succumbed to their circumstances; others rose above them. It is with these latter that we are concerned as we seek to learn for ourselves the secrets of a life that knows confidence and peace within a disordered world."

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THE PSALMIST KNEW INSECURITY

The 57th Psalm carries the designation that it is a Psalm of David and states something of the circumstances of its writing, "when he fled from Saul, in the cave." There were two such instances in David's life. The first is described in 1 Samuel 22 when David was fleeing from the king and hid in a cave at Adullam. Then, we read in 1 Samuel 24 of David's taking refuge a short time later in the wilderness rocks west of the Dead Sea. The fact is, in either case, he thought he was fleeing for his life.

The writer was in great stress because of the threat of the storms of destruction, and yet we can hear his faith coming through his lament. There is a ring of confidence in the words of his appeal. Dr. William R. Taylor says in The Interpreter's Bible: "His trust in God's protective care of him is supported by the fact that God has in the past brought things to pass for his good."

In the psalm the writer uses both the figure of a storm and that of a cave to describe his situation. He says that he fled the "storms of destruction" only to find new danger in the form of lions within his refuge. Dr. Edwin McNeil Poteat (Interpreter's Bible) says: "This is of course the extravagance of poetic description and highly metaphorical. But the psalmist is representing a state of his mind. His soul is in desperation so great that the momentary promise of refuge in a cave is falsified by an encounter with improbable boasts. No wonder, then, that the poem at this point breaks off its agonized descriptions of his distress with an apostrophe to God." We read in verse 5: "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!"

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THE ANTICIPATION OF HELP

Although we will be referring a little later to some of the storms that threaten us in our time, we do not want to emphasize the negative aspects of our hunger for security in our day.

When the writer realized there was no guarantee of safety in his place of refuge, he prayed to God for mercy. He did more than ask for mercy; he claimed it as his own possession because his soul had taken refuge in God. He had placed himself under the Lord's protection and therefore in his distress he could claim his rights as God's client.

We can see how the composer of these lines alternated between trust and fear. This is the way we are in the presence of the forces that threaten our security in our day. One thing we notice as we read this psalm, the farther we go the more firm his faith appeared to be. Perhaps he was discovering that the very exercise of prayer brought him relief from anxiety and increased his expectation of divine response. As someone has said, "Often the answer to our prayers is in prayer itself."

We can see that this man had a high estimate of God both as to his majesty and his power. He was persuaded of God's interest in and concern for him in the emergencies of his life. If we can be as certain for us we will not be overwhelmed by the storms that buffet us in our time.

The psalmist was sure of God's love and faithfulness. He was convinced that God acts on behalf of his children because of what he is inherently like. God is love; God is faithfulness. He is the essence of those qualities. He acts in love because he is love. What greater security could a person have than some special sign of God's love and faithfulness. This assurance, that God will not desert his own in time of need, is the bedrock of security.

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THANKING GOD FOR HIS PROTECTION

We need to keep in mind that this psalm speaks of both danger and deliverance. The writer was keeping his eyes on his enemies, but he also had his eyes on the Lord. He makes it clear that it is perfectly natural to respect the forces that threatened him, but he was just as sure that it was wrong for him to live in bondage to fear. He was aware of the net and the pit, familiar tools of the hunter's trade. But even as he was aware of them, and discouraged by the tactics of his enemy, God gave him the deliverance for which he had prayed. His enemies had fallen into their own snares.

In verse 7 we read: "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast! I will sing and make melody!" Here the writer returns to the affirmation of his own security in God; his heart is steadfast, he twice avows. The word "steadfast" means fixed, or steadfastly resolved; that is, resolved to trust God no matter what. No danger could shake him, no threats disturb the confidence of his heart.

Dr. James Reapsome says: "It is out of such a heart that singing and making melody arise. The heart that is steadfast is a heart full of praise. Such praise must be uttered, whether vocally or instrumentally, whether in music or in words. Even though he may be trapped in the dark recesses of the cave, he would make it ring with his songs of praise."

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MAN MUST TURN TO GOD FOR SECURITY

One thing this psalm teaches us is that in times of insecurity we can only turn to God for our strength. This man had reached the place where his own resources had run out and human assistance was impossible to find. God was his only answer.

There will be times when we will waver in our confidence. The psalmist did not turn from fear to faith in a straight line of progress. He sometimes wavered as do we. There are so many threats to our security that we are sure to vacillate back and forth between faith and fear.

Again we are reminded that life in the United States becomes riskier with every passing year. It is a shame that it is not safe to walk on city streets after dark. Insurance companies are charging higher and higher rates for protection, people are putting stronger locks on their doors. All of this is not evidence of despair, but of the certainty that we must turn to God for our strength as the ancient psalmist did.

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SECURITY IN THE NATURE OF GOD

One thing we can be sure of—the psalmist had a big concept of God. As Dr. Laymon says in International Lesson Annual: "A little view of God or a view of a little God will not do when we are caught up in the rushing currents. Only a great vision of God is equal to the great threats to our security. Our psalmist had such a view. He believed in a God of glory."

This idea of the glory and greatness of God continues throughout the entire Bible. It was such a concept of God that was reflected on the face of Moses when he came down from Sinai. It was the image that Isaiah caught in the Temple at the time of his great religious experience. It was this aspect of the nature of God that was reflected on the Mount of Transfiguration. It was the image of God that was mirrored so often in the person of Jesus Christ, and we feel no greater security than when we discover persons in our own time who can help us find our way to such a concept of God.

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SECURITY IN WORSHIP

We will be missing one of the most important teachings of Psalm 57 if we do not understand the place that worship played in the experience of security that he developed.

We can see how he could not keep from worshipping and glorifying God even in the midst of his cries of distress. This was what enabled him to witness to his own steadfastness. He found security in praise and gratitude, and so will we if we focus on the greatness of God and not on the magnitude of our problems.

Dr. Poteat says of this experience of the worshiping psalmist: "Now he is altogether free. . . . We sense the enormous relief that our author feels when the turmoil of his soul is past. . . . When he is quit of his horrors such energy as he has left is convoked for song. Here is a contrast, to be sure, but not contradiction. A moment ago his soul was bowed down; now he calls it awake to sing. A moment ago there was a net for his steps; now there is a melody for his lips. A moment ago there were night and storm and the menacing roar of beasts; now there are the awakening dawn and the whispering tones of harp and lyre."

This is full satisfaction of the hunger for security, and it is the only way we can discover it.

Guidelines for women

NEW YORK (UMI)—The United Methodist Church's one new inclusive organization for women has been given basic shape, and under "architects' " guidelines the key words are—and are intended to remain—*mission* and *flexibility.*

A constitution, which is the cornerstone, for the local unit of United Methodist Women (the new organization's name) was approved in January and ratified by General Conference action in April. But the bricks-and-mortar of structural form was hammered out in several days of intense discussion and debate by two diverse groups in May.

United Methodist Women, as it comes into living reality over the next 18 months, will succeed United Methodism's two present women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Together they have a membership of about 1,600,000 in 36,500 local Societies and Guilds in the 50 states, and give about $15,000,000 annually to missions and related causes, plus more to local programs.

The organizational design is built around the concept of flexibility, of seeking to allow local units — within broad parameters — to "do their own thing" in structure and program. Those parameters include some basics—president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, an executive committee, a committee on nominations. Beyond that, a variety of subgroupings is encouraged (called circles, task groups, interest groups — whatever a subgroup chooses), and structural freedom is encouraged in terms of the number of other committees and officers a unit wants.

However, when the policy-making body for Societies and Guilds, the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, voted for a single new inclusive organization, it was decided the central, focal thrust would continue to be mission. Thus mission is incorporated in the purpose of United Methodist Women and is placed at the heart of goals and guidelines adopted in May.

The thrust of mission, under the guidelines, is to be expressed through four mission emphases: *Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, Christian Global Concerns.*

Those mission emphases are actually a spelling-out of statements in the new organization's official purpose which says: "The organized unit of United Methodist women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

To make the transition from Societies and Guilds to United Methodist women, each unit is to set its own timing, and the process is to culminate in each case with a "celebration." It is intended that all such celebrations will take place between September, 1972 and December 31, 1973.

Main architects of United Methodist Women are the Women's Division, which is officially responsible for approving the structure for the new organization, and a special 24-member Planning Committee created by the Division to brainstorm and recommend initial design. The latter was pluralistic in many aspects, including one-third of the members from Women's Society background, one-third from Guild background, and one-third who were members of neither. There was diversity in age and ethnic make-up; one-half were employed and one-half non-employed women.

Decision on structure is left to the local unit. The guidelines suggest in chart form two or more options for an expanded structure, encompassing subgroups, a committee on program, committee on finance, other possible committees, and "mission coordinators" for the four designated mission emphases.

After considerable discussion about the continued participation of employed women, especially those now in the Guild, the Division executive voted that "in local churches where there are currently both Society and Guild, it is recommended that there be within the leadership role of the new inclusive organization, representation that reflects the proportionate membership of the two former organizations."

Provisions for giving through United Methodist Women will be the same as through the Society and Guild to the Women's Division. The basic channel will be an annual pledge-to-missions which each member is asked to make. This is used principally to support mission work in the U.S. and overseas and to finance a variety of programs in Christian social action, spiritual growth and other areas. Other channels include supplementary giving for designated projects and special offerings. Local units will also have local budgets.

The guidelines are to be introduced to jurisdiction, conference and other Society and Guild leaders at the five Division-sponsored Regional Schools of Christian Mission in June, and then in most Conference Schools of Christian Mission in July and August.

The guidelines list Division-adopted goals for units of United Methodist Women and spell out something of what is encompassed in each of the four mission emphases (which are to be given attention to each unit). The goals:

(An organized unit of United Methodist Women shall help women to: 1) enable broad participation of varying interests, ages, ethnic groupings and life styles; 2) study and interpret in words and action the revolutionary message of the gospel; 3) discover, confront and respond to the issues of the day; 4) work actively and openly for the elimination of injustice and the liberation of oppressed peoples; 5) prepare themselves for full participation in the total life of the church and community; 6) assume responsibility for stewardship of time, personnel and funds."

Guidelines for the mission emphasis on Christian Personhood say "women may experience a continuing sense of spiritual renewal and personal growth through worship, prayer and meditation; Bible study and theological reflection; increasing acceptance of self and others; testing the consistency between what we profess and how we act in personal and societal relationships."

For the mission emphasis on Supportive Community, guidelines suggest "enabling members to achieve a sense of personal identity and selfhood through a climate of concern and support; encouraging all women everywhere in their struggle for responsible freedom in their efforts to make decisions affecting their own lives; affirming all women as unique persons of worth, who take responsibility for shaping history through participation in church and society at all levels."

Christian Social Involvement guidelines call for "living out the mission of the church through participating in social action." Suggested are "study and analysis of current and emerging social, economic and political issues in the local community and throughout the world; response to these issues by creative relevant action and reflection as informed by the Christian faith."

Christian Global Concerns guidelines involve "study to provide knowledge and understanding of areas where national and world mission endeavors are carried on, where missionaries and deaconesses are at work . . . probing of new areas of missionary activity, within and without the church, and determining appropriate response; initiating and strengthening ecumenical relations, and working in coalition with other groups around common concerns."

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the British scene

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

It is the Spring Bank Holiday. For the devout, the sinister separation between Whit Sunday and the public holiday is a matter of regret. At one time the Christian Festival of Whit Sunday was the occasion of the "Bank Holiday" when the whole country took its Springtime break. Now the "Bank Holiday" is one week later than the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit — a symptom, many will think, of how the Open Society has secularised the whole of life.

But however that may be, the fact remains that while the more obvious institutional shapes of the church are being rejected, there is a growing and intense interest in religion. It is largely formless and undefined, and it finds expression on many levels not normally associated with the church itself. The more obvious level, to be sure, attacked as commercial, and the popular "Godspell" and "Jesus Christ, Superstar," the "pop" operas which celebrate the Christian message — with "Godspell" receiving the imprimatur of a quote from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

This weekend—a damp and gusty one when the weather is not up to the occasion of a public holiday has seen 50,000 pop fans singing in the rain at Bardney, Lincolnshire, a place with a normal population of 1,300. The Bishop of Lincoln has visited the site, and this in itself would have been unthought of only a year or two ago. Some of the music is deeply religious in content.

On another level altogether, on the Spring Bank Holiday Sunday about 5 million people were probably in church. But on radio and television at least 7 million were listening to worship as well—an audience which is bigger than both the channels of sports programmes on Saturday afternoon. This is a figure which should give people who think that religion doesn't matter food for thought.

President Nixon's visit to Moscow will include a visit to a Baptist service, and the whole enquiry that goes on at yet another level into the meaning of life via the Eastern religions is all a piece of what I am trying to describe.

As the Unity debacle becomes something of the past, and inability of the churches in this country to respond to the realities of the situation formally become definite more and more people are now saying: "We must get together whatever the pundits may say, and express our faith where it matters — on the ground, at the grass roots."

Now, if, as you have read all that, it seems a little muddled and formless, it is because I have deliberately made it so. For me, and a lot of observers of the scene, there is not a clear picture.

All kinds of movements—not to forget the Jesus Movement which has gained not a little ground even in conservative Britain, are moving in one direction, it seems. It is not a coherent movement at the moment, and it is made up of many desperate parts. But all of the various elements have one thing in common. They are saying, in effect, that they are tired of a society which seems only to have its sights set on the material things of life. They want to see some kind of interpretation of what life means, and they want to see some kind of reality instead of the unreal picture of life that the affluent ad-men are suggesting.

They know instinctively that this can be found in religion, and what they don't yet know is how to express it. But it is a search worth pursuing—and more people than we sometimes think are on the pilgrimage.

Merging of black and white conferences nearing completion

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Two of the last four racially organized annual conferences in the United Methodist Church have been merged with geographic white conferences and a decision on the two remaining former Central Jurisdiction (black) conferences located in Mississippi is expected later this month.

The former Methodist Church included five geographic and one racially organized jurisdictions in the U.S. At the time of union of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches in 1968 the black jurisdiction was eliminated and most of its black conferences were merged with the respective annual conferences.

The Southwest Conference, last black conference in the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction, was eliminated June 2 when the Conference itself voted favorably to unite its 54 churches with those in the Oklahoma, Little Rock, and North Arkansas white conferences. There were no negative votes but there were five abstentions. One observer said there were no more than 10 negative votes in all three white annual conferences.

The decisive vote eliminating one black conference in the Southeast came May 31 when the Alabama-West Florida Conference voted approval of a plan of union with the Central Alabama (black) conference. The vote was 393 for, 182 against.

Twice earlier the Alabama-West Florida Conference had defeated the plan, last year with only a 11-vote margin. The other white conference, North Alabama, approved the plan last year and the Central Alabama (black) Conference which overlaps the two unanimously approved the plan two years ago. Uniting Conference ceremonies are scheduled this fall.

The two black conferences in Mississippi have voted unanimously in favor of a plan of union but the two white conferences in the state will not meet until later this month. Upper Mississippi Conference had 140 favorable votes and Mississippi Conference (white) will meet in Jackson June 15-18.

A mandatory date of July 1, 1973 for elimination of all black conferences was set by the United Methoddist General Conference meeting recently in Atlanta.

There are 13,640 members and 151 churches in the Upper Mississippi (black) Conference and 18,849 members and 217 churches in the Mississippi (black) Conference. Correspondingly, in the same geographic areas there are 76,709 members and 507 churches in the North Mississippi (white) and 104,699 members and 514 churches in the Mississippi (white) Conference.

Episcopal leader of all four Mississippi conferences is Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, Jackson.

The black Southwest Conference overlapping white conferences in Oklahoma and Arkansas included 3031 members in 54 churches. Episcopal leaders are Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma; and Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Arkansas. The plan of union calls for one black Oklahoma Conference staff member, one black staff member for the area staff in Arkansas and a black district superintendent in Arkansas to aid in the merger process during the next year.

The Central Alabama (black) Conference included 16,951 members in 135 churches. Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson of the Birmingham Area has presided over all three conferences.

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News in Brief

Four United Methodists have been named to represent the denomination at the 1972 British Methodist Conference June 27-July 8—Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., the Rev. John F. Schaefer, New York, Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Texas, and Dr. Michael C. Watson, Bamberg, S. C. Under a concordat between the two churches, the four will be voting delegates at the British session.

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Dr. Ralph M. Tanner has been named president of United Methodist-related Birmingham-Southern College. He will succeed Charles D. Hounshell who resigned some months ago.

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Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr., dean of Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C., has been named president of the United Methodist-related school. He will succeed Dr. Paul Hardin, III, who will become president of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

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Crisis material gets trial run

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Freedom of speech and intolerance will be among the topics of a "rush" study leaflet on assassination being prepared by the United Methodist Program-Curriculum Committee.

To be available by mid-June, the study leaflet will be the first attempt of the Committee to produce "crisis materials" on short deadline. Ordinarily there is a three-year gap between the initiation of an idea and its appearance in final curriculum form.

The topic for the first crisis leaflet was suggested during a regular meeting of the Committee May 14-18 in Nashville. Three days after the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace, the Rev. John F. Norwood, a black staff member of the church's Board of Health and Welfare Ministry in Evanston, Ill., suggested the topic as a "natural" to try out the concept of producing crisis materials quickly.

Mr. Norwood, a ministerial member of the Alabama Conference, is a consultant on the Committee which has 35 voting members representing many aspects of the church's life.

According to a system instituted last December by the Program-Curriculum Committee, a short-deadline "crisis" leaflet can be produced with the consent of the Committee Chairman Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia.; the Editor of Church School Publications, Dr. Henry M. Bullock; the Executive Editor of Adult Publications, Dr. Horace R. Weaver; and the chairman of the Committee's adult section Dr. Ewart Watts. However, the entire Committee approved the first project which it said would be a "trial."

Dr. Weaver said the leaflet including a bibliography of resources, would be produced in three weeks and would be mailed free to all United Methodist district superintendents and local church coordinators of education. Quantities can then be purchased from regional service centers.

Division of Higher Education appointments made

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. David G. Mobberley, president since 1969 of Greensboro College, Greensboro, N.C., has been named acting head of the Department of Educational Institutions of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, according to an announcement by Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary.

Dr. Mobberley has been appointed to succeed Dr. Richard N. Bender, a staff member of the Board for 19 years, who has been named full-time executive director of the Association of Colleges and Universities for International - Intercultural Studies (ACUIIS).

Dr. Mobberley was professor of biology at Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa. from 1965 to 1969 before going to Greensboro College as president. He was dean at Lycoming from 1958 to 1964 before going to The American University, Washington, D.C., as dean of the College of Arts and Science.

ACUIIS was incorporated in 1967 as a consortium of United Methodist colleges organized for cooperative planning and development of international-intercultural education in the United States and abroad. Considered a "service agency" to the Division of Higher Education, ACUIIS now involves 37 member schools and a budget of more than $300,000.

Offices for ACUIIS will be located in the United Methodist Board of Education Annex at 2005 Grand Avenue in Nashville.

Among the most popular programs sponsored by ACUIIS is the Graz Center in Austria. A program in international studies based at the University of Graz was begun in 1969. Operating for two months each summer, the Graz Center has grown into a major international-intercultural program, attracting annually more than 100 American students, 12 to 15 American professors, approximately 30 European students, and a faculty of approximately 15 international scholars.

The current budget for ACUIIS includes membership dues, student fees for projects, grants from the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the United States State Department, private sources, and the United Methodist Board of Education.

While the consortium continues as a predominantly United Methodist group of colleges, the articles of incorporation define ACUIIS in such a manner that any college sharing the purposes can request membership.

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"Eunice Harrington Seminar on Major Issues" established at St. Paul

Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington of Omaha, Nebraska, has been honored for her four years' service as national president of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The executive committee of the Women's Division, which makes policy for the 1,500,000 members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, has taken action setting up a $50,000 fund in her name at Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri. It is a permanent fund to finance the "Eunie Harrington Seminar on Major Issues," proceeds from the invested fund to be used for an annual seminar with topics determined by a small committee of Saint Paul students and faculty.

Mrs. Harrington is well known to the Saint Paul community, having been a member of the Board of Trustees for many years. Long a leader in church circles, she was a delegate to the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta and chairman of its Legislative Committee on Ecumenical Affairs.

As presented by Mrs. Edward E. Sears, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Division vice-president for Finance, the fund was set up that Mrs. Harrington's "interest and influence may continue in some visible form and in deep appreciation for all the years she has devoted to the work of the Division." The executive committee said that "Eunice Harrington — as President of the Women's Division for the past four years — has given her time, energy, expertise and love in the performance of her duties and responsibilities."

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METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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

WILLIAM ALLSOPP
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brandon
JODIE ANDERSON
by Louise Francis
by Dessie Fitzhugh
MRS. GERTRUDE APPLEBY
by Judge and Mrs. Lyle Brown
MRS. MARY BYNUM
by Bill Block
WILLIAM BRANCH
by Queenie and Doris Brown
by Edna and Jessie
by Mrs. S. B. Hinkle
MRS. CARL BURKHART
by Mrs. J. M. Barnett
FRED P. BLAZER, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Maier
LONNIE BRANTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Dennis
by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. D. Leavitt
MRS. BAKER
by Dr. Clem Baker
W. J. BURROW
by C. N. Spicer
by Mr. & Mrs. Clark Smith
MRS. BENSON (Mother of Charles Benson)
by Mr. & Mrs. D. Leavitt
WM. F. BRAY
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Gammill
by Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Wilson
KELLY BOUTWELL
by Mr. & Mrs. Wiley Avery
ELMER BURTON
by Dr. & Mrs. James D. Atkinson
DR. CHAMPION
by Doris and Billy Jones
CHARLES G. CRACKETT
by Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Davis
LEONARD W. CAMPBELL
by Dick Finch
MRS. VIOLA CAPLES
by Mrs. Guy Rowland
MRS. MAUDE CONGDON
by Miss Mary Simpson
GRACE CANTRELL
by Mrs. Seth Boles
by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rice
MRS. LILLIE COFFMAN
by J. Marion Newman
HARRY F. DACE
by Mr. E. P. Blankinship
MRS. H. W. DENNIS
by Mrs. C. W. Dennis
MRS. SARAH JANE DIFFEE
by Mable and Ed Naylor
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Naylor
MRS. H. B. EZELL
by Lamplighters S.S. Class, Waldron
MRS. OTTO FLEMING
by Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Rowland
MRS. INEZ FERRY
by Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Robbins
MRS. W. F. FELTS
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Naylor
MRS. ALLIE BELLE FUNDERBURK
by Mr. & Mrs. Herrn Northcutt
MRS. A. W. GREEN (Mothers Day)
by Miss Euda M. Greene
MRS. O. D. GILLIAM
by Mr. & Mrs. Harry A. Fite
MELVIN GARDNER
by Mr. & Mrs. E. Kearney Dietz
WILLIAM E. GREEN
by Mrs. W. E. Green
BURLEIGH HUTCHINS
by Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Parkhill
ROBERT HALK
by J. Marion Newman
V. A. HIGGS
by Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Silliman
WILLIAM HENRY
by Mrs. N. T. Rutledge
MRS. LORENA HARRISON
by Mary Gilliam & Family
BRYAN ARTHUR HILL
by Mr. & Mrs. Elmo E. Dodd
EDGAR F. HARTMAN
by Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Russell
BRYAN ARTHUR HILL
by Dr. C. Allen McKnight
REV. & MRS. A. W. HAMILTON
by Mrs. Jewel H. Adams
BONNIE NUNNELLE HILL
by Chessie Henderson
MRS. JOE HALE
by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Rice
LORENZO HUNTER
by Mr. & Mrs. Turner Bradford
by Gover & Jamie Robert
by Margaret Sander
by Stella Haley
by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. B. Hight
MRS. MITTIE ISGRIG
by Col. & Mrs. Elliotte A. Stoddard
MRS. CARRIE JONES
by Mr. & Mrs. Knox Bowers
BRONIE JOLLY
by Viola Willoughey S.S. Class, McGehee
GARLAND JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spencer
by Mrs. L. H. Nutter
by Mr. & Mrs. John Palmer
E. C. JOHNSTON
by Mrs. Jewell Melton
JOE AND KAREN JOHNSON
by Hollis & Opal Haley
MR. & MRS. JOE JOHNSON
by Frances Ashcraft
CASEY JONES
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Kinard
C. B. KING
by Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Byrd
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by Mr. & Mrs. Courtney Swindler
MRS. JOHN B. McCASKILL
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MRS. C. E. McGINNIS
by Mr. & Mrs. Robt. McGinnis, Jr.
MRS. LULA CLOWERS McGEHEE
by Mr. & Mrs. Turner Bradford
by Dr. James H. Taliaferro
KIMBERLY MARTIN
by Oakley Chapel U.M.C.
MRS. MARTHA ROGERS MERCER
by Myra S. Brock
by Mr. & Mrs. T. A. Prewitt
MRS. FRANK MARTEL
by Dr. & Mrs. James D. Atkinson
MRS. EDNA NEELY
by Esther Mae and Amos Walker
ONEL OYLER
by The Dickinsons, Pat, Tony and Lois
BOB PHILLIPS
by Esther Mae and Amos Walker
JOE PEARCE
by C. N. Spicer
MRS. NEURELLE PICKENS PONDER
by Rowan Prewitt
MRS. MARIE POLLARD
by Mr. & Mrs. Earl McCarroll
MRS. ROBERT M. PEEK, SR.
by Mrs. Andrew Friberg
by Mrs. Thomas C. Owen
by Myra S. Brock
by Mrs. Bess R. Ginocchio
by Mrs. R. H. Hagan
JUDGE DU VAL L. PURKINS
by Mr. & Mrs. Hassel I. Clark
MRS. VELMA PARKS
by Mrs. Kathryn N. Rose
W. S. ROBERTS, JR.
by Bill Block
CAPTAIN ELLIS GREGORY ROBERTSON
by Mrs. Cecile J. Melton
by Josephine Swider
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stagg
MRS. ROSS ROBERTSON
by Viola Willoughey S.S. Class, McGehee
MRS. CORA ROBERTS
by Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis
H. B. RICE
by Mrs. Richard H. Davis, Sr.
JACK RIDGEWAY
by Mr. & Mrs. Van Wright
by Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Brown
MRS. VIRGINIA RUSSELL
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Horton
MORITZ SHOLLMIER
by Mr. & Mrs. Bennie J. McCoy
REV. SAM SUTHERLAND
by Mrs. Ray Powers

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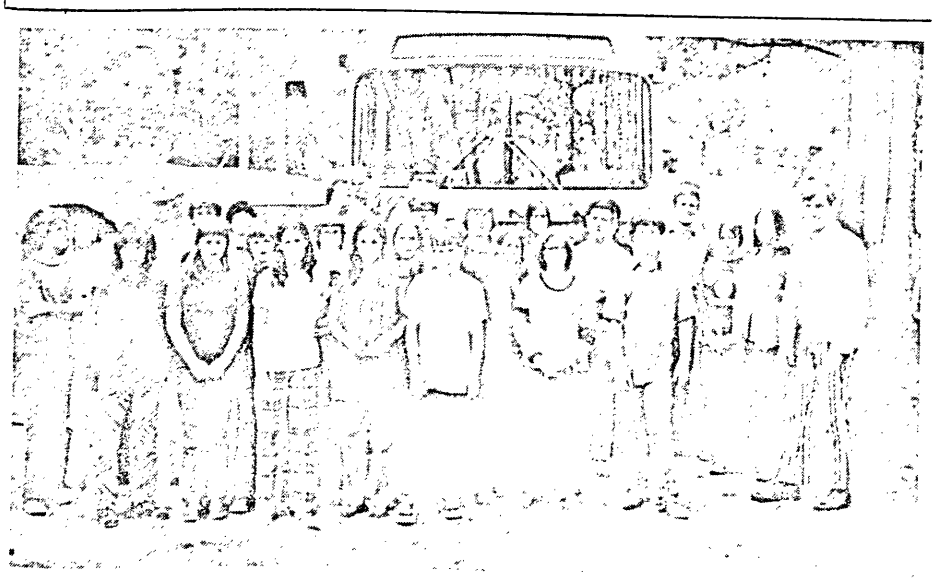
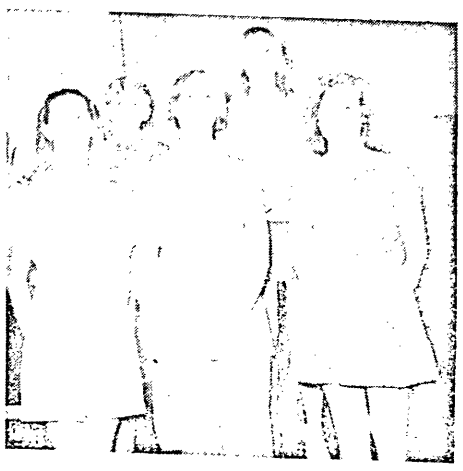
Senior High Youth of First Church, Malvern, ready for May 28th departure by chartered bus for a trip that took them to New Smyrna Beach, Fla. where they stayed at CorMeth Retreat House. Among special points of interest visited by the group were Disney World, Cape Kennedy and Silver Springs. Sponsors accompanying the group included Paul Hankins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hunt, and Miss Margaret Ann Arnold. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is pastor.



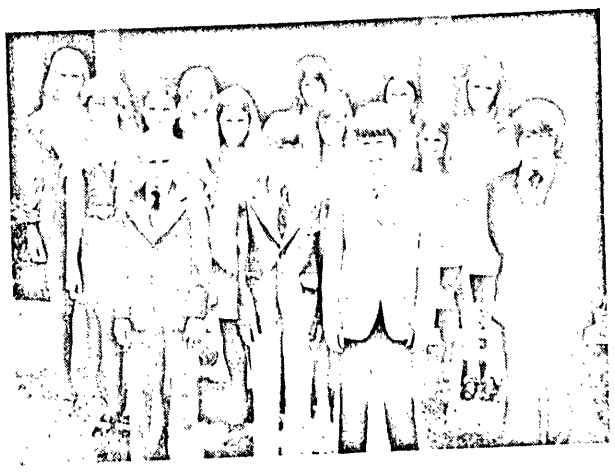
Youth and adult counselors of First Church, Monticello who recently took part in an overnight planning retreat at Ferncliff Camp near Little Rock. A fellowship team from Hendrix College, under the direction of Robert Hasley who will serve as summer youth director at Monticello, gave leadership to the group as they made plans for their summer program. The Rev. Bill Elliott is pastor at Monticello.

Pictured at right are recently installed UMYF officers at Nashville (Ark.) United Methodist Church. Senior high officers (front row, left to right) are: Nancy Pate, president; Kathy Cooley, vice president; Amanda Honeycutt, secretary-treasurer. Junior high officers (back row) are: Lee Honeycutt, president; Emily Wright, vice president; (Patti Smith, secretary-treasurer, not present for picture). In addition to the May 14 installation service, twelve graduating seniors were honored. Each received a Prayer Book from the UMYF and a copy of the Living Bible from their church.



The Youth Choir shown at right assists with the Sunday evening services at Lake Street Church in Blytheville, under the direction of Mrs. Billy King. Attendance at services has doubled with this added attraction. The Rev. L. L. Bounds is minister.

A new Confirmation approach



Confirmation Class received into membership of Trinity Church, Little Rock on Sunday, May 28 following 10-week training period. The confirmation experience this year was a departure from the usual in that the Church recruited 18 senior high youth and adults to work in small family type teams with the 18 sixth graders who participated. Dr. Joe Taylor is pastor.

Climaxing the 10-week confirmation training period was a weekend retreat at Camp Tanako. The exceptional facilities of the camp afforded the setting for a rare experience of being "the family of God." Here the group is shown in Fawcett chapel.

Some of the participants in the Trinity confirmation experience spending leisure time on the dock at Tanako.

Scene from Fawcett Chapel overlooking lake with small group of retreat party shown in foreground.

Confirmation group engaging in serious discussion in out-of-doors setting at Camp Tanako.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"I never weary of great churches. It is my favorite kind of mountain scenery. Mankind was never so happily inspired as when it made a cathedral." (Robert Louis Stevenson)

My Church

Majestically it ever stands
Upon the verdant hill
A clarion call to one and all
To do the Master's will.

The lovely chimes e'er fill our hearts
With love for all mankind,
Bring solace to some weary soul,
Help us our way to find.

We seldom pass this sacred shrine
Without a silent prayer
Just knowing what its presence means
To those who worship there.

Just sitting in our favorite pew
While music fills the air
Will bring us ever close to God
And make us glad we're there.

When restless minds have lost the way
In life's undaunted quest,
They'll find God's love a priceless balm
And church a haven of rest.

–by L. M. Frazier

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Sanctuary

When in the Sanctuary
There's a voice so kind and true,
That whispers, "Be still for I am God."
Dear friend, does this mean you?
Don't talk to others in the pew,
For you know that God is there;
But bow your head in silence
And offer up a prayer:
For your Pastor, and the Choir,
Who labor faithfully and long,
To reach souls with his sermon,
And to praise God with their song.
They offer up a prayer for self,
We need it every day.
So, when in the Sanctuary, be still,
Do not forget to pray.

–by Helen Johnson

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In Church

I sat alone in church today
And thought about our Lord;
How wonderful are all His ways,
How marvelous His word!

The organ throbbed a glorious song,
The tower bells then rang,
The worshippers soon came along –
Together we all sang!

–by Amy T. Oliver

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