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Office of the Bishop

Greetings to our new family:

Now that the anxiety of our new appointment is past, we are delighted and appreciative of the opportunity to become a part of the United Methodist family in Arkansas. As far as we are concerned, this is a divinely guided mission. Wilma and I tried to remain open to God's guidance but we are so grateful that His guidance brought us to this beautiful "land of opportunity".

Because we love this country, because we know of your love and service to Christ, and because you have already been generous beyond all measure in your loving welcome to us, we thank God for this new and exciting chance to serve Christ.

Sincerely,

Gene and Wilma Frank



North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly August 5-6

James M. Walker, president of the South Central Jurisdiction Board of the Laity and recently elected chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of the Episcopacy, will be the key lay speaker for the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly to be held at Mt. Sequoyah Aug. 5-6. He will speak on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who comes from Missouri to serve the Arkansas area as presiding bishop, plans to be present for the assembly and will speak during the Sunday morning, 11:00 o'clock worship service, according to E. Clay Bumpers, conference lay leader.

The theme for this year's assembly will be, "Let The Redeemed Of The Lord Say So." Registration will get under way at 1 p.m. on Aug. 5, and the program will begin with a meditation by James W. Lane, recently elected lay leader of the Conway District. The Saturday afternoon program will focus on a discussion of the recent General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Advance registration for the event is not necessary except for making room arrangements. Each request stating type of room desired should be accompanied by a check in the amount of \$2.50, and should be sent to the Rev. Lee Cate, Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701. If cancellation becomes necessary money will be refunded.



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Bishop Eugene M. Frank, new resident bishop of the Arkansas Area, is shown with Bishop Paul V. Galloway as they conferred briefly in Little Rock Monday morning.

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The sanctuary of Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church was dedicated Sunday afternoon, July 2. Participating in the special service were the Rev. Don Russell Williams, pastor; Dr. Virgil Keeley, who presented the sermon entitled, "The Cause of Church Membership," and Dr. Clifton Rule. A new education building, fellowship hall and kitchen will be added in the near future.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE ARKANSAS AREA

Dear Friends:

All of you have been gracious and good. We have loved being here. We are grateful for your loyalty and generosity. Dinners, gifts, and expressions of friendship and Christian fellowship have added to our high appreciation of you and our thanks to God for letting us have these wonderful years with you.

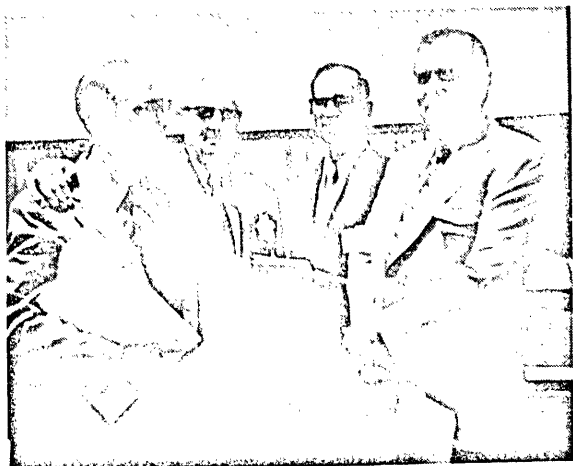
I am glad that Bishop and Mrs. Frank can be with you. They are our good friends and will find great joy being with you. You will love them and have continued growth in their leadership fellowship.

May God continue to bless, use and keep you.

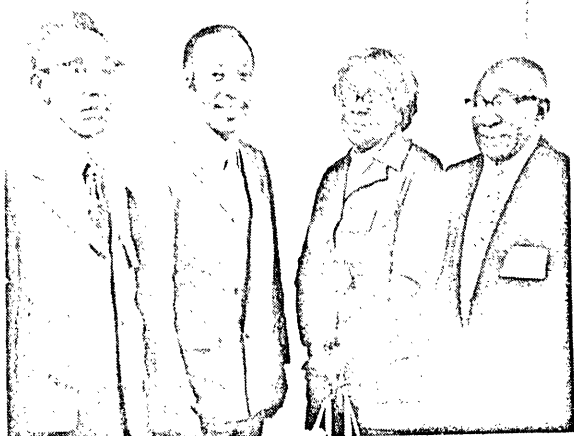
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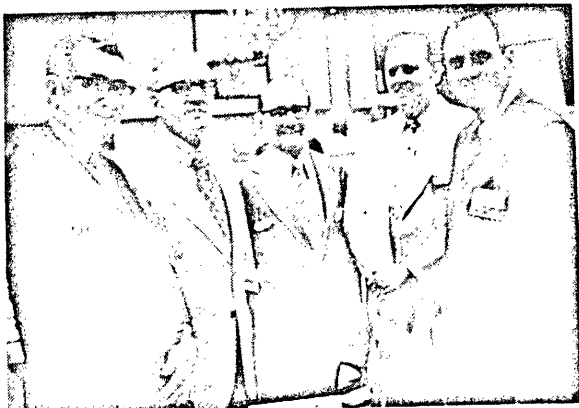
Seen at Jurisdiction Conference in Houston



Bishop Galloway, second from left, visited at the Jurisdictional Conference with the Rev. James E. Major, the Rev. Roy Mouser of the Louisiana Conference, and Dr. J. Edward Dunlap.



Southwest Conference delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference (from left): G. James Washington, Dr. Negail Riley, Mrs. Alice Preston, and Dr. W. D. Lester.



Arkansas delegates visiting during a break in the business session were (from left): H. H. Fulbright, Dr. Alvin C. Murray, the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, and the Rev. George W. Martin.



Dr. Joel A. Cooper and the Rev. Charles P. McDonald are shown on the floor of the Jurisdictional Conference.

FORMER BAPTIST EDITOR NAMED CONSULTANT ON NCCJ STAFF

The appointment of Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, of North Little Rock, as a

consultant on the staff of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., has been announced by Dr. William L. Pharr, regional director of NCCJ for Arkansas.

McDonald retired recently as editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, and is now religion editor of the Arkansas Democrat. He will continue with the Democrat and will work with NCCJ as time is available, Pharr said.

Commending NCCJ for its achievements in helping to create better understanding among people of all religious faiths, McDonald said that he planned to travel the state in furtherance of the organization's programs.

TELEVISION FEATURE

"Arkansas-July," the television monthly documentary on Channel 7, Little Rock, on July 29 will feature the recent medical camp held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp the week of July 3rd. Mark it on your calendar and watch for it.



Bishop and Mrs. Frank are shown at the Thursday evening banquet honoring the retiring bishops at the Jurisdictional Conference.

from page one **BISHOP FRANK**

dent of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church.

He was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway, in 1961, in London in 1966, and in Denver in 1971. He participated in the World Family Life Conference, Birmingham, Eng., 1966, and at Estes

Park, Colo. in 1971.

The other children of Bishop and Mrs. Frank are Mrs. Michael Pomerantz of Hartford, Ct., a member of the faculty of Trinity College; Mrs. Lewis D. Noonan of Kansas City and Thomas E. Frank, a second year student at Candler School of Theology.

Adult Ministries training events at Mt. Sequoyah, July 24-August 4

Three separate Adult Ministries Training events will be available at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly for United Methodist leaders in the South Central Jurisdiction.

The first event will be ADULT MINISTRIES I, July 24-28, for Conference and District workers in Evangelism, Health and Welfare Ministries, Stewardship, Social Concerns, and Worship.

Event number two will be in the form of an ADULT MINISTRIES WEEKEND, July 28-30, for Local Church Workers in all areas of the Local Church Council on Ministries.

Concluding the series will be ADULT MINISTRIES II, July 31-August 4, for Conference and District Workers in Ecumenical Affairs, Education, Interpretation and Missions.

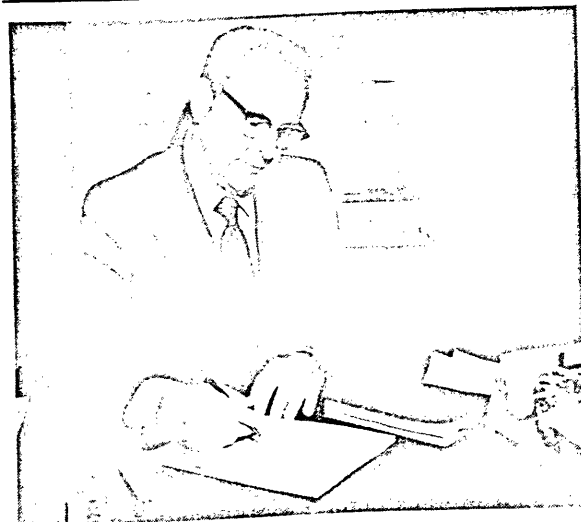
Adult Ministries I (July 24-28) will feature the 1972 Mt. Sequoyah Willson Lectures to be presented by Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., former pastor at First United Methodist Church, Dallas, who was one of four elected to the Episcopacy during last week's Jurisdictional Conference in Houston. Bishop Goodrich has been assigned to serve the Missouri Area to succeed

Arkansas' new Resident Bishop Eugene M. Frank. His lecture theme will be "Affirming the Church's Mission."

The Weekend for Local Church Workers (July 28-30) and Adult Ministries II (July 28-August 4) will feature Dr. J. Harry Haines of UMCOR in lectures on "Windows of the World," including "Mao's China — One-Fourth of Humanity," "Africa—Turbulence and Promise," "Bangladesh—People in Agony," and "Latin America—Revolution and Change."

Thirty-five outstanding leaders in all facets of the church's ministry will participate in the three events during the two-week period from July 24-August 4, including Dr. and Mrs. Hendrix Townsley, Delhi (India) District superintendent and wife, who will teach the church-wide study course on India; and Dr. Grover C. Bagby, associate general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, who will teach the course on "The Church and State."

Adult Lab and Seminar work will be offered in Adult Ministries II with the Rev. Joseph E. Taylor, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock, as Lab director.



The Rev. Charles Walcott, pastor of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be the vespers leader for Elementary Camp no. 2 at Tanako, Aug. 14-18. The Rev. James Richardson, assisted by the college staff will direct the camp. Study sessions will focus on the theme, "Finding Your Way Through the Bible."

Excerpts from the Episcopal Address

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Episcopal Address at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference was delivered by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton. We are honored to share excerpts from this message on the editorial page this week. AAK)

"We are pleased that, seemingly, we have entered upon an entirely new relationship with the government of the People's Republic of China, and greatly eased the tensions between our nation and the Soviet Union. We would like to express our appreciation to President Nixon and those who are working with him in these renewed efforts to attain a larger assurance of peace in the world."

"The breakdown of traditional moral and spiritual standards and the emergence of the so-called 'new morality,' with its sex explosion, the increased use of drugs and alcohol, and permissiveness in general, the growing resistance to all authority and discipline, with specific attacks upon the church as an outmoded institution, irrelevant and uninvolved in the society of today, have presented problems which have been difficult to solve."

"We purpose at this time to share with you our concern for certain matters of unfinished business in the program of the church, and our faith and hope regarding the opportunities and responsibilities which are ours in the immediate and long-range future."

"We are glad to report that we have completed the task of merging the annual conferences of the former Central Jurisdiction with the annual conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction within whose boundaries they were geographically located."

"It is true that we have not removed segregation in all its forms from the church but, through these mergers, we have brought into existence an ecclesiastical structure on the annual conference and district levels in which black and white are joined in a spiritual fellowship."

"There is not a major city in the jurisdiction that does not have a sizable Hispanic population. Throughout these Spanish-speaking communities there is evident an awakened pride in heritage and culture, a new consciousness of identity, and a vigorous resolve for achievement of a full measure of self-determination. Our ministry to these Hispanic people must be re-evaluated and expanded."

"The United Methodist Church is preparing to respond actively to the proposals for a global evangelistic effort adopted by the World Methodist Council in its meeting last summer in Denver. This plan is a call to the church to cooperate in prayerful participation in a period of intense world-wide witness and evangelism. This effort will be initiated through the Key '73 program. . . . This evangelistic movement, involving more than 100 North American Christian groups, has adopted an official theme and approved a year-long emphasis for 1973. . . . 'Key '73: Calling our Continent to Christ.'"

"From the General Board of Education to the Council on Ministries in the local church, United Methodist people are seriously concerned with the losses in church school enrollment and attendance, and with the decrease in the use of curriculum resources in the local church. . . . Some way must be discovered, and perhaps this may best be realized on the local level, by which the Methodists of this generation may be awakened to the absolute necessity and the spiritual value of religious training for the Christian life."

"We call attention, therefore, to the agencies and institutions available to us for the promotion of Christian education in the South Central Jurisdiction. Our church schools and related programs in the local church, our mission schools, our church colleges, both black and white, our Methodist universities, and our two outstanding schools of theology offer their dedicated resources to us and implore our generous support to the end that Christian education may go forward with renewed emphasis and increasing effectiveness in the quadrennium which is before us."

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"It is the opinion of your bishops that a pressing need of this hour is that Christian ministers should exercise more fully their responsibilities in the field of Christian education, and avail themselves of the teaching opportunities which are theirs for the asking. The doors to a greater and more rewarding ministry are wide open to pastors who will enter these areas of Christian service with understanding and dedication."

"The teaching opportunities of the pulpit, the contacts with the people through the work of a faithful pastor; the counseling with persons representing all areas of human need; the avenues of community service; the responsibilities for discovering, enlisting, and training other teachers; the sharing of their leaders in the planning of a curriculum of Christian education for their congregations and communities; and the challenge to put into operation new and more relevant methods of teaching are all at the disposal of our pastors today."

"In the realm of ministerial education we are fortunate in our jurisdiction in having two well-established schools of theology dedicated to the training of ministerial leadership for the church. Both of these institutions are carrying on meaningful programs of continuing education and providing educational opportunities for ministers who have not been privileged to have had seminary training."

"A grateful word of commendation is in order for the generous support that has been given to the Ministerial Education Fund which has been a substantial aid to these seminaries in their service to the church. We particularly commend these schools for the emphasis which they are placing upon the preparation of men and women for the parish ministry."

"Given awakened, dedicated, and trained ministers and church members, the avenues to Christian service are practically unlimited. This is the manner in which the church of today may obey the commandment to love God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Through the program of Christian ministry offered in the areas of mission, social concerns, health and welfare, discipleship, the work of men, women, and youth groups, and all other agencies of the General, Jurisdictional, and Annual Conferences, the entire membership of the local church is offered opportunities and responsibilities in abundance for the proclamation of the gospel and for its application to the needs of every aspect of human society."

"This is the ongoing program of The United Methodist Church, and to an understanding of it and a commitment and devoted loyalty to it, we call the membership of this jurisdiction."

"It is the hope and prayer of your bishops that, as we face the many problems before us in this new quadrennium, there shall be no note of defeatism sounded in our ranks, but that, rooted in Christian faith, undergirded by the love of Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we shall go forward to claim this decade of the seventies for our Lord and Master, and to bring the blessings of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to our jurisdiction during these years."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Robert L. Wilson, research professor of church and society at Duke University Divinity School, says the United Methodist Church faces a surplus of parish pastors. Noting that the number of Methodist ministers rose by almost 10 per cent in the 1960s while the number of parish pastoral posts declined by more than 8 per cent, he said the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodists in the 1960s also brought about a decrease in the number of churches, with mergers of congregations leading to actual closing of some churches of each denomination.

Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania has submitted a resolution to the U.S. Senate that would authorize the President to proclaim the first Sunday in December as "National Fellowship Day." Scott noted that the observance is intended to encourage people to attend worship services at the churches and synagogues of their neighbors on that day, with white families inviting black families to dinner, and vice versa.

In a 2-to-1 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals has ruled that compulsory chapel attendance at the three U.S. military academies violates the First Amendment prohibition against establishment of religion and therefore is unconstitutional. Compulsory chapel attendance was upheld by the U.S. District Court (Washington, D.C.) in July 1970 and was appealed to the higher court by the plaintiffs. The Department of Defense could now appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, but unless a stay is granted, the appeals court decision puts an immediate end to chapel attendance requirements. Defense officials have firmly defended the compulsory chapel attendance on grounds that exposure to religion contributes to the moral and character development necessary in producing good military officers.

Decision, the magazine, published in Minneapolis by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Assn.; passed the 4.5-million circulation mark in June and is projected to reach 5.2 million in October or November. If it does, it will exceed the circulation of Life magazine, according to George M. Wilson, managing editor and executive vice-president. This figure includes only the edition for the U.S. and Canada.

A new organization called Parents for Nonpublic Education has received a \$100,000 grant from the Knights of Columbus, international fraternal society of Catholic men. The association was formed to lend support to an interreligious organization called Citizens' Relief for Education by Income Tax (CREDIT), according to Robert N. Lynch, executive director. CREDIT, he said, also stresses the right of parents to educate their children in accord with their religious conscience and emphasizes the value of non-public schools in a pluralistic society.

A Christian Century survey, based on statistics and attitudes gleaned from the National Norms for Entering College Freshmen for the Fall of 1969, indicates that the children of clergymen "fairly well" fit the stereotype of "preachers' kids." The report says that the sons and daughters of Protestant, Jewish and "other" clerics are generally academically superior, high achievers, committed to humanitarian principles and seeking to benefit society.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has revamped the administration of its missionary program to cope with its mushrooming growth. During the past 12 years the Church's membership has increased by 94 per cent Worldwide, thus placing a strain on the Quorum of 12 Apostles—governing body of the Mormon Church which supervises the over-all missionary program. Under the new arrangement, the Quorum will continue to make policy decisions affecting missionary work, but much of the "paperwork" and supervisory details will be placed in the hands of other groups and specialists in the Church.

For the first time in history, the regular assemblies of the Waldenian Evangelical Church of Italy and the Italian Methodist Conference will hold joint sessions when they assemble Aug. 20-25. Two co-chairmen will preside over the sessions which will deal with such common issues as church-state questions, evangelism and relations with the dominant Roman Catholic Church. Waldensians, who are Presbyterian in theology, trace their origin to the 12th Century.

The American Baptist Convention has decided to resume its endorsements of chaplains for the Navy after a three-month suspension. The decision follows assurance by Navy Under-Secretary Frank Sanders and Navy Chief of Chaplains (Adm.) Frank Garrett that the Navy will refer all future moral cases "to the religious body involved in concert with established procedures and communications." The action followed the court-martial and reassignment of Navy Chaplain (Cmdr.) Andrew F. Jensen, a victim of a "trumped up" morals charge.

A \$3-million retirement village will be built near Muncie, Indiana within two years by Presbyterian Housing Program, Inc. The village will cover from three to four acres of a 40-acre plot recently donated to the project, and will comprise about 150 units which will house around 210 persons. It will serve only retired persons, including couples, who are at least 62 years old, under a "life-lease" contract.

For some time, the Southern Baptist Annuity Board has had a policy against investing in liquor, tobacco and motion-picture industries. This has been broadened to include investment in hotels and motels, since most serve alcohol, and in movie theaters. New guidelines also bar investments in "those companies known to be non-cooperative with fair-employment practices, improvement of pollution problems and generally recognized social, health, and other national issues."

Britain's Methodist Church lost more than 50,000 members in the last three years but the "Community Roll" increased by nearly 118,000, according to a report presented to the 1972 Methodist Conference by the Church Membership Committee. This data is the first to be published since 1969, when the Conference decided to have triennial membership returns in the future instead of annual reports. It also authorized, for the first time, the publication of a "Community Roll," giving the numbers of people known to attend Methodist churches and, therefore, under pastoral care, irrespective of whether or not they were registered members.

The Anglican Church in Burundi has lost at least one-third of its pastors in an uprising which began in April in the East African state, according to reports received in London. Many male nurses, male teachers and evangelists working in outlying districts have been "taken," the reports said. One story of Christian witness and martyrdom tells of a primary school headmaster, about to be shot, asking for a few minutes of respite. He then sang the hymn, "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus I Come." At the end of the fourth verse, the report said, the soldiers hesitated, then shot him.

Barbara Walters, NBC television commentator, and Princess Grace of Monaco have been named by Catholic Daughters of America to receive awards for good taste in dress. Miss Mary C. Kanane of Union, N.J., national regent of the 200,000 member organization, voiced appreciation for Miss Walters' "example of modesty in the medium which so affects our lives and that of our children at a time when we find it so difficult to instill in them meaningful values."

During its annual meeting, the 880-member Ministerial Assn. of the Evangelical Free Church of America, headquartered in Richfield, Minn. cautioned Free Church youth and adults against dabbling in astrology and "spiritism" and urged them to "exhibit love and the grace of God to the practicing homosexual in our society while helping him to understand his sin and need for cleansing and deliverance by the power of the blood of Christ."

The Maine Conference of the United Methodist Church has approved a resolution asking that the federal government restore to the Passamaquoddy Indian tribe all "land illegally taken, leased or sold." The 200 clergy and lay delegates also urged that the Passamaquoddy "be made a federal tribe in accord with their desires." The tribe is claiming land within the state which it says was taken in 1794 when Maine was part of Massachusetts, and also requests recognition as coming under federal regulations instead of remaining as a ward of the State of Maine.

Madalyn O'Hair, self-appointed and outspoken leader of American Atheists wrote Congressman Gene Snyder saying, "There are more atheists in America than in any other country and there are more in each state than there are Christians." In support of her contention she added, "Go to church next Sunday and count the empty seats."

(RNS Photo)



NEW YORK — Rows of public school pupils with heads bowed and eyes closed participate in school-organized prayer legally banned a decade ago. The initial U.S. Supreme Court ban on state-sponsored prayer came on June 25, 1962. State provisions for recitation of the Lord's Prayer and devotional reading of the Bible were barred a year later. Voluntary prayer encouraged by school boards was outlawed in 1971. Times of voluntary prayer outside of class hours and conducted by students without any degree of encouragement from officials or teachers today takes place in some areas. This approach has not been tested in the high Court and is currently considered legal.

ABOVE ALL—CHRIST

The 1972 Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity will be conducted Aug. 16-18, 1972, at the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Around the theme of "Above All — Christ!", speakers like Bishop Kenneth Copeland, Dr. J. T. Seamands, the Rev. Walter Albritton, Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, the Rev. Maurice King, and others will be giving Spirit-directed messages.

Practical training is being offered in elective seminars on a wide range of significant topics. These will be led by a first-rate group of evangelicals including Dr. Alfred Price, Mrs. Virginia Law, Howard Ball, Dr. David Seamands, and Dr. Charles Kellogg.

Special events are planned for the youth. Registration fee is \$15 per person, \$25 for husband and wife, \$5 for student. The registration fee does not include hotel and meals.

Registration should be sent to: John W. Morris, Registrar, 1972 Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity, P. O. Box 973, St. Louis, 63188.

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LAY WITNESS COACHING CONFERENCE

A Lay Witness Coaching Confer-

Program Directors to Local Churches

ence will be conducted at Rosewood United Methodist Church, 2303 East Barton, West Memphis, Ark. 72301, Aug. 25-26, 1972. This program is sponsored by the Forrest City District and the Department of Koinonia Ministries, General Board of Evangelism, United Methodist Church.

Leader for this conference will be Vance Archer of Nashville, Tenn. Vance is the associate director of the Koinonia Ministries Department of the General Board of Evangelism. He is a layman and has been on the staff for eight years in various capacities. His present work is directly associated with the Lay Witness Movement.

The conference will begin with registration Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. and the evening meal at 6 p.m. The

conference will conclude Saturday at 3 p.m. Total cost for each participant will be \$5 which includes registration and two meals provided by the host church. Lodging is available at no cost in the homes of local people. Information regarding nearby hotels and motels will be provided upon request for those who wish to stay in them. Registrar for this conference is Mrs. William Johnson, 528 Burns Street, West Memphis, Ark. 72301.

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UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR OF ENGLAND

This series of uniquely Methodist tours originated in 1970 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore Annual

Conference. The basic itinerary was devised by Dr. Frank Baker, professor of English Church History at Duke Divinity School. The tour director is the Rev. Frank Wanek, a member of the Baltimore Conference.

Dates of the tour are Nov. 1-9, 1972 (9 days). \$525 from New Orleans / Shreveport / Jackson / Little Rock. (Departure cities dependent upon a minimum of 70 passengers boarding). A minimum deposit of \$25 is required to reserve your place on the Tour, and full payment should be made not later than Sept. 15. Remittances should be made payable to: United Methodist Heritage Tour, and mailed to: United Methodist Heritage Tour, P. O. Box 4111, Monroe, La. 71201.

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TAPES OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

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The North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly

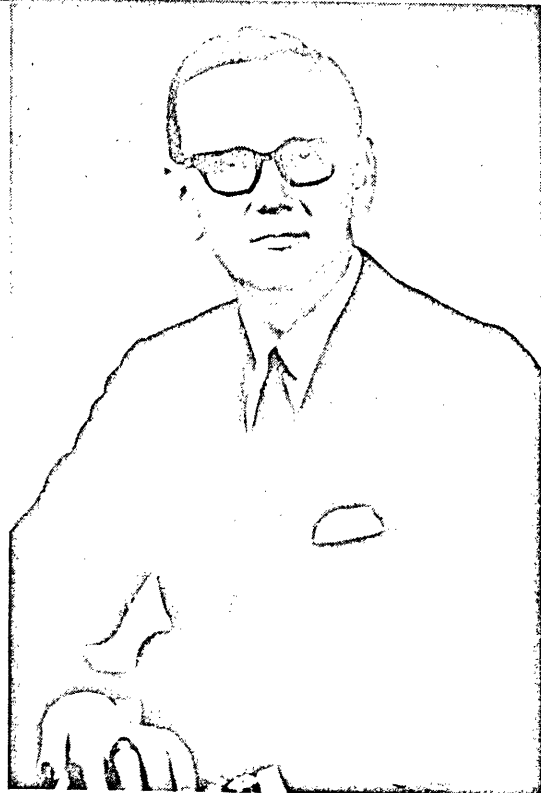
Hendrix College Campus
July 31 - August 4, 1972



Allen Kimbrough
of Siloam Springs,
chairman, Conference
UMYF Council

THEME:

"Stepping to the
Beat of a
Different Drummer"



The Rev. Merle A. Johnson, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, will make daily presentations on Methodist Beliefs and Doctrines from 9-10:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday, and youth will have the opportunity to inter-act to the presentations.

PURPOSE:

Fun, fellowship, worship,
inspiration, involvement,
and growth in Christian faith
and commitment

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Any youth who has completed
grades 9, 10, 11, or 12
in high school

Detach and mail to: Program Council - North Arkansas Conference, 715 Center, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

REGISTRATION FORM — North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly

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NEWS and NOTES

THE "NOW SINGERS" of First Church, Benton, are giving repeat performances of their musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." They presented it at the June 29 meeting of the sub-district UMY. Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor's wife, directs the 50 youth. Emory Reed sings the part of Joseph.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF OSCEOLA'S First Church visited Methodist centers and other points of interest in the Nashville, Tenn., area when they made a three-day trip June 29-July 1. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is their pastor.

AT LONOKE, the Koinonia Singers under the direction of Pam Alagood are singing each Sunday morning during the summer. The Kairos Group from Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, were guests at Lonoke, June 18, when they presented "A Celebration of Joy for Good Times, Bad Times, and the Now Times." The Rev. Mike Clayton is the Lonoke minister.

RICK BONFIM, folk singer from South America, will give a program in First Church, Forrest City on Sunday, July 30.

HELENA UMYF members were hosts, July 2 and 3, to a group of 24 junior high school students from Berea, Ohio, who were bicycling from St. Louis to New Orleans.

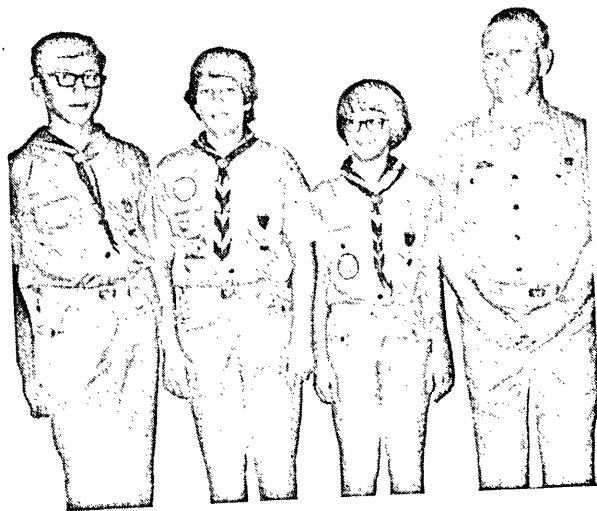
CONWAY YOUNG PEOPLE visited Annual Conference in Fort Smith and followed that with a visit to an Indian mission church in Stilwell, Okla. The Rev. Bill Williams, associate pastor, accompanied the group.

MISS HALLA TOBLASKI, a junior at Murray State College, Murray, Ky., is summer youth director in Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Jim Keith is the pastor.

THE YOUTH OF ST. PAUL Church, Fort Smith, plan a trip to Dallas later in the summer. Ronald Garner and Brenda Summers are working with the junior high and senior high youth. The Rev. W. L. Douglas is pastor.

THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT UMY pledge to the Youth Service Fund was erroneously printed in the last issue as being \$872. This amount is only an estimate which the officers made at a recent council meeting. The actual pledge for 1973 will be made this fall in a pledge service, according to Arkadelphia District Youth Coordinator Ruth E. Smith.

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John Page (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Page, Steve Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rogers, and Bill Nesbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvie A. Nesbitt, recently received their God and Country Award in a special ceremony at the Vantrease United Methodist Church in El Dorado. All three are members of Troop 13 of the De Soto Area Council. Their Scoutmaster, E. E. Bomar is on the far right. The Rev. Kirvin Hale, now of Hazen served as counselor for the scouts.



Susan Gladdin, member of the North Arkansas Council on Youth Ministries, is shown attending a class during the Jurisdictional Training Event in Youth Ministries held June 26-July 4 at Mt. Sequoyah. Miss Gladdin is also a member of the Jurisdictional Youth Team and will work on the planning for the event in 1973. An active member of First Church, Helena, Susan will be a senior in high school this fall.

HENRY SANDERS has been custodian of the Lakeside United Methodist Church in Lake Village for 29 years. He is presently working with the Rev. Clyde Swift. His two sons are in A.M. and N. College, Pine Bluff. Henry Jr. is a senior and Sam, to be a freshman, was recently awarded the Rosenzweig Scholarship, the first Black to receive it. Mrs. Sanders died in 1962. Mr. Sanders recently became custodian of the Lake Village Baptist Church, while continuing to serve the United Methodists.



DAVID COX of Morrow, University of Arkansas student, is working with the youth in Mansfield United Methodist Church this summer. He is also employed at the Bank of Mansfield. The Rev. Robert L. Hester is the pastor.

BONDA SUE DEERE has resigned as Director of Education in the First United Methodist Church of Camden, effective August 1, and will serve the Jacksonville First Church in the same capacity.

MARYSVILLE-SILVERHILL United Methodist Youth held the biennial election of officers, July 9. Re-elected as president and vice-president were Bob Sewell and Kathy McKinnon. Karen Brown was voted secretary, and Janet Watson, treasurer. Arlene Giles is reporter and Rodney Andrews is representative to the Sub-District UMY. The Rev. Fred Haus- tein is their pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

July 23—Sunday	Matt. 5:13-48
July 24	Rom. 12:9-18
July 25	1 Cor. 13:1-13
July 26	Eph. 4:17-32
July 27	Philp. 4:5-13
July 28	Heb. 6:9-12
July 29	Heb. 10:23-39
July 30—Sunday	Eph. 6:10-18

THE CHRISTIAN EDITION singers of First Church, Jonesboro, directed by Robert Fuller, sang in St. Luke's United Methodist Church at Memphis, June 25. A ride on the Mississippi on the "Memphis Queen" was included in the overnight trip.

THE BRINKLEY YOUTH CHOIR presented their musical "It's All About Love" in the Holly Grove United Methodist Church, June 25, and also at the youth encampment at Bear Creek Lake on Monday, June 19. The Rev. John Chapman is their pastor.

P. K. KORNER

CHRISTOPHER RONALD RUTH was born to Ron and Ophelia Ruth of Des Arc on June 13. Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Ruth of Des Arc and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Moore of Mulberry.

TERRY MATTHEW NANCE was born on July 5 to the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Nance of Wheatley. They have another son, Charles Wesley, age 3. Mr. Nance is pastor of the Wheatley and Salem Churches in the Forrest City District.

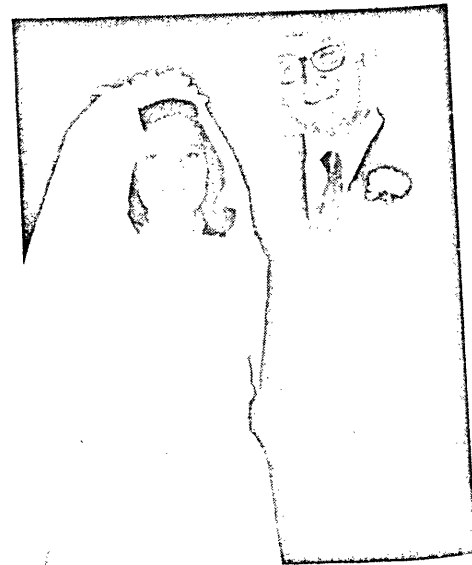
P. K. receives Ph.D.

Roy C. Weatherford, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Frank C. Weatherford of Leachville, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree June 15, at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Roy graduated from Newport High School in 1960 while his father was pastor of the Umsted Memorial Church. He received his B.A. degree, with High Honors, from Arkansas Polytechnic College in Russellville in 1964. Upon graduation, he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Army Intelligence and Security Division. He also was awarded a Danforth Foundation Fellowship to study Philosophy at Harvard University.

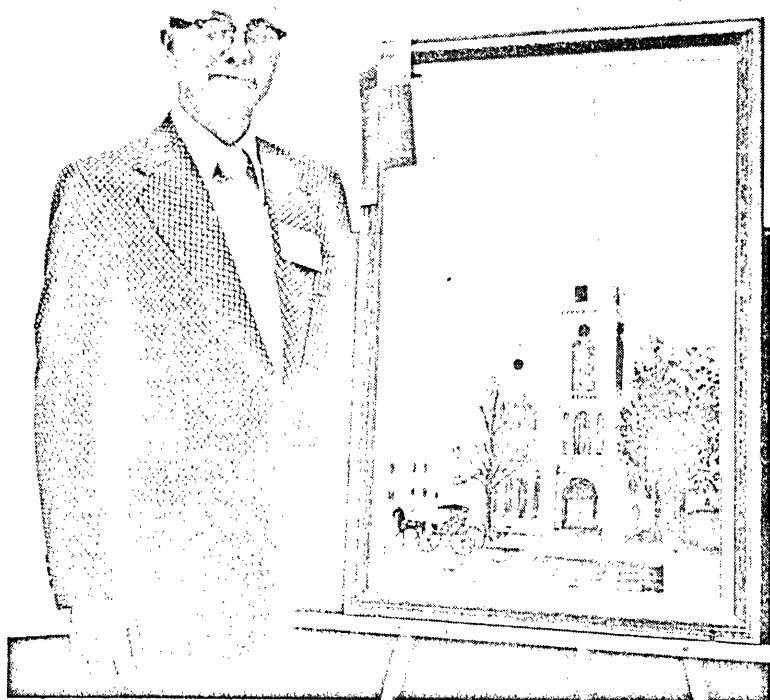
His wife is the former Doris Barge, of Pottsville, and after a visit with relatives and friends in Arkansas, they will be moving to Tampa, Florida, where Roy has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida.

MARLA DIANE EASON was born on July 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dallas Eason of Hope, their second child. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tharp of Dermott and the Rev. and Mrs. Alf A. Eason of Little Rock, where he is director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council.



Tragedy befell the happy couple shown above, less than a week later. Linda Rae Hawkins of Wynne, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hawkins of Charleston, became the bride of Owen Junior Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis of Wynne, on Friday, June 30 in the McElroy United Methodist Church. The vows were read by the Rev. William Wilder of Wynne and the bride's father. On July 4 the bridegroom was killed in an accident in Wynne while putting up a TV antenna.

JULY 20, 1972



Dr. Arthur Terry, now of Mabelvale and formerly superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, is shown with the painting of the old First Methodist Church in Pine Bluff by Zada Simpson. Mrs. Simpson's painting was on display during the recent Little Rock Annual Conference. She painted it from pictures and the old building (which had been remodeled into offices) before it was demolished recently. The painting now hangs in the Pine Bluff district parsonage. Mrs. Simpson is a member of Lodges Corner United Methodist Church. Her mailing address is Box 389, DeWitt, Ark. 72042.

Financial Statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
WOMENS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE & WESLEYAN SERVICE
GUILD
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
January 1 - June 30, 1972

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$39,250.99	\$10,530.09	
Special Memberships	1,692.00	600.00	
In Remembrance	265.25	17.50	
World Thank Offering	196.53	89.24	
Total Received on Pledge	\$41,404.77	\$11,236.83	\$52,641.60
Miscellaneous		10.06	
Supplemental	141.95	55.68	
Call to Prayer	4,436.58	1,417.08	
Interest on Savings	330.00		
Magazine & Picture Fund		63.00	
School of Mission Fund	444.00	270.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	151.90	78.00	
Bernice Rogers Special Fund	1,101.18	439.47	
Total Other Income	\$ 6,605.61	\$ 2,333.29	8,938.90
Total Receipts			\$61,580.50
Balance, January 1, 1972			7,626.29
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total to be Accounted for			\$75,206.79
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pledge to Mission	\$35,959.20	9,819.78	
Special Memberships	1,687.00	600.00	
In Remembrance	265.25	17.50	
World Thank Offering	196.53	89.24	
Total Paid on Pledge	\$38,107.98	\$10,526.52	\$48,634.50
Supplemental	141.95	55.68	
Call to Prayer	4,436.58	1,417.08	
Magazine & Picture Fund		63.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	151.90	78.00	
Conference Cultivation	3,228.80	1,067.72	
District Cultivation	1,320.00	430.00	
Bernice Rogers Fund	431.88	96.77	
Total Other Disbursements	\$ 9,711.11	\$ 3,208.25	12,919.36
Total Disbursements			\$61,553.86
Balance June 30, 1972			7,652.93
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total Amount Accounted For			\$75,206.79

Mrs. James E. Nix
Conference Treasurer

Training available for leaders of mission and Bible studies

United Methodists of Arkansas will hold two Schools of Christian Mission next week on the campus of Hendrix College, Conway. Church leaders across the state will be trained to lead two mission courses and a Bible course in local churches during the coming year.

The mid-week three day school will be Wednesday through Friday, July 26-28. The weekend school will be July 29 and 30.

The Bible course is on the **Book of Romans**. The lecturer will be Dr. Lee C. Moorehead, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Green Bay, Wis. Dr. Moorehead, a former professor at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo., has taught Bible courses in Arkansas at two previous schools.

Mission courses will include a study of "India: One-Sixth of the World's People", and "Faith and Justice". Eight out-of-state leaders will teach sections of students enrolled in the two courses.

Leading the study of India will be: Dr. Harold D. Neel, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., and former staff member of the Board of Missions in New York; Mrs. H. Olin Troy of Chattanooga, Tenn., born of missionary parents in China, is on the United Methodist Board of Missions and a national leader in Church Women United; the Rev. Bill M. Kent is pastor of First United Methodist Church, Stratford, Tex., has been a

missionary in Bolivia, and has accompanied three evangelistic teams to India since 1970.

The five teachers for "Faith and Justice" will be: Mrs. Fred Pfisterer of Louisville, Ky., who was on the faculty at Conway last summer and was keynote speaker at the Annual WSCS Meeting in Blytheville last fall; The Rev. E. Edwin LeMaster, dean of Sue Bennett College, London, Ky., and former missionary to Angola, Africa; Mrs. J. LaVon Wilson, teacher of vocal music and humanities at the Springfield, Ill., public schools, who has previously taught in the Arkansas School of Mission; the Rev. John F. Norwood, director of the Department of Local Church Ministries with the United Methodist General Board of Health and Welfare Services with headquarters in Nashville; and the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger of Washington, D.C., assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The schools are being sponsored by both Annual Conferences of Arkansas and are open to men, women and youth. Mrs. Ben F. Jordan of Conway is dean of both schools, the Rev. Arvill Brannon of North Little Rock is associate dean, Mrs. Louis H. Fish of Little Rock is treasurer, and the registrar is Mrs. Julia Freeman, 118 N. 17th St., Ft. Smith, Ark. 72901. The fee for the three-day school is \$15.00, and \$8.75 for the weekend school.

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Missionary doctors locate in Ohio

Drs. Charles and Wilma Perrill are United Methodist missionaries who ministered in India for 30 years. Both doctors spoke in Arkansas churches in 1968. They left their last assignment at Creighton Freeman Hospital in Vrindaban, India, last year for Dr. Wilma to have open heart surgery in the States. This recent letter brings their latest status.

312 W. Seventh Street
Lakeside, Ohio 43440
May 21, 1972

Dear Friends:

After living and working in India for thirty years we have with deep regrets withdrawn and are now on "leave of absence." During our last year in India I suffered two severe heart attacks and just a year ago was brought back and met by ambulance in Philadelphia. In July I underwent extensive cardiac surgery in the Cleveland Clinic. The operation was life saving but only partial recovery followed and since I must now live a rather physically restricted life it is not possible for us to return to our hospital in Vrindaban. But we are glad to be able to tell you that the work is going on under capable hands - many of them having worked under us as our students. It gives us a measure of joy to know that our work accomplished something and our Indian students and colleagues are able to carry on.

I am unable to work but Charles has been helping with the surgery at one of the nearby hospitals. He has now been asked to help at the new Medical College in Toledo on a part time basis. He will be associate clinical professor in the surgical department and he is looking forward to the opportunities that this will give him.

Though we are no longer "active missionaries" our interest and help will continue. We left many friends in India and since I spent most of my adult life there I still think of it as home.

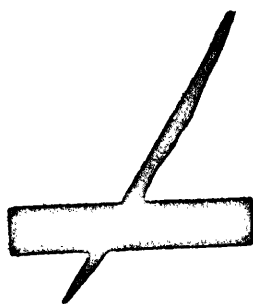
However, we are getting into the ways of American life. We are in a Methodist community. Lakeside was an old Methodist campmeeting ground. We are making many friends here and hope we can still be avenues of service.

Thank you for your interest and prayers.

Sincerely,
Wilma C. (Conger) Perrill

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JULY 30: Deepening Our Relationship

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:13-19; Ephesians 3:14-21

MEMORY SELECTION: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

AIM OF LESSON: To help adults become more aware of ways in which they may avail themselves of deeper inner strength and courage through a deeper experience of the love of God.

Today's lesson, based on passages from 1 John 4 and Ephesians 3, brings us to the close of a unit called "Expressions of Devotion." The series reaches a climax in our consideration of deepening our relationships with God.

There should be no argument with the statement that people need deep roots, just like healthy plants and trees, and that they also need firm foundations, just like buildings. The writers of the Biblical materials we are considering today sought to show us what a great thing Jesus Christ has done for us in pointing the way to this kind of deep fellowship.

I John is one of a series of pastoral letters which has been associated through the years with a certain "John the elder." They had their special appeal to the church from the early days in connection with the aged John, the last survivor of the twelve, giving his repeated counsel to a new generation of believers, "Little children, love one another." One of the early church fathers, Jerome, tells the story of one who asked the aged leader why he did not vary his testimony. John is said to have answered, "Because it is a commandment of the Lord, and if it be done, it suffices." Whatever may be one's opinion today as to the authorship of these letters—and most modern scholars hold that they were written by someone other than John the beloved disciple—their appeal continues to rest on the simplicity of their testimony that God is love and that love is the test of religion.

Concerning the Letter to the Ephesians and its total message concerning man's relationship with God, Dr. Francis W. Beare writes in The Interpreter's Bible: "No book in the Bible is more pertinent to the life of our times, when mankind faces the challenge now presented to us with its compelling urgency: 'Unite or perish.' It assures us that it is not the will of the God who made this universe that it should be perpetually divided against itself, but that it is his gracious purpose to bring all things in 'the fullness of time' into harmonious unity in Christ."

The heart of the material for today's study centers around the following comment by Dr. Walter G. Williams in The International Lesson Annual with reference to Ephesians 3:17 which reads, "That you, being rooted and grounded in love." He says: "Goodspeed's translation changes participles and imperatives so that English may bring out the full implications of the Greek text: 'Your roots must be deep.' The individual has responsibility to exercise his faith. Unless there is a real attempt by us to dig deeply and search hard for the implications of what it means to be objects of God's love, any phrase describing our religion will remain meaningless to us. A plant may be planted deeply, but unless the roots spread and take hold there is no life in the plant."

CONCERNING CHRISTIAN CONFIDENCE

Someone has described 1 John as a tapestry, woven throughout with strands of truth, so that ev-

ery part relates to the rest. One of the most important words is "know." The major theme in the selection used in our background material today is that we may know God and that a closer relationship with him will result from this knowledge.

Another key word in this passage is "abide." John writes of our abiding in God, and of God's abiding in us. Abide means to reside or dwell; it also means to remain, continue, stay. Spiritually speaking, the Christian has a continual dwelling place in Jesus Christ. Likewise, Christ lives and remains in the believer.

As we can see, one of the chief questions raised in this passage, and one which people continue to feel is essential in their closer relationship with God, is: How can I be sure of my relationship with God? Can I really be sure that I am dwelling in him and he in me? The writer says that such a certain knowledge is possible, and that the proof is in God's gift of the Holy Spirit to us. There is a similar assurance in the words of Jesus as found in John 14:17: "You know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you."

In verse 11 we have read the theme of the writer, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." The claim of need ranks high in the scale of motives that impel men to love one another. Jesus appealed to this motive in the parable of the good Samaritan, and John appeals to it in 1 John 3:17. Certainly a motive greater than the unreliable emotions of human personality is necessary. An American journalist in China watched a Catholic sister cleansing the gangrenous sores of wounded soldiers in a hospital. "I wouldn't do that for a million dollars," the visitor said. Without pausing in her work the sister quietly replied, "Neither would I." Only the love of God revealed in Christ can inspire man to bring his noblest love to the gravest need.

LIVING IN GOD'S LOVE

In verse 14 John speaks of the basic fact of Christianity: God did send Jesus to be the Savior of the world. The person who is serious about deepening his relationship to God must build on the solid ground of this historical certainty. The beginning of our belief in Jesus Christ is in our acceptance of the truth that God sent him and that he did live in the flesh. We repeat, the depth of our relationship to God is based on our conviction about what he accomplished in Christ.

But there is something more. It is not enough that we know Jesus Christ as Savior of the world. We must testify to this reality. Dr. Paul W. Hoon puts it this way in The Interpreter's Bible: "We proclaim Jesus as Savior to all men because we have known God to save us in him. Nothing less than this can really inspire and sustain the missionary endeavor of the church. Motives of self-interest, political or economic strategy, mere good will or social sympathy, will not suffice. The true motivation of missions lies in the mind and heart of the eternal God as we have experienced his saving action in our own lives."

John confidently asserts his knowledge of and belief in God's love, and our assurance comes as we look to Christ. God's own nature is love, and being loved by him means that we live in an atmosphere of love. Our responsibility is to dwell continually under the influence of that love. When God wanted to show us his love, he acted in Christ, so we have unmistakable evidence of his love. We do the same thing when we obey Christ in our lives. Jesus said if we love him, we will keep his commandments.

It is too easy for men to repeat a statement about believing in Jesus Christ without ever letting

him come in and possess their lives. Dr. Charles M. Laymon has reminded us in The International Lesson Annual: "The New Testament never makes simply a creedal reference to Jesus. Whenever it refers to him as Christ, the Lord, or the Son of God, it is saying something about his living relationship, not only to the Father but also to his followers. In this same vein Bishop Lesslie Newbigin of the Church of South India has said: 'We have also to acknowledge him as the living Lord carrying on today his saving work through the Holy Spirit.'"

STEADFASTNESS BASED ON LOVE AND NOT FEAR

We should point out once more that the basic motivation for all that we do must be love and not fear. John was the chief interpreter of love, and his thoughts concerning our abiding in God's love leads him to a contrast between love and fear in verse 18: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love."

John speaks to the question of man's fear of eternal judgment. John speaks to this issue in this chapter saying that if we can live in the sphere of God's perfect love in this life, we can anticipate the life to come with a similar confidence in God's love. In fact, he says that God's love finds its highest accomplishment in this power to overcome the fear of the day of judgment.

True love is based on respect and appreciation. Therefore, if we really appreciate what God has done for us in Christ, we will grow in our love for him. Thus our relationship with God is deepened when we move from a fear-based orientation to a love-based orientation. As love comes in, fear goes out. Fear is the result of a heightened sense of self occasioned by what are deemed to be threats to the self. Dr. Hoon says: "The cure for fear lies partly in eliminating external threats to the security of the self; but it lies more in eliminating excessive consciousness of the self. Love supremely does this."

Love thus casts out fear because it casts out unhealthy self-consciousness. It organizes personality on a higher, wider plane than self-consciousness; it unites the self with man and God. In man's social life, in his relations between groups and classes and nations — as between individuals — love casts out fear. Want of love, evident in suspicion, duplicity, hatred, and aggression, begets fear. Most of the tension between classes and races in society are basically rooted in fear, and only love expressed in imaginative sympathy, fair-mindedness, and good will can cast out fear. Fear itself is a form of punishment. It is the painful consciousness of a wrong relationship to God and man.

SEEKING FULLER COMPREHENSION OF GOD'S LOVE THROUGH CHRIST

Our material from the third chapter of Ephesians represents a prayer for a fuller comprehension of Christ's love. The writer spoke in the figures of prayer to the church which was torn by dissension, saying that the heart of his prayer was "that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

He is saying that God strengthens people who believe on him "with might through his Spirit." He indicates that strength, might and power are synonymous with God's riches, and that he works by the Holy Spirit to bring to Christian people the inner strength they need, that is strength of faith, perseverance, obedience, trust, and hope.

Commitment of ourselves wholeheartedly to Christ introduces us into the deeper dimensions of divine fellowship. As we put Christ and his will above all other considerations, we find enrichment and fulfillment.

There is power in love. The Christian's way to growth is not by force or fear; it is by accepting God's love in Christ. His love wins us over; it woos us away from ourselves; it convinces us that his way is better than ours; it strengthens and encourages us. New dimensions of love and happiness await the faithful Christian.

the British scene



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

Meeting in Nottingham under the Presidency of the Rev. Harry O. Morton, at 47, one of the youngest ministers ever to occupy the chair of John Wesley, the Methodist Conference of Great Britain and the mother of Methodist Conferences had a heavy and varied agenda this year.

For example the problem of old and ever-too-large buildings were a concern of the Chapel Department and the process of modernisation is going on at a rate which is far behind the rate of deterioration. The smaller number of both members and ministers has meant a rationalisation of the training colleges, and training at Richmond College will cease this summer. Since 1834 it has been a centre for pre-ordination training—it is a sad occasion for many. Other colleges are also under the threat of closure.

All is not so gloomy—a note of optimism and challenge was struck by the new President, and the Home Missions Department, in spite of the loss of Dr. Leslie Davidson—one who has become a well-known throughout the world, and who died during the year—challenges again with the need for continuing mission—largely the theme of the President's address.

Immense organisational changes are envisaged in the restructuring report and this will drastically reorganise even the local church.

Gambling, the problems of alcoholism, drug-taking and the plight of the homeless seem to strike a more human note than some of the items listed here, but it must not be forgotten that this is a servicing Conference, with a duty to do in every part of the church.

Amongst noteworthy visitors to Conference from the USA were Bish-

op O. Eugene Slater, the Rev. Dr. John Schaefer, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, women's leader, and Dr. Michael Watson. The closeness of our ties were emphasised thus, especially in the Session when so many countries brought fraternal greetings.

Before the Conference met, the President had spent some days in meditation — and this became one of the themes of a Conference, which, though full of business would have far-reaching effects on the life of the church, and was called again and again to prayer. Many representatives noted that prayer had seldom been such an integral part of the proceedings.

Wesley's Chapel in City Road was also the subject of debate. Could it be preserved? It was unthinkable that this should not be so, but ways and means were a major preoccupation. In fact it could be said that this was a ways and means kind of conference. Not many exhilarating debates, not many moments of high drama, but workaday, with an eye on the real difficulties which face the church in an open society where not so many of the pre-suppositions of even ten years ago could be safely adopted.

The restructuring of the church was a way in which it hoped the church could come to terms with all this — though for the average member of the Conference this must have seemed anything but an immediate solution.

It was noted with real regret that the Anglican-Methodist negotiations were at an end. Yet in a strange way unity was at a beginning. In spite of that set-back—and there is not any way of underestimating it—there was a clear sense in which the Conference was forging its own way forward. Though there was a sober sense of the problems, now and again the tune was cheerful, and the evident faith of the President again and again enheartened the Conference when it was at its most hard-hitting and hard-thinking. Not a note of escape, but a belief that were we not men of faith, then all would indeed be lost.

No one word could sum up Nottingham—to try to do that would be to succumb to the instant description, and the events at Nottingham are more in the nature of seed-sowing than instant invention. This was not a post-mortem on a dying church, it was a painful acceptance that birth and re-birth are never easy.

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News in Brief

The Rev. Keith I. Pohl, director of Wesley Foundation at Michigan State University since 1966, has been named associate editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*. The Rev. John E. Marvin, editor of the weekly publication for more than 30 years, expects to retire in about 15 months.

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A workshop for key United Methodist youth leaders in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 22-27.

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T. B. Rose, Jr., a United Methodist layman from Henderson, N. C., has been named special gifts chairman for the 32nd annual National Bible Week November 19-26.

More than 150 missionaries attend meeting at Scarritt, discuss "hope"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Furloughed United Methodist missionaries, some having served nearly half a century and others who have just received their first assignments, spent a week at Scarritt College here in late June considering "hope", particularly as it applies to the activity of Christian mission around the world.

The annual summer missionary conference, June 19-24, included more than 150 missionaries from 20 countries and a large number of staff members from the Board of Missions headquartered in New York.

Worship and study leader for the meeting was the Rev. Arthur Brandenburg, pastor of the Germantown United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wrestling with the subject of hope, the missionaries spent most of the week in small discussion groups focusing on areas such as violence, technology, injustice, worship, and alternate life styles.

Conversion, the topic assigned to one group received lively discussion and debate at several points during the meeting. Although there was clearly no meeting of minds on the subject, "transformation of persons" or "conversion" emerged as a matter of major interest. Some called for a return to a more aggressive "evangelical" emphasis while others rejected a statement of affirmation prepared by the group as "too mechanistic", meaningless, and inappropriate for interpreting conversion.

"This conference in unusual not so much because of the subjects discussed," Mr. Brandenburg observed, "but because of the spirit with which the more conservative and more radical missionaries involve themselves." Despite heated conflict, controversy

and debate, he said, there was obviously a bond among the participants which helped them overcome the differences of experience, age, and interests.

Eleven retiring missionaries, all but one present at the conference, were honored for their years of service. They were Miss Helen Fehr, educational worker in India and Pakistan since 1927; Dr. Robert L. and Dr. Bethel G. Fleming, medical doctors who served since 1928 in India and Nepal; Mrs. Frances Johnson, educational worker in India since 1930, Miss Ella Perry, educational worker and clinic administrator in India since 1931; the Rev. Andrew Van Harbin and Mrs. Winnie Harbin, teachers and workers with youth and students in Japan (he since 1934 and she since 1940); Miss Sally Reinicke, director of women's work in Congo since 1934; Miss Cora Mason, librarian and teacher of library science in India since 1965; and Mrs. Leah Hatrick, educational worker in the Philippines since 1967. Not present was Miss Emmy Gisler who is retiring from 24 years as a nurse in Algeria.

For 20 years the new and furloughed missionary conference was held at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., but last year the group moved to Scarritt College.

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News in Brief

Ground has been broken in Scottsdale, Ariz., for a 121-unit, \$1,900,000 apartment complex for the elderly to be built under sponsorship of the Los Arcos United Methodist Church with federal support.

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Nineteen new bishops elected and consecrated by Jurisdictional Conferences

The five Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church in their meetings last week elected and consecrated 19 new bishops of the United Methodist Church.

They were: **South Central Jurisdiction:** Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, pastor of Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First Church, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., a staff executive of the Program Council and former president of Philander Smith College, the first black to be elected by the jurisdiction; and Dr. Don W. Holter, president of Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist, Kansas City, Mo.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Dr. Carl J. Sanders, pastor of Arlington Church, Arlington, Va.; Dr. Joel D. McDavid, pastor of Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.; Dr. Mack B. Stokes, professor of systematic theology at Candler School of Theology; Dr. Frank L. Robertson, pastor of First Church, Valdosta, Ga.; Dr. Edward L. Tullis, pastor of First Church, Ashland, Ky.; and Dr. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor of First Church, Orlando, Fla.

North Central Jurisdiction: Dr. Wayne K. Clymer, president of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.; and Dr. Jesse R. DeWitt, an executive of the Board of Missions.

Northeastern Jurisdiction: Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism; Dr. Edward G. Carroll, pastor of Marvin Memorial Church, Silver Springs, Md.; Dr. James M. Ault, dean of Drew University School of Theology; and Dr. John B. Warman, pastor of Baldwin Community Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Western Jurisdiction: Dr. Jack M. Tuell, pastor, First Church, Vancouver, Wash.; Dr. Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., pastor of Westwood Church, Los Angeles; and Dr. Wilbur W. Y. Choy, district superintendent of the Bay View District, Berkeley, Calif., the first Chinese-American to be elected a bishop.

The assignments of the bishops in the jurisdictions are as follows:

South Central Jurisdiction: Omaha, Bishop Don W. Holter; Topeka, Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr.; St. Louis,

Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.; Little Rock, Bishop Eugene M. Frank; Oklahoma City, Bishop Paul W. Milhouse; New Orleans, Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield; Dallas, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe; Houston, Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland; San Antonio, Bishop O. Eugene Slater; and Albuquerque, Bishop Alsie H. Carlton.

Southeastern Jurisdiction: Atlanta, Bishop William R. Cannon; Birmingham, Bishop Carl J. Sanders; Charlotte, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr.; Columbia, Bishop Edward L. Tullis; Florida, Bishop Joel D. McDavid; Holston, Bishop L. Scott Allen; Jackson, Bishop Mack B. Stokes; Louisville, Bishop Frank L. Robertson; Raleigh, Bishop Robert M. Blackburn; and Richmond, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson.

Northeastern: Boston, Bishop Edward G. Carroll; Syracuse, Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel; New York, Bishop W. Ralph Ward; Philadelphia, Bishop James A. Ault; Harrisburg, Bishop John B. Warman; Pittsburgh, Bishop Roy C. Nichols; Charleston, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz; Princeton, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr.; Washington, Bishop James K. Matthews.

NOTE CORRECTION

We have been asked to advise all local church Church School literature secretaries of an error on the order blank for fall curriculum materials. The date listed for its return was Oct. 10th. This should have read July 10th and these orders should be sent in immediately for those churches that have not already done so.

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North Central: Canton, Bishop Francis E. Kearns; Columbus, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley; Indianapolis, Bishop Ralph T. Alton; Detroit, Bishop Dwight E. Loder; Chicago, Bishop Paul A. Washburn; Springfield, Bishop Lance Webb; Wisconsin, Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt; Minnesota, Bishop Wayne K. Clymer; Aberdeen, Bishop A. James Armstrong; and Des Moines, Bishop James S. Thomas.

Western: Denver, Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.; Los Angeles, Bishop Charles F. Golden; San Francisco, Bishop R. Marvin Stuart; Seattle, Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy; Portland, Bishop Jack M. Tuell.

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Wayland and Conard new staff executives

United Methodism's Council on Finance and Administration expanded

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — A major reorganization of the staff of the United Methodist Church's Council on Finance and Administration (CFA), including the addition of two new executives, has been completed.

The changes are a result of General Conference action which expanded the responsibilities of the former Council on World Service and Finance and gave it the new name, according to R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary and treasurer of the denomination.

In setting up its new organization, the CFA elected as associate general secretaries the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland and the Rev. Norman L. Conard.

Dr. Conard will be in charge of field services working with jurisdictional, annual and district conferences and local churches. He also will head the CFA's convention and transportation divisions.

Dr. Wayland will direct CFA work in such areas as budget control of denominational agencies, investment control, central treasury, personnel policies and communications.

There are two other assistant general secretaries on the staff. Vernon L. Sidler is head of data processing and systems operations. The Rev. L. Schreiber is the newly-named head of the department of records and statistics.

Jason E. Robinson has been named director of council operations and office manager.

Joining the staff this summer are Wilbert A. Blum, Glenview, Ill., and

John C. Espie, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Blum, an accountant for the past three years with the church's General Board of Pensions here, will serve as controller of the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA). Prior to joining the Pensions staff, he worked 25 years in a Cicero, Ill., business firm.

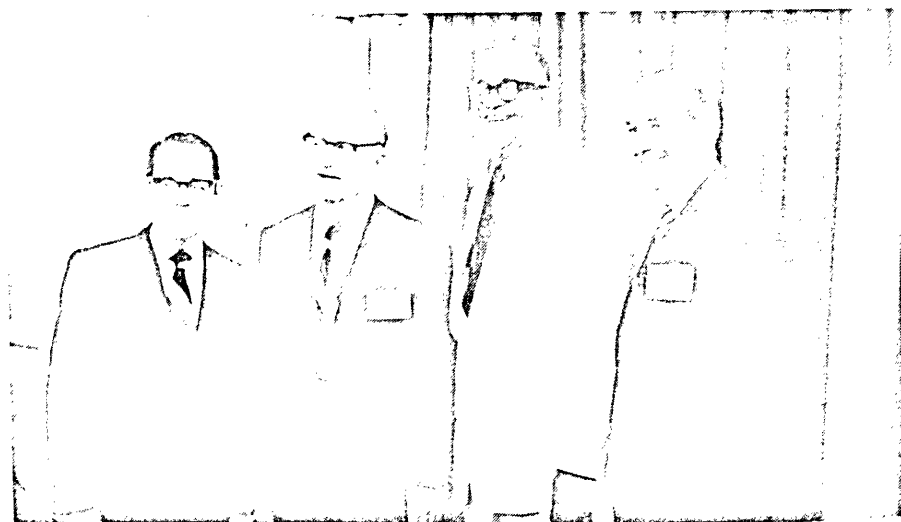
Mr. Espie, director of stewardship and lay life and work on the Minnesota Annual Conference program staff, has been named assistant general secretary with responsibilities for legal, insurance and property management services. A native of Louisville, Ky., he spent 18 years with an advertising firm in St. Paul, Minn., before taking the Minnesota Conference post in 1965.

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Convenors for program boards' organizational meetings announced

SUN PRAIRIE, Wisc. (UMI) — Convenors for the organizational meetings of the United Methodist Church's four new program boards have been announced here by Bishop Ralph T. Alton, secretary of the Council of Bishops.

First of the four to organize will be the Board of Global Ministries. Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Houston, Texas, will preside at the opening of



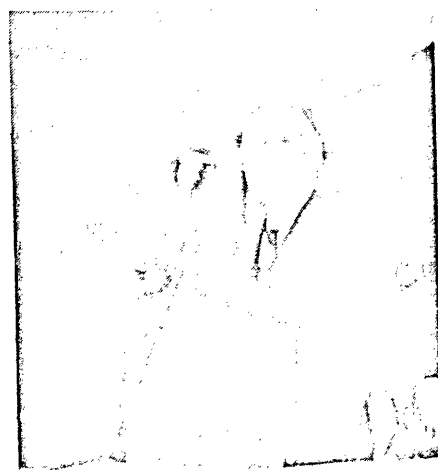
The four new bishops elected by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference were (from left): Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr., Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., and Don W. Holter.

this session set for Sept. 7-11 in New York.

Bishop D. Frederick Wertz of Charleston, W. Va., will call the members of the Board of Church and Society together Oct. 3 in Washington, D. C. The session will continue through Oct. 6.

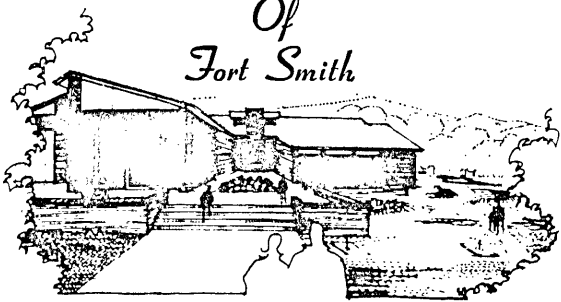
Two of the boards will meet Oct. 3-4 in Nashville, Tenn. Bishop Paul W. Milhouse of Oklahoma City, Okla., will convene the Board of Discipleship, and Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville, will preside at the Board of Higher Education and Ministry organization.

Organizational meetings for other general agencies of the church will be held during coming months. The Board of Pensions will meet Dec. 6-7 in Chicago, Ill. The new Council on Finance and Administration has already completed its organization.



Bishop Aubrey G. Walton is shown as he delivered the Episcopal Address at the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

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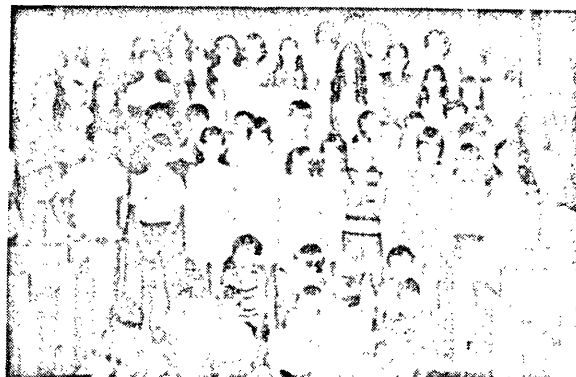
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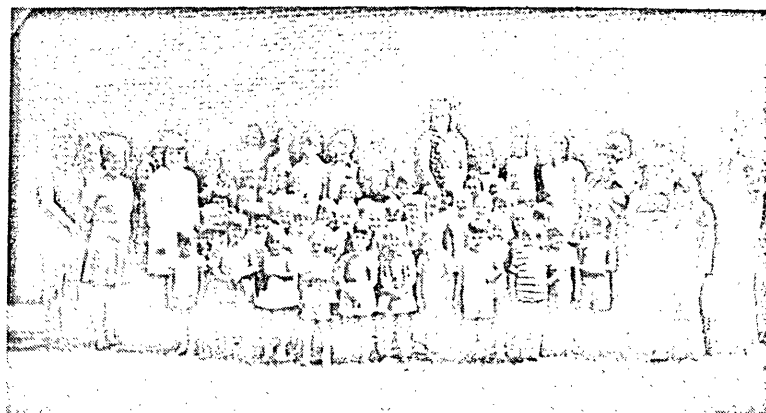
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Some of the boys and girls who attended vacation church school at Tillar United Methodist Church in Monticello District. Thirty-two certificates were awarded during the closing program. The Rev. Larry R. Williams is pastor.



The vacation church school group at Shiloh Church in Paragould District was directed by Mrs. Faustina Ford. It involved 72 children and workers. The Rev. Joe L. Kennedy is the new pastor at Shiloh.



The 61 children who attended vacation church school at Carr Memorial Church in Pine Bluff collected \$25.11 for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, and 1600 stamps to be used for needy children, in a program sponsored by the Washington State Council of Churches. Mrs. Doug Fisher and Mrs. Harold Webb were co-directors of the school. The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is pastor.

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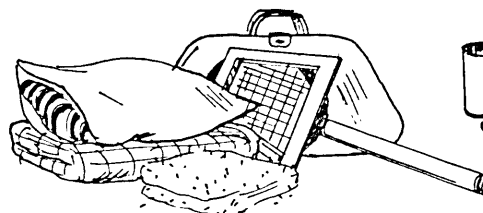
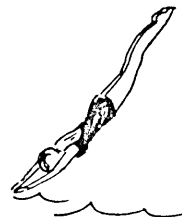


Milford Chewning of the Institute of Church Renewal will lead the weekend's activities. Chewning is a former truck driver who has witnessed to his faith in Christ from coast to coast. Hundreds of people across the country have told of the impact he has had on their lives. He is in constant demand as a speaker and program leader. Author of "Crossing Roads and Lives," Chewning has been in the Lay Witness movement since its inception.

President Lloyd and Cherline Schuh (Western Hills United Methodist Church, Little Rock); Vice President Marquis and Ann, Jones (First United Methodist Church, Stuttgart); Secretary: John and Sheila Conrad (First United Methodist Church, Benton); Worship Chairmen: Fallon and Dorothy Davis (Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock).

Swimming for early arrivals will be available from 4 o'clock on Friday. The evening meal begins at 6:30 P.M. and our first session begins promptly at 7:30 P.M. Registration will be from 4 P.M. until everyone has had a chance to register. Gates of the camp close at 10 P.M.

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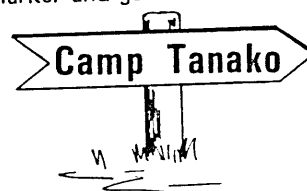
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