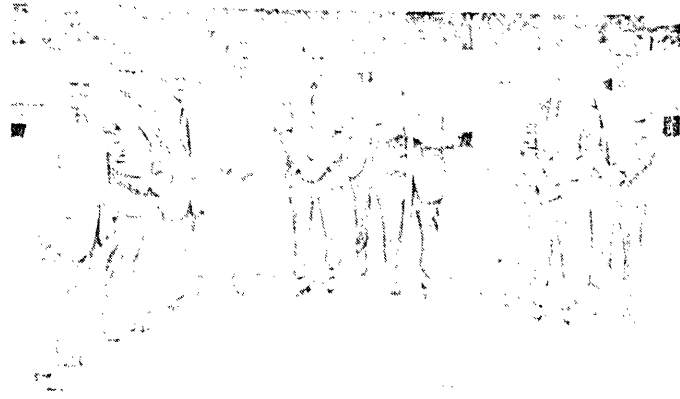




Horseshoe Bend United Methodist Church sanctuary.



Participants in June 24 groundbreaking ceremonies for a new education unit and fellowship hall to be constructed at Horseshoe Bend United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Ed Randle, lay leader; Bill Rapp, Horseshoe Bend developer; Malcomb Miller, director of Music; Dick Rapp, developer; the Rev. Denzel Stokes, pastor; the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Batesville District superintendent; the Rev. Harrell Ford, former pastor; Mrs. Beth Conlin, WSCS president; Fred Davis, Building Committee chairman, and Don Burnett of Bandmill Construction Co., contractor.

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Ten from Area elected to new General Boards and Agencies

Ten persons from the Arkansas Area were elected to membership on General Boards and Agencies of The United Methodist Church in elections during the session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Houston. Two additional nominations were submitted to represent youth and adult groups to be considered as members-at-large of the boards and agencies.

Those elected were: **Council on Ministries:** the Rev. George W. Martin, Little Rock; Henry Rainwater, North Arkansas; and Mrs. Alice Preston, Southwest; **Commission on Religion and Race:** Dr. J. D. Huskins, North Arkansas; **Higher Education and Ministry:** Mrs. Walter Hazzard, Little Rock; and Dr. Roy Shilling, North Arkansas; **Board of Discipleship:** Dr. Joel A. Cooper, North Arkansas; **Board of Global Ministries:** S. H. Allman, Little Rock; and **Board of Pensions:** Sidney Good, Little Rock; and the Rev. Earl Carter, North Arkansas.

Eston H. Williams, Jr. of the Little

Rock Conference was nominated as a member-at-large to represent the youth and young adults on the Council on Ministries, and Susan Gladin of the North Arkansas Conference was nominated for membership-at-large on the Board of Global Ministries.

Elected as new members of the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University were James S. Hall, executive vice-president of Worthen Bank and Trust Co., Little Rock, and R. A. Young, chairman of the Board of Arkansas Best Corporation, Fort Smith.

Named to the Board of Trustees of

Lydia Patterson Institute were: Mrs. Winston Faulkner and Dr. Joe Taylor of the Little Rock Conference and Homer H. Fulbright, the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, and the Rev. William A. Cheyne of the North Arkansas Conference.

Trustees for Mt. Sequoyah Assembly for the 1972-76 quadrennium from the Arkansas Area are Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, George Kell, B. T. Fooks, Lynn Wade, Clifton Wade and the district superintendent of the Fayetteville District.

New facility at Fairfield Bay due for completion by Sept. 1

The new United Methodist Center now under construction at Fairfield Bay is scheduled for completion by Sept. 1, according to the Rev. Harould Scott, pastor. The site of the new Center, a two and one-half acre plot located at the intersection of East Cliff and Woodlawn Drives, was contributed to the Church by Fairfield Communities Land Company.

Preliminary approval for the proposed church's construction was given in the summer of 1970 by the Board of Missions of the North Arkansas Conference. That same summer a representative of the Department of

Church Expansion of the national division of the Board of Missions in New York visited the site.

R & W Construction Company of North Little Rock contracted to build the first unit at a cost of \$70,000. The design allows for future expansion of the existing structure.

The first unit is being built in an "L" shape, and will provide accommodations for 140 worshippers, a choir room, a nursery, a kitchen, a dining hall large enough to seat 75 persons, and will have a central climate control system. The exterior of the building will be of native stone and wood con-

Plans announced for Arkansas Pastors' School

The Arkansas Pastors' School which will be held at Hendrix College, Sept. 11-14, will offer a number of new features, according to the Rev. John B. Hays, dean.

Dr. K. Morgan Edwards of the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif. will be the preacher for the week, and four classes will be offered, arranged in such a schedule of 50-minute periods that those attending may select either two or three.

A study of the Book of Romans will be taught by Dr. Lindsey Pherigo of the faculty of St. Paul School of Theology Methodist, Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Ramsey Bridges will be the leader of a class on preaching. Dr. Bridges, who is district superintendent of the Fairmont District in West Virginia, is a black.

Dr. Don Corley of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center will teach a class on counseling. He is the director of the Pastoral Care Department of the Baptist Medical Center complex in Little Rock.

The Rev. Elvin L. Miller of the staff of the Council on Ministries of the North Indiana Conference will head the discussion of church administration, pointed in the direction of inter-personal relationships, and will emphasize the administrative problems arising from poor communication.

Another feature of the school will be a "rap session" with representatives of the cabinets of both annual conferences discussing how appointments are made and how individual men are evaluated by the cabinets. The cabinets will also be asked to listen as the pastors talk about their understanding of the appointive system and how it should work.

Be sure and mark the dates Sept. 11-14 on your calendar.

struction. Lawns and large shade trees will surround the facility.

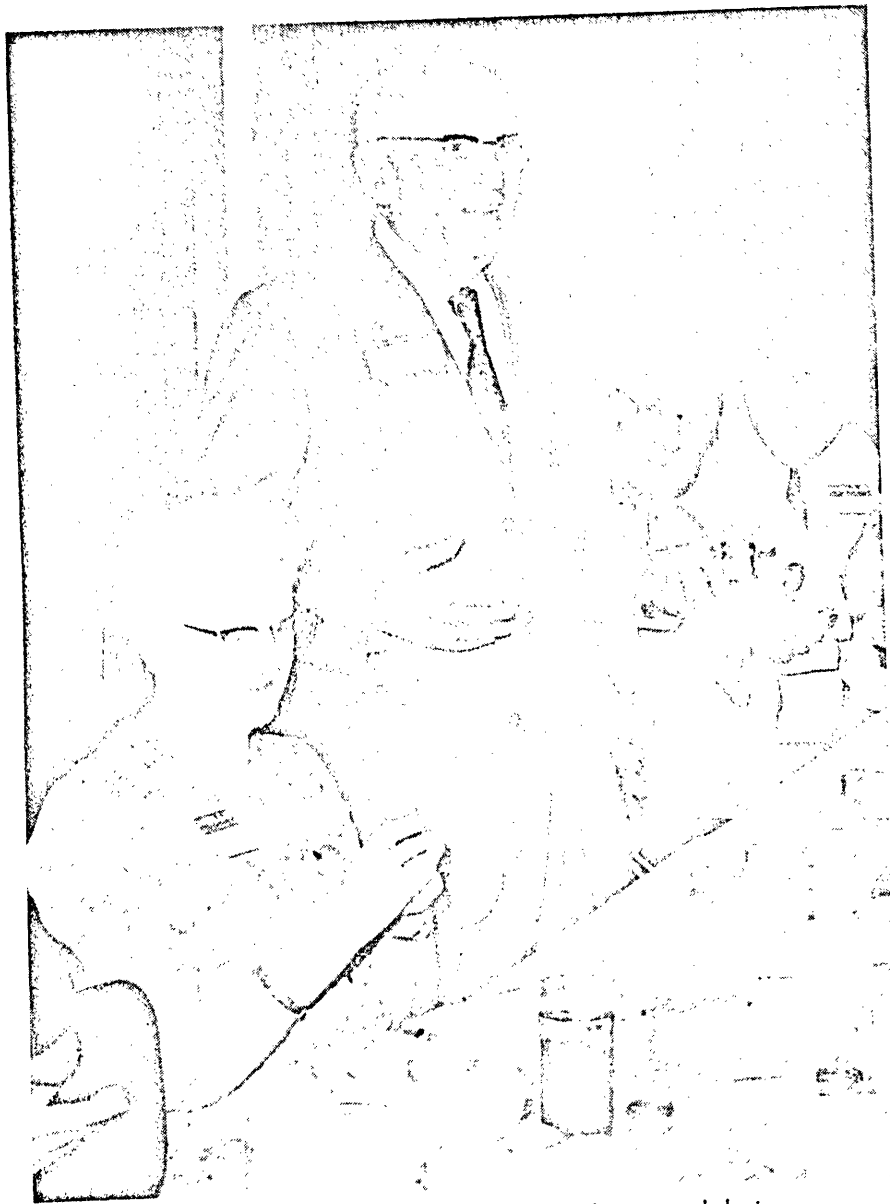
Although financial arrangements have been made which assure the building's completion, members of the congregation are actively seeking to

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Please report funds remitted for Bishop's National Disaster Fund under Fund Number 290 on your remittance forms.

Photo showing Fairfield Bay United Methodist Center during early stage of building, and the wooded site where it is being constructed.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Fogleman shown in foreground during ceremony honoring Fogleman for more than 50 years of service to Methodist Hospital.

Methodist Hospital honors Foglemans

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Fogleman of Marion, Ark. were recently honored at a joint meeting of the Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees and Board of Managers. The honor was bestowed on the Foglemans at the Board's semi-annual meeting, recognizing Mr. Fogleman for his more than 50 years of service to the institution as a member of the Hospital Board. Mr. Fogleman served 49½ of those years with a perfect attendance for all Board meetings. His record was broken only by a period of illness from which he has now fully recovered.

Mr. Leslie M. Stratton, III, President of the Board of Trustees of Methodist Hospital made the presentation, recognizing the Foglemans and their dedication to the hospital.

Mr. Fogleman was presented a pair of gold cuff links set with three diamonds each, and Mrs. Fogleman was presented a gold pendant set with three diamonds in appreciation of her whole-hearted cooperation which has assisted her husband in his service to the hospital.

"Just about the proudest moment of my entire life" is the way Mr. Fogleman characterizes the presentation of his award. He was Treasurer of the Board of Trustees from 1953 to 1965, and was made a member of the Board of Managers as well in 1967. He now holds the status of Member Emeritus of both Boards.

Mrs. Fogleman voices her pride in

his record as well. "He was named to the Board in 1919, two years before the hospital officially opened," she says. "His years of service are very dear to us both."

Mr. Fogleman broke his perfect attendance record due to illness in 1966, but chalked up the 49½ years of perfect attendance out of his total of 51 years of service. The Foglemans live at 76 Barton Street in Marion. They are the parents of Associate Justice John A. Fogleman of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

Pharmacist named for new Methodist Hospital

A member of the Methodist Hospital Pharmacy Staff has been appointed Chief Pharmacist for the new Methodist South-John R. Flippin Memorial Hospital scheduled to open in early 1973. Joe T. Fisher holds a Bachelor of Science degree from The

JUNIOR HIGH III - August 7-11 at Camp Tanako. Registration deadline, July 31. For youth in 7th and 8th grades in Fall, 1972. Send \$5.00 and registration to Rev. Michael Clayton, Box 152, Lonoke, Ark. 72086.

Little Rock-based Heifer Project reports record year, name change

Heifer Project, a non-profit livestock development agency, has announced a name change from its international headquarters in Little Rock, Ark. The new name, Heifer Project International, was announced at the annual Board meeting of the Directors of Heifer Project, held at the Sheraton Inn in Little Rock.

Commenting on the name change, Dr. Thurl Metzger, director of Heifer Project stated "we felt it appropriate, that after working for thirty years in almost 90 different countries of the world, we add International to our name."

It was also announced that 1971 proved to be the biggest year in the organization's history. More than \$1,300,000 in livestock, medical and veterinary equipment and technical services were sent to 20 developing countries of the world. Domestic programs were also assisted in Mississippi, Appalachia, and on Indian Reservations in Oklahoma, South Dakota, New York, Arizona, Nebraska and in

North Dakota. It was the second time in the last 28 years that Heifer Project has topped the million dollar mark in its operations.

The Heifer Project Board of Directors also elected its new officers for 1972. Mr. Edgar Stoesz, a director of the Mennonite Central Committee, of Akron, Penna., was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Shantilal Bhagat, a native of India and a director for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill., was elected secretary of the Board. Fr. Edwin Geers, S.V.D., an executive of Agricultural Missions of New York, was elected vice chairman of the Executive Committee. Mr. Roland Huff, director of the Church of Christ was re-elected as treasurer of the Board.

Heifer Project has purchased the Fourche River Ranch near Perry, Arkansas which is located about 45 miles west of its international headquarters in the Worthen Building in Little Rock.

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Board of Pensions evaluates investments

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—Less than three-fourths of one per cent of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Pensions investments is involved in business firms' defense contracts sales, it was announced here July 21.

The Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the board, said that only four firms with as much as 5 per cent of their income from such contracts are represented in stocks the board now holds. Of the four, one has about 5 per cent of its gross sales from armaments work, and the other three are in the 2 to 3 per cent range.

"These companies have good records in social responsibility generally, and we are constantly reviewing and evaluating their operations," Dr. Hoyt added. He noted that 5 per cent is sometimes regarded by churchmen as a good rule of thumb for considering such investments.

The board's total holdings in the four companies as of June 30 was 11 per cent of the some \$401,000,000 in market value of investments managed by the board.

In recent months, the Board of Pensions has sold three holdings in firms with defense contracts and has bought one. There has been no change in three others.

There are five steps observed in considering social responsibility and investments, the pensions executive said. These include selective buying, continuous evaluation, reviews of proxy activities by church groups and others, correspondence with companies, and divestment of stocks where finally deemed advisable.

"We try to balance carefully social responsibility concerns and our duty to retired pastors and others counting on the church for their retirement income," Dr. Hoyt said.

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FAIRFIELD BAY

raise funds to pay back construction loans by the earliest possible date. Interested individuals are invited to send contributions for the project, making them payable to the Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church, (in care of Mr. George Gisburne, treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees), Fairfield Bay, Ark. 72153.

Arthur West
United Methodist Information

Several weeks ago United Methodist Information released an article on "Harvesting a Bumper Crop" of new United Methodist bishops in the United States this summer.

Now that harvest is over and the dust from the winnowing process has settled a bit, so let's take a look at the new crop.

We will not attempt to draw a composite picture of the average new bishop nor to pin doctrinal labels on those elected but we will lift up a few facts of interest and give something of their background. Since we will be discussing bishops exclusively we will omit titles for the most part and refer to them only by their last names.

Perhaps the most outstanding event in the mid-July elections was the choice by the Western Jurisdiction of the first Asian American as a bishop of the church in this country. Wilbur W. Y. Choy comes from the superintendency of the California-Nevada Conference's Bay View District and is assigned to the Seattle Area.

Bishop Choy joins seven other non-Caucasian bishops in the U. S. out of a total of 45. All of the other non-white bishops are black. The election of Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., by the South Central Jurisdiction marked the first time a black leader had been elected in that jurisdiction, although retiring Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., had transferred in from the now-discontinued Central Jurisdiction and had served the Nebraska Area for the past four years. The election of Edward G. Carroll in the Northeastern Jurisdiction followed the election four years ago of Roy C. Nichols.

Women received votes in three jurisdictions although not in sufficient numbers to be a threat to their male competitors. Peggy Billings, a lay staff executive of the Board of Missions, received some 40 votes in the Southeastern Jurisdiction—her native territory, while the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, another staff member of the Board of Missions and a member of the Minnesota Conference, received 53 votes in the Northeastern and 23 in the North Central.

The election of an Asian American this time and the more than token support for women candidates leads some observers to predict that in 1976 there will be an increased thrust to elect an Hispanic American and/or an American Indian bishop and that perhaps by 1980 we will have a woman bishop.

Twenty nine of the country's 45 episcopal areas are now "under new management" as a result of the elections and shifts of the older bishops. Sixteen were reassigned. Call the roll of the nation's largest cities and most of them have new bishops.

The jurisdictions elected and assigned 19 new bishops, moved four who had stayed the 12-year limit in their areas and changed six others who had served only four or eight years in his respective field.

Of the 19 new bishops, 11 come from executive positions with general boards and one from the district superintendency. Only one (Sanders in the Southeastern) was elected on the first ballot. Two (Yeakel in Northeastern and McDavid in Southeastern) were elected on the second.

It took 27 ballots in the Western to elect three bishops, 25 in the Southeastern to pick six, 15 in North Central to choose two, 11 in the Northeastern to name four, and 10 in the South Central to elect four.

There were some real cliff-hanging moments during the balloting. Almost simultaneously in the Southeastern and the Western Jurisdictions, the top vote-getter at one point was only one vote short of election on the ballot immediately preceding the one on which he was elected. This happened in the case of Tullis in the Southeastern and Wheatley in Western.

Both the Northeastern and the South Central elected the same four persons who stood highest on their first ballot, although not in the same order. Four of the six chosen in Southeastern were in the top six on the first ballot. Only one in the Western (Tuell) and one in the North Central (Clymer) were among the high vote getters on Ballot #1.

Average age of the new bishops is 55, with Yeakel at 44

A Look At Our New Bishops

being the youngest in the current crop and Holter at 67 being the oldest. The latter can serve only one quadrennium, as was the case with the late Bishop Lewis O. Hartman of Boston, who was elected at a similar age and served the 1944-48 quadrennium.

Pennsylvania has the honor of providing the largest number of native sons this year. The four are: Ault, Warman, Wheatley and Yeakel. Texas was the birthplace of three elected in North Central: Crutchfield, Dixon and Goodrich. Two (Clymer and Tullis) were born in Ohio. Stokes was born of missionary parents serving in Korea. The following states each contributed one: Michigan (DeWitt), West Virginia (Carroll), Kansas (Holter), North Carolina (Sanders), Alabama (McDavid), Georgia (Robertson), Washington (Tuell), California (Choy), and Florida (Blackburn).

No two bishops were chosen from the same conference and none was elected from a conference outside his jurisdiction, although in the case of the three board executives, each was serving in a national-level office in a city outside the borders of his jurisdiction.

Emory University's Candler School of Theology lays claim to the largest number of graduates among the men—three, although if you include post graduate work, Boston University and its School of Theology also trained a like number. All of the new bishops are seminary trained and several have master's and earned doctorates. One (Tuell) has an earned degree in law.

Stokes, with 31 years of teaching and administrative work at Emory University, holds the record for the longest service record in one place of any of those elected. Goodrich served 26 years as minister of First Church, Dallas, and Clymer was in his 25th year at Evangelical Theolo-

gical Seminary, Naperville, Ill.

Names of the new bishops do not quite run from A to Z, but they do run from Ault to Yeakel.

No Pauls were elected this time. Perhaps it is just as well. Any more would cause real confusion in the Council of Bishops where everyone is on a first-name basis and there are already eight Pauls — three of whom came from the former Evangelical United Brethren Church and five from the Methodist.

Two new Eds (Carroll and Tullis) were added to four already in the Council.

James Ault joins four other colleagues who answer to the name "Jim." John Warman will find three others with his same first name.

At least three new bishops add "Junior" after their name as do a half dozen of the other bishops already in the Council.

So 19 new bishops have been elected and consecrated, having each received the necessary votes for election to the church's highest office. Now the question before the house is: Will the church continue to give each of them a cooperative spirit and a "vote of confidence" as they move into their respective fields and across the church?

Several of the new bishops are listed in "Who's Who" but a few of them are relatively unknown across the church and their election, in some instances, evoked the question, "Who's he?"

The church can make all of them more widely known and more effective servants if it will be prayerfully supportive in the days ahead. They had votes enough to be elected. Will they have enough loyalty and support to be good shepherds of the flock in the hard pull ahead?

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The sale of historic British Methodist archives to the U.S. was envisaged by the British Conference at its recent annual meeting in Nottingham when it approved a major project for preserving Wesley's Chapel—the "Mother Church of Methodism"—on central London's City Road. One observer said the sale of such treasures could include Wesleyan letters, original busts of John and Charles Wesley, medallions and Wesleyana in general. A commission set up to pursue means of preserving the Chapel, built by John Wesley in 1777, and the adjacent house where he spent the last 12 years of his life, has estimated that it would cost about \$650,000 to render the present buildings in good order.

The American Bible Society is offering Bibles and New Testaments to replace those lost by victims of recent floods. Bibles which were lost in churches during the flood will be replaced upon request. The Society will also provide a Bible to every family and a New Testament to every individual in stricken areas who asks for one. Elderly persons and those having failing eyesight will receive a large print New Testament upon request.

The Lutheran Church in America has called for "comprehensive revision of criminal codes," and has asked the church to "declare itself open to the employment of ex-offenders . . . in both non-professional and professional positions, including the ordained ministry." Christians were warned "to resist the temptation to diabolize persons whom society has declared to be outside the law." Society was told it may "be as much in need of correction as the individual who deviates from its norm."

Dr. Dale W. Brown, moderator of the Church of the Brethren, addressing the denomination's annual conference meeting in Cincinnati said during the past year he has discerned "seven spirits blowing in the Brethren winds"—conservatism, Americanism, liberalism, evangelism, pacifism, radicalism and enthusiasm. Although he praised liberals as those "who have kept alive the old Brethren theme that Christianity applies to all of life," he cautioned that "in the name of openness, efficiency, and acceptance, liberalism has too often led us to compromise our convictions and soft-pedal our witness."

A Center for Interreligious Affairs will be established by the National Conference of Christians and Jews through a gift from the Oscar M. Lazrus Foundation, according to an announcement made in New York City at a luncheon honoring the 85th birthday of Lazrus, secretary of the NCCJ. Mr. Lazrus said, "The Center will have as its primary objective the improvement of Christian-Jewish relations at all levels of American life." Lazrus came to America as an immigrant from Russia and rose to the position of chairman of the board of the Benrus Watch Company.

Delegates to the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren approved a motion to invite the American Baptist Convention to enter into an "associated relationship" aimed at deepening fellowship and cooperation between the two Churches. In taking the action, which had been recommended by the Brotherhood's Committee on Interchurch Relations and a subcommittee of the ABC's Commission on Christian Unity, the delegates emphasized that mutuality, not merger, was the object.

In an effort designed to heal a rift within the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of the General Assembly, has appointed a five-man Cabinet on Reconciliation. The action was authorized by the denomination's General Assembly in June, as a response to dissident movements that have arisen within the 950,000-member denomination. In another action, Dr. Bell designated Sunday, Aug. 6 as a day of prayer among Southern Presbyterians that "peace and harmony may come to Ireland."

"Wycliffe Educators' Newsletter," a quarterly publication, has been launched in Washington, D.C. by Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc. for persons who have considered or may be interested in teaching American missionaries' children on the elementary or secondary level at mission stations in various parts of the world. Editor J. Daniel Harrison suggests that interested persons plan their holiday travel to include one or more Wycliffe fields, or spend a year (or more) at a Wycliffe missionary school. There are currently 83 teaching positions worldwide with Wycliffe.

Mennonites and Amish from Lebanon, Lancaster and Berks Counties in Pennsylvania were among the first groups to offer their services to victims of the recent flood. More than 500 Mennonites of various sects, men, women and children, helped to dig property out from under debris and provide food for stricken area residents. "This is the way we are brought up in our religion," said Carl Martin, a Lebanon contractor. "When a person is in trouble, his neighbors help him out. That's why we never need to buy insurance."

The Uniform Crime Report issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveals that the crime rate in the U.S. for the first three months of this year was only 1 per cent higher than that for the first quarter of 1971. This is said to be the lowest percentage increase in volume, as measured by the Crime Index, for a first quarter since 1962, when the increase was also 1 per cent. Geographically, the Western states reported an increase of 4 per cent, the North-eastern states a 2 per cent rise. The North Central and Southern states each reported a 1 per cent decrease.

Three Congressional leaders from Arkansas—U.S. Senators John L. McClellan and J. William Fulbright and Rep. Wilbur D. Mills—are among well-known leaders who have accepted posts on the new Advisory Council of Little Rock-based Heifer Project International. Heifer Project has worked in some 90 countries and has become known by leaders in many parts of the world for its continuous program of distributing livestock and equipment to people in depressed areas where agricultural assistance is needed. Most financial support for its work comes from religious groups.

Letters from religious agencies supporting the proposed Comprehensive Headstart, Child Development and Family Services Act of 1972 were published in the Congressional Record by Sen. Walter F. Mondale (Minn.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Youth which endorses the bill. Protestant denominations submitting letters included United Methodism's Board of Christian Social Concerns, American Baptist agencies, Church of the Brethren and the United Presbyterian Church.

A Lutheran clergyman has been hired to advise University of Wisconsin medical students on the problem of doctors' ethics. The Rev. Lowell Mays of the Campus Lutheran Center, said "My assignment is to produce a different kind of physician—a physician equipped with a social and human consciousness." About 18 major medical schools, most of them in the East, have inaugurated separate medical ethics programs on problems faced by physicians in the care of patients.

A formal document has been issued from the Vatican to remind the bishops of the world that some have been making too much and others not enough use of post-Vatican II rulings liberalizing Catholic teaching on Inter-Communion. The five-part document, written in Latin, was sent to the bishops three weeks in advance of its release at Vatican City.

Twenty-five year old David Broom—blind, deaf and unable to speak—led 1000 people in the recitation of the Lord's Prayer at Westminster Abbey in London. Over closed circuit television, and working from the Blind Deaf Manual Alphabet, he spelled out the prayer for the deaf congregation during an ecumenical service which marked the golden jubilee of the Church of England's Council for the Deaf. Messages by spiritual leaders of England's major religious bodies were communicated to the congregation in sign language by a corps of interpreters standing at rostrums stationed throughout the Abbey.

The Ruby Bible, one of the "longest-running, best-selling and cheapest Bibles" ever produced by the British and Foreign Bible Society, is to be discontinued. At one time this edition of the Authorized Version sold for as little as 20 cents. Its compact size and clear print made it tremendously popular, and at one time copies could be bought over the counter at Woolworth stores.

A newly ordained minister, preaching his first sermon in Reykjavik's Lutheran Cathedral in Iceland, assailed the behavior of chess grandmasters Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky. The Rev. Olafur Jens Sigurdsson, whose sermon was broadcast over the state radio network, said that Fischer, the American challenger for the world chess championship there, was guilty of the "sin of greed," and that Spassky, the Soviet titleholder, was guilty of the "sin of anger and impatience."



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Rev. H. Elliott Wright (left), United Methodist minister and a staff writer for Religious News Service, chats with George Dugan, religion writer for The New York Times, after they were presented with the 1972 Faith and Freedom Awards by Religious Heritage of America at a Washington, D.C., ceremony. The two men were selected for the journalism awards for "superior work in covering, interpreting and examining religious news and issues." The Faith and Freedom Awards in journalism, radio, television and three special awards are presented by RHA "for creative excellence and outstanding achievement in communicating the principles and ideals of our religious heritage and their relevance to current problems." (RNS Photo)

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United Methodism's basic fund shows increase

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Giving to the United Methodist Church's basic general program fund showed an increase for the first six months of 1972 from the same period a year ago, but most other funds showed decreases.

According to a report released here by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination, a total of \$8,338,359 had been given to the World Service fund through June 30. This was 4.13 per cent above the amount given for the same period of 1971. Annual goal is \$25,000,000 in the quadrennium ending Dec. 31, 1972.

Of the 15 other benevolence and administrative funds, only the Race Relations offering for support of black colleges and the Episcopal Fund showed increases. The Race Relations offering totaled \$666,646, up 5.14 per cent, and the Episcopal Fund showed \$1,281,006, up 5.03 per cent.

Largest decrease was in the Student Day offering, down 22 per cent from the first half of 1971.

A special offering for relief in the war and other sufferings in Bangladesh totaled \$1,347,676 through June 30. Goal in the bishops' appeal was \$1,000,000.

The complete report for continuing benevolence funds includes:

World Service — \$8,338,359, up 4.13 per cent.

World Missions Advance Specials—\$3,282,898, down 7.39 per cent.

National Missions Advance Specials—\$979,380, down 2.36 per cent.

Overseas Relief Advance Specials—\$598,050, down 18.31 per cent.

One Great Hour of Sharing—\$743,336, down 2.77 per cent.

World Communion Offering—\$84,114, down 14.48 per cent.

World Service Specials — \$30,801, down 20.44 per cent.

Temporary General Aid—\$293,212, down 5.30 per cent.

Fund for Reconciliation—\$470,169, down 18.77 per cent.

Ministerial Education—\$1,649,498, down 5.49 per cent.

Race Relations—\$666,646, up 5.14 per cent.

Student Day—\$47,217, down 22.30 per cent.

Youth Service Fund — \$82,135, down 19.39 per cent.

The complete report for administrative funds show:

Episcopal Fund — \$1,281,006, up 5.03 per cent.

General Administration—\$545,251, down 9.31 per cent.

Interdenominational Cooperation — \$231,423, down 6.24 per cent.

SUMMER SERIES FOR ADULTS AT WEST MEMPHIS

The Adult Summer Series in First United Methodist Church, West Memphis, features a wide variety of guest speakers.

Beginning in June, the first program had panelists discussing "Being A Parent in the Roaring Seventies." Wylie Tate was moderator for Jack Hogan, Mrs. Gilbert Dean, Jim Patridge, Mrs. Craig Tennison, Mrs. Hiram Renfro and Cliff Jackson.

Other June speakers were Chaplain Ed Horton of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis; Dr. Granville Davis, head of the Adult Education Center, Southwestern of Memphis; and Judge John A. Fogleman, associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court.

July programs have been on Old Testament characters. Speakers included the Rev. Alf A. Eason, former pastor, now director of the Little Rock Program Council; Wylie Tate; Ed Gabriel, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Taylor Claiborne; and the Rev. William Walker of the Mid-South Christian Counseling Center.

The August programs will present Seymour Heller of Jonesboro; Dean Francis Christie of Hendrix College, Conway; examples of contemporary Christian music; and a representative of the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville.

MONTICELLO YOUTH PLAN TRIP TO FLORIDA

July is a busy month for the youth of the First Methodist Church, Monticello. They conducted the worship service one Sunday morning, July 2. The youth choir sang and Robert Jackson and Deborah Jackson brought the morning message.

The youth choir presented a special worship service at St. Paul Church, El Dorado, July 9 at the evening worship service.

In addition to the services of worship they have been engaged in many fund raising projects for a special retreat which they will have in Panama City, Florida, July 31-August 4. They are planning a Family Fun Fair on the parking lot and in the church for all the church families. They will have special booths, concession stands, children's rides and a vaudeville show for the family.

The Rev. William D. Elliott is the minister of the church and Robert Hasley is the summer youth worker.

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NEW FAMILY RESOURCE

The Board of Education has just completed production of a new resource, "The Family Series", composed of twelve leaflets. The purpose of these leaflets is to help parents understand their children's growth in each stage of the family life cycle, with emphasis upon the place of religion in the home during each stage. It is hoped that these leaflets will stimulate a concern for children and a desire to be better informed parents.

All leaflets in the series may be ordered from the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. Leaflets may be purchased individually at 10¢ each; 12 for \$1; or 100 for \$5. The complete set of twelve leaflets may be purchased at \$1 per set; 10 or more sets, 75¢ per set.

The list of leaflets follows: Let's Get Married, The First Years of Marriage, Now That We are Parents, Parents With Younger Children, Our Elementary Age Children, Parents With Teenagers, Families in the Launching Stage, The Three Generation Family, Families in the Middle Years, As we Grow Older, The Single Parent Family, The Adopted Child.

Pastors and Parents would do well to secure this set of valuable materials.

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ADULT TEACHERS' FELLOWSHIP

The national Adult Teachers' Fellowship of The United Methodist Church is a new service for adult church school teachers. This service is designed to put you in touch with creative teachers.

Other emphases are: What's happening in successful learning groups;

How and Where learning is taking place with adults; New research on the teacher and learner; Helpful teaching resources and curriculum; Continued educational opportunities; Ways of using mass media in the classroom; A Channel through which you may speak.

The Adult Teachers' Fellowship will provide four resource packets a year; a starter packet containing basic resources to help you in teaching, plus three additional packets with current releases on teaching and learning. Members of the fellowship will also have the opportunity to buy selected books and resources at a special discount. **For Adult Teachers' Fellowship to become a reality, one thousand members must be registered by Nov. 1, 1972.**

In the smaller churches, the local church might become a member, and share packet materials with all the adult teachers. Application for membership should be sent to: Rev. Roy Ryan, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn., 37202. The cost of membership is \$15. Several adult teachers from all parts of the country have already sent their checks! Give consideration to this important new opportunity!

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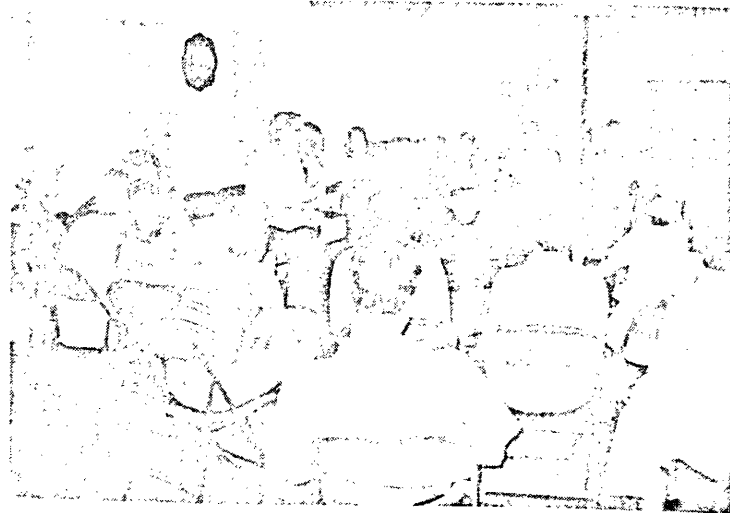
MINISTRY SUNDAY

Ministry Sunday is to be observed on Sept. 17, 1972. Publicity materials and suggestions for program in the observance of this special day are available from the General Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. Theme for the Sunday is COMMITMENT TO GOD AND FELLOWMAN. Pastors will want to order materials immediately in order to have them in hand for the observance of this important day.

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Charles Settle (above) has recently joined the staff of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, as a minister to youth. He is a graduate of Arkansas A and M College at Monticello and the Duke University Divinity School. The Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is pastor of the Texarkana church.



The Rev. David Moose, Gentry Parish pastor, is shown with youth group at the United Methodist Church of Siloam Springs, while conducting a 5-day course on human sexuality. An average of 45 junior and senior high young persons attended the course taught by Moose who has received special training for teaching in this field. Curriculum materials prepared by United Methodism's General Board were used. The Rev. Merle Allison Johnson is pastor of the Siloam Springs church.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. AND MRS. MARTIN A. BIERBAUM have moved back to Arkansas and are living at 1210 Haven, Jonesboro. Mr. Bierbaum was a member of the North Arkansas Conference previous to taking appointments in the Southern California-Arizona Conference. He requested disability leave in June and will take the retired relationship next year on 40 years service.

THE REV. RAY McLESTER, retired and living in Paragould, was featured in a recent issue of the Paragould Daily Press because of his 40 years active interest in beekeeping. He was presented an appreciation plaque July 8 by the Northeast Arkansas Beekeepers Association, which he organized in 1946, at the group's meeting at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.

THE GREENBRIER United Methodist Church held vacation church school with an enrollment of 38. Mrs. Bertha Lee Hamilton was the leader. The Rev. James Wingo is the pastor.

A FAMILY PICNIC was sponsored by the Commissions on Missions of Pulaski Heights and Wesley Churches of Little Rock. Held at Aldersgate Camp on Sunday, July 16, recreation began at 4 p.m., with supper at six o'clock, followed by a worship service. Ministers of the churches are Dr. James B. Argue, Pulaski Heights, and the Rev. W. Harry Bass, Wesley.

THE VILONIA CHURCH begins a revival Sunday night, July 30, under the preaching of the Rev. James D. Keith, pastor of Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Britt Cordell is pastor of Wesley Church, Conway, and also of Vilonia.

THE REV. WILLIAM D. ELLIOTT, pastor of the First Church, Monticello, has just returned from the Summer Institute of Theology, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. In his absence the youth conducted one morning worship service, the Rev. Nick Evans preached one Sunday morning and the Rev. Robert Hasley preached one Sunday morning.

THE OLIVE BRANCH United Methodist Church, on the Junction City Charge, recently closed a summer revival with the Rev. David Prothro, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Arkadelphia, as the evangelist. A fellowship supper preceded the meeting. Three new members were received by profession of faith. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is pastor.

EL DORADO BELL RINGERS FEATURED IN ARTICLE

The Bell Ringers of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, were featured in a full page article in the ARKANSAS GAZETTE in June, written by Eula Burns Smith.

The Ringers are under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Betenbaugh, both graduates of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J., and both ministers of music in First Church, El Dorado. Dr. Betenbaugh is chairman-elect of Area VI, National American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. Mrs. Betenbaugh (Helen) has served as a director on the national board.

The El Dorado Ringers have given many concerts over the state, and recently performed at the regional meeting in Jackson, Miss.

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FORTY YOUNG PEOPLE of Crosssett, from several denominations, attended Explo '72 in Dallas recently. They were accompanied by six adults and traveled by bus.

THE GEYER SPRINGS Youth Activities week was under the leadership of Mrs. Myrna Sue Williams, coordinator, Debbie Sublett, youth director, and youth counselors: the Richard Shifletts, the Charles Staggs, the Sam Woods, the Hubert Pools, and Mrs. Anna Hart. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is pastor.

CONWAY'S FIRST CHURCH sent 30 youths and counselors to Houston to visit the Jurisdictional Conference. En route they spent a night in Nacogdoches, Texas, as guests of the youth of First Church. In Houston they stayed in St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The last two days they were guests of the LeMarque, Texas, Church. The Rev. Bill Williams, associate pastor at Conway, accompanied the group. The Rev. Ben Jordan, their pastor, was a delegate.

A BEQUEST in the amount of \$65,146.42 has been received by First United Methodist Church of Harrison from the estate of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wilson. The Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor, states that the money has been earmarked for future expansion.

SIX FLAGS Over Mid-America in St. Louis was the destination of UMYF members from First Church, Helena, July 19 and 21. Judy Ridenour, a junior at Oral Roberts University, is their youth director. The Rev. Jim Beal is the pastor.

THE MORRILTON summer youth program is in cooperation with the Presbyterian Church. It is under the direction of Bob Crossman of Russellville. The Rev. Clyde Parsons is the Methodist minister at Morrilton.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES MEETS

The Forrest City District Council on Youth Ministries held its official business meeting in Wynne, Saturday, July 8. Topics discussed included: promoting the Youth Service Fund, organizing and holding an annual District Youth Rally and an annual District Youth Workshop, promoting the youth interest in the church, showing the youth how the church is organized and what paths are available for them to express their opinions of the church and how it should be run, and educating the youth and adults as to what educational resources are available and how they can be used.

During the afternoon session, a proposed constitution was drawn up that the council will vote on after all the members have received and read a copy.

The council plans to have its next meeting August 27 in Marianna. Sam Beard is chairman of the Forrest City District Youth Council.

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"DUST AND ASHES," United Methodist folk-singing pair, will give a concert in Newport, July 28, preceding their appearance in Little Rock for the Conference Wide Youth Rally, July 29 and 30. At Newport, where Richard Lancaster is youth worker this summer, the singers will climax Youth Activities Week. The Rev. David Conyers is pastor.

THE PRESENTATION of a folk-rock youth musical by "The Joyful Noise," the youth choir from St. Luke United Methodist Church of Little Rock, was well-received by 425 members of church school classes at the First Church, Hope, Sunday morning, July 16. The 30 young people are under the direction of Mrs. Sue De Journett. Ralph Routon of Hope, St. Luke's youth director, brought a meditation, "The Gospel According to Youth." The Rev. Norris Steele, pastor of the Hope church, preceded the Rev. Alfred DeBlack as pastor of St. Luke.

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 30—Sunday	Eph. 6:10-18
July 31	1 Thes. 5:14-22
August 1	Hosca 14:1-9
August 2	Joel 3:9-17
August 3	Amos 9:11-15
August 4	Micah 4:1-5
August 5	Nahum 1:7-15
August 6—Sunday	Job 5:1-8

JIMMY FRYER of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks was guest speaker in the Foreman United Methodist Church during recent youth services, Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning. The Rev. Richard Poss is pastor.

THE PARAGOULD DISTRICT Youth Rally, held July 21 in First Church, Paragould, had as guest speakers: The Rev. Jon Guthrie, campus minister at Hendrix College, and Allen Kimbrough, president of the North Arkansas Youth Council. The Youth Choir of the host church sang selections from "Jesus Christ Superstar."

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK in First Church, North Little Rock, was held July 17-20. The Rev. James Meadors of Walnut Ridge led senior highs in the study "Youth Views Sexuality." The Rev. Earl Carter, pastor, led junior highs in "The Story of United Methodism." Allen Kimbrough is youth director.

AT FORT SMITH, Youth Activities Week in First Church was under the direction of the Rev. James McKay, Jr., associate pastor. Held July 9-14, speakers included Gary Tucker, the Rev. Gary Hoffius, Mrs. Max Snowden, Mrs. Euba Winton, and Dr. Francis Bean. Dr. John Bayliss is senior minister.

THE KOINONIA SINGERS of Lonoke presented the "Rejoice" service with Communion at First Church, July 16. The group is under the direction of Pam Alagood. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.

P. K. KORNER

JULIA EDNA WINGO and the Rev. Paul Devries Rains were married July 4 at Essex, Mo., where he is pastor of the United Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Wingo of Greenbrier, and the bridegroom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul B. Rains of High Ridge, Mo. The ceremony was performed by both fathers. The bride is a graduate of Hendrix College, 1970, and taught in the Sherrill and Flippin public schools. The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Missouri, and has pastored churches in Van Buren and Bell City, both in Missouri.

SAMUEL WESLEY MURRAY and Patricia Vines were married in Wilmette, Ill., on July 9. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin C. Murray of First Church, El Dorado, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vines of Wilmette. The couple will reside at 722 Huntley St., Dallas, Texas, where both are enrolled in S.M.U.

THE REV. AND MRS. RAY EDWARDS of the Cotter and Bull Shoals United Methodist Churches announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha Angela, to Gerald Wood, son of Mrs. Arthur Wood and the late Arthur Wood of Flippin, on July 4.

Methodist woman elected president of Diakonia

NEW YORK (RNS) — Dr. Betsy K. Ewing, interim head of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, is the new president of the International Federation of Deaconess Associations (DIAKONIA).

She was chosen at the triennial assembly of the organization that represents 22,000 deaconesses in 25 countries. Dr. Ewing succeeds Sister Anna Ebert of Brooklyn, a Lutheran and the first American president of DIAKONIA.

Dr. Ewing has been a United Methodist deaconess for 18 years. A native of Louisville, Ky., she has been on the staff of her denomination's mission board since 1966. For the past two years she has been interim head of the National Division.

The new president received the highest number of votes among the 300 delegates on two successive ballots and was subsequently named by acclamation. A nominating committee had put forward the name of Sister Signa Krogh of Denmark.

Miss Allene M. Ford, New York, and formerly of Houston, Texas, executive secretary for Deaconess and Home Missionary Service, United Methodist Board of Missions, was elected to the executive board for the triennium and named as vice-president for the North American region.

Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, associate general secretary of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, gave a major address at a public service of celebration at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The assembly also voted to affirm the ecumenical thrust of the deaconess movement, to strengthen regional organizations and to pursue dialogue between deaconesses and deacons.

In some denominations, the lay diaconate among men is comparable to the deaconess movement among women.

Dr. Ewing will serve a three-year term. Members of an executive committee were selected on a regional basis.



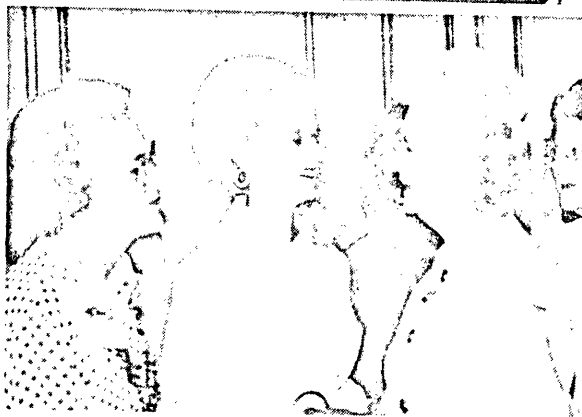
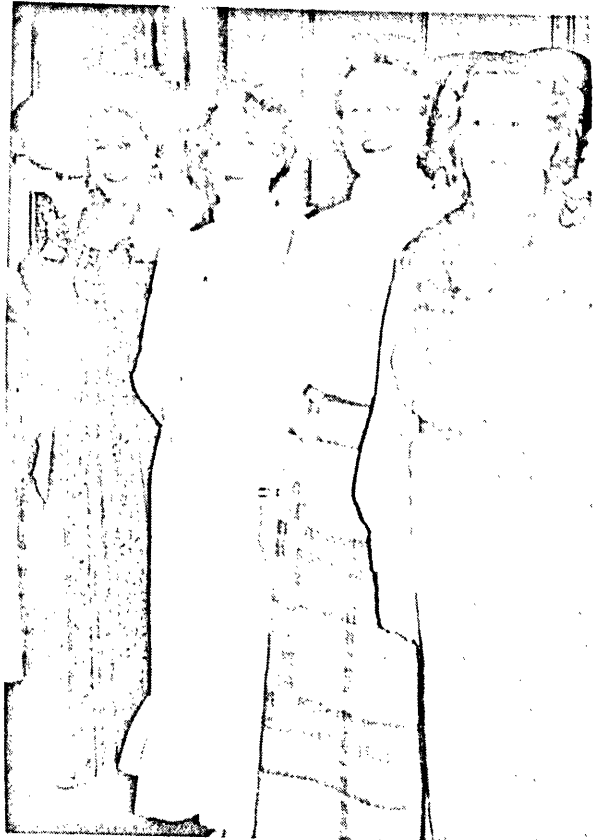
Conferring on business of DIAKONIA, the International Federation of Deaconess Associations, are the present and immediate past presidents. Dr. Betsy K. Ewing (left) was elected president for the 1972-75 triennium at the DIAKONIA meeting June 14-21 in New York. She is interim associate general secretary of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions. With her is Sister Anna Ebert of the Lutheran Church in America, president 1969-72. Both are the first and second Americans respectively to head the world organization, which represents 22,000 deaconesses in 25 countries.

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.

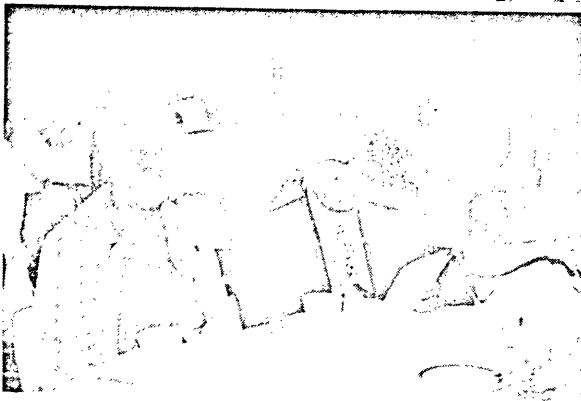
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Central Arkansas will meet at Indian Hills United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, at 10 a.m., Monday, July 31. Charles Bogan will speak concerning juvenile services of the area. Mrs. Bill W. Moore is president of the group.

The wives of the four retiring bishops are shown in Houston at the tea honoring all bishops' wives, held in the Warwick Hotel. From left are Mrs. Noah W. Moore, Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, and Mrs. Kenneth Pope.



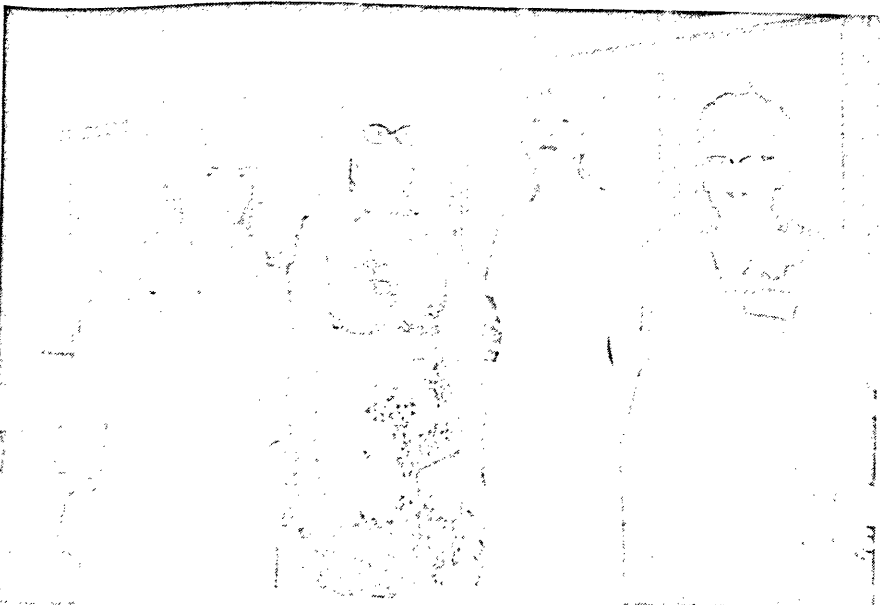
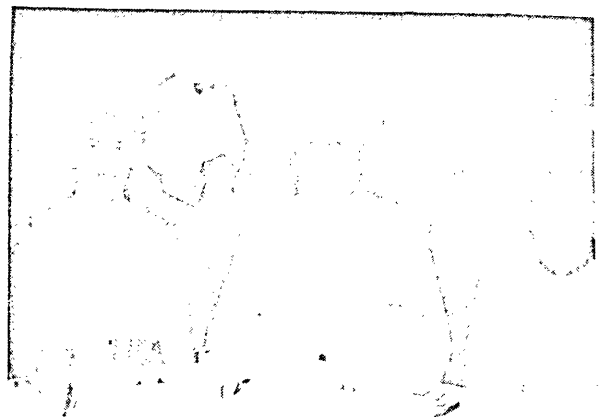
Mrs. Nels I. Barnett of Batesville, at right, greets Mrs. O. Eugene Slater, wife of the bishop of San Antonio Area. Center is Mrs. Eugene Frank, wife of the new bishop of Arkansas.

Mrs. Earl Carter, at right, of North Little Rock, greets Mrs. Ernest Dixon, formerly of Little Rock, whose husband had just been elected bishop.



At the banquet honoring bishops, Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro sits with Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Lester, formerly of Wesley Church, Little Rock.

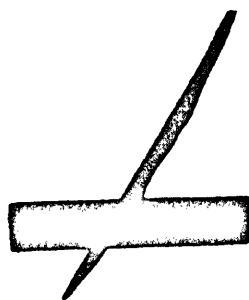
Also shown at the bishops' banquet are, from right, Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gaither of Batesville.



Wives of the four new bishops are shown at the reception in Houston. From left: Mrs. Don W. Holter, now of the Nebraska Area; Mrs. Ernest Dixon, Kansas Area; Mrs. Robert E. Goodrich, Missouri Area; and Mrs. Finis A. Crutchfield, Louisiana Area.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 6: Worshiping in the Congregation

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 122; 1 Corinthians 11:23-28; Hebrews 10:23-25.

MEMORY SELECTION: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together! (Psalms 34:3)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons remember the priority that was given to worship by the ancient Hebrews and the early Christian church and to respond to the need for more meaningful worship in our own lives.

A modern visitor to Israel and the city of Jerusalem may have religious, or political, or cultural reasons for his journey, and there are many things about the city to fulfill these hungers. However, we are reminded in our lesson today that the hunger for a worship experience has been the dominant drive which has brought pilgrims to the city during the long centuries of its existence.

Our day is seeing a new accent on worship that is relevant, and we are seeing many exciting things taking place in the development of new forms of worship. At times experiments in this field seem to be polarizing some congregations, but by far the majority of churchmen are testifying to the enrichments that are being witnessed in many groups.

Observers feel that church attendance in America is being threatened by the same forces that have largely emptied churches in Europe — secularism, materialism, and indifference. These will have a great impact on our church life unless we keep alive our appreciation of the importance of worship and give it a place of relevance in the pattern of modern life.

In the vocabularies of modern church leaders there are two terms which are frequently used — "the church gathered" and "the church scattered." The former expression refers to the church members coming together regularly for the revitalizing experience of group worship; the latter is symbolic of the service which will flow out naturally from the congregation that is regular in its habits of worship. Today we are taking a look at that group worship which has played such a large part in all that the church has ever done.

People need each other, no less in the church than in other group functions of society. But the church serves a distinctive function; it is not just another social club. The church brings people together out of a common desire to worship God. Every club or organization has some unique purposes for which it was created. People like to meet together for common goals and interests. This is why, in the first place, God was pleased to call his people together in an assembly, or congregation.

The people of Israel first gathered to hear God's laws, then to worship him through the sacrificial ritual of the tabernacle service in the wilderness. Today God's people gather out of a common loyalty to Jesus Christ, out of a desire to hear God speak to them, out of a desire to please him in worship, and out of a need to receive mutual strength and encouragement from each other.

Worship is more than listening to someone preach, sing and pray. Through the ministry of the word of God, through music, and through prayer we are supposed to draw closer to God, to a deeper fellowship with him, and to a deeper awareness of how we can enter into the needs of our fellow Christians. Worship is not an act someone performs for us; it is what we ourselves do in response to God's love for us in Christ, and in seeking to have our own needs met, as well as those of our fellow Christians.

"I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME"
Psalm 122, the first of three Bible passages which

form the basis of today's lesson, is the song of a pilgrim on his way to Jerusalem. He is one of a company of Jews to whom the privilege of making the journey to join in the feast of Thanksgiving was a rare and soul-stirring experience. Dr. William R. Taylor says in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "It is clear that his pilgrimage has been accomplished; and now, as he is on the eve of departing for the homeward journey, he sums up his impressions of the city as the scene and symbol of Israel's past, the bond that holds the scattered tribes of Israel together."

This is one of 15 psalms bearing the title of "A Song of Ascents." Various explanations of this title have been advanced, the most acceptable of which is that these were songs used by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem to participate in the great religious festivals of the Temple. The key verse says: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Of all the pilgrim hymns this is the one that makes us most conscious of the visits to Jerusalem on stated occasions by pious and patriotic Jews. Dr. Frank H. Ballard says: "It is easy to imagine the preparations that were made in anticipation, the dangers and delights of the journey, the thrill as swelling processions pressed upon the Holy City and the Temple itself, and then when the festivities were over, the leave-taking, the return home, and the restarting of old duties."

The pilgrim who wrote this song saw himself as one of a long succession of worshipers who had made their way to the Temple to share in its festivals. This practice was a testimony in the sense that it bore witness to the covenant relationship between God and his people. Churchgoing people have always told others by their actions that they confess a duty to God because of his grace and goodness to them. How much we need to say with meaning: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

A WARNING AGAINST NEGLECTING WORSHIP

The second passage on which our lesson is built today is Hebrews 10:23-25. Although this book affirms that the sacrificial system of the Temple has been made obsolete by the atoning work of Christ, it does make clear that there is no less need for worship than in the days described in Psalm 122.

The writer made an exhortation to Christians concerning that which had been symbolized by the holy of holies, that inner sanctum of the Temple into which the high priest alone entered on the Day of Atonement.

The important emphasis of this passage is on the confession which is so essential to worship. In this context the word "confession" refers to the declaration that the congregation makes concerning what it believes. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "We need regularly to come face to face with what we believe. For this reason the saying of the creed as a part of the worship service is significant. Whether we use the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Westminster Confession, or one of the newer approved statements of belief, this is an important event."

Some years ago Edward R. Murrow compiled statements of personal philosophies from a number of thoughtful men and women in a volume entitled, *This I Believe*. In his introduction he wrote: "The matter of what men believe became of great importance to me when I first discovered that a friend of mine had been killed, not because of what he had done, but because he insisted upon retaining and agitating for his beliefs."

The writer of Hebrews also feels it is important to include an urgent appeal to continue regularly in worship. Apparently a tendency to neglect this practice was already in evidence among some Christians

known to the writer. He was concerned about such a trend, because he firmly believed that the gathering together of God's people for worship was always important, but that it was especially meaningful in the times in which they lived. Can we not see that the challenges which come today to the followers of Christ place a heavy obligation on us to not forsake "the assembling of ourselves together."

THE CENTRAL PLACE OF COMMUNION

A third Bible passage included in our material for today's lesson underscores the central place of the Lord's Supper in our total life of congregational worship. Those who are deeply concerned about the renewal of this aspect of our church life are calling on us to see just how much this part of group devotional life can be in the supplying of inner strength and power to Christians.

For some unexplained reason many of us have minimized this service in The United Methodist Church. We have let ourselves grow careless about a service of worship which communicates the great truths concerning God's supreme act of love for man.

Many congregations and many pastors have placed highest priority here in the tasks they have assigned to their task force on worship. We hope that you will face squarely the kind of emphasis this service receives in your congregation. We need to see it as an act of obedience, remembrance, witness and fellowship. We find reasons for praise in the recollection of the multitude of his mercies, the greatest of which is the gift of redemption through Christ.

THE ELEMENT OF JOY IN WORSHIP

As we read the biblical materials in our lesson today, we will catch the spirit of joy that was in their hearts when they worshiped. The man who wrote Psalm 122 knew true delight in the total experience of the preparation for and the participation in these great worship experiences in which he was privileged to share.

There is a new emphasis today on the element of joy in worship. The word "celebration" is used again and again in the vocabularies of the worship leaders, and they are calling our attention to the possibilities for recreating the spirits of worshipers in other generations who knew such joy.

Dr. Laymon has commented on this element of joy in *The International Lesson Annual*. He said: "The joy that Christians experience as we gather together in worship comes from a similar centering of our thoughts and emotions upon God. It is not a manufactured happiness because the 'show' was good. The little boy who came home from church and said that it was a pretty good show for a nickel (which he had put in the collection plate) was missing the point. Or was he? Maybe all he had witnessed was a performance."

There may be just a fine line of difference between full participation and worship which is merely a spectator occasion, but there should be no question in our minds that we need to be concerned about the worship experiences in our own church. This lesson should start us in the direction of greater concern if the element of joy seems to be lacking in our worship.

THE QUESTION OF INNOVATION

Many people are still disturbed by some efforts that are being made to make worship more meaningful. Even within the Roman Catholic community there is turmoil over the changes that have come in the liturgy. We have heard United Methodists who were just as stubbornly opposed to innovative changes in the worship in their own churches.

None of us believes that change is valuable in itself, but neither can we believe that traditionalism for its own sake is good. What we all need to see is that sincere people are seeking ways in which the great truths of the faith may be more effectively communicated in our time, and we should be willing to give those persons an opportunity to experiment with such changes in our churches.

There can be no doubt that the spirit of joy is being reintroduced through many new worship forms, and we should all keep open minds concerning them.

Jurisdiction delegates elect 26 new SMU trustees

HOUSTON, Texas — Twenty-six new trustees for Southern Methodist University were elected by delegates to the United Methodist Church's South Central Jurisdictional Conference here Wednesday, July 12.

The action provides replacements for 20 members of SMU's 77-member Board of Trustees, who are rotating off the board after periods of service ranging from three to 24 years, and increases its strength to 82 members.

Representing almost a third of the entire board, the new trustees come from 12 cities in seven states, also six fields of business and four professional fields. One of the new trustees, 27-year-old Kenneth M. Good of Dallas, is thought to be the youngest member of SMU's board in its history.

Among those on hand for the election were SMU Chancellor Willis M. Tate and the University's new president, Dr. Paul Hardin, who assumed his duties there earlier this month after stepping down from a similar post at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C.

Ownership of the 57-year-old University has been vested in the Jurisdictional Conference since 1939, but policy-making decisions are the exclusive responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

SMU's bylaws provide that all active bishops serving within the jurisdiction's eight-state area should hold membership on the board.

Newly-elected members of the Methodist episcopacy who also were selected as SMU trustees are:

Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield of Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. Ernest Dixon of Dayton, Ohio; and Dr. Don W. Holter of Kansas City, Mo. The fourth bishop, Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., of Dallas, is already a member of SMU's Board of Trustees.

In addition to the four Methodist bishops, the jurisdictional delegates also elected the first Episcopal bishop ever to serve on the board, the Rt. Rev. A. D. Davies of the Diocese of Dallas.

Other out-of-Texas trustees elected Wednesday included Dr. Stanley R. Friesen of Shawnee Mission, Kan., professor of surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center; James S. Hall, executive vice-president of the Worthen Bank & Trust Co., in Little Rock, Ark.

And Andrew W. Tarkington of Greenwich, Conn., retired president of Continental Oil Co.; the Rev. Richard B. Wilke of Winfield, Kan.; and Robert A. Young, Jr. of Fort Smith, Ark., board chairman of Arkansas-Best Freight System, Inc., and its parent company Arkansas Best Corp.

New trustees from Houston are Mrs. Jack Blanton, a mother of three involved in civic affairs; George R. Jordan, Jr., president of Great Southern Life Insurance Co.; and U.S. District Judge James Noel.

Other out-of-Dallas trustees include Editor Jack Butler of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Mrs. Charles (Eliza-

The weather, a perennial topic in England, the cricket, with the Australian team touring for the Test Matches, and the troubles in Ulster form a mixed back-drop to the news in Britain as the primaries in the USA make an impression upon us at, so to speak, one remove.

In Ulster, still the most serious problem at home, 600 more troops go in with orders to crack down hard. Bombs this weekend blasted the heart out of Londonderry in Ulster, and 40 people were shot in a day long battle. The "marching season" has begun—a time when Ulster people march about their towns and cities, and the tempers fray as the drums beat.

It is clear that the people of this sad little country in the north of the Emerald Isle are near to total disaster, and the most awful and moving thing that time and time again there are spokesmen from the ordinary run of people who tell us that this is not what they want. The terrorists on both sides seem to be capable of imposing their will upon the situation, and every time the British Army does something definite there are cries about terrorism. The whole vocabulary of the situation has become meaningless—the forces of law and order which are trying in an impossible situation to restore some semblance of civilisation are accused at every step of being "terrorists" and the true terrorists — some of whom are convicted criminals pose as those who are trying to bring "freedom" to the community, but theirs is the freedom of the gun and the rope, and the inhuman killing often, it seems, quite mindless.

The politics of violence,

evinced in such concentration in this very small country are the real threat to true democracy and proper rule, and I think what has so many people in despair and bewilderment is the sheer inability for a grain of commonsense to control the decisions. This is, indeed, a great sadness for Britain, and one which is eating at the heart of all that we hold dear. Those who, like Mr. Whitelaw, have such responsibility, need the prayers and goodwill of all parties and all points of view, yet the strange almost lunatic fact is that he has just that and again and again he is still unable to get together those who are most involved into any kind of constructive dialogue.

This is a heartbreaking report to write because it reads so negatively. Yet the most optimistic among us could hardly see a gleam of hope in the situation.

The reconciliation policy which has been held to so far in Ireland is frozen, and the release of the detainees has been halted, the plebiscite which was to have been held as I write is off, and the whole dark and dismal situation is back to square one. It is going to take immense, almost immeasurable patience, political genius and the will to go on against seemingly impossible odds to get anything at all constructive in this situation. There will be very many people who will want to add their prayers to ours for those who are still grimly getting on with the task of trying to bring together two sides which seem more than ever determined to stay apart.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

A final note about this year's

the British scene



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

Methodist Conference: The President (The Rev. Harry O. Morton) will now set off the kind of whistle-stop tour which is the chore of every President, carrying with him, so to speak, the aura of the Conference. It was one which took itself seriously, although there was a lot of surface laughter in the debates.

Wesley's Chapel, that shrine in City Road, London, has been made safe for the future and that will gladden the hearts of many Americans who make it a place of pilgrimage. It was, of course, unthinkable that this should not be so, but ways and means had to be found, and it looks as though they have been. But bricks and mortar were not the main concern of a Conference which is having to come to terms with a multi-racial and open society. It is doing that, and in the throes of the exercise is having to look deep at the really hard questions. What precisely is the church for? Why precisely does it exist, and for whom?

No quick and easy answers at Nottingham, but some useful approach shots — that, perhaps is the fairest summary.



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beth Perkins) Prothro of Wichita Falls, whose whole family has provided massive support for the University for more than two decades; and Mrs. Robert B. Sunderland of San Antonio, whose mother, Mrs. S. E. McCreless, is retiring from the board.

Dallas trustees include O. V. Cecil, who recently retired as senior vice-president of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, Inc.; U. S. Rep. James M. Collins, who served as national president of the SMU Alumni Association in 1952-53; O. Paul Corley, executive vice-president of American Liberty Oil Co. and immediate past chairman of SMU's Sustentation Fund; George P. Collum, Jr., president of Cullum Construction Co., Inc.; Bishop Davies, the Episcopalian.

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A group of volunteers scrape away mud and debris from the front door of the Firwood United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. All of the church equipment and furnishings in the basement and first floor were destroyed by flood waters and mud.

■ July 30th, Bishops' Appeal for National Disaster Fund

What Do You Say ?

Earl Kenneth Wood



The Rev. Laurence T. Beers, pastor of the Firwood United Methodist Church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., searches through the pile of destroyed personal belongings in front of his parsonage. Everything in the Beers' basement and first floor had to be discarded because of water damage and possible contamination.

What do you say to the pastor of a church—appointed just 10 days ago — when you're standing ankle-deep in mud in the chancel of his church?

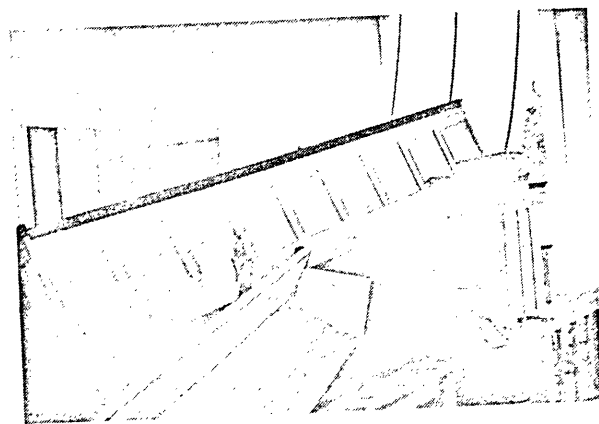
What do you say to the president of a United Methodist School, standing on the street in front of one of 15 damaged buildings, looking at 90 percent of his library, soaked and useless?

What can you say to express your feelings to a pastor's wife as she points to almost all of the treasured possessions of a life-time, piled in the gutter in front of her flooded parsonage?

All of this, and so much more, demanded a statement from a visitor representing the church in the wake of the flood in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. To each I said one thing—"United Methodists across the U.S. share in your loss!" The fact of my presence, really an unofficial representative of our denomination, but at least a concerned outsider, was more helpful than any word. My presence said to each person, on behalf of the church, "We have not forgotten your plight."

To most that I talked with I brought the first word of the **July 30th Bishops' Appeal for a National Disaster Fund**. A new light came to their faces at the thought of not having to go it alone as they attempted to rebuild. I was visiting the af-

Upended pews, soaked hymnals and a destroyed organ console greeted the Rev. Charles F. Gomer, Jr., as he was able to return to First United Methodist Church, Kingston, Pa. The church and parsonage were extensively damaged by flooding.



—Photos by author—

ected churches in Wilkes-Barre where 80 to 90 percent of the families suffered severe flood damage. This church-wide offering promised these lay families at least two things.

First, if their personal loss prevents them from supporting their church budget as they might wish, they know their pastor's family will be cared for, providing them with a continued ministry at a time when they need it the most. The fact of the offering also said to them that some help would be available to put their church property into usable condition.

The people called United Methodists are quick to respond. Some churches and annual conferences have already taken an offering for flood victims in the eight affected states. Others waited, knowing such a disaster would bring a church-wide appeal. For those who have already taken an offering there should be special note made on July 30, for some may not have had an opportunity to participate. Others may have given with the thought that it was going to just one geographical area and would want to share additional funds because of the magnitude of the flood damage.

Besides the money these affected areas were given in-person help. Individuals and church groups came by car and busloads, with shovels and mops, to begin the clean-up. Work groups from Colorado and Iowa moved into South Dakota to give aid.

In Wilkes-Barre flood waters from the Susquehanna rose 8 to 10 feet, damaging the following United Methodist Churches; Central, First, Derr, Firwood, and Parish Street. Extensive damage was also done to Wyoming Seminary, a prep school in Kingston, Pa. The water from the Susquehanna crested at 42 feet above normal, flooding the entire business district of Wilkes-Barre and spilling two or three miles over its bank. While some advance warning was given, for the most part families were unable to salvage much of their personal belongings.

In Rapid City, S.D., the warning for most families came barely in time to allow people to save their lives, much less their possessions. The loss of life in South Dakota was great, but the advance warnings kept the numbers to a minimum in Pennsylvania.

The big question is — "What will you say to people?" It is true that state and federal funds are available and that volunteer agencies are on hand to help. But, such help is often temporary, and does not rebuild church buildings or programs. Your gift to the **National Disaster Fund**, administered by the United Methodist Committee on Relief and the bishop in the affected area, will be your answer. It will echo the answer that I gave—"We share in your loss."

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Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*The soul that once finds
its place in God's purpose
is no longer troubled by
the fear that some alien
might usurp that place.
Prejudice is the fear of
our own unworthiness. Per-
fect love — the will of God
— casts out that fear.*

A Prejudiced Question

Lord,
why did you make different colors of skin
if You didn't want us
to discriminate?

I also created
differently colored eyes and hair,
differences in height,
shape of ears,
and size of feet.
You did not come off an assembly line.
Each person is different —
and individually precious to me.

—by Robert Hale

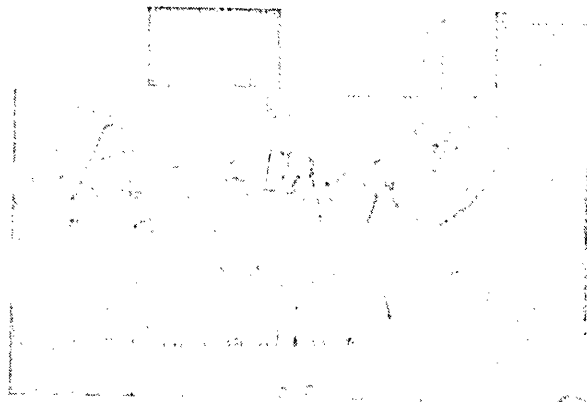
... And So Is He ...

The mold is made by God's own hand
And man is poured into it;
The stamp of God is on his soul ...
How else dare he construe it?

—by Ercil F. Brown



Vacation church school
group at Lewisville Uni-
ted Methodist Church.
George E. Rook served
as director; the Rev.
Joe Hunter is pastor.



Kindergarten Class per-
forming one of their ac-
tion songs during recent
vacation church school
held at Grace Church,
Searcy. Thirty-five pu-
pils and workers partici-
pated. Their offering
was sent to the Children's
Mission Fund. The Rev.
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While on active duty, Chaplain Ricker served as District Chaplain of the Fourth Naval District, Force Chaplain, Commander Naval Air Atlantic, Senior Chaplain the USS Saratoga (CV-60), Instructor, Chaplain's Indoc-trination School, Newport, Rhode Island, and was Senior Chaplain for Fleet Activities in Japan, and on other bases and ships. He attended Union Theological Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute, Nebraska Wesleyan University and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity Degree from this institution in 1957.

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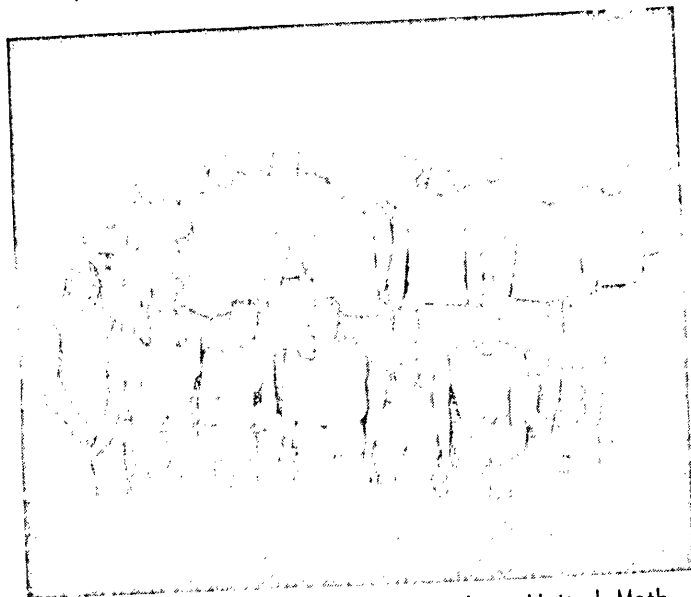
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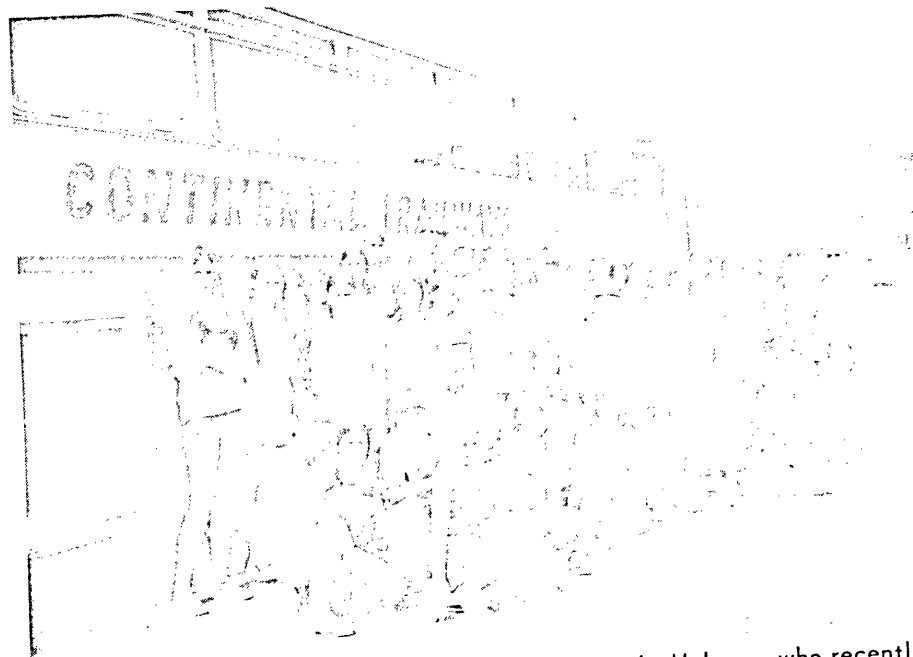
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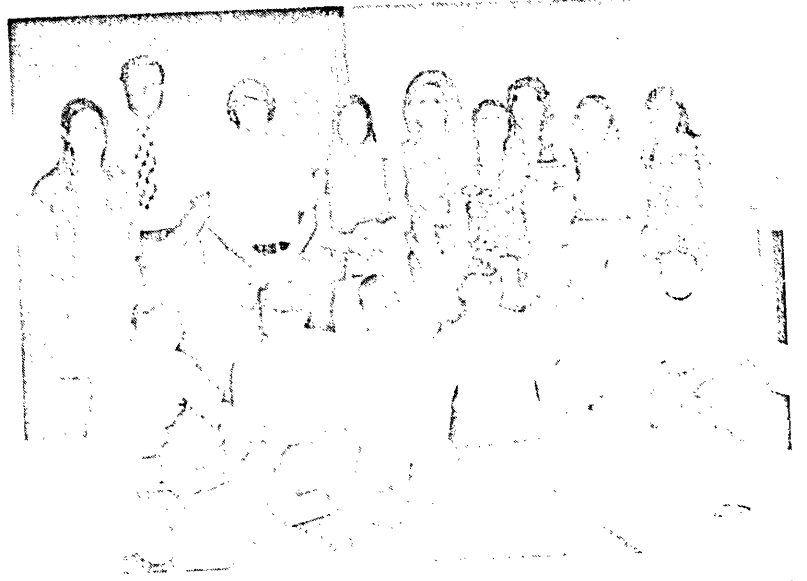
Following their recent return from Explo '72 in Dallas this non-denominational group of Crossett youth—including United Methodists—is shown planning approach for making their Christian witness during an important local community event—Concert for Mainline held at Forest Field in Crossett. As a follow-up to Explo '72 the group is finding numerous opportunities to share their enthusiastic witness by speaking in churches, before other organizations in the area, and among individuals. The Rev. Ferris Norton is pastor of the United Methodist Church at Crossett.



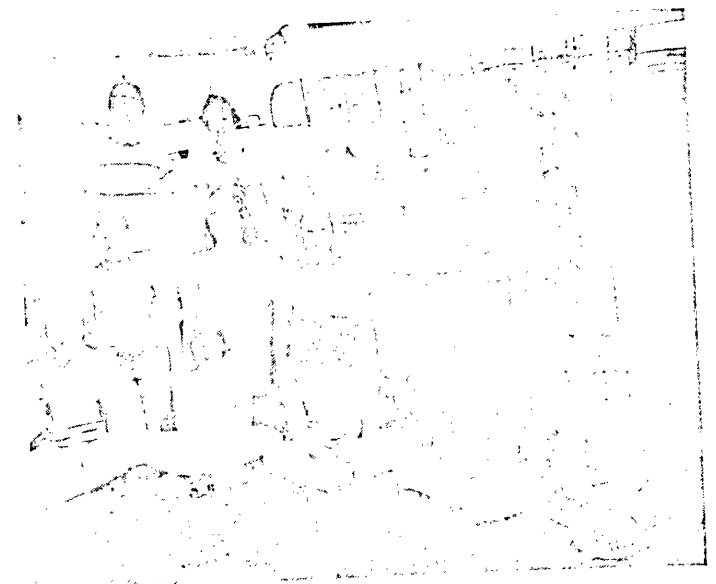
Senior high UMYFers from St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Little Rock, who made a recent trip to Nashville, Tenn. The Upper Room and other points of interest were visited by the group. The Rev. Charles Walthall is minister at St. Andrew.



Forty-four members of junior high UMY, First Church, Malvern, who recently traveled by chartered Continental Trailways bus to Six Flags Over Texas. Adult counselors accompanying them were Mrs. Marlyn Bruns, Mrs. Harold Clem, Mrs. Joe Keith, and the Rev. Charles Ashcraft, pastor.



Shown here is the 15-member delegation of senior high youth and their sponsors from Grand Avenue Church in Stuttgart, who left July 7 for a 10-day work mission to British Honduras. Their project, under the supervision of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, included the painting and repairing of a building at Wesley College, a secondary school in the capital city of Belize. Summer Youth Director Dana Hargrove is shown at left in back row. Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCollum, adult counselors, accompanied the group. The Rev. Louis M. Mulkey is pastor at Grand Avenue.



Fifteen members of the junior high UMY, First Church, El Dorado, spent July 6-8 at a retreat on Lake Chicot at Lake Village. Meeting with them were Ann Williams, director of religious education, Bill Reed, summer youth director, and Mary Rimmer, leader. Dr. Alvin Murray is the pastor.



Thirty-four young folk of First Church, Texarkana, who recently made a trip to North Arkansas. The group spent one night at Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly in Fayetteville, toured Eureka Springs and saw the Passion Play, and visited Dogpatch USA. Trip counselors were Mrs. Lewie P. Henry, Mrs. C. H. Binkley, and Mrs. Ann Calcote, director of Christian Education. Their pastor is Dr. Edwin B. Dodson.