

## District leaders to visit Methodist Children's Home

Pastors and laymen from all of Arkansas' local churches will visit the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in a series of district tours by chartered bus, according to Charles T. Meyer, Jr., state support chairman.

The plan for the visits was worked out with the district superintendents and announced on Friday, Aug. 3, at a dinner at the Little Rock Club honoring Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank and launching the 1972 Support Campaign for the Home.

Under the plan a chartered bus will run from a central point to the Home bringing the pastor and a layman or laywoman from each church.

Acting for Gov. Dale M. Bumpers, Mr. Meyer presented an "Arkansas Traveler" Certificate to Bishop Frank during the program of the evening.

The Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Home, reported on steps that are being taken to broaden and deepen the program of service

being offered by the institution. Included in this extension of services are additional professional and psychiatric services and plans for additional group homes within the next year.

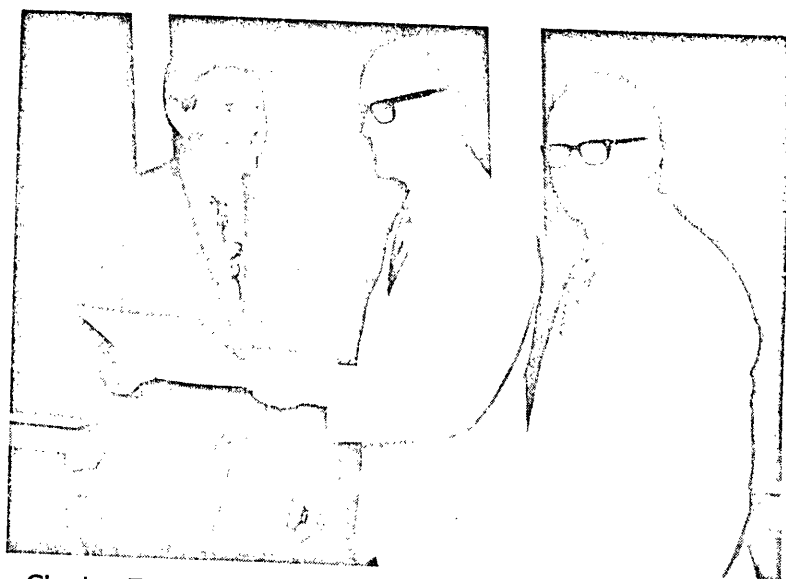
Bishop Frank spoke to the group concerning the ministry of love offered through the Children's Home and pledged his full cooperation in implementing the plans being set in motion by the Board of Trustees and staff members.

The schedule of visits announced by Mr. Meyer is as follows, with additional details to be announced later concerning the bus tour from each of the districts:

Sept. 1, noon, Forrest City District.  
Sept. 6, noon, Arkadelphia District.  
Sept. 7, noon, Monticello District,  
and 5:30 p.m., Little Rock District.  
Sept. 8, noon, Camden District.  
Oct. 2, noon, Jonesboro District.  
Oct. 4, noon, Paragould District,  
and 5:30 p.m., Hope District.

Oct. 9, noon, Fort Smith District.  
Oct. 16, noon, Batesville District.  
Oct. 17, noon, Pine Bluff District.

Oct. 18, noon, Fayetteville District.  
Oct. 19, noon, Conway District.



Charles T. Meyer, Jr., State Support Chairman for the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, presented an "Arkansas Traveler" Certificate to Bishop Eugene M. Frank, center, at a dinner on Tuesday evening launching the 1972 Support Campaign for the Home. The Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Home, looks on approvingly.

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## Hendrix College adds to staff

Two new members have been added to the administrative staff at Hendrix College, according to an announcement from the Public Information office. Thomas Bentley Jr., a 1971 graduate of Hendrix, has been appointed to the position of assistant Business Manager. William Whitten, who graduated from Hendrix in 1969, has assumed his duties as assistant for Public Information.

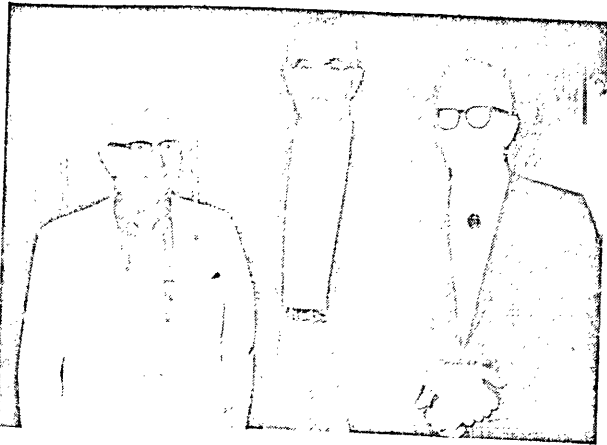
Bentley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bentley Sr. of Hughes, is married to another graduate of Hendrix, the former Debbie Cook, of North Little Rock, who received her degree this past June.

During his four years at Hendrix Bentley was a member of the Band and the Brass Choir. In his freshman year he was a member of the Millar Dormitory Council, and in his senior year served as a lab instructor in Economics. During his senior year Bentley was the recipient of the E. W. Martin Accounting Award.

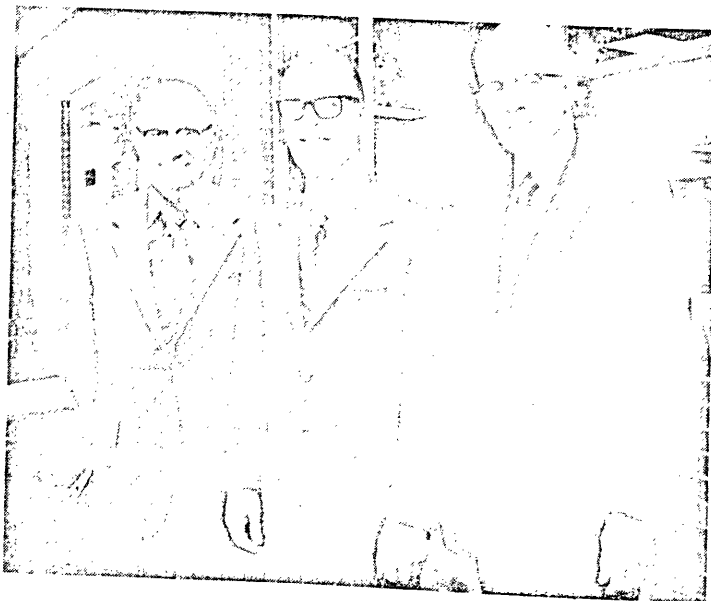
After graduation Bentley served six months in active duty in the National Guard. The new assistant Business Manager has worked as an accountant for the past six months with Demographics Inc. of Conway.

Whitten, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitten of Marianna, majored in German at Hendrix. He participated in Blue Key, a national service fraternity, and during his senior year sang in the Hendrix Choir, received the German Award, and served as president of Alpha Chi, a national scholastic society. Whitten was also selected for membership in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and was named Hendrix Intramural Athlete of the Year.

He has taught German and English in the Conway school systems during the past three years.

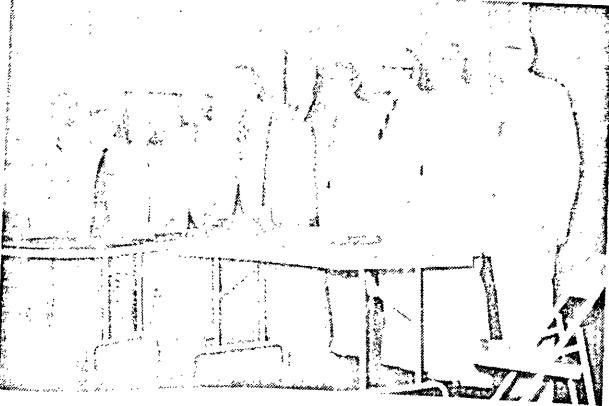


E. Clay Bumpers, James M. Walker, Seguin, Tex., who spoke twice to the North Arkansas Conference laymen, and Dr. Austin Leach, a layman from Rogers, Ark.

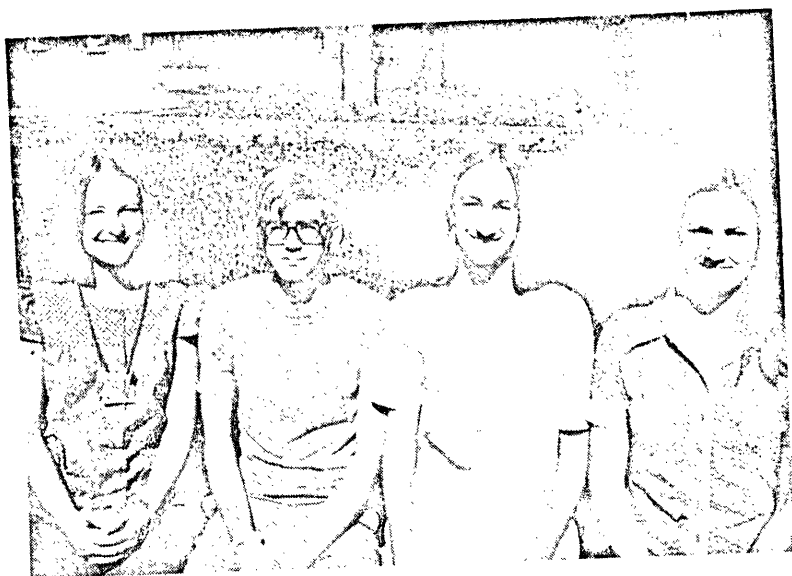


Leaders in the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly, Aug. 5-6, at Mt. Sequoyah were (from left): E. Clay Bumpers, Conference Lay Leader; Bishop Eugene M. Frank; and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, who led a panel presentation on the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

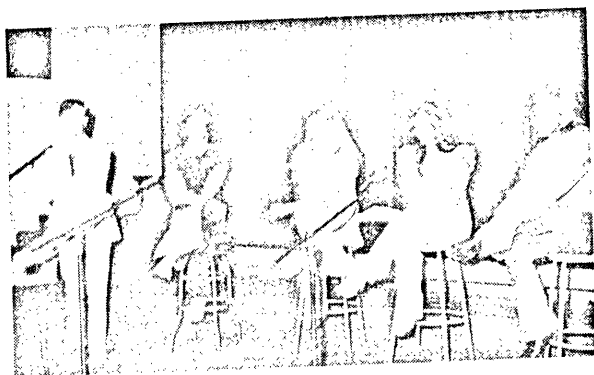
The panel of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences who reported to the North Arkansas Conference laymen on Saturday afternoon.



# North Arkansas Youth Assembly



New officers of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Council: (l. to r.) Susan Gladin, Helena, chairman; Bill Bracken, Ft. Smith, vice chairman; Janet James, NLR, secretary; Denise Mullens, Heber Springs, treasurer.



Bob Hicks, of Station KTHV, with drama group from Family Service Agency which presented an evening program.



Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, extreme right, visited during the North Arkansas Youth Assembly with (from left): the Rev. Arvill Brannon, associate program director; Allen Kimbrough, chairman of the Youth Council, and Mrs. Saville Henry, conference coordinator of youth ministries and dean of the Assembly.



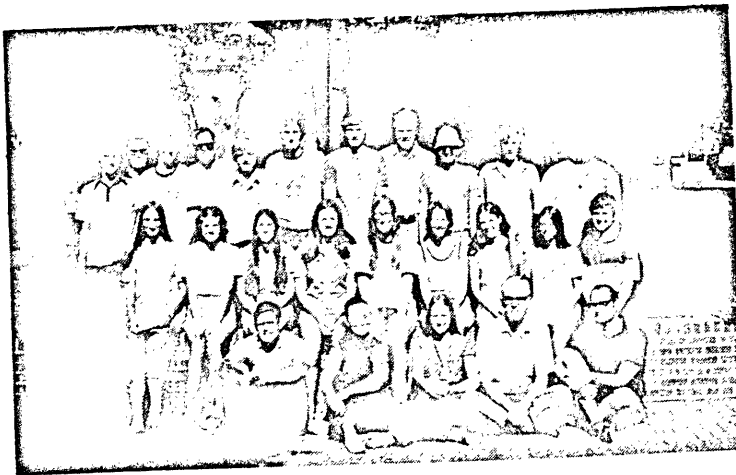
A group of the youth who have reached the age that will make them ineligible for the Youth Assembly met to organize a Young Adult Fellowship.

## CONFERENCE TAPES in FILM LIBRARY

The sessions of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, held in Fort Smith this summer, are available on tapes that can be checked out of the North Arkansas Film Library, according to the Rev. Larry D. Powell, pastor of Cavanaugh United Methodist Church, who supervised the recording of the sessions.

Included are Bishop Galloway's devotionals and comments during the business sessions, retirement speeches, debate on conference merger, and reports from the secretaries representing the boards and agencies.

Mr. Powell also brought back tapes of the General Conference sessions produced by General Trafco, and these are also available in the film library.



The new Youth Council that was formed during the Assembly.

## North Arkansas Youth Assembly elects new Council

The 1972 Youth Assembly of the North Arkansas Conference was held at Hendrix College last week with 155 youth and 18 adult counselors in attendance.

Mrs. Saville Henry, conference coordinator of youth ministries, was dean of the Assembly which had as its theme "Marching to the Beat of a Different Drummer."

The main feature of the program was built around a series of lectures by the Rev. Merle A. Johnson, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs. These messages were based on the history of Christianity, and his lectures were discussed in small groups.

One evening was devoted to a dramatic presentation brought to the group by a team from Family Service Agency of Pulaski County, led by Bob Hicks of Television Station KTHV.

On Wednesday evening at the vesper hour the young people heard a presentation by Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who was accompanied by Mrs. Frank.

Elected as officers of the Youth Council for the new year were: Susan Gladin, Helena, chairman; Bill Bracken, Fort Smith, vice chairman; Janet James, North Little Rock, secretary; and Denise Mullens, Heber Springs, treasurer.

## Ebenezer Camp Meeting Aug. 11 to 17

United Methodists and others from Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma will gather on Aug. 11 for the beginning of the 135th Annual Camp Meeting at the Ebenezer Campground near Center Point, Ark. Services will be held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. each day through Aug. 17.

The Rev. Robert Trieschmann, Wesley Foundation director at Arkadelphia, will be the evangelist, preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day. The Rev. Richard Poss of Foreman will be in charge of the singing and Miss Beth Ferrell will be the pianist.

Guest speakers for other services during the meeting include the following: Sun., Aug. 13, 9 a.m.—Frankie Carruthers; 3 p.m.—John Lee; Mon., Aug. 14, 3 p.m.—Clarence Spears; Tues., Aug. 15, 3 p.m.—the Rev. Daniel George; Wed., Aug. 16, 3 p.m.—the Rev. David Wilson; Thurs., Aug. 17—the Rev. A. M. Block. Memorial services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Special guests on Sunday afternoon will be the Indian River Boys, a gospel quartet from Hot Springs. They will sing at 2 o'clock.

The first meeting at Ebenezer Campground was held in 1837. Campers still camp in rough cabins and worship in the open air tabernacle. Water is provided by three springs on the grounds, and electricity has been added for the comfort and convenience of the campers.

Anyone needing additional information is invited to call Mrs. B. W. Propps at 845-3563 or Mrs. Hubert Hardin at 845-2751 in Nashville.

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# Editorial

## CHURCH EDITORS DID NOT BELIEVE SENATOR EAGLETON SHOULD HAVE WITHDRAWN

Now that the Eagleton Affair has been written into the annals of American political history, there is no reason to believe that it will not be a subject of discussion and controversy for many years to come. During the hectic week when this was the major item of news in the public press Religious News Service took a survey among editors of church publications. They discovered that most of those contacted did not think Vice Presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton should withdraw from the race because of his revelations about undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Editors of both Protestant and Catholic publications seemed to agree that mental illness in the past was no more a disqualification for high office than past physical illness if the candidate's health is satisfactory now. Though there was some expression of regret that Sen. Eagleton did not reveal his medical record earlier, the editors generally did not see the matter as a serious moral failure.

Most of the editors contacted by RNS seemed to accept Sen. Eagleton's explanation, "As I view myself as a healthy person, I thought it was enough to be a healthy person. I now wish I had informed Sen. McGovern. If we had had ample time to sit down for two or three hours of uninterrupted time, it would have been appropriate."

At the heart of the editors' concern with the handling of the whole matter was the impact it will have on the general public's feeling about the whole matter of mental health and the progress that has been made in this field.

An editorial in the Catholic Free Press of the Diocese of Worcester, Mass., edited by Owen J. Murphy, Jr., said: "Sen. Eagleton's illness, from

what he has described, is not uncommon, especially among men and women enduring daily pressures, pressures that must be on the shoulders of any committed politician, most especially during a campaign."

The Aug. 5 issue of the Jesuit publication, *America*, carried this comment by the editor, Father Donald R. Campion: "The entire episode makes me marvel again at the primitive level of popular understanding about the great frequency of minor emotional strain in all walks of life and the exaggerated fears that the mere mention of medical treatment in this area of health still arouses in the public mind."

Dr. Curtis Chambers, editorial director of the United Methodist publications *Together* and *Christian Advocate*, said that he hoped the public would take a more sophisticated approach to questions of mental illness. He said that he wrote a doctoral dissertation at Temple University on the way church congregations reacted to former mental patients, and discovered there was sometimes less acceptance there than in the rest of society. He said, "We simply need to accept the fact that many people face times of stress, and this should not disqualify anyone."

Arthur J. Moore, Jr., editor of *New World Outlook*, monthly mission magazine of the United Methodist Church and the United Presbyterian Church, said he was not planning an editorial on the subject. But he said his personal view was that too much had been made of it, and that public understanding of mental illness had reached the level where it would not be politically disastrous for a candidate to make disclosures such as Sen. Eagleton's.

Dr. Albert P. Stauderman of *The Lutheran*, publication of the Lutheran Church in America, said that the "bad part" was Sen. Eagleton's attempt to keep the matter secret, but he said he did not plan to comment on the question in an editorial.

Dean Peerman, managing editor of the ecumenical weekly, *Christian Century*, said no decision had yet been made about commenting editorially on the question of Sen. Eagleton's disclosures. But Dr. James Wall, editorial consultant to the *Century* who was chairman of the Illinois McGovern caucus at the Democratic convention, said he hoped the time had come when "we would not punish a man for having the good wisdom to seek medical aid for mental depression."

Dr. Wall, who is also a Democratic candidate for Congress, said Sen. Eagleton's failure to disclose his full medical history earlier was not a significant matter. "I accept his word that in appraising his career, this had pretty well receded in his own mind," he said.

Kenneth L. Wilson, editor of the interdenominational Protestant monthly, *Christian Herald*, said in a statement that what worries voters is the possibility of irresponsible acts by a person while in office, but that this problem was not limited to those who have undergone therapy. He said, "It is right that we should attempt to measure candidates for public office as fully as possible, but we should remember that what we are looking for is the whole measure of the whole man."

Of course by now the whole question has become moot because of the announced changes in the Democratic ticket, but we are convinced that Sen. Thomas Eagleton has achieved a larger stature because of the way he has handled himself through all this time of testing.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Religious Education Week will be celebrated as an interreligious observance in the U.S. and Canada for the first time during the week of Sept. 24-Oct. 1. Following the theme, "Crisis and Hope in Religious Education," the Religious Education Assn. of the two countries is encouraging teachers in local churches and synagogues to observe this year's religious education week by visiting each other and exchanging ideas on "theories and methods of teaching and learning, child and adolescent development, moral and spiritual growth, and adult education."

Scriptures for use by the "Jesus People," for Key '73, and for United Presbyterian Women, have been published as "specialty" editions by the American Bible Society. Members of the "Jesus Movement" are expected to make use of a two-color tabloid newspaper that contains texts from the Gospels in Today's English Version. For Key '73 two special four-color cover paperbacks have been published. "Wonder and Be Astonished" is a large-type paperback that bears the imprint of the United Presbyterian Church Women, and contains Revised Standard Version texts of Habakkuk and Acts.

Catholic and Protestant Churches in Germany, in association with the Jewish community, have planned a memorial ceremony to be held at Dachau, the infamous Nazi concentration camp during World War II, on the eve of the Olympic Games scheduled for August. Many athletes competing in the Olympics are expected to attend the service which will memorialize the camp's victims.

Nearly 2,000 Gideon and auxiliary members from more than 40 countries attending a six-day meet in Atlanta heard an appeal for \$120,000 to be used in purchasing 300,000 New Testaments for school children in Brazil. Since it began Bible distribution in 1908, Gideon's International—interdenominational association of business and professional men, has distributed more than 110-million copies of the New Testament or the complete Bible.

Writing in the Minneapolis Tribune Rabbi Moses B. Sachs, noting efforts of the Communist government to isolate Christians in East Germany, said U.S. Christians should be warned of Communist efforts to destroy the church there. He said "Our Jewish brethren in the Soviet Union have endured a similar process for a period of more than 50 years." "The result for us," he said, "has been the destruction of the synagogue as a religious institution, the destruction of the Jewish national culture in the Soviet Union and the resultant 'rebellion by emigration' . . ." "We, therefore, advise American pastors, churches and church associations to come to the aid of their brethren on the other side of the Iron Curtain, as we try to aid our brethren," Rabbi Sachs added.

Dr. T. B. Simatupang, one of the four chairmen of the Council of Churches in Indonesia told the Lutheran World Federations' Executive Committee that "it may be the special genius of Indonesian theology to integrate both the evangelistic task and the call to service, both the emphasis on personal salvation and on social renewal more harmoniously, in a more comprehensive understanding of the mission of the Church in a pluralistic society like Indonesia."

Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, an interdenominational group whose executive director is the Rev. Edward W. Harris—United Methodist clergyman, has filed petitions with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division from churches over the state protesting the granting of any one of 32 retail wine permits sought by Safeway Stores, Inc. for supermarkets across the state. Harris said CCF gathered the 83 petitions bearing 4,008 signatures of church members in about three weeks, after Safeway began publishing notice of its plan about June 1.

Dr. Alex Boraine, president of the Methodist Church of South Africa, has been invited to join the Anglo-American Corp. to look after the spiritual needs of its 250,000 African workers and their families. Dr. Boraine responded to the invitation by Harry Oppenheimer, corporation executive, by indicating that he would accept if the Church's Conference approves at a meeting to be held within six months.

The Brother's Brother Foundation in Pittsburgh, Pa. has initiated an expedition aimed at immunizing 280,000 people in rural areas of Haiti against tuberculosis, tetanus, diphtheria, and poliomyelitis. Dr. Alix Thread, Haiti's minister of public health, asked the Foundation to provide assistance through the use of "Pistols of Peace," jet inoculators developed by Dr. Robert A. Hingson, a Southern Baptist and the medical director of the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Medicine, and a founder of the Foundation. Each instrument is capable of injecting 1,000 children per hour without pain.

Dr. Frederic A. Alling, medical director of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, told Religious News Service it is "presumptuous" for persons who have no information to make statements about the medical and psychological background of Sen. Thomas Eagleton (recently withdrawn from the vice presidential candidacy on the ticket of the Democratic Party). A man trained in religion as well as psychiatry, Dr. Alling said it is not possible to make accurate comments on a "person's problem or on the reasons for therapy without information."

A comprehensive religious education is necessary for young people, according to conclusions reached by a British Council of Churches-sponsored conference of 58 educators, half Christian, half non-Christian. The conferees met at the University of Leicester to discuss the role and nature of religious education in a multi-faith society. The educators agreed that a sensitive understanding of the religious groups in their society was a vital ingredient in a school curriculum concerned to cater for the complete nurture of developing personalities.

In an effort to provide a greater focus on cross-disciplinary studies Drew University's Theological School (Madison, N.J.) has adopted a series of curriculum changes which become effective in the Fall of 1973. Under the new arrangements adopted by the faculty, the two-year program leading to the non-ordainable Master of Religious Education degree will be replaced by a Master of Theological studies degree program, and the four-year Master of Sacred Theology degree program will be replaced by a Doctor of Ministry program. The latter degree will be recommended for those pursuing careers that combine theology with a profession such as law, social work, urban planning, or international affairs.

A transcript of the debate by the Norwegian Parliament on the persecution of Christians behind the Iron Curtain appears in the latest issue of Religion in Communist Dominated Areas, edited by Dr. Blahoslav S. Hruby and published in New York. Bishop Monrad Norderval, chairman of the Mission to Iron Curtain Countries, said in a preface to the published debate, that he is sending governments of all countries a transcript of the discussion. "I am also taking the liberty of appealing to all governments—separately and jointly," he said, "to take up this matter, so as to put an end to religious persecution, which today is a disgrace to humanity."

Formerly a top executive with Avon Products Corp., Miss Irene Nunemaker, has given the Presbytery of New York \$170,000 to help build a center for handicapped and retarded children. The beauty consultant is a communicant of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church.

(RNS Photo)



WEST BRANCH, Mich. — Prayers of young people are borne aloft by balloons at the climax of "Glad Days" marking completion of the West Branch, Mich., area's Bible-oriented and ecumenical religious education program. The two-week Summer Bible classes — sponsored by the United Methodist, Trinity Episcopal, and St. Joseph Catholic churches — emphasized the use of all senses in gaining an understanding of God's word, creation, and people. In completing the Bible program the children attached their written prayers to helium-filled balloons and sent them soaring heavenward.

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# Program Directors to Local Churches

## Beginning the Church School Year

The Church School Year starts on September 1, more specifically with the first Sunday—September 3. There are reasons for this.

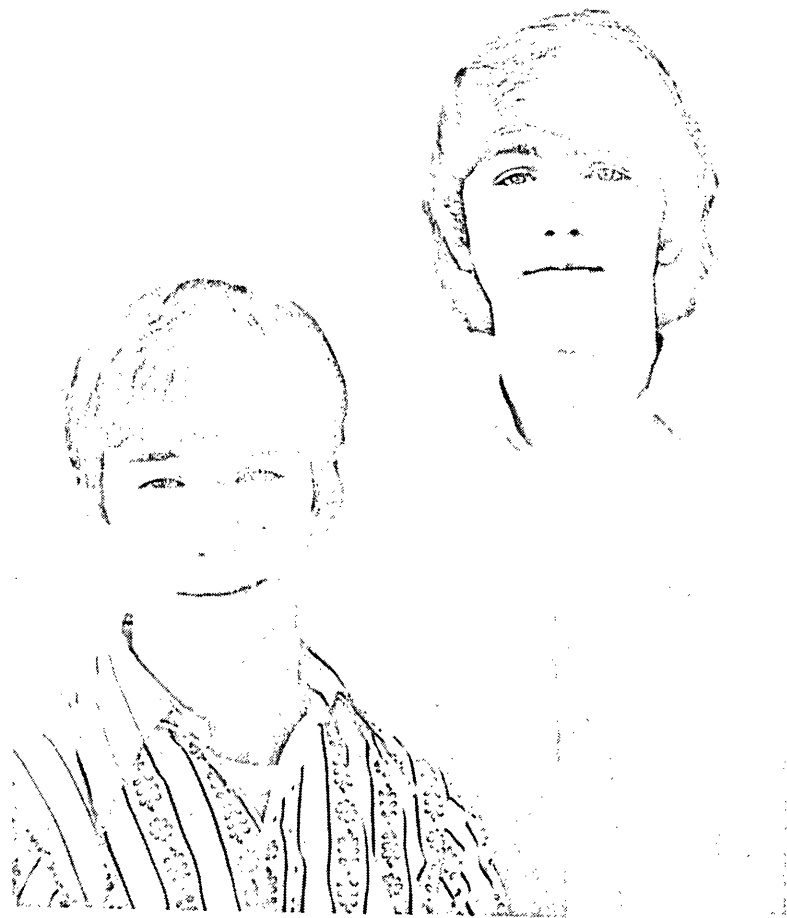
1. Public schools open their doors in early September. Most institutions of higher learning date their academic year with September 1. The minds of children and youth, including the parents, seem to turn to education on this date. It is time to study.
2. Our Church School literature is printed, for the most part, by the quarter. Themes are planned on this basis, and units of study coincide with this schedule. We can plan an entire year of study by using our resource guides, PLANBOX, for children, youth and adults, starting in September.
3. For many the summer months are periods of leadership training. Mt. Sequoyah with its training programs, The School of Christian Mission at Hendrix, the Youth Assembly, and a great many local churches, sub-district groups and districts are planning and holding leadership training events during the sum-

mer. Our leaders are better prepared to start in September. Let's help them start well.

There are many things a local church can do at the beginning of the Church School year, September 1:

1. Be sure every class has a teacher or teachers.
2. Hold an impressive Recognition Service for Church School officers and teachers. (See THE BOOK OF WORSHIP, page 337). Do this in a morning worship service before the entire congregation).
3. Give new teachers training sufficient to enable them to feel comfortable in their new job. Do not put an untrained teacher in a class and then do nothing by way of giving guidance in the job. If formal training opportunities are not available, the Pastor, Superintendent of Study, one of the age-level coordinators, or possibly a counseling teacher can give help personally. This is important.
4. Refresher courses are always helpful to those who continue to teach. Give these persons, as well as your new teachers, a chance to attend an "Enrichment Course" such as one on "Prayer", "The Bible", "Church History", "Christian Doctrine", etc. Many teachers never have an opportunity to study anything in leadership training except "Methods Courses." We all need enrichment training.
5. Make **Promotion Day, August 27**, a time to recognize advancement of children and youth. Have it as a meaningful activity, possibly before the entire congregation, maybe at a special time. This might be made an event involving the entire family, using the leadership of the Family Life Coordinator. Be creative and do it well.
6. At the beginning of the Church School year is an excellent time to recognize Church School officers and teachers with a dinner or some type of activity that says, "you are important". This will make them so much better leaders if they can feel that they are appreciated. Those who have given leadership during the previous year may also be included in this recognition event. It may be made church-wide.

Specifically, the local church has persons and groups who are responsible for making the church school a meaningful activity. They are: "The Pastor", "Superintendent of Study", "Chairman of Education or Commission on Education, under the chairman's leadership," "coordinators of children, youth and adult ministries" and "The Council on Ministries" and "Administrative Board" most surely are responsible groups. Involve them.



Randy and Skipper

## Conway well-represented at Houston

For the first time in history, young people were seated as delegates at the recent South Central Jurisdiction Conference held in Houston, Tex. One of the largest groups present was introduced by retiring Bishop Paul V. Galloway and was comprised of 22 youths and 11 adults from Conway.

Representing Conway youth were Randy Shock, a youth delegate, and Skipper Watkins, an alternate. Other

Conway delegates were the Rev. Ben Jordan and Dr. Matt L. Ellis representing the North Arkansas Conference, and the Rev. James E. Major, a delegate for the Little Rock Conference. Mrs. Joe Butcher attended as a young adult delegate.

Other adults attending from Conway included: Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix College president, and Mrs. Shilling, Mrs. Ben Jordan, Mrs. Matt Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Helm Cooper, and the Rev. Bill Williams.

Car washes, work days and the selling of waste baskets helped the youths finance their trip, along with the hospitality and free lodging provided by St. Paul's Church in Houston, and other United Methodist Churches en route.

Other points of interest visited by the Conway youth delegation to Jurisdiction Conference included: Rice University, University of Houston, Temple Immanuel Synagogue, the Astrodome and Astroworld at Houston, NASA, Sea-A-Rama at Galveston and Humble Oil Refinery, Baytown, Texas.

Remember! A good beginning is one assurance of success along the way. To start the year well organized with goals clearly defined and kept before us as a challenge, working under well trained leaders, sharing the responsibility as a group, and always remembering that it is the Gospel of Christ, The Good News, the Church is seeking to share, makes possible the touching of many lives. The church must make every effort to plan and promote a teaching program that will reach every person in the community for Christ. With God's help success is assured.

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# NEWS and NOTES

CHAPLAIN ROBERT HOWER-TON, USAF, was guest speaker in the Mountain Home United Methodist Church, August 6. He is a former pastor of the church where the Rev. Norman Carter now serves.

MARKED TREE METHODISTS honored members of the choir at a dinner Wednesday, August 2. Mrs. R. E. Owen was chairman of the event. Mrs. Alfred Miller directs the choir and Mrs. E. P. Blanton is organist. The Rev. Bob Orr is pastor.

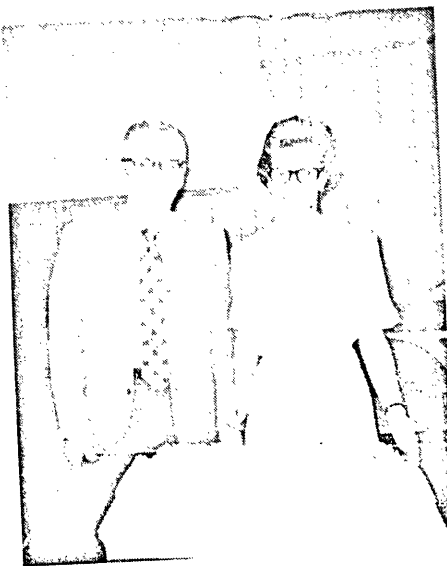
A DAY CARE CENTER for children under three years of age is a new project of First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Dr. William Y. Springer, chairman of the Work Area on Missions is serving as general chairman. Other committee heads include: Miss Lela Nichols, personnel; Mrs. Courtney Couch, equipment; Mrs. Robert L. Hill, food services; Miss Gertrude Mann, utility; W. L. Bundy, building; and William Luebben, finance. Dr. George F. Ivey is pastor.

AN EXCHANGE OF PULPITS was effected on July 30 by the ministers of Gillett and DeWitt, the Rev. Dale Diffie and the Rev. Thurston Masters.

AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM on drugs for the Hot Springs area was held July 6. The Rev. Joe Fogle, psychiatric social consultant working with the Ouachita Regional Mental Health Center, and Charles Evans of the Narcotic Division of the Hot Springs Police Department, gave the presentation.

MISSIONARY RICHARD BLAKNEY was guest speaker in Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, July 30. Mr. Blakney is administrative director for the 560-bed United Christian Hospital of the Hong Kong Christian Council. He and his family are supported in part by the Pulaski Heights congregation, of which Dr. James B. Argue is pastor.

A DRUG WORKSHOP, held at Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, July 30, featured the leaders: Max Snowden from the Youth Service Bureau, Leon Sparks, a pharmacist, Capt. Revaldo and Detective Reather of the Police Department, Roy Murtishaw from the Western Ark. Counseling and Guidance Center, and the Rev. Gary Hoffius, Presbyterian minister. Group leaders were Sheila Watkins, Ken Bell, Jan Ashbury, Carolyn Wakefield, Judy Snowden and Ted Dodson.



Mr. and Mrs. William Crandell were honored with a reception following the evening service Sunday night, July 30, at the Alma United Methodist Church. They were presented a silver serving tray in appreciation for their many years of loyal service to the Alma church.

TRI-COUNTY METHODIST Men (Faulkner, Conway, and Perry Counties) will meet at the Cleveland Church on Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m. A family fish fry and fellowship is to be featured.

MRS. W. B. LANDRUM, former regional worker for the Women's Division of the Board of Missions, returned to her Little Rock home, August 1, following a six-week cruise in the South Pacific. She boarded the S.S. Mariposa at San Francisco. The ship made stops at Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and Hawaii.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS, Heed: NALA LEADERSHIP, official publication of Laubach Literacy, Inc., devotes the recent issue (Summer, 1972) to the Biennial Conference which was held on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, in April.

THE NEWPORT FIRST Church bulletin of August 6 congratulated two ministers' widows who are members of that church. Mrs. George Patchell recently celebrated her 94th birthday, and Mrs. H. H. Blevins celebrated her 90th. The Rev. David Conyers is their pastor.

THE DeQUEEN CHURCH celebrated its 75th anniversary on August 6 and held a homecoming worship service followed by a dinner. It was the first day for occupancy of the new education building. The Rev. John O. Alston is the pastor.

SHERIDAN FIRST CHURCH youth plan an Encounter Weekend, Aug. 18, 19, and 20. The Rev. Jack Wilson is their pastor.

GARDNER UNITED METHODIST Church, Hot Springs, announces the annual homecoming for Sunday August 20. Regular services will be followed with basket dinner. The Rev. Robert Woody is pastor.

## EXPLO '72 COMES TO ARKANSAS

A week long meeting in Fayetteville starting August 14 will provide a chance for young people of the state to get in on some of the excitement generated by Explo '72 in Dallas in June.

Members of the Campus Crusade for Christ team will be there. Speakers will include Lane Adams of the Billy Graham Association and Razorback Coach Frank Broyles.

DR. CHARLES RICHARDS, pastor of First Church, Searcy, was evangelist for the revival held in Mt. Pisgah Church the week of July 30. The Rev. Roger Hook was host pastor.

THE REV. OLIVER LOGAN, Cotton Plant minister, preached for the revival held in the Brasfield Church, beginning July 30. The Rev. John Chapman is pastor of the Brasfield and Brinkley Churches.

THE UMY REJOICE SINGERS of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, sang for the Lakes Ministry service at Crystal Springs, Sunday morning, July 23, at the Hometown Rest Home during the afternoon, and in their home church Sunday evening.

BLYTHEVILLE boys and girls from Elementary 5 and 6 of First United Methodist Church, accompanied by six adults, went to Eureka Springs to see "The Passion Play," July 12. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jackson supervised the trip. The Rev. J. William Watson is their pastor.

"GOD'S CHILDREN," singing youth group from the Marysville and Silver Hill Churches, are presenting their version of "Noah and the Ark" on a tour through Arkansas. Directed by their pastor, the Rev. Fred Haustein, they sang in St. Luke Church, Little Rock on July 30, followed by programs in Russellville, Harrison, Eureka Springs, and Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs.

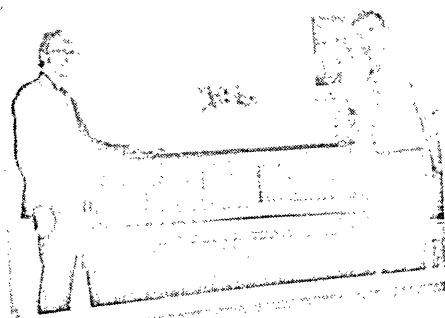
THE UMY OF OAKLAWN Church, Hot Springs, presented the Otis Skillings musical "Love" in their home church on July 30. The group traveled to Houston, Texas, August 5, to present it at Epworth United Methodist Church on Sunday. The singers and instrumentalists are directed by Mrs. Harold Davis. The Rev. W. A. Stewart is their pastor.

THE SALEM United Methodist Church, Batesville District, is holding a revival this week with a prominent Missourian as guest evangelist. Dr. Arthur Fulbright, pastor of Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church in Columbia, Mo., is preaching from August 6 through 11. The Rev. James McCammon is host pastor.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

August 13—Sun.	Isaiah 65:17-25
August 14	Jer. 31:31-34
August 15	John 13:31-35
August 16	1 Cor. 11:23-27
August 17	Heb. 10:16-25
August 18	2 Peter 3:1-10
August 19	John 2:7-11
August 20—Sun.	Luke 14:25-33



Shown here are the Rev. Fred W. Hunter on the left and Earl Paty, chairman of the board of Moores Chapel United Methodist Church, with a new piano purchased for the church.

EL DORADO YOUTH groups of First Church sponsored an interfaith camp at Aldersgate in Little Rock a week in June. The young people accompanied 30 less fortunate children of the community to the camp and served as their counselors.

THE HARRISBURG UMYF, some 25 strong, along with counselors and chaperons took a week's camping trip to Greer's Ferry Lake. The trip was a combination of vacation and religious retreat, and was completely financed by the UMYF through many fund raising projects. Adults attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cox, senior hi counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Turnage, junior hi counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Don Morgan, and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas W. Weir.

RETIRED MINISTERS fill many pulpits upon invitation and in emergencies. During summer vacations, they are called upon more than usual. Among the many retired men active this summer are these: The Rev. M. E. Scott of Malvern preached for the charge wide revival held at Overcup Church, Morrilton Circuit, July 23-26. The Rev. J. J. Clark of Fort Smith was Sunday morning speaker in the Cavanaugh Church at Fort Smith, August 6. The Rev. Y. D. Whitehurst spoke in the Corning Church, July 9. Dr. Fred Harrison of Malvern preached at Lonoke, July 23, and will be at Malvern First Church, August 20. Dr. Otto Teague of Little Rock was in the pulpit of First Church, Benton, July 30. The Rev. W. J. Spicer of Booneville preached in First Church, Booneville, July 30.

## Aldersgate Camp

List of Memorial and Honor  
Gifts and Camperships  
(to be continued)

### IN MEMORY OF:

MRS. FLORENCE WHITE SISCO  
by Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Newton  
MRS. S. IRA MINTON  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
MRS. HELEN LAVENDER  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
ROY K. NOLES  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
DR. WAYNE LAZENBY  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
REV. CHARLES GIESSEN  
MRS. MARY CARRIE CLANTON  
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by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Jones  
MRS. RUTH STOGAUBH  
by Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Jernigan  
WALTER HUDDLESTON and  
JOE KINSEY  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
BOB STANCIL and  
NOEL CROSS  
by Dr. & Mrs. E. D. Galloway  
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DAVID THOMAS, sons of Dr.  
& Mrs. Jim G. Thomas  
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Thomas  
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by Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson  
GEORGE COURTNEY  
by Mrs. Vera M. Farris  
MRS. H. P. MERRITT and  
MR. GEORGE COURTNEY  
by Smith Booth, S.S. Class,  
Pulaski Heights, L. R.  
J. O. BICKMAN  
by Mrs. Anna Marie Carl Lee  
by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce M. Menees  
HERBERT C. ROBERTS  
by Fellowship Class, Lakeside  
Methodist, Pine Bluff  
MRS. MARTHA H. BLANKS  
by Miss Elizabeth Peacock  
MRS. LEONA GILLIAM  
by Elkins W.S.C.S.  
CLYDE POSTLEWATE and  
KATHRYN DENISE KING  
by Mrs. N. M. Minton  
MR. O. A. THOMPSON  
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MRS. MARY ETTA HIGHFILL  
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Jones  
JOHN WILLIAMS  
MRS. LORRAINE ETZLER  
MRS. PEARL CUTTING  
HERMAN ALDRIGE  
MRS. LILIAN DRAWBAUGH  
T. J. WILSON  
FRANK HENDERSON  
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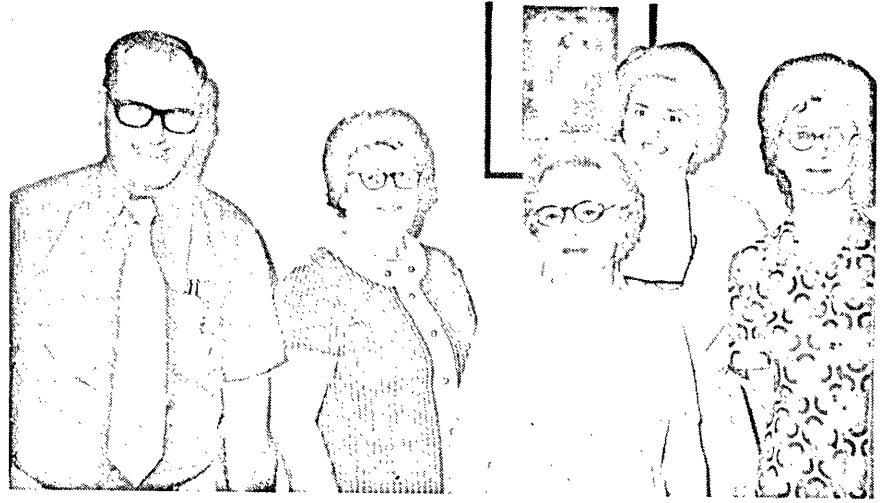
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ROBERT CLARK STANCIL  
by Boanerges S.S. Class, Trinity  
Methodist, Little Rock  
MAE PIERCE  
by W.S.G., Central Methodist,  
Fayetteville

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Bishop & Mrs. Paul V. Galloway  
by Rev. & Mrs. Charles W. Richards  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coursey  
by Mr. & Mrs. George Riley  
Mrs. William Brown  
by W.S.C.S., Little Rock First  
Methodist  
Mrs. Paul Galloway  
by W.S.C.S., Lakeside, Pine Bluff  
Mrs. A. F. Pryor and Mrs. John Arnn  
by Dermott United Methodist Church  
Mrs. John Buxton  
by Rudd Class, Pulaski Heights, L.R.  
Ray Tribble and Ruth Hunter  
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Jones  
by Dr. & Mrs. Kelsey Caplinger  
by Mrs. E. D. Galloway  
by Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Shepherd  
by Rev. & Mrs. John S. Workman  
Dr. Robert Goodloe  
by The Koinonia Class, First  
Methodist, Little Rock  
Dale and Ruth Hunter  
by Mr. & Mrs. Lowell D. Hunter  
Mrs. John Rule  
by Circle #3, W.S.C.S., First  
Methodist, Little Rock  
Nina Steele  
by W.S.G., Fayetteville District  
Mrs. Ted Been  
by W.S.G. #3, Ft. Smith First  
Church  
Jeff Givens  
by Blanche Burnett Guild, Pulaski  
Heights Methodist, L. R.  
Mrs. Veda Donham  
by Circle #6, First Methodist, L.R.  
Miss Floy Dodgen  
by Susannah Wesleyan Service Guild,  
Siloam Springs

### ALDERSGATE CAMPERSHIPS

by Miss Linda Fox  
by W.S.C.S. Markham Methodist  
by Kensett W.S.C.S.  
by Elizabeth Rimmel Bible Class,  
First United Methodist, L. R.  
by Smith Booth Class, Pulaski  
Heights United Methodist Church  
by Crusade S.S. Class, St. Paul, L.R.  
by Miss Marcelle Phillips  
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by Mrs. Robert E. Shrider  
by Mrs. Horace McKenzie  
by W.S.G., Des Arc United Methodist  
Church  
by Pine Bluff District W.S.C.S.  
by First United Methodist Church, L.R.  
by Rev. and Mrs. Alf A. Eason  
by Miss Mary E. Brain  
by Marcie C. Buhler  
by Dr. & Mrs. Milton John  
by W.S.C.S., Clarksville  
by Mrs. H. E. Hampton  
by Friendship S.S. Class, Lakeside  
United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff



The Hughla Martin Wesleyan Service Guild of Central Avenue Church, Batesville, presented Special Membership Pins to four of its members. Making the presentation was Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor, shown at left, to the following: Mrs. Ella Crowell, Mrs. Blanch Hopkins, Mrs. Thelma Shoemaker and Mrs. Vivian Hill.

### Letter from U.S.-2



Jan Fulton is an Arkansas girl serving as a U.S.-2 (special termhome missionary) at the Spofford Home in Kansas City. This letter is in thanks to Batesville First Church WSCS for remembering her birthday through the "Prayer Calendar." Jan will speak in her home church, Gardner Memorial, at the Oct. 11 Women's Society meeting.

Dear Friends,

First of all let me thank you for your nice cards and all of your prayers. It really helps knowing I have the support of Christian friends.

Because I feel you are interested in me and my work, I would like to tell you more.

I am 22 years old and graduated from Hendrix College at Conway, Arkansas in June of 1971 with a B.A. degree in Religious Education. I was accepted by the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church last year as a US-2 or short term missionary. Last summer I spent seven weeks at a training program at St. Paul's Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

For my two year assignment I now work at Spofford Children's Home as a Child Care Worker. Spofford is a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children. At present we have 30 children in residence and 3 day students.

An emotionally disturbed child is not mentally retarded or brain-damaged. An emotionally disturbed child does not act right in life situations. He has a long list of needs - both emotional and physical - as we all do. He has problems to solve as all children have, but his problems are more difficult. As a result he has to resort to exaggerated ways of coping with these problems.

Spofford provides psychiatric care and personal affection to each child by people who care. At Spofford we help children work through their feelings and conflicts, and learn how to release anxiety in socially acceptable ways. Parents of the children are also helped to understand the child so that differences can be worked out.

We are now in the process of seeking a new location on which to build a larger facility. This will enable us to expand our present program. Also, by June 1, we plan to open a group home for six children as another part of our expansion of services. The Group Home will provide a step half way between Spofford and home. It will provide a home-type situation as opposed to the institutional situation.

Spofford receives support from the National Division of the Board of Missions, the United Fund, and citizen contributions from groups and individuals. We are a growing institution and always appreciate support from friends.

Your interest in me and my work pleases me and I hope that this letter has helped to explain more about it.

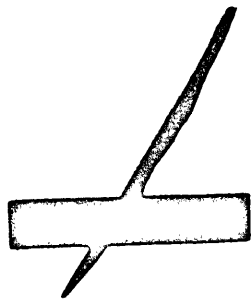
Sincerely,

*Jan Fulton*



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR AUGUST 20: Sharing in Christ's Work

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 17:1-20;  
John 15:1-11

**MEMORY SELECTION:** He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. (John 14:21)

**AIM OF LESSON:** To help persons understand that the natural result of worship and devotional life is involvement in meeting the needs of the people in all parts of the world.

The last two lessons in our summer quarter deal with extensions of devotion. As we have pointed out in an earlier lesson "the gathered church" must become "the scattered church" — from worship we must go out to serve or we do not demonstrate that God has spoken to us and through us. As one writer has said, "Worship is an open-ended activity. It must lead to something—either the repudiation of that Godward obedience which is the very essence of worship or the demonstration of the worshiper's sincerity through self-denying service."

In this writer's opinion we are coming to the close of a period in which there was a great deal of misunderstanding and inadequate communication between groups in the church. Over on one side has been a group which placed almost all of its emphasis on personal religious experience; on the other those who championed involvement in social service and reform in the church with a minimum of accent on personal religious experience. We say we believe we are approaching the end of such polarity as Christians because we are seeing that life cannot be divided into such segments. Again and again in recent months we have heard speakers at church gatherings call on their listeners to take seriously the call to spiritual renewal in order that they might become a part of the effort to become a part of the active implementation of Christ's work throughout the earth.

We will continue our search for a more meaningful devotional life long after this series of lessons has been finished. In their quest we will be motivated by the realization that we are living in a pluralistic world. As persons we are involved in many aspects of life and in complex relationships with other persons. If we have truly committed ourselves to be Christian disciples, this determination and the relationship which we have with Jesus Christ will have a great influence on all of our other relationships.

The world will not accept our profession of loyalty to Christ and His church unless we show in our daily lives—at work and at play—the same character which we have experienced in the sanctuary. Our main purpose here is to affirm that we are honestly seeking to discover what God's work is in this world and to do all that we can to become fully a part of it. All the while we will be reaffirming that balance which should exist between the nurturing of the inner life through our devotional lives and being actively involved in that work which needs doing in Christ's name both near to home and in distant lands.

### HEARING WHAT CHRIST TELLS US TO DO

The words of Jesus guide us in our lesson today as we read and listen as he still speaks. The first selection is from Matthew 17 which describes for us the experience of the transfiguration. The first three gospels all tell of this experience in which Peter, James and John accompanied Jesus to a mountain top for a most intense spiritual experience. Authorities are not certain as to the location, but it is felt that Mount Hermon was the probable site.

All three agree that it occurred shortly after the confession by Peter of his belief in the Messiahship. It was then that Jesus began to tell his disciples about his coming suffering, and you will remember that Peter cried out in protest against such an idea.

On the mountaintop a most unusual visitation of God took place. In the midst of this great experience of devotion Moses and Elijah—representing the Old Testament Law and the prophetic movement—appeared to those who were there. The overpowering truth which was made real in the transfiguration was that God was truly in Christ revealing himself to the world. Just as there had at the baptism, there came the voice of God proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him."

Dr. George A. Buttrick says in The Interpreter's Bible: "The experience was God's signature on the choice and commitment that Christ had made. Surely the Gospels have the right chronology and/or the true understanding; this incident occurred after the Christ's realization that suffering awaited him. The story is our reminder that Jesus is Christ and Lord; God has entered our world in him. Our nature therefore may be transfigured, after our own kind, in Christ. Our transfiguration as a profound emotion, of course, has its dangers, but when rightly used it is still the sign and seal of God."

### THE TEMPTATION TO STAY ON THE MOUNTAIN

No more profound experience of worship is described anywhere in the Bible, and no more striking example exists of the real temptation to escape from life in worship. From this story we have added to our vocabularies the expression "mountaintop experience," and we know that we often are tempted to delay as long as we can the return from such experiences.

Peter suggested that the thing to do was to build three tabernacles on the mountain — for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. It could be that he was thinking of protecting Jesus against the suffering which he said was coming. However, there is no denying the fact that we can hear the voice of every man who has been privileged to participate in a great worship experience and feels that there is some way to escape from the demands of life.

Dr. Buttrick suggests that we use many devices to try to escape from life—fantasy, travel, work, and religious emotion, but the vision fades and we always have to face the moment when we will return to the valley and take up the everyday tasks. Sunday may be a great day of worship, and we trust that it will be most of the time. However, there is no getting around the fact that we must also live the other six days of the week. An airplane can fly above the rain clouds, moving through a realm of clear light and even rainbows, but soon it must come down to earth.

So the three disciples and Jesus returned from the Mount of Transfiguration to the urgent needs of the valley. There is work to be done—the sometimes humdrum work of livelihood, the more urgent work of neighborliness, and the central work of God's kingdom without which livelihood and even neighborliness lack meaning and worth. When we see this in its true light we would not want it to be any other way, since it is through such work that our true creaturehood is developed. Peter wanted to make the glorious experience of the mountaintop as permanent as possible. Down below was a world that perplexed and threatened him. It was the devotional life that empowered him for taking his place in the work in the valley, but it was the challenge of that work that gave greatest depth to the devotional experience.

The Christ who led his disciples up the mountain also led them back to the valley. It was necessary for them to make the ascent for only so could they have shared the transfiguration experience. But it was equally necessary for them to return to the world of human need which was their appointed field of service.

### GOD EXPECTS OUR SERVICE

Jesus left no doubt in the minds of his followers that the vine of Christian commitment must bear fruit in service. Our second Bible passage is John 15:1-11 in which he tells the story of the vine and the husbandman. This also underscores the inseparable relationship between the devotional life of the believer and his service in the world.

The setting is along the route which carried the company from the upper room to the garden of Gethsemane. Almost anywhere along the route they could have seen the vineyards which stimulated his reference to himself as "the true vine." However, some suggest that he might have taken the disciples to the Temple, a notable feature of which was a golden vine, symbolic of the nation of Israel.

Jesus began the object lesson by identifying the persons in it. He compared himself to the vine and affirmed that God the Father is the vinedresser. Jesus was conscious that he and his followers were laboring in the harvest fields of God. The branches belong to the true vine; they are the disciples and all who profess to be his followers. The obvious purpose of the branch is to bear fruit. In the figure of the vineyard, a dead branch is cut off; those that bear fruit are nurtured so that they will bear more fruit the following year. This is the cardinal rule of the orchard.

### ABIDING AND FRUITFULNESS

There are two concepts that run throughout this lesson. Jesus did not avoid warnings about unfruitfulness, but he also gave positive teaching about how a disciple might be fruitful. He said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide and bear fruit because he knows this is what pleases God. God's glory, his true nature, is reflected in the Christian's fruit. A person does not earn the right to be a disciple by trying to live a good life. On the other hand, such fruit establishes his true identity. There is a progression of fruitfulness as Jesus speaks of "fruit" (verse 2), "more fruit" (verse 2), and "much fruit" verses 5 and 8). This is the outcome of normal Christian growth.

### SERVICE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

There is no denying that the early church picked up the challenge of Jesus' teaching concerning service. As we read the Book of Acts we are made aware that the Christian community did not try to escape from the world, but became involved in its every need. Dr. Charles R. Britt says in Adult Bible Studies: "The early Christian church understood that servanthood to God must be expressed through servanthood to people. The devotional and the fellowship life of the Christian community, and of individual Christians, is given new depth of meaning as together we share in the work of Christ."

### FINDING WORK TO DO

If we were to write a Book of Acts based on the life of the Christian church in 1972, we would have many resources on which to draw. Small numbers of people have felt that they had to separate themselves from the institutional church in order to serve, but this is a small minority.

As one reads the bulletins and newsletters from the churches within the constituency of this paper he is forced to become very excited about the new programs of service that are being implemented.

We know we are sometimes accused of being guilty of the spirit that is sometimes called "triumphalism," but many of our people are indicating that they understand the relationship which ought to exist between the devotional life and the life of service. We trust that many of you will want to take this challenge seriously in your own classes and in your individual lives.

AUGUST 10, 1972



# Partnership in the Seventies

by Edwin H. Maynard

There is a new theme for the 25-year-old person-to-person program of the United Methodist Church.



The Advance, best known for its financial dimension of Advance Specials, has the theme "Disciples in Partnership" for the years just ahead. Even more than in the past, the Advance will urge United Methodists to build bridges of friendship and understanding. As a program, the Advance will try to help congregations and church members find ways to es-

tablish relationships with others.

A visual expression of "Disciples in Partnership" is the new symbol of the Advance. The dramatic rendering of interlocked hands will represent the Advance program and its objective of forming partnerships. The new art work will be issued in the form of a poster in the fall. As a logotype, it will appear on all publications relating to the Advance—including the catalog book, **Partnership in Missions**, which will be ready in a new edition in the fall.

## "Disciples in Partnership"

The theme, "Disciples in Partnership," was adopted by the 1972 General Conference after delegates had heard personal testimony as to what the Advance can mean both in giving and in receiving.

The idea of partnership has always been in the Advance. Two decades ago the Evangelical United Brethren Church was fostering "prayer partnerships" as a part of its special support program. At the same time Methodists, already using the word, "Advance," were linking giver and receiver in a fellowship that reached beyond the money that was being given.

So what's new?

What is new is that patterns of missionary work are changing. So are the ways in which churches

relate to one another. Less clear than in the past are the lines between giver and receiver. It was never desirable for decision-making to rest exclusively with the giver, but it frequently happened. Now unilateral decisions will often be found to be impossible. Overseas most of our mission relationships are with autonomous national churches that ask and claim the right to determine priorities for themselves. At home, as much as overseas, the new watchword is self-determination. It becomes imperative that any person or organization that relates to persons of a different ethnic or cultural background make decisions with them, not for them.

## Receiving and Giving

Thus it is that the new concept in the Advance stresses mutual relationships and mutual decision-making. Gifts of money continue to be needed and must be a major strength of the Advance program. But one of the lessons to be learned is that even the affluent have a need to receive; even the poor have a need to give. There are many things besides money that can be given. The new Advance will seek to become an adventure of giving and receiving across the frontiers of geography, race, language and culture.

As in the past, Advance Specials are authorized for world missions, national missions and overseas relief. The agencies carrying out such work are now all administrative divisions of the new Board of Global Ministries.

The 1972 Discipline will put it this way:

"There shall be an Advance program of the United Methodist Church to advance the community of believers through mutual Christian experience as disciples in partnership. This partnership shall be seen as crossing boundaries of race, nationality and culture. The Advance program shall foster relationships between persons and churches as they relate to programs, projects, and institutions of service.

"All partners shall determine voluntarily the points at which they shall become involved and the character of their participation. Disciples in partnership will respect one another's worth and dig-

nity in giving and receiving, recognizing the importance of all persons to determine the priority of their own needs.

"Money given and received as a part of the relationships fostered by the Advance shall be known as Advance Special gifts. . . . The Advance constitutes the official program of designated giving within the United Methodist Church."

## Over and Above World Service

Bishop W. Ralph Ward, chairman of the Advance Committee, has noted the urgency of a strong Advance program—over and above World Service, which is recognized as the first benevolence priority and must be accepted before Advance Specials are begun. Presenting the Advance report to General Conference, Bishop Ward pointed out that Advance partnerships are responsible for more than three and a half million dollars a year in support for United Methodist missionaries overseas. Within the United States the largest single category of Advance Specials is for the support of ministers—in almost every case ministers of one of the ethnic minorities whose congregation cannot by itself provide an adequate salary.

On recommendation by the Council on Finance and Administration, the General Conference adopted a goal of ten million dollars a year for Advance partnerships in some years in the past, but more than nine million plus given each year during 1968-72.

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Needs of people and churches can be measured in dollars—or at least some of the needs can. But important as the dollars are, it is even more important for individuals and congregations to become related person-to-person with fellow-Christians outside their own culture.

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It will not always be easy, but it will always be rewarding.

That is what "Disciples in Partnership" is all about.

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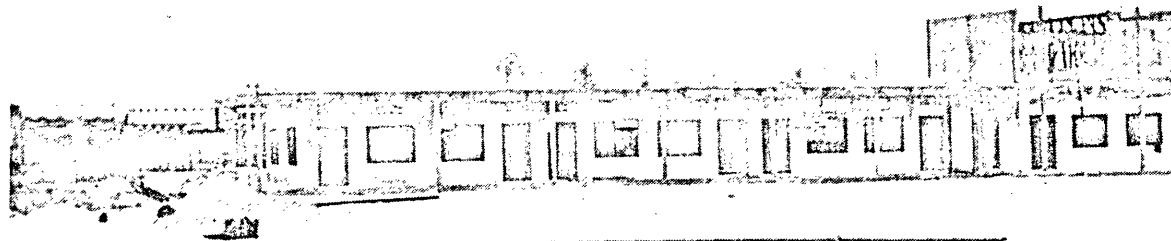
## Vocational Training Center for Vietnam village

Photo by Doug Beane

The Christian Youth Social Service High School and Vocational Training Center at Hoa-Khanh Village, Quang-Nam Province, Vietnam has been approved for a Fund for Reconciliation grant of \$28,000. The joint announcement is made by Dr. Harry Haines of the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief and Dr. Raoul C. Calkins of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

Over 35,000 refugees flooded into Hoa-Khanh. The Christian Youth Social Service group recognized the importance of vocational training in order to teach unemployed refugees practical skills with which they can make a decent livelihood for themselves and their families. The schools have not been able to absorb such an influx of children and youth.

Funds were received from various sources, including income from revenue projects, to complete the first six rooms of a high school, the foundation of the vocational training school, 75% of the auditorium and 90% of the toilet facilities. However, because of the deteriorating financial conditions assistance is needed.



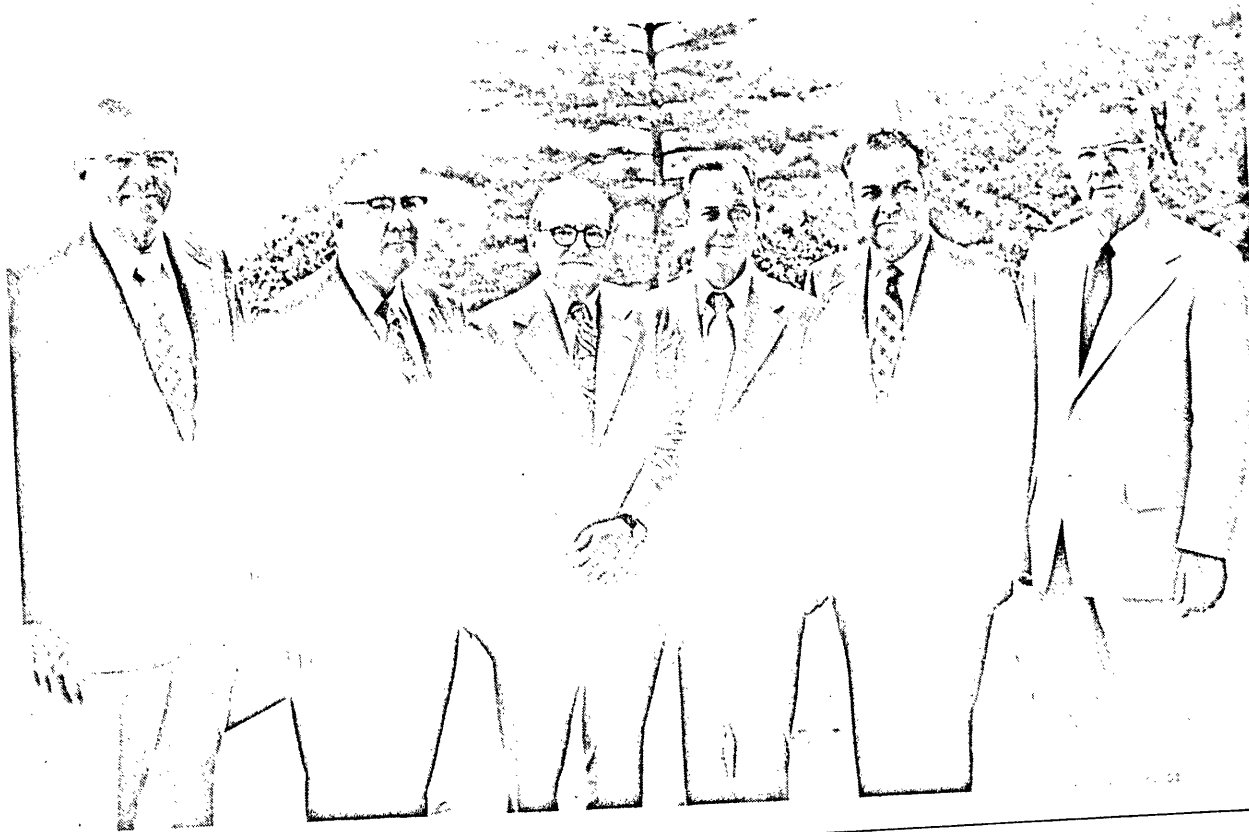
Unfinished High School, Hoa-Vang District,  
Quang-Nam Province Vietnam

This Fund for Reconciliation grant will be used in completing the vocational training school and the first and second floors of the high school. This will enable the school to accept another 720 pupils in addition to the 450 already attending classes; and a full schedule of masonry, carpentry, electrical and motor mechanics courses are

to be conducted.

The project is under the supervision of skilled persons including the executive director of Vietnam Christian Services.

All of the graduates of the masonry classes, the carpentry classes, and the motor mechanics course have been able to find employment in those fields.



Six newly-elected United Methodist bishops were chosen by the 1972 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 11-16. Shown above from left are Bishops Joel D. McDavid, formerly of Mobile, Ala., and assigned to the Florida Area; Edward L. Tullis, Ashland, Ky., assigned to Columbia (S.C.) Area; Mack B. Stokes, Atlanta, Ga., assigned to Jackson (Miss.) Area; Robert M. Blackburn, Orlando, Fla., assigned to Raleigh (N.C.) Area; Frank L. Robertson, Valdosta, Ga., assigned to Louisville (Ky.) Area; and Carl J. Sanders, Arlington, Va., assigned to Birmingham (Ala.) Area.

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## International Seaman's Center to open in Houston

NEW YORK (UMI) — A \$25,000 check from the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, has been presented to the Rev. Sam Duree, senior chaplain and executive director of the Houston (Texas) International Seaman's Center. Mr. Duree, a United Methodist, is a ministerial member of Texas Conference.

The money, granted in 1970, is United Methodism's contribution toward a new \$1 million seaman's facility for the Port of Houston. Also the Roman Catholic Church and Presbyterian Church in the U.S. are giving a total of \$75,000 toward the Center, as part of a pledge of the ecumenical Ministry to the Port of Houston.

Expected to open around January 1, the new Center will provide more recreation, relaxation and religious facilities for an estimated 200,000 seamen from over the world who visit Houston each year. Located near the docks, the Center has or will have a chapel, fellowship area, dining room, store, soccer field, swimming pool, television and library room, game rooms and offices for seven full-time chaplains from various denominations who serve the Center.

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## New missionaries represent variety of occupational specialists

NEW YORK (UMI) — Algeria, Zaire and 11 countries alphabetically in between are scheduled to receive 32 United Methodist missionaries this summer and fall.

The 17 women and 15 men will begin service as regular or special-term (three-year) missionaries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. They are among an anticipated 85 missionaries being enlisted, trained and sent out for home and overseas service this year by the United Methodist Board of Missions. The 32 are, or will be, commissioned missionaries of the Board's World Division and will become part of the Division's global missionary corps in more than 30 countries.

The occupational specialties are varied. Five will serve in evangelism and church development. Others will serve in education, medicine, agricultural development, hospital administration, church music, community organization, piloting "flying missionary").

The interdenominational, international contingent includes missionaries from 16 states, Korea, Indonesia and Costa Rica. A photographer-journalist from Korea will go to Algeria; the Indonesian and Costa Rican teachers will return to their homelands. States represented are Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Though the great majority are United Methodists, the groups also includes members of the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Countries to which the missionaries will go include Algeria, Chile, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Taiwan and Zaire.

Several of the 32 will be new to missionary service. A few are former

regular missionaries who have served several years and are now being reinstated, returning to service after careers of several years in America. A larger number are former "3s" (three-year short-termers) going back to the "mission field" after further education or short work periods in the U.S. Thirteen are married couples, four are single women and two are single men.

Several are 1972 graduates, either of college or theological seminary, but the majority are going into missionary service from a variety of occupations including: teaching (science, Spanish, English, etc.), social work, computer technology, library science, forestry, campus ministry, Peace Corps service, medicine, parish ministry and probation officer service.

Most of the 32 are being trained this summer or next fall at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y., or elsewhere in preparation for missionary service.

## Scandinavian Methodism strengthens outreach

NEW YORK (UMI)—A congregation with a growing outreach ministry in the church school field highlights Methodist news from Scandinavia, along with a new facility to serve handicapped children and the 75th anniversary of Norway's "Bethany movement," which operates three hospitals and trains nurses.

The United Methodist Church in Stavanger, in southern Norway, has begun an outpost Sunday school in neighboring Kverneland, reported the Rev. Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia. With growth of the project came appointment of a full-time minister, and enrollment has reached 300.

From Sweden another kind of service to children is reported by Dr. Kristoffersen. A new wing has been opened at the Methodist orphanage in Aby. It has a swimming pool for rehabilitation of handicapped children, a facility described by Dr. Kristoffersen as "a good contribution by the Methodist Church" to their treatment.

In 1897 Marie Bagger, daughter of a Methodist minister in Denmark, inspired what has become the Bethany organization of church-related healing

ministries in Norway. In 1972 that movement is celebrating its 75th birthday, and the anniversary was marked at the Norway United Methodist Conference with a presentation of gifts to Bethany hospitals and their staffs. There are three such hospitals, in Bergen, Oslo and Skien; those in Bergen and Oslo train nurses, and both are building new housing for hospital staff members.

Another historic event this year, Dr. Kristoffersen reported, is the 90th anniversary of the Methodist church in Haugesund, Norway. It was founded by seaman Karl Pettersen who became a Methodist convert at Bethelship church in Brooklyn, took his new-found faith to Haugesund and became a missionary in its behalf. Today, wrote Dr. Kristoffersen, the church "has great social and spiritual activities for children, youth and adults."

In other news from Scandinavia, Dr. Kristoffersen reported that Norwegian Methodists are building a social center including a nursery school in Kongsvinger and that the dean of the new Methodist Practical Theological Seminar and Study Center in Bergen is the Rev. Dr. E. Anker Nilsen.

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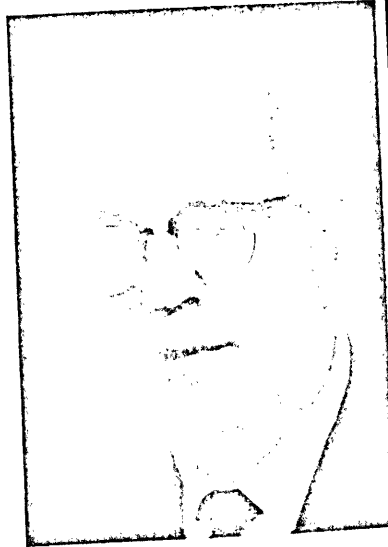
## SATURDAY

- 1:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION** and cottage assignment begins -- Frank Mackey, Little Rock, and committee.
- 2:00 P.M. **OPENING SESSION** -- S. H. (Herb) Allman, Hot Springs, Past Conference Lay Leader, presiding.  
Methodist Hymn Sing --  
Scripture and Prayer -- T. A. Prewitt, Tillar.  
Welcome and Announcements -- W. M. (Bill) Shepherd, Conference Lay Leader.  
Key '73 -- Introduction -- Charles D. Whittle, Director of Service to Leaders, Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee.  
Benediction -- Dale Booth, Little Rock.
- 3:30 P.M. **Intermission**
- 3:50 P.M. **General Session** -- Raymond Hillis, Malvern, presiding.  
Scripture and Prayer -- Richard Meredith, Crossett.  
Key '73 -- Program Development -- Charles D. Whittle.
- 5:00 P.M. **Benediction** -- Charles Stuck, Little Rock.
- 6:00 P.M. **SUPPER** -- Invocation -- Thornton Stewart, Magnolia.
- 7:15 P.M. **Evening Session** -- B. F. Allbright, Little Rock, presiding.  
Old Time Hymns --  
Scripture and Prayer -- Frank Thompson, El Dorado.  
Address -- What Can One Man Do? -- Dr. Myron Wicke, Executive Secretary, General Board Division of Higher Education, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 9:00 P.M. **Benediction** -- Pratt Rammel, Little Rock.

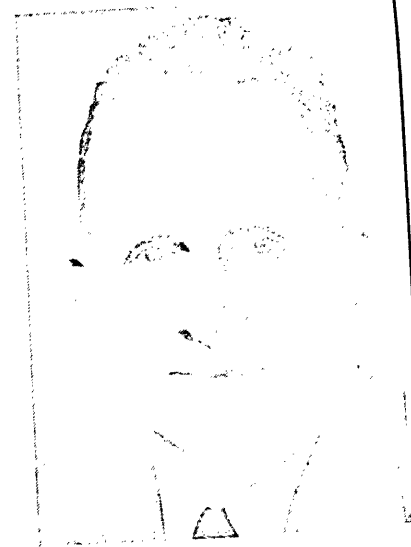
## SUNDAY MORNING

- 5:45 A.M. **MORNING WATCH** -- Those who wish to do so will go quietly to the chapel for individual meditation and prayer. Please remain silent through the watch period and the communion service to follow.
- 6:00 A.M. **COMMUNION SERVICE** -- Minister -- George W. Martin. Laymen -- Milton Teague and Committee.
- 7:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST** -- Invocation -- John Peterson, DeWitt.
- 8:30 A.M. **GENERAL SESSION** -- Roland Shelton, Little Rock, presiding.  
Hymns --  
Scripture and Prayer -- E. C. Cobb, Ashdown.  
Message -- Dr. Marshall Steel, President Emeritus Hendrix College Lake Catherine, Arkansas.  
Benediction -- Leslie Helvie, Pine Bluff.
- 9:45 A.M. **INTERMISSION**
- 10:45 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICE** -- W. M. (Bill) Shepherd, presiding.  
Hymn --  
Scripture and Prayer -- Ted Nichols, Star City.  
Message -- George W. Martin, District Superintendent, Arkadelphia District.  
Hymn --
- 11:50 A.M. **BENEDICTION** -- John Simpson, DeWitt.
- 12:00 Noon **LUNCH** -- Invocation -- Joe Arnold
- 12:30 P.M. **DISMISSAL**

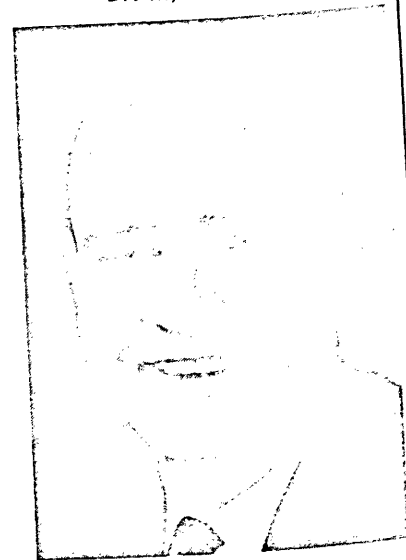
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