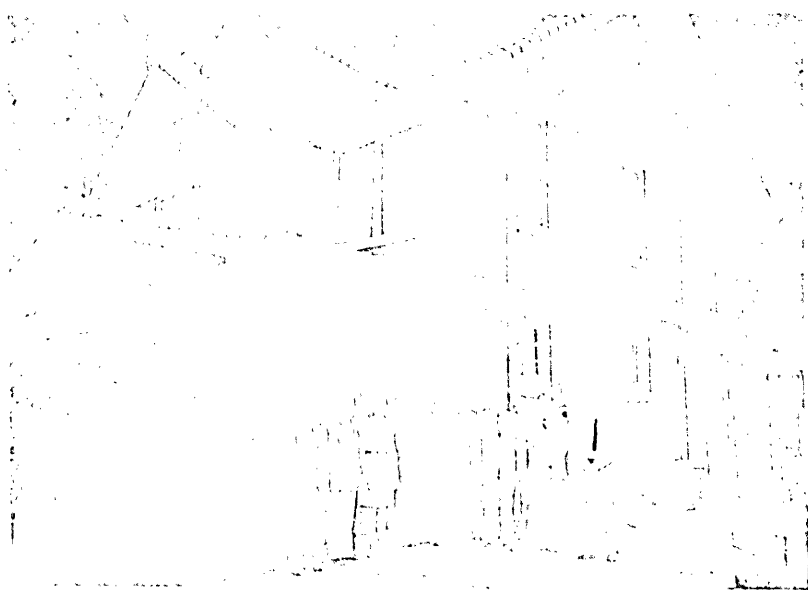


A large group of interested friends outside the new Okla Smith Manor, second extension home of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Fort Smith. Included are: Dr. Bayliss, the Rev. James McKay, Mr. Keith, Mrs. Taylor Prewitt, Mr. Jacobs, the Rev. Charles McDonald, Leslie Coleman, Bob Paine, Dr. Richard Aclin, John Ayers, and Judge Kimbrough.



Bob Gregg, chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Church, Fort Smith, delivering to Joe Thompson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Methodist Children's Home, the deed to the property which is being used as the second extension home. Looking on are the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Home; Dr. John A. Bayliss, pastor of First Church, Judge Warren Kimbrough, Fort Smith Commissioner of the Children's Home; and John Jacobs, Trustee of the Children's Home.

## New unit of Children's Home to open in Fort Smith

The second extension home established by the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home will be opened this week in Fort Smith in a home which has been presented to the Children's Home by First United Methodist Church in that city. The plans were announced last week by the Rev. J. Edwin Keith.

The house, located at 320 N. 16th Street was formerly used as a parson-

age for the associate minister of the church. It was given to the church by the Okla Smith family and the extension home which will now be occupying it will be called Okla Smith Manor. It will be occupied by eight girls and their house parents.

This method of expanding its services is one adopted by the Methodist Children's Home three years ago and is an attempt to de-institutionalize its

program.

House parents and children will be moving from Little Rock to Fort Smith this week. A house-warming party is planned for Friday, Aug. 18, at 7:00 p.m. with all United Methodist churches in the Fort Smith area being asked to participate.

In a recent ceremony at the Fort Smith home Bob Gregg, chairman of the Board of Trustees of First Church presented the deed to the property to Joe Thompson, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. Dr. John A. Bayliss is the First Church pastor.

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## Reception planned for Bishop and Mrs. Frank

United Methodists of Arkansas will honor their new episcopal leader and his wife at a reception planned for the first week in September.

Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank will be officially introduced to ministers and laymen from throughout the state at the reception which will be held at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., according to Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District Superintendent, chairman of the joint cabinet committee which is planning for the event.

It is hoped that groups from all sections of Arkansas will make their plans to attend the reception and visit with Bishop and Mrs. Frank at the time which will be most convenient to them.

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## McARTHUR DRIVE CHURCH TO BE CONSECRATED

The recently completed building of McArthur Drive United Methodist Church will be consecrated on Sunday, Aug. 20, by Bishop Eugene M. Frank assisted by Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District Superintendent, and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor.

The congregation which was organized in the fall of 1969 has been meeting in a trailer-church since that time. It has grown to a membership of almost 100 and has achieved a real victory in the completion of the first unit of its three-phase building program.

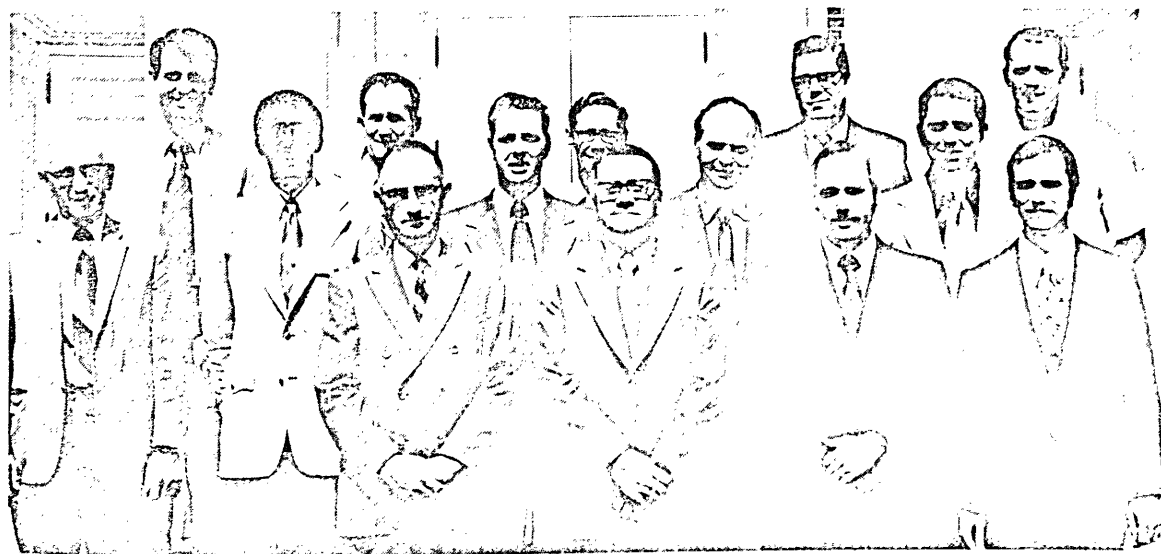
The architects for the building were Roark and Perkins of Little Rock, and the contractors have been Whitehurst Bros., Inc. of Little Rock.

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Arkansas pastors who participated in the 1972 Perkins School of Theology Courses of Study School in Dallas included: BACK ROW, left to right: The Rev. Ed Matthews (faculty member), Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff; H. Eugene Ratekin, Sherrill; W. Ed Eagle, Austin; Aultus Block, Dierks; Richard Stegall; MIDDLE ROW: Earl Mathis, El Dorado; Perry Lomax, Hot Springs; Carl Diffie, Hope; Robert Woody, Hot Springs; Richard T. Jarrell, Blevins; FRONT: John Abshire, Ward; Guy Downing, Horatio; Roger Armstrong, Texarkana; Robert Armstrong, Holly Springs. Others attending from Arkansas included: John W. Edwards, Arkadelphia; Autrey Sirmon, Hatfield; Frank A. Williams, Delight. A total of 4,568 ministers have participated in the Courses of Study School since its inception in 1947; 759 have earned certificates certifying the completion of five summers of short-term studies by those not enrolled in a three-year seminary degree program. Nineteen were certified this year.



Shown with the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Little Rock Conference camp director and coordinator of Youth Work, are college youth who are serving as members of Tanako's summer staff. **FIRST ROW** (left to right): Bruce Williamson, Malvern; Moses "Tiger" Choto, Rhodesia; James Gibbons, Ozark; Nancy Schmidt, Magnolia; Cindi Binkley, Walnut Ridge; **BACK ROW**: Holly Haley, England; Stephen Taylor, Little Rock; Joe Arnold, Jr., Little Rock; Carolyn Thompson, El Dorado; the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Little Rock; Ross Atkinson, Magnolia; Janet LaRue, Arkadelphia; Greg Alagood, Little Rock; Ellen Hays, Amity; Paul Hankins, Arkadelphia.

### *Tanako well staffed*

by the Rev. Joe Arnold

Camp Tanako has had close to a fantastic summer, this year of 1972. Primarily, it's due to the Staff, which is made up of talented and capable individuals. Actually, there are three staffs at Tanako, all of them equally important, which include the following:

**KITCHEN STAFF:** Mrs. Garland (Desiree) Thompson, kitchen supervisor; Mrs. Icelean Holland and Mrs. Iva Sandage, both of Donaldson, Ark.; and Mrs. Joe (Helen) Arnold, Jeudi Arnold, and Steve Williams, all of Little Rock; and Phyllis Bennett of Hot Springs.

**LIFEGUARD STAFF:** The lifeguard staff is made up of three young men, all of whom have completed their first year at Hendrix College, Ross Atkinson of Magnolia; Joe Arnold, Jr. and Greg Alagood, both of Little Rock.

### Lay Witness Coaching Conference in West Memphis, August 25-26

A Coaching Conference for those interested in the Lay Witness Mission will be held in West Memphis, August 25 and 26, in the Rosewood United Methodist Church. The conference opens at 5 p.m. Friday and closes at 3 p.m. Saturday. It is sponsored by the Forrest City District and the Department of Koinonia ministries of the General Board of Evangelism. Vance Archer will be the director, and Mrs. William Johnson is serving as general chairman for the conference. The Rev. James Linam is host pastor.

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**PERMANENT STAFF:** The permanent staff, or the college staff includes: Cindi Binkley of Walnut Ridge, a sophomore at Hendrix this fall; James Gibbons, recently of Ozark, presently residing in Little Rock, and junior at Hendrix this fall; Holly Haley, a sophomore at Henderson, England, Ark.; Paul Hankins, recently of Little Rock, and a graduate of Henderson State College; Ellen Hays, a junior at Henderson, from Amity, Ark.; Janet LaRue from Arkadelphia, a sophomore at Henderson, who will be receiving the vows of matrimony Aug. 18; Nancy Schmidt, from Magnolia, Ark., who has completed her first year at Southern State College and will be a sophomore at Hendrix this fall; Steve Taylor, a sophomore at Hendrix this fall, resides in Little Rock; Carolyn Thompson, El Dorado, will be a senior at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville; and Bruce Williamson, Malvern, will be a senior at Arkansas Tech.

Parents of this group represent various occupations and professions including doctors, dentists, ministers, postmen, accountants, school superintendents, etc.

Joe Arnold, the summer director, fully realizes that the success of this year's camping program rests upon the above named personnel, the individual session directors, and Mr. Garland Thompson, who is the year 'round Superintendent at Tanako.

If you have any gifts or donations which you wish to make available to Tanako, please mail them to:

Camp Tanako  
c/o Rev. Joe Arnold  
715 Center, Suite 202  
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## Key 73 Latch-String

### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

A specially called Board Meeting of the Board of Evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference met with some startling facts as presented to them by the Chairman, Dr. Joel Cooper of Fayetteville.

The decades from 1961 through 1971 saw an average of over 1800 professions of faith. However, this is against an average of 2200 for the first three years of that decade and what is more revealing is that the last three years average is only 1300 plus.

This means that our Conference has averaged 500 less converts the past three years compared with the ten-year average and we have cut our conversions nearly in half for the last three years of the decade against the first three years of the same period.

More will be said in weeks to come as the Board seeks to keep the Conference informed. This represents a decided decline in evangelism and the Board of Evangelism feels that these facts should be made known.

### CLAY COUNTY PASTORS ENJOY FELLOWSHIP

Pastors of Clay County United Methodist Churches and their families met for a fellowship dinner on July 22. The Rev. and Mrs. Chester Penny, Boydsville Charge, were hosts for the occasion. Among those in attendance were the families of the Rev. Wayne Clark, Corning; the Rev. J. B. Harris, Piggott; the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Rector; the Rev. Charles P. Reed, Marmaduke; and the Rev. Elmo Thomason, superintendent of the Paragould district.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZED AT CENTENNIAL CHURCH

Centennial United Methodist Church, El Dorado, recently organized a Sunday school department and started with two classes on July 23. Teachers are: Benny Joe Barbaree for youth and Mrs. Robert H. Jackson for adults, with Bill Vines to be a substitute for either class. The Rev. Robert H. Jackson, pastor, installed the teachers during worship services.

### PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEN MEET AT CHEROKEE VILLAGE

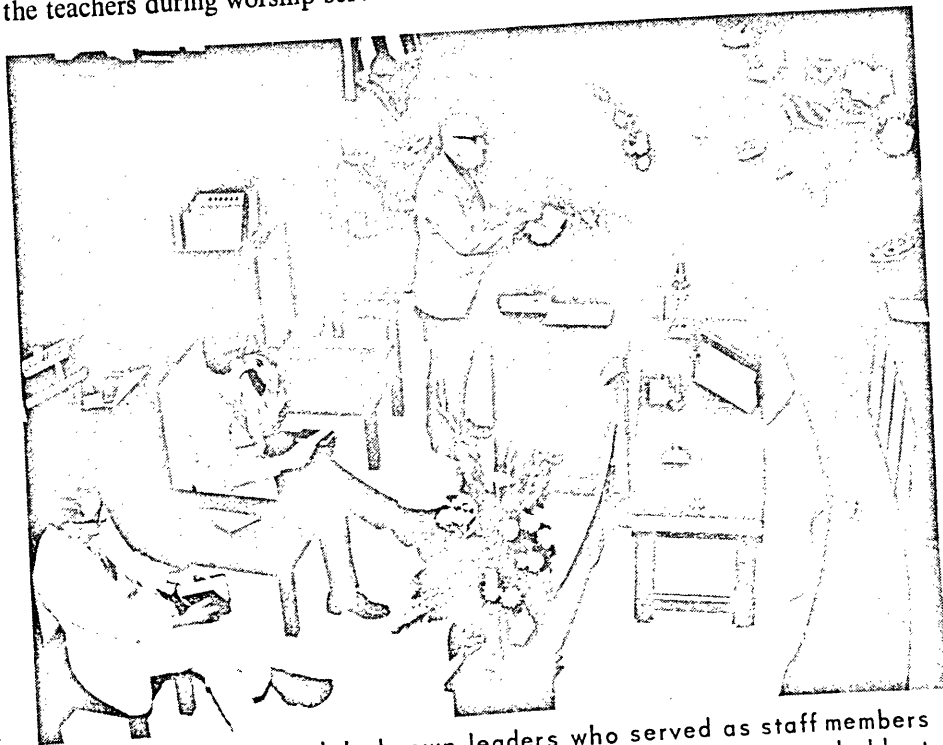
The United Methodist Men of Cherokee Village United Methodist Church were hosts to the Methodist Men of the Paragould District at a pancake and sausage supper on Tuesday, Aug. 8, according to Fred B. Heard, president of the group.

Approximately 100 men attended with the groups from Corning and Paragould coming the greatest distance.

John Collins, assistant dean for academic affairs at Arkansas State University, was the speaker for the meeting, and Loren Snelson of the host church brought the devotions. Special guests included the Rev. Elmo Thomason, Paragould District Superintendent; Dalton Henderson, president of the Northwest District Methodist Men; and Henry Rainwater, Paragould District Lay Leader.

The Rev. Roy E. Poyner is pastor of the Cherokee Village Church.

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Shown above are widely known leaders who served as staff members for recent National Conference on Christian Experience held at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. **FROM LEFT:** Dr. David Seamands, Dr. Robert Tuttle, Jr., Vance Archer, Mrs. Virginia Law and Dr. Paul S. Rees. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is pastor of the host church. More than 700 persons from 17 different states, representing many denominations, attended the four-day conference. All of the messages and some of the music is available on cassette tapes, which may be ordered from Tidings, Nashville, Tenn. 37203 or from The Good News Store, 308 W. 7th, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Plans are underway for Conferences on Christian Experience to be held next year across the nation.

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## Christians in Environmental Crisis

"There is today a growing concern about what people are doing with this world. At an accelerating rate we are polluting the environment in which we live. Should this be of concern to Christians? Can we as Christians do anything about the environmental mess in which we find ourselves?

"Let us together seek the answers to three simple questions: What is the environmental crisis of our day? Why should we conserve natural resources and clean up our environment? And how shall we go about the task?

"To begin with the 'What?' let us consider four areas: air pollution, land pollution, water pollution, and noise pollution.

"Here are the facts about air pollution! according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, we pollute our air with over 200 tons of manmade waste products or 'aerial garbage' each year. Estimates show that 51 per cent of the pollutants come from transportation sources, 16 per cent from fuel combustion, 15 per cent from industrial processes, 4 per cent from solid waste disposal practices, and 14 per cent from forest fires and miscellaneous sources. This dirty air costs us \$16 billion per year, or about \$80 for every person in the United States. It ruins crops, flowers, vegetation, and makes paint peel and discolor. It adds to house and clothes cleaning bills and kills cattle and destroys feed. This polluted air rusts iron, tarnishes silver, cracks tires, wastes fuels in power plants. And it blocks out the sun, causing higher lighting bills.

"Worst of all, dirty air is shortening our lives. Every breath of polluted air contributes to respiratory disease and premature death. It is a major factor in emphysema, causes bronchitis, and it can lead to lung cancer.

"Yes, air pollution is one of America's great problems and it bids fair to get worse. The number of automobiles is increasing twice as fast as the population. The use of electric power will increase 5 times by the year 2000, and more people means more waste to burn.

"Now look at our land problems. It has been estimated that from Colonial Days until the end of the Dust Bowl in the '30's the average depth of topsoil in this country was reduced by one-half. This lost soil not only grew no crops, but clogged rivers, choked plants, polluted water supplies and killed great quantities of fish. Even with the great improvements which came through the year with new machines, insecticides, fertilizers and cultivation, more recent figures are alarming. Recent studies show that we are still losing topsoil at the rate of 12,500 forty-acre farms each year.

"In addition to this loss, notice the blight on our highways and countryside by garbage and junk. Our streets and walks and countrysides are littered with every kind of mess imaginable. By 1980, it is estimated that waste collection in America will amount to over 340 million tons per year, or 8 pounds per person daily.

"What about water pollution? There's scarcely a stream left which doesn't bear some mark of man's abuse—waste materials from farm, factory, and home. Sewage and waste from industries, fertilizer, pesticide runoffs from fields and forests, oil spills and off-shore drilling, acids from mining operations, debris from city streets and heated water from power projects — these are among the wastes being dumped into our waterways every day.

"Furthermore, the water table in this country is being lowered continually. We are pumping out our subterranean reserves at twice the rate we allow rainfall to percolate down through the soil. Obviously, this must cease. And as the population increases the demand for more water will grow.

"Recently, I saw a pamphlet with these headlines: 'Noise-Unwanted By-Product of Modern Life.' The most obvious noise producers, of course, are planes, cars, trucks, motorcycles, power mowers and construction equipment. People in the more congested areas of America already may have developed severe hearing impairment, and the problem is spilling over into the suburbs. Noise not only damages hearing, it interferes with communication, causes stress and generally destroys the quality of life.

We would like to share with you this week the basic thoughts in an excellent article on the Christian stewardship of the environment. It was written by the Rev. Billy M. Carden, minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Durham, N.C., and appeared in the August 10 issue of The North Carolina Christian Advocate.

"Here then is the 'What?' of our environmental crisis. Granted, it is not a very bright picture. Nevertheless, we are not ready to predict doomsday. More and more people, especially our youth, are giving fresh thought to the meaning of life. Our young people are questioning worn-out doctrines and in thousands of variations they are echoing the words of the poet:

'Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust return-  
eth,  
Was not spoken of the soul.'  
(Longfellow)

"No, for all our environmental sins of omission and commission, we are not ready to throw up our hands in despair. Signs of hope are emerging! Government, industry, church bodies, business and professional groups, and individuals are covenanting together — seeking to devise a better relationship between 'the earth, the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.'"

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Louisiana's House of Representatives and Senate have submitted a concurrent resolution to Congress urging the adoption of a constitutional amendment which would permit the citizenry to decide whether or not prayer shall be permitted in public schools. The resolution states in part, "Our national tradition and heritage of public and civic prayer give purpose and meaning to our union as a nation, without which we could only suffer the anarchy or tyranny of the oppressed peoples in less enlightened parts of the world."

The national conventions of the political parties, not the Presidential candidates, should pick the candidates for Vice President, believes Dr. Albert P. Stauderman, editor of a Lutheran publication. In a recent editorial he said, "The national political conventions which nominate the President are supposed to exercise the same judgment in choosing the person who may succeed to the Presidency."

"Religion is playing a reconciling role in improving race relations in the U.S. armed forces," said Roy Wilkins, director of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, as he concluded a 12-day tour of the U.S. Army in Europe. "Wherever you go," Wilkins said, "you find a cooperative team of chaplains, educational officers, command officers, and the new Equal Opportunity and Human Relations officers, facing frankly the problems of minorities and moving in to help." "These problems have not been solved, he added, "but they have a new possibility of being solved. There is good will at the top."

Britain's membership in the European Common Market will confront Christians with new social and moral challenges Anglican Bishop Cyril Bulley of Carlisle, Eng. told the diocesan synod. Bishop Bulley said that the challenges "will be spelled out in concern for the poor, the underprivileged and the homeless of our own country as well as concern for the starving millions of the underdeveloped countries of the world." Britain's membership in ECM is scheduled to become effective as of Jan. 1.

The first "Encyclopedia of Medical Ethics" is to be compiled at Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.) by a panel of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish and humanist scientists and ethicists. The three-volume work scheduled for completion in three years will be paid for by a \$200,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities with a matching sum from the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and the Raskob Foundation. The ethics of medical personnel and the needs and rights of the patient will be emphasized, and certain ethical issues in population and ecological matters will be covered as well.

A special study commission created by the North Carolina Legislature (six legislators and three private citizens) is now at work considering whether property owned by religious, governmental, educational or charitable organizations should remain exempt from ad valorem taxes in the state. When the commission reports to the 1973 session in January it is expected to recommend removal of exemptions on property owned by churches but not used strictly for religious purposes. Of concern to church groups is the effect the commission's recommendations might have on property at religious conference and assembly centers owned by various denominations in mountain areas.

A series of one-minute "spot" announcements interpreting three Jewish high holy days in Christian terms has been produced for radio use by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The announcements discuss Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, and Succoth—all observed in September—and explain how these observances are fulfilled for Christians in the life and works of Jesus.

Nagaland, an isolated state in India to the east of Bangladesh where almost everyone is said to be Baptist, will celebrate later this year the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first U.S. missionary. The Nagas, descendants of headhunters, also will send representatives to America to help the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis mark its 150th birthday. The Rev. W. A. Clark, a missionary from the Indiana congregation, went to Nagaland in 1872.

Several churches in the downtown area of Minneapolis have cooperated to develop urban transportation bus service to get their parishioners to Sunday morning worship. The joint effort provides transportation that takes worshippers to Salem English Lutheran, Joyce United Methodist, Lyndale Congregational, and Incarnation Roman Catholic churches. A bus is rented for \$30 each Sunday from the Metropolitan Transit Commission, and the cost is divided evenly among the four congregations.

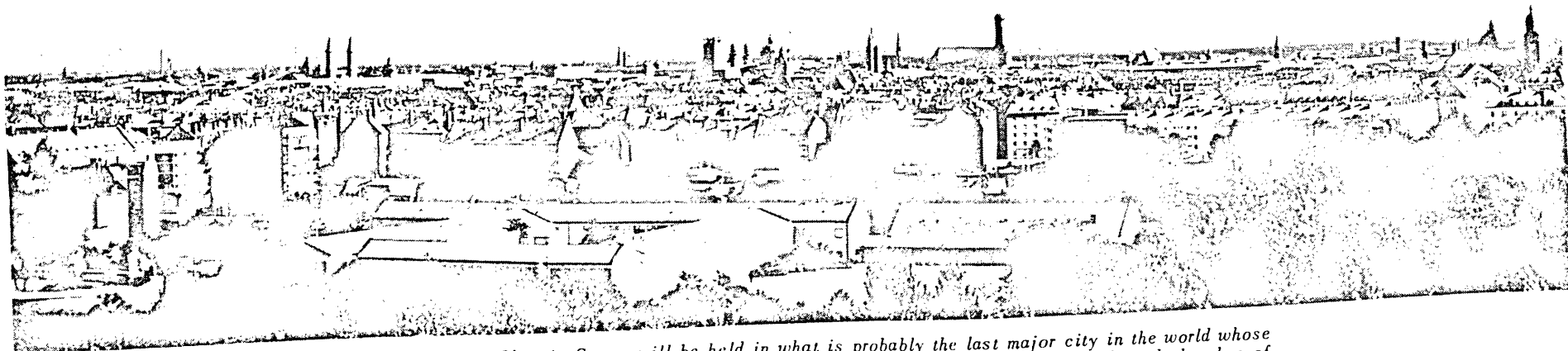
At a time when many metropolitan churches are closing their doors for lack of funds and parishioners, rural congregations seem to be making a comeback—a trend particularly noticeable in Michigan—according to a Religious News Service release. The growth of industry in rural areas and better forms of transportation were cited as two factors. "As long as there is a definite community to minister to—extended or otherwise—and as long as people have a sense of mission, there is a future for the rural church," one rural pastor observed.

The Olympic flame ceremony has been condemned as "sheer idolatry" by Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Augustinos of Florina, Greece. Although the games themselves are "irreproachable," he declared, "to connect these athletics with the rites of ancient idolatry, to light a flame at the Temple of Zeus and say a prayer to this pagan god is unacceptable to all Christians." Writing in a diocesan journal the prelate said, "There is no Olympic flame, no Delphic flame or Epidauric flame (all shrines and sites of athletic events in ancient Greece). There is only one flame: the spiritual one that was lit by Christ."

Scoring the "elastic and permissive morality which unfortunately seems to prevail today," Pope Paul called for a strengthening of individual moral conscience in the lives of people everywhere. Addressing a general audience, the pontiff described conscience as a "lamp which lights our way" when we look toward the ultimate end of life "which is God." "The environment, public opinion, fashions, passionate incentives, economic interests, and countless distractions signal recourse to our own conscience," he added.

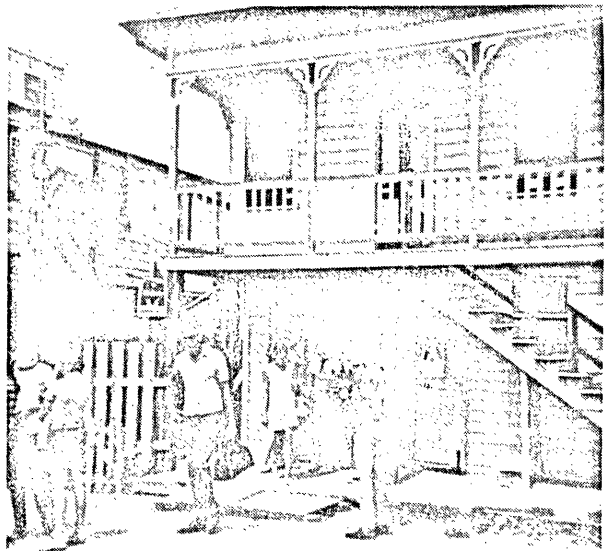
Sixty per cent of the American people are opposed to unconditional amnesty for young men who have left the country to avoid the draft, according to a recent Gallup Poll. Some type of amnesty is advocated by numerous religious groups and Churches. Among men, the poll showed 66 per cent opposed amnesty. Fifty-five per cent of the women endorse it. In the 18 to 24 age bracket 51 per cent opposed amnesty and 47 per cent were in favor; sixty-five per cent of those 30 to 49 opposed amnesty as did 64 per cent of those 50 or over.

Dr. Robert C. Campbell, recently elected general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, was heard to remark shortly after his election at Valley Forge, Pa. that, "You will hear people at Valley Forge referring to me jokingly as 'the general,' because now the office of general secretary will be less secretary and more general."



MUNICH—The 1972 Olympic Games will be held in what is probably the last major city in the world whose skyline is dominated by churches. Only the nearby Alps tower above the many cathedrals and churches of Munich. Identifiable in the panoramic view of the city are: the Theatinerkirche (left center) built 1663-1788 as the court church, its dome is 222 feet high; the Frauenkirche (Our Lady's Church), at right center, this late Gothic church with its two bulbous towers is Munich's most famous landmark; just to the right is Peterskirche, Munich's oldest church, known as Old Peter; Asamkirche (far right), a Bavarian Rococo church built in the 18th Century.





Stuttgart group during guided tour of Belize City.

## UMCOR sponsors Stuttgart youths in "Operation Brighten Up"

The Senior High youth of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Stuttgart, Ark. spent ten days in Belize City, British Honduras working with youth from Wesley College. The two groups painted and scrubbed down part of Wesley College which is equivalent to our high school.

The project was sponsored by the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Dr. James Thomas, secretary of Specialized Missions personally oversaw all the arrangements. The cost of sending 12 youth, a youth director, and two sponsors came to \$3,400, most of which went for airfare, was met by numerous money-making projects sponsored by the Stuttgart youth group, along with contributions from the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and Education, and from local church members.

During their stay in Belize City, the group was given the grand tour by the local youth. They saw all points of the city, took a day-long trip to Belmopan (the new capitol), and another trip by boat to Cape Chapel for swimming and snorkeling. Two parties were given in youths homes in honor of the American guests.

The youth were lodged in one of the classroom buildings which consisted of three rooms. One room was used as a sleeping area for the girls,

the middle hall was the dining room and meeting area and on the other side was the boys "dorm". Food was prepared by a local woman which gave the group the chance to experience native dishes.

During the days of mixing and discussing, several preconceived ideas were shown to be completely false. The intelligence of the Honduras youth was very impressive and their school standard was found to be extremely high. Casual, simple clothes were packed by the Stuttgart youth so as not to "be too flashing" or conspicuous. However, the dress standard for people of all ages in Belize City was considered almost on a "Sunday" or party dress level. The cleanliness and neatness of the people and homes was another thing that made an impression. But the friendliness and warmth of the people became such an intricate part of the lives of the youth from Stuttgart that, two weeks after their departure from Belize City, they felt homesick for the people and places that they learned to care for during those ten days.

The United Methodist Youth has made Wesley College a project for the next year and will hold several money raising activities for the school.

—Mrs. Warren P. (Cheryl) McCollum  
Sponsor



## Program Directors to Local Churches

### AN IMPORTANT CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICER

The 1968 General Conference passed legislation making the superintendent of The Study Program an optional office. As a result, or for some reason, many local churches have not elected a person to take this responsibility. The work which might be done by the person is left undone in too many churches. The theory seemed to be that the age-level coordinators could and would take responsibilities normally carried by this leader. It has failed in many churches, possibly working very successfully in others.

The superintendent of the Study Program does that which was once done by the Church School Superintendent, known to many as the "Sunday School Superintendent". But he does more than the Church School Superintendent ever did. He is responsible for the entire study program of the local church. Yes, the Church School is under his leadership, but every other activity of study in the local church is his responsibility. This person most surely would work with the age-level coordinators, teachers, other administrative officers and every person who has any kind of leadership role in the educational program of the church. Every church should have someone in this position of leadership.

A manual has been prepared to give guidance to the superintendent of the Study Program, and the title of the office is the title of the manual. It was written by Donald A. Bible and is available from Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.00 per copy, order by Number 7872-BC.

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### NEW MATERIALS FOR STUDY

A new elective unit of study for adults is **EVANGELISM IN THE WESLEYAN SPIRIT** by Albert Outler. A study guide has been developed by the Division of Curriculum Resources to go with this new unit of

study. Both are available from Cokesbury.

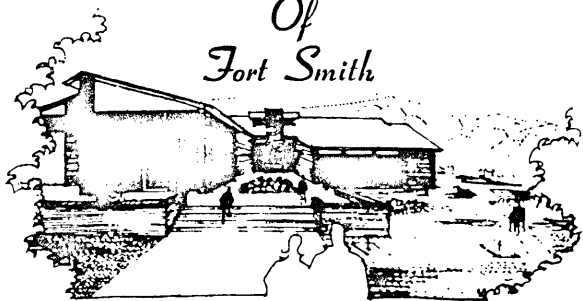
Two pieces of material have recently come off the press that are excellent study units on vocations. They are, **EXPLORING CHRISTIAN VOCATION WITH YOUTH** and **YOU: YOUR LIFE WORK AND OCCUPATION**, both written by Richard H. Bauer, available from Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. at 50¢ each. Those who know the writings of Dr. Bauer, especially on vocations, do not hesitate to recommend anything he writes. He is one of our foremost authorities in the study of vocations. Youth and young adult groups may want to consider these in selecting elective units of study.

A new, comprehensive three-year study of the whole Bible in twelve parts is being prepared by the General Board of Education and will be available to local church classes in September, 1973. It is known as **OUR LIVING BIBLE SERIES**. The unit of study is based on the most careful planning and research ever given to building a United Methodist study series. It came as a result of many requests through letters, research, and field contacts with local church leaders of adults.

This new unit of study will focus on the spiritual values of the Bible for the Christian in today's world. Technical Biblical scholarship, with its complex methods, will not be emphasized. Rather this study will present the message of the Bible in tones of affirmation and joy. It will reflect our heritage as Wesleyan Christians.

September, 1973 seems to be a long time to wait for a study unit that is needed so badly. But, the time is to be spent in preparation for its use in the most effective manner. Orientation sessions are being held all across the church between now and September, 1973, to give guidance to district and Annual Conference leaders of adults who will in turn provide assistance to local church leaders for its most effective use.

## The Methodist Village Of Fort Smith



A VISION OF SELF CARE APARTMENT  
LIVING WITH NURSING CARE AVAILABLE

The Board of Directors of the Methodist Nursing Home for Fort Smith, Arkansas, an institution sponsored by the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, is proposing a self care apartment village of 100 apartments to be located adjacent to its 93 bed Nursing Home. Rentals will be consistent with prevailing area rates. Food and other central services will be available at extra cost if desired. Apartments will be efficiency, one bedroom and two bedroom with each connected to a nurse station in the Nursing Home via nurse call signal. A few infirmity beds will be available. Apartments will be furnished and unfurnished.

Surrounding grounds will be landscaped with lawn game courts. This development is located on a beautiful tree covered hilltop.

If you are interested please write:

Mr. E. L. Smith, Administrator  
Methodist Nursing Home  
1915 South 74th  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901  
Tel. (501) 452-1611

Or return the following form:

Dear Mr. Smith:

I am interested in the proposed Methodist Village Apartments. Please send additional data at no obligation to me.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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# NEWS and NOTES

**THE DAVIDSON CAMP** Meeting is being held August 11 through August 20. The Rev. G. W. Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, is the evangelist. Randall Mathis, Clark County judge, directs the singing. Memorial services will be conducted on Sunday afternoon, August 20, with the Rev. James F. Richardson of Gurdon in charge.

**THE BEN FEW CAMP** Meeting was held at the Ben Few Campground near Princeton, August 4-13. The Rev. Mike Velchhoff of Sparkman was host pastor. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden district superintendent, was the evangelist, with Robert Goss of Little Rock as song leader. Dr. Virgil Keeley, superintendent of the Pine Bluff District gave the Memorial Sermon.

**THE REV. CARR DEE RACOP, Jr.** of Ashdown was the speaker for the three-day youth led revival held at First Church, DeQueen, August 10-12. Speaker on Saturday was Billy Joe Daugherty, summer youth worker at DeQueen where the Rev. John Alston is pastor.

**THE REV. HAROLD SPENCE**, pastor of First Church, Paragould, was the evangelist in a revival at Macedonia Church, July 17-23. The Rev. Charles P. Reed of Marmaduke is the pastor.

**BILL KENNEDY**, song evangelist of England, presented a musical program August 13 at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, during the morning worship hour. Mr. Kennedy was assisted by Pete Buckholtz, organist, and the Lakeside Choir. The Rev. Ed Matthews is pastor.

**THE SIMMONS CHAPEL** revival, held July 24-30, had as guest evangelist the Rev. Max Martin, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Marion, Ill. Host pastor was the Rev. Charles P. Reed, Marmaduke.

**THE REV. C. ELAINE SMITH** of Malvern, recently appointed to the staff of Perkins School of Theology as director of Community Life and of Perkins Chapel, was the speaker in First Church, Malvern, August 6. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is the Malvern pastor.

**SPEAKERS IN THE DEWITT** pulpit recently were Dr. C. W. Rasco of DeWitt on August 6, and the Rev. Curtis Williams, retired, of Benton, August 13. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

**LAKESIDE CHURCH**, Pine Bluff, is combining adult classes during August for a study of "Methodism's Beliefs and Doctrines." Guest ministers leading the course are George W. Martin, Jon Guthrie, Alfred Knox and Virgil Keeley. The Rev. Ed Matthews is pastor.



J. Quinn Floyd was crowned "King of the Kitchen" in First Church, Helena, July 24. From left, are: Jim Gates, member of the church kitchen remodeling project; Ann Haraway, chairman of the committee; Mr. Floyd with crown and "scepter"; his granddaughter, Julia Wenzel from Tunica, Miss., standing in front; and Mrs. Doris Sibley, chairman of planning the party. The Rev. Jim Beal writes that Helena is proud of the totally new kitchen, a \$13,000 project which was completed for \$5,000 because Mr. Floyd supervised and did most of the work. Since his retirement as founder-president of Floyd-Keys Metalcraft, Inc., Mr. Floyd has given many hours to the church as superintendent of building and grounds. He and his wife were presented a three-day all expense trip to Horseshoe Bend Estates.

**BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK** will be the speaker tonight, Aug. 17, for Northside United Methodist Men meeting in Amboy Church, North Little Rock. Dr. Meyers Curtis is host pastor.

**PARK VIEW CHURCH**, Benton, held an Intergenerational Vacation Church School, July 30-August 3, with 120 enrolled. Mrs. Dudley Rinehart was the director. The Rev. J. Robert Scott of St. Paul's Church, Little Rock, taught the "Adult Enrichment Course." The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

**ASBURY CHURCH**, Little Rock, held a Family Vacation Church School the week of July 30. Co-directors were Mrs. Wayne Fortson and Mrs. M. S. Burgess, Jr. Teachers included: Mrs. Fred Arnold and Mrs. Don Riffin for junior high; Dennis Spence, senior high and college; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cooper, adults. Suppers preceded the evening classes. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is pastor.

**JIM BAINES**, attorney at law, residing in Des Arc for about six months, will be the speaker in the Des Arc United Methodist Church Sunday night, August 16. The pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth will be preaching in a revival beginning August 13 at Hebron Church where the Rev. John Absure is pastor.

**MEMBERS OF WESLEY** Church, Conway, gave a "pounding" for the Rev. and Mrs. Britt H. Cordell following the evening service, July 30.

**THE REV. ROLAND DARROW**, retired and living in North Little Rock, was guest speaker in First Church, Cotton Plant, in July. The Rev. Oliver Logan was host pastor.

**A LAY WITNESS MISSION** will be held in the Cabot United Methodist Church this weekend, Aug. 18-20. Coordinator will be Fred L. Clinard from Nashville, Tenn. Local co-chairmen are Ike Owens and Jerry Russell. Jerry Ridgway is youth and music director. The Cabot pastor is the Rev. Braska Savage.

**THE REV. W. GLEN BRUNER**, pastor of Weiner and Fisher Churches, was hospitalized in Jonesboro following a fall from a ladder, July 31. He is at home recuperating from back injuries.

**THE REV. JAMES CHANDLER**, pastor of Huntington Avenue Church in Jonesboro, was evangelist for the revival held in the McElroy United Methodist Church on the Wynne Charge, the week of August 6. Host pastor was the Rev. William Wilder.

**SPEAKING IN GARDNER** Church, Hot Springs, while the Rev. Robert E. Woody attended the Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology were the Rev. Robert S. Beasley and the Rev. Henry Jinske. The Rev. Dale Aronholt spoke at the New Salem Church, and Raymond Hillis spoke in both churches.

**LT. COL. (CHAPLAIN) R. B. Howerton, Jr.**, was the evangelist for a revival held in Grace United Methodist Church, Searcy, August 6-11. Chaplain Howerton has just completed a year's study in Clinical Pastoral Education at the National Institute of Health at George Washington U., D.C., and has been assigned as senior chaplain at Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

## 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.

Aug. 20—Sunday	Luke 14:25-33
Aug. 21	Acts 3:19-26
Aug. 22	Acts 4:31-37
Aug. 23	2 Cor. 5:17-21
Aug. 24	Philip. 1:19-25
Aug. 25	Col. 3:12-17
Aug. 26	1 John 1:1-10
Aug. 27—Sunday	Rev. 20:11-15

## LEWISVILLE CHURCH JOINS OPEN-CHURCH FOUNDATION

The First United Methodist Church of Lewisville became a member of The Open-Church Foundation Sunday, August 13, when George E. Rock presented the membership certificate to the Rev. Joe W. Hunter, pastor of the church, and Wade Benefield, chairman of the Board, on behalf of the Foundation.

The Open-Church Foundation was established in Wellesley Hills, Mass., in 1942 by Roger Babson, a businessman, and a group of interested laymen that wanted to see churches open at times for personal devotions during the week. Since then, over 16,000 churches across America have become involved in the Open-Church outreach.

## DEWITT YOUTH PRESENT SPECIAL MUSIC

On Sunday evening, August 20, the youth of First United Methodist Church, DeWitt will present the musical "Tell It Like It Is" under the direction of Martha Black and Don Mooney.

The DeWitt UMY group went on a four day camping trip in July. Camping at Dogpatch Camping Grounds, they toured Dogpatch, USA, attended morning worship at First United Methodist Church in Harrison, and went to Eureka Springs for the Passion Play Sunday night. Counselors attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gunnell, Don Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. John Schallhorn.

Keith Mooney is president of the Senior UMY; Vicki Tuthill is president of the Junior UMY. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

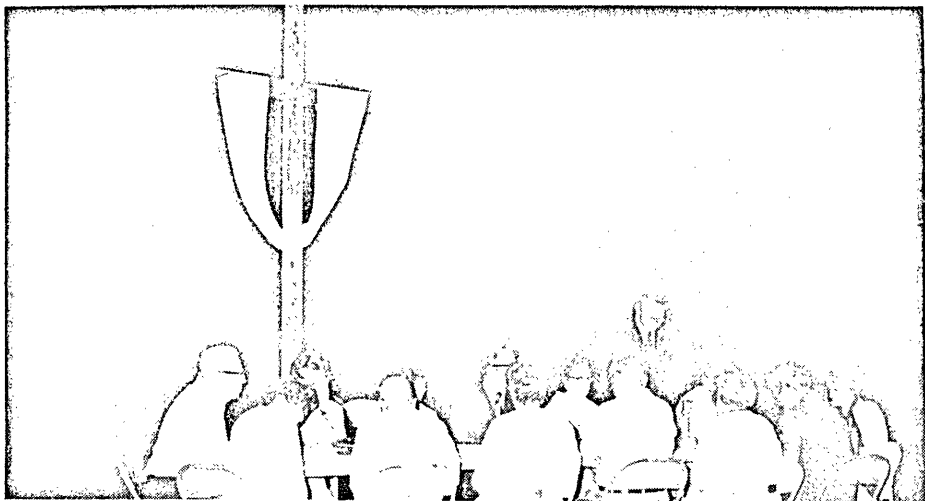
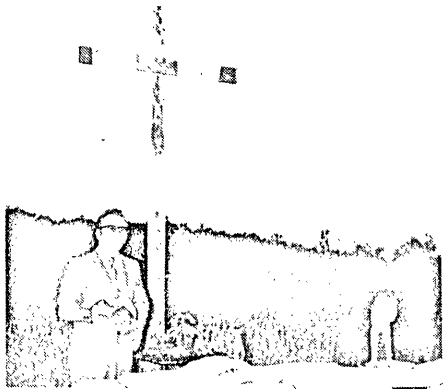
## P. K. KORNER

**SONDRA LYNN SCOTT** and the Rev. Edward Warren were married in First United Methodist Church in Morrilton, Saturday, July 29. Sondra is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. Tom Scott, Morrilton. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Warren of Morrilton. He is the grandson of the Rev. G. W. Warren of Magnolia and the late Mrs. Warren, and of the Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Claud of Morrilton. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Clyde Parsons, Morrilton pastor, assisted by the Rev. Claud. The couple is at home in Huttig where Mr. Warren is pastor. He plans to enter Perkins School of Theology this fall.

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At sundown, Harrison First Church members gathered at lakeside for vespers (above). At dusk, the message was given by David Aszbach (at right), guest minister. After dark, as the moon appeared, the communion service was administered (below) by the Rev. John McCormack, pastor.



#### LAKESIDE COMMUNION HELD AT HARRISON

The First United Methodist congregation, Harrison, conducted a lakeside communion service on July 23, during the early evening hours.

David Aszbach, pastor of the United Brethren in Christ Church, of Sharkston, Ontario, Canada, guest minister, delivered the sermon and assisted the Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor of the Harrison church, in conducting the communion service. The communion table was set at the foot of a large rugged cross. After communing, the people attending placed an offering at the foot of the cross to be sent to flood and storm victims of the recent storm, Agnes. Sally Jo Gibson, director of church music, led the hymn-sing using the Chromaharp and Melodica.

Mr. Aszbach and his wife, Grace, were visiting the Everett Burns in Harrison. The two families had been neighbors in Africa when the Aszbach's were missionaries and the Burns were doing agricultural work in that country.

The beautiful outdoor setting was made possible by United Methodist Men, who have leased the 50 acres of lake frontage, cleared the land and are maintaining it for the use of church groups. Restrooms have been built and a well is to be drilled soon to make this more usable by the church members. It has been named Cavaness Memorial Camp. Church groups wishing to use the Camp may contact Bro. McCormack in Harrison.

#### UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THREE HENDRIX STUDENTS

Three Hendrix College students have been awarded United Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church.

The three recipients include: Kitty Frances Cardwell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cardwell of Georgetown, Tex.; Elizabeth Ann See, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. See of Cabot; and Stephen H. Tindall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tindall of Lake Village.

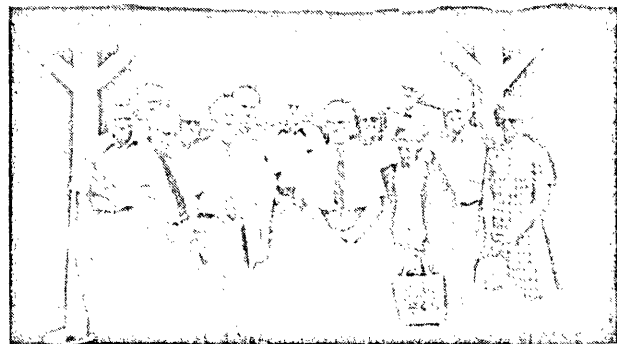
Miss Cardwell and Mr. Tindall are both sophomores at Hendrix; Miss Lee is a senior majoring in Humanities.

The awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 10,000 United Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of United Methodist Scholarships are received from local churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on United Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

The Board of Trustees of the Salem Camp Ground are shown standing in front of the tabernacle. The 118th annual camp meeting will be held here August 18-27 (see article).



#### SALEM CAMP MEETING AUG. 18-27

The 118th annual camp meeting will be held at the Salem Campground, six miles northeast of Benton, Aug. 18-27. The Rev. Wayne Edwards, pastor of the Dalark Charge of The United Methodist Church, will be the preacher, bringing his first message at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, the 18th, and preaching twice daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. through the 27th.

The singing will be led by Dean Brown of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Paul Weger will be the pianist. The Rev.

#### MIDWAY CHURCH YOUTH REPORT ACTIVITIES

The Midway United Methodist Church, Camden District, reports a full summer program for children and youth, beginning with Children's Day, May 28. This day is traditional and is devoted to the different talents of the children. A potluck lunch follows in Fellowship Hall.

The vacation church school, June 12-16, had an enrollment of 43, probably the largest in the church's history. The closing exercise was concluded with an ice cream supper and a shower of gifts for the pastor and his wife.

The Midway UMY shared with the Foreman youth a session of fellowship and witness, June 25, results of a Lay Witness Mission observed in the Foreman Church earlier in the summer. More than 25 youth adults participated in this experience.

The Youth Class recently went to see the movie, "The Cross and the Switchblade", accompanied by their teacher, Larry McDonald.

The Rev. John Prothro, Sr. is the Midway pastor.

#### PARAGOULD DISTRICT PARSONETTES MEET

"It has been a good year", was the unanimous comment as the Paragould District Parsonettes met together for a brief business session at the Pastors' Get Acquainted Picnic, Wayland Springs Camp, on June 16. Mrs. Mary Reed, vice president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Doris Clark, president. Mrs. Vicki Hall, secretary, gave an end-of-the-year report. A slate of new officers was presented by the nominating committee and duly elected. They are: Mrs. Louise Harris, president; Mrs. Delanie Spence, vice president; Mrs. Wanda Stahl, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Lisa Darling, Scrapbook; and Mrs. Irma Thomason, advisor.

Lloyd Perry of the Salem United Methodist Church is the host pastor.

A homecoming service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 20, with the Rev. Fred Arnold, Jr., pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, preaching.

A memorial service for all friends and supporters of the campground who have died during the past year will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Horace Grogan, pastor of Parkview United Methodist Church, Benton, bringing the message.

Salem is one of the few camp meetings remaining in Arkansas and has a record of services held continuously since 1853, with the exception of one year during World War II.

#### CONWAY AGAIN SPONSORS DAY CAMP AT ALDERSGATE

Forty children from Conway and environs will be treated to the experience of day camping at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, through the generosity of members of First Church, Conway. In addition to paying the expenses of the children, adults and young people will help to staff the camp, transport day campers from their homes to the church to board the bus to Little Rock, and provide food for them before they start their trek. Many will be furnished adequate clothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Russ are directing the camp program this year. Working on enrollment and examination of children are Mrs. Jack Witt, Mrs. Tommy Smith, Mrs. Phyllis Shock and Dr. Ann Poindexter. Mrs. Helm Cooper is in charge of volunteer workers and Mrs. Bob Starr is food chairman. Robert Adcock is finance chairman, with the responsibility of raising \$400.

The Rev. Ben F. Jordan is senior minister of Conway First Church, and the Rev. Bill Williams is associate.

#### ST. JOHN'S UMY REORGANIZES

United Methodist Youth of St. John's Church in Van Buren recently reorganized under the leadership of Mike Bell and James Abbott, counselors.

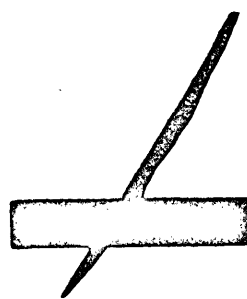
Officers elected to serve the remainder of the year are Charles Pickle, president and Rick Reed, vice-president. Other officers are Susan and Karen Shibley, Paul Hicks, and Lynn Reed.

The group's first activity was a day at Lake Tenkiller State Park in Oklahoma. Helping with the outing were Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed and the Rev. and Mrs. David Scroggin.



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR AUGUST: Sharing Through Witness

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Acts 4:13-21; 8:26-40

**MEMORY SELECTION:** We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:20)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To bring together all that has been studied during the past quarter, and to bring us all to a clearer realization of our obligation to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ in the world in which we live.

As we come to the close of this quarter's study of the devotional life we would hope that we can do two things in this closing lesson: bring into clear focus all that we have been saying about our needs for more consistent patterns of worship, and underscore the types of Christian witness that are being made in our day and evaluate the part we might play in them.

All through these lessons we have been making the point that worship in all its forms must be inseparably related to effective Christian service. Taking our directions from the Book of Acts we will be made aware of the inner compulsions which made the early Christians speak out in the midst of external pressures which were insisting that they remain silent.

We will be making a great deal of use of the word "witness" which means many things to different people. In some very dramatic fashions youth and adults are making their witness in the world and people are being made aware that there is a religious ferment throughout the land. In all this we can see three ideas that are involved in the use of the word "witness": (1) a spoken testimony for Christ, (2) a Christian interpretation of life and the universe, and (3) sharing Christ with others through Christian action.

Edward Gibbon, the British historian, in his monumental work, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, attributed the rapid rise of Christianity in that empire to, among other things, the zeal of the early Christians for personal witnessing to Christ. He said: "In the early church it became the most sacred duty of a new convert to diffuse among his friends the inestimable blessing which he himself had received."

Witnessing is letting the whole world know of one's blessings in Christ. Dr. James Denny said: "If God has really done something in Christ on which the salvation of the world depends, and if he has made it known, then it is a Christian's duty to be intolerant of everything which ignores, denies, or explains it away."

David Adeney, a missionary in Singapore, put it this way: "Wherever the Christians have possessed abundant spiritual life and have witnessed boldly, victories have been won in the name of Christ. Conversely, it is also true that in places where believers have been gripped by a spirit of fear and have drawn back in the face of persecution, non-Christians have pressed the attack and the witness of the church has been seriously restricted."

Recognition of one's blessings from Christ, sacred duty and courage—all of these are required if we are to be faithful to our Lord's command. In this week's lesson Peter and John were put on the spot. Would they have the courage, the faith to obey Christ? They did and so can we.

### A DEED WORTHY OF IMPRISONMENT?

The story of witness described in Acts 4 is of particular importance because of a number of questions it raises. The first concerns the nature of the deed for which they were imprisoned. Simply it was that as they went up to the Temple to worship they encountered a lame man who was begging for money and they healed him miraculously so that

he could walk again. Speaking to an astonished crowd that had gathered, Peter attributed the man's healing to faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the man who had recently been put to death.

The beggar was so noisily happy about his recovery that a great crowd gathered, and Peter, quick to seize the opportunity, preached the gospel of the risen Savior. What followed was the first real clash between the new Christian community and established Judaism. When the ruling council called the Sanhedrin heard about the events that had taken place they immediately reacted and instigated the arrest of Peter and John.

It was not the healing of a lame man which led to the arrest, but the affirmation that Jesus was risen. The Sadducees, who dominated the Sanhedrin did not believe in any kind of resurrection. The first question asked of Peter and John was: "By what power or by what name did you do this?" It was Peter who affirmed that it was "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, who God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well."

Dr. Theodore P. Ferris tells us in *The Interpreter's Bible* that new ideas always make enemies. He said: "Men habitually fear the thing that frees them. They prefer the known and familiar, uncomfortable and handicapping as it may be, to the unknown and strange, even though it may mean their eventual liberation. The average man lacks both the imagination to perceive and the courage to risk the unpopularity of a new idea."

We are glad that there have always been a few like Peter and John who are willing to risk the witness of loyalty to a new idea. It was the idea that Jesus was the Messiah; that the future to which the Jews had looked, and for which they had longed for so many desperate generations was now upon them; that the new age had already begun; that Jesus was the heart and center of it.

### APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

It took a lot of courage for the disciples to make their witness before the council. This was the same group that had condemned Jesus to death. Peter's answer was a direct challenge to the issue that had caused their arrest, namely the resurrection of Jesus. He did not duck the conflict. He accused the council of being responsible for the death. The council was in a tight spot. Not only did the Sadducees object to the apostles' teaching about Christ's resurrection. Besides, as the ruling caste, they were anxious to maintain peaceful relations with the Romans. They looked with great disfavor on every messianic movement, whether political or religious. They could not really separate the two, because in this hotbed of Jewish nationalism religion and politics were inseparable.

When Peter stood up to address these opponents of Christianity, he held up before them the Lord Christ whom they had nailed to a tree and whom God had raised from the dead. He witnessed to the power and glory, he added the ominous words, "He is our only chance." Or in Peter's own words, "There is salvation in no one else." Dr. Ferris summarized this position, saying "With regard to humanity as a whole is it not becoming more and more self evident that we either live as a family or die? And is it not becoming clearer each day that in Jesus man finds not only his God but himself?"

Truly this was a courageous witness, made in the very center of established religion. No wonder the people were thrilled and the authorities were terrified. So Peter and John were put in jail. It was the only thing that the representatives of the old order could do.

### THE COMMAND NOT TO WITNESS

There were two things the authorities could not get away from: (a) the undeniable influence of Christ

in the lives of these men. They were men of no extraordinary powers, little education, and no prestige. Yet they were bold to speak, and as they spoke it became clear that their power came from Jesus. They had been with him and had caught from him something of his own faith. They had been with him and had caught from him something of his own faith. They had been with him and had caught from him something of his own power. They shared in his courage, and through them his love and power spread into all the circles of wretched humanity.

(b) Neither could they get away from the undeniable evidence. There was the lame man standing right in front of them. They were not dealing with a theory which could be abstractly denied, nor with a proposition or claim that could be conquered by a battle of wits. They were dealing with a deed, something that had been done. They could not get around it. They could not even say that it was bad.

The undeniable evidence of religion is always like this. It is a life that has been changed, a fearful man who has been given confidence, a lost soul that has been rescued from destruction.

In the face of such facts the authorities were driven to a last resort. They ordered the men to quit talking about Jesus. They might as well have commanded the tides of the sea to stand still. Peter and John answered, "We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

The compulsion to witness is something which cannot be shut off once it has been turned on. As someone has said: "A man talks about the weather because he has nothing else to talk about. He talks about Jesus because nothing else is worth talking about." That kind of compulsion comes only to those who have felt the power of Christ at first hand. Like men released from prison after all hope had gone, they cannot refrain from telling others about it, especially others who themselves are imprisoned.

### OBEYING GOD OR MAN?

As we have indicated above, Peter and John had to make an immediate response to the challenge. Could they refrain from speaking about Jesus? What would happen to them if they disobeyed the council? How could they reconcile the orders they had received from Jesus, to be his witnesses to all nations, with this command from the council?

First, their decision was based on obedience to God and not to man. Their orders had come from Jesus, whom they believed to be God come down from heaven. They forced the issue back on the council which would have to decide whether Peter and John were theologically correct in this case. The implication was of course that men should listen to God. Whenever there is a conflict of loyalty and obedience, God must come before men. Knowing full well that their answer would only stir up more opposition from the council, Peter and John nevertheless plainly showed what the priorities were in their lives. Obedience to God was put ahead of everything else: personal safety, reputation, the commands of men.

Then, they were compelled to speak of Jesus. There was a true inner compulsion; they simply could not keep silent. What they had seen in Christ's life and ministry, and what they had heard him say, were so important that it was impossible for them not to share it with the world. This is the heart of Christian witness, to be so filled with one's personal experience of Christ that it is impossible to keep quiet.

Witnessing, then, is approaching each person you meet with something of a spirit of adventure. It means you will find yourself fascinated by the new channels of thought and experience and personality that you will encounter in the other person. However, if meeting people is to be successful, Christians will need two qualities at least; the ability to be a good listener, and the ability to put yourself in the other person's place, so you can discover what he is thinking and feeling.

Before we can share Christ we must understand as best we can the other person's background, the soil in which his roots have grown, the customs, beliefs and ideas that have shaped his thinking. If Christians care enough to make the effort, they can establish an understanding relationship with people who are entirely outside their own orbits.

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## Self-Sufficiency Agricultural Project in Vietnam to train, and provide revenue

A Self-Sufficiency Agricultural Project in Vietnam has been approved for a grant of \$52,000 from the Fund for Reconciliation according to a joint statement from Dr. Harry Haines of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and Dr. Raoul C. Calkins of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

After careful investigation, it has been determined that The Buddhist Youth for Social Service Organization is a very excellent rehabilitation program concentrating in the areas of health, economics, education and organization. Pilot projects are being set up in villages and hamlets.

Approximately \$12,500 is to be

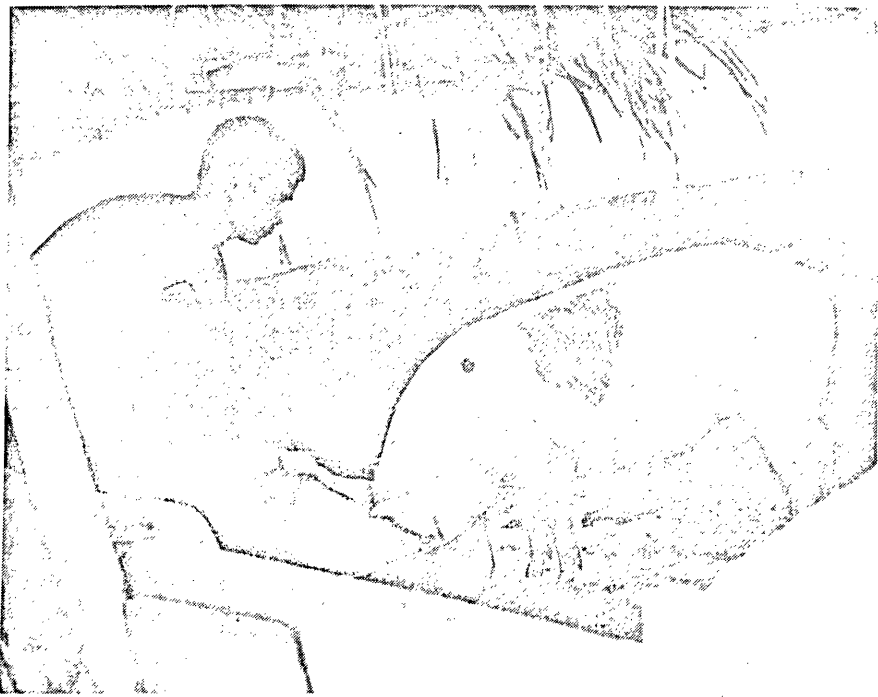
matched by an equal gift from other sources to purchase a 400 hectare piece of land and the balance is to be used in the preparation and cultivation of the land in accordance with a schedule to be worked out between BYSS and Vietnam Christian Service officials.

Thirty-seven (37) of the 400 hectares have already been prepared for cultivation by the present owner, including a 1,000 tree pepper garden.

The plan has as the initial step the preparation of nearly 50% of the land for cultivation, installation of an irrigation system, purchasing or borrowing essential equipment, and putting up the necessary buildings, all to be accomplished in the first four



Demonstration Agricultural plot set up by BYSS at Ap Moi Hamlet, Gia-Province, Vietnam.



Man participating in pig raising project organized by BYSS at Ap Moi, Vietnam.

months. In the fifth month, corn, soybeans and peanuts will be planted on the acreage already prepared. At the same time, preparation of the remaining 50% of the land will begin. Planting of this acreage will start in the eighth month and will include papaya, sugarcane, citronella (short yield) and jackfruit, mangoes, mangosteens, plums, guava (long yield). During the two year period in which the fruit trees are growing, peanuts and soybeans will be planted in the open spaces around them. Peppermint and other spices will also be planted along the farm's roadways as appropriate.

The survey team states: "The farm will serve as both an excellent training

ground for BYSS groups as they prepare for their work in South Vietnam's villages, and as a source of revenue which—in conjunction with other self-sufficiency projects — should free BYSS from perpetual reliance on contributions from outside benefactors as the organization seeks to maintain and expand its social service programs."

This is another example of the use of the Fund for Reconciliation in more than a "bandage" operation. It is helping people to help themselves. It is hoped that by December 31, 1972 at least \$13,500,000 will have been received in the Fund.

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## Personnel shifts in Curriculum Resources Division announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) —

Three shifts in staff responsibilities have been announced by the Rev. Dr. Ewart G. Watts, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Curriculum Resources here.

The changes, effective November 1, coincide with the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Walter N. Vernon, executive editor of general publications and administrative associate in the Division.

The Rev. Dr. Harold L. Fair, executive editor of the Department of Youth Publications, has been named Associate Editor of Church School Publications, assuming some of the responsibilities of Dr. Vernon as well as other tasks.

Mrs. Florence A. Lund has been named editor of the Department of General Publications and will continue as editor of *The Christian Home*.

Named to succeed Dr. Fair as head of the Department of Youth Publications is the Rev. Richard H. (Tip) Rice who will continue to edit *Youth Lead-*

er.

In making the announcement, Dr. Watts praised the staff members and particularly cited their personal involvement in the life of their own local churches in Nashville.

Dr. Fair, a native of Mississippi, joined the staff of Abingdon Press at the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville in 1955 and after serving two years in that position worked in the Department of Adult Publications until he was named executive editor of the Department of Youth Publications in 1971. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt University where he has earned B.D., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Concurrent with his other responsibilities since 1955, he has served at various times as local pastor of six small Nashville area churches.

Mrs. Lund, the widow of a United Methodist pastor in Minnesota, became editor of *The Christian Home* earlier this year after serving in other capacities in the Department of Children's publications since 1962. Previously she worked as an educational

assistant in First United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Minn. She has a B.A. degree from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. and a M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville. Concurrent with her other responsibilities in the Division, Mrs. Lund has served as chairman of a Committee on Mental Retardation of the Cooperative Publication Association and editor of curriculum resources for use with trainable and educable retarded persons.

Mr. Rice, a native of Alabama, has a long history with United Methodist curriculum resources. He was assistant editor of *The Pastor* from 1949 until he became assistant editor of youth publications in 1952. He was named associate editor in 1967. A third generation United Methodist pastor, Mr. Rice served pastorates in Alabama as well as interim pastor of Glencliff United Methodist Church in Nashville. He has a B.A. degree from the University of Alabama, and a B.D. degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Dr. Vernon will close a 34-year career with the Board of Education in November. His editorial career began as a church news reporter for daily papers in Texas. He served Dallas, Tex., pastorates for 10 years before going to Nashville in 1938. In the editorial division he served as an editor of youth publications until 1944 when he assumed his present relationship.

He earned A.B., B.D., and M.A. degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and received an honorary doctorate from Virginia Wesleyan College in 1963.

Dr. Vernon is an authority on Southwestern history and particularly the history of the American Indians of the Southwest. He has written several books including a history of Methodism in North Texas.

Dr. Vernon plans to continue residing in Nashville while writing a biography of retired Bishop Paul E. Martin, Dallas, Tex., and doing more research in the history of American Indians in the United Methodist Church.

## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

In the book by Alvin Toffler, "Future Shock", the suggestion is made that one of the strategies for survival which we should use to meet the demands of living in an age of rapid change is to keep alive the remembrance of our traditions and develop "enclaves of the past".

### The Chimes

Listen to the lovely chimes  
They oft allay our fear.  
They bring a message day by day  
To all who lend an ear.

Placed upon the corner church  
Where every one may know.  
They stir our minds to ecstasy  
And set our hearts aglow.

Souls who never speak of God,  
Nor seldom read a line,  
May worship freely day by day  
While listening to the chimes.

Are we drifting far away  
From church and Christian love?  
Then listen to the chimes each day  
And think of God above.

Trying to stem the tide alone  
Without a guiding hand  
We fail to reach a certain goal  
And drift like shifting sand.

Would you have that peace of mind?  
Then do your level best.  
Each day do service to mankind,  
And God will do the rest

—by L. M. Frazier

### The Church Clock

The old clock hung on the quaint church wall,  
Supremely modest, stately and tall.  
Cloistered there a century or more,  
Gathering memories by the score.

Now tell us, dear clock, what did you see,  
Watching and waiting so patiently?  
What did you hear from your lofty perch  
As worshipers came and left the church?

The church bell rang in the belfry tower,  
Filling the pews for the worship hour.  
A vibrant sermon revealed God's grace,  
And voices echoed a hymn of praise.

A hushed silence pervades the air,  
Soft flickering candles are glowing there.  
The bride and groom at the altar stand  
Pledging their troth with the wedding band.

The scene has changed, mourners are there.  
The scripture is read and then a prayer.  
And all are assured that God knows best  
Before the loved one is laid to rest.

The years have flown, fourscore or more.  
The clock was stored on a closet floor;  
Scratched and battered with its beauty shorn,  
Crouched in the dark, dejected, forlorn.

But fate intervened, the clock was found...  
Dusty, shabby, neglected, unwound.  
It was restored by a craftsman's hand  
As God transforms the soul of man.

—by Mae Wilhelm



When World Service funds help set up a Lay Witness Mission, there's no telling what the outcome may be. One such sequel—in Lawrenceville, Ill.—is a Free Children's Clinic, which is housed in that community's First United Methodist Church. Dr. Larry Herron examines one of his charges at the clinic, which is staffed entirely by volunteers. In its first 12 weeks of operation, 95 children were seen. All of the equipment in the clinic was donated, and the Lawrence County Memorial Hospital provides free use of its laboratory and X-Ray facilities. A local pharmacy supplies all of the medicines prescribed for the young patients. (John A. Weller)

## Duke Foundation gave \$1,370,000 to N.C. United Methodists in '71

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (RNS) — The United Methodist Church in North Carolina received \$1,370,600 in 1971 from the Duke Endowment, one of the nation's largest foundations.

Annually the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences obtain Duke funds for the support of retired clergy and for construction and operation of rural churches.

Such allocations are in addition to large sums given to Duke University. In 1971, it was given \$7,530,300 by the foundation established in 1924 by the late James Buchanan Duke.

According to Mr. Duke's stipulations, most of the Duke Endowment allocations go to educate in the Carolinas, to North Carolina Methodism and to hospitals and child-care centers.

The foundation has given Duke University more than \$166 million since 1924. It also makes annual contributions to Davidson College, a Southern

Presbyterian school; Furman University, which is Southern Baptist affiliated, and Johnson C. Smith University, a predominantly black school which has United Presbyterian ties.

In 1971, retired United Methodist ministers in North Carolina were paid \$259,900 by the Duke Endowment. More than \$672,000 was spent to build rural churches and \$338,000 went for operation of rural congregations.

Hospitals in the Carolinas received \$7,640,600 during 1971, and \$894,600 was distributed to child-care institutions. The total foundation outlay in 1971 was \$19,503,700, down slightly from 1970.

Funds for hospitals and centers for children are contributed on a non-sectarian basis.

The Duke Endowment, whose investments have a market value of some \$434 million, is unique among the major foundations in the amount of its income that goes directly to religion and to church-related institutions.

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### Ecumenical Center in Worcester

WORCESTER, Eng. (RNS)—Ecumenical cooperation among Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Methodists is anticipated in a new plan for regrouping parishes in the Anglican Diocese of Worcester announced by Bishop Robin Woods.

The bishop explained that the plan is designed to make better use of financial resources and manpower. It will involve the formation of an ecumenical center in a newly built part of the town of Redditch, together with the "amalgamation" of rural parishes.

A site for the new ecumenical center has already been chosen and work on construction is expected to begin soon, with its opening planned for September, 1973. It will be used by all participating denominations for counseling, pastoral work and community activities.

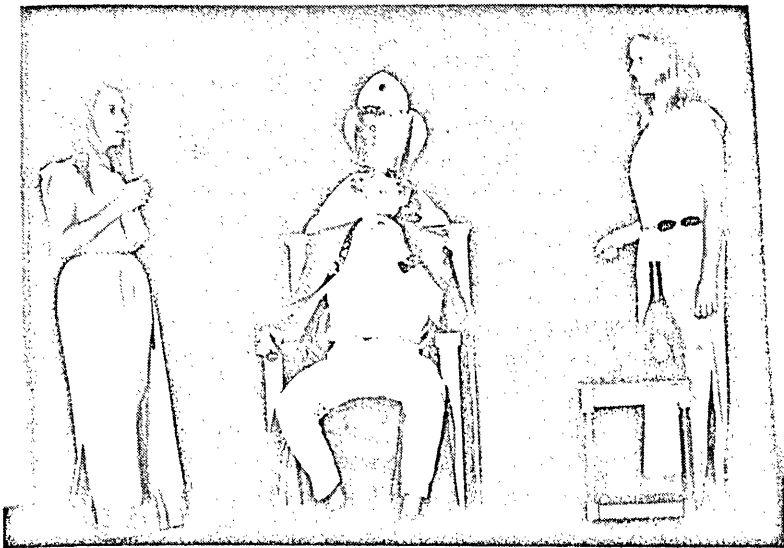
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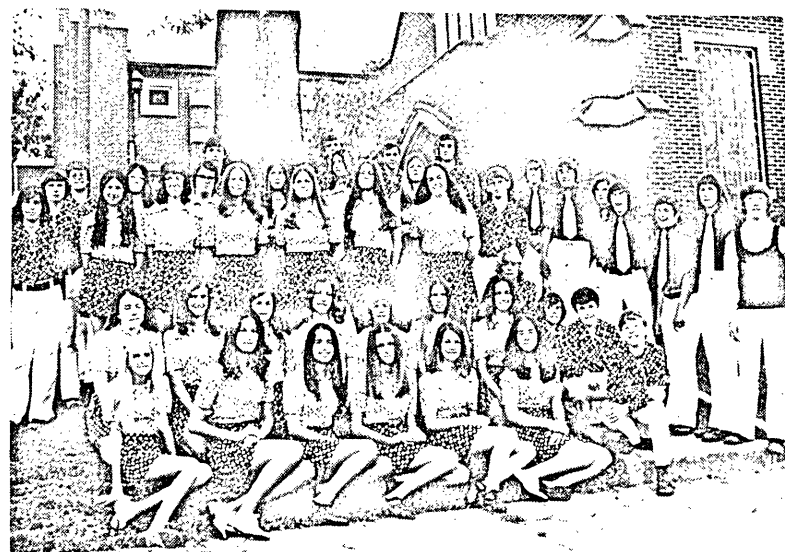
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Scene from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," contemporary cantata presented recently by the "NOW Singers" of First United Methodist Church in Benton in two separate performances in the home church, and before "standing room only" crowds at Dumas, Batesville and Arkadelphia. Under the direction of Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor's wife, the production involved 70 youthful singers and instrumentalists. Shown here are Vanessa Armbrust, a slave girl, Art Holiman, Pharoah, and Crystal Crabb, slave girl. Orchestral instruments included piano, drums, guitar, trombone, trumpets, flutes and clarinet with organ. Newman Fair, summer youth worker, was one of the trumpeters.

First Church, Crossett, hosted "Tomorrow's Hope"—40-member youth choir pictured at right—from First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, on Sunday, July 30 when the singers and instrumentalists presented the musical drama "Show Me." The 45-minute production combines humor as it presents the message of Jesus for our day. More than 100 youth from the two churches shared supper, fellowship, experiences from "Explo '72," lodged overnight at the church, and concluded the period of fellowship with breakfast on Monday morning.



Robert E. (Bobby) Harris, administrative assistant at First Church, Crossett, was chosen following nomination by his church for inclusion in the 1972 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." Sponsored by leading men's civic and service organizations, the volume honors men between the ages of 21 and 35 in recognition of professional and community leadership. Harris, his wife, Lu Lu and daughter, Leslie, reside in Crossett.



## Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

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

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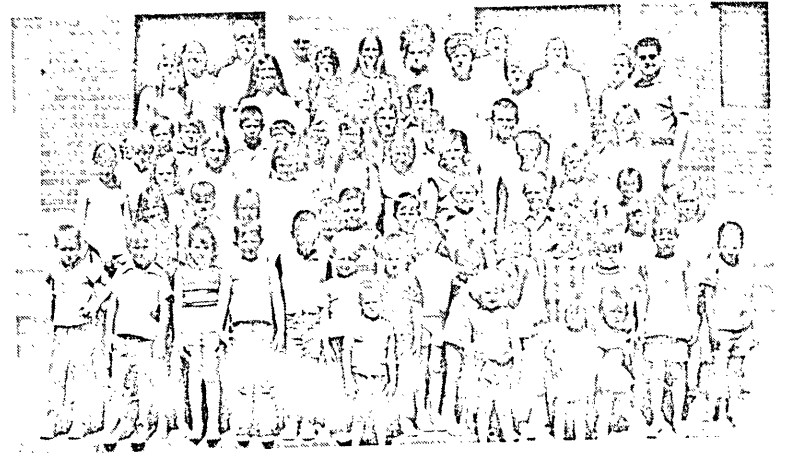
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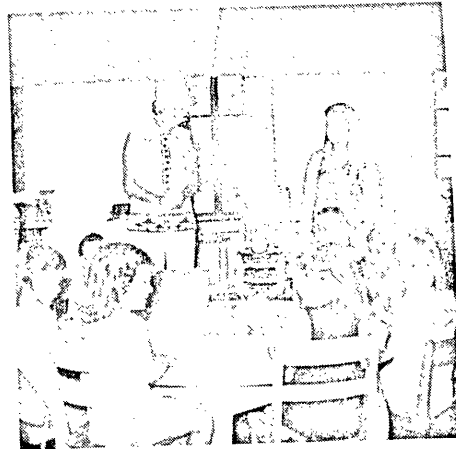




LEFT:  
Tuckerman  
VCS group,  
directed by  
Alice Lou Bray;  
the Rev.  
Willis LeGrand  
is pastor.



St. John's (in Van Buren) VCS, directed by Mrs. Lorene Stokes, averaged 68 daily attendance. Offerings were sent to the Children's Home. The Rev. David Scroggin is pastor.



The four scenes above depict some of the learning activities in which the Kindergarten I class at First Church, Jonesboro engaged during recent vacation church school. FROM LEFT

(first photo): Mrs. Tom Clark tells children how to build homes for families according to God's plan; (second photo): Mrs. Lanier Moore demonstrates with her own baby daughter how boys and

girls can be helpful with the care of smaller children; (third photo): Mrs. Less Abernathy, in charge of creative center, leads session on the art of working with clay; (photo at right): the

little ladies shown here are learning some of the Christian courtesies involved in entertaining.

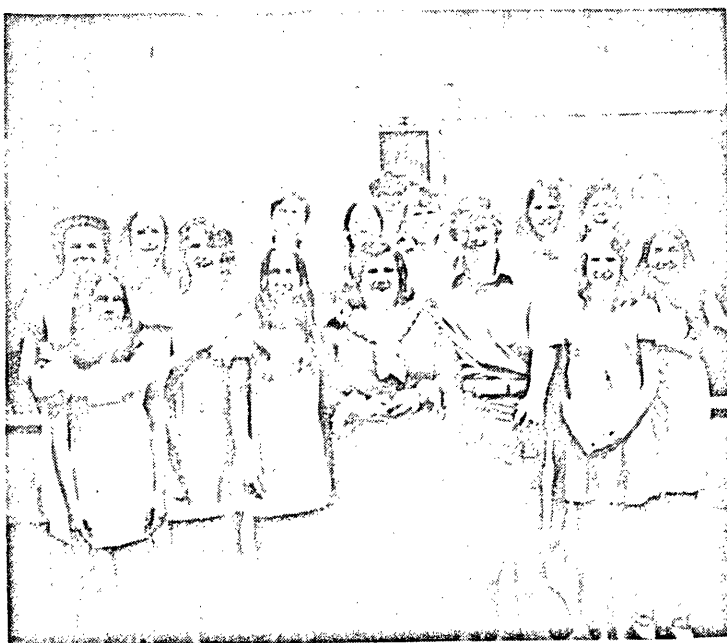


The children and workers who participated in the vacation church school at McCrory United Methodist Church. The school, directed by Mrs. Jan Young, involved 70 persons. The Rev. Lon Brewer is pastor.

Some of the children and workers who attended vacation church school at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould. Mrs. Harry Hurt and Mrs. Tom Blossom were co-directors; the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is pastor.



Average daily attendance for the VCS at Antoine United Methodist Church in the Arkadelphia District was 41. The Rev. Jack Williams is pastor. BELOW: Items made by Antoine boys and girls during arts and crafts sessions of VCS.



The Genesis Singers, shown at left, presented special music during the recent revival for the Leola Charge held at Moores Chapel United Methodist Church. The "Three Nights For God" averaged 180 persons in attendance each night, with 15 confessing their faith in Christ. Other singing groups who presented special music were "The Mid-South Boys" and "The Arkansans." The Rev. Fred W. Hunter, pastor, was the evangelist.

