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United Methodist seminaries show slight enrollment increase

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Enrollment in United Methodist seminaries in the 1971-72 academic year showed little change over the previous year according to statistics released here by the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS).

In its annual **Fact Book on Theological Education**, the accrediting agency reported that United Methodist student body size increased only slightly from 3781 in 1970-71 to 3787 in 1971-72.

The 179 U.S. and Canadian institutions recognized by the AATS and reporting in the last two years, had a total of 31,367 students in 1971-72 compared to 31,003 in 1970-71.

The largest increase from 1969 to 1972 was experienced by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with a 16.5 per cent increase. Next was the United Church of Christ with a 7.3 per cent increase in the same period.

Seminaries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), dropped 17.2

per cent, and Lutheran Church in America students declined by 12.7 per cent.

All 14 United Methodist seminaries belong to AATS, the only agency accrediting theological schools in North America. While it was once predominantly Protestant, it now includes 47 Roman Catholic Seminaries, some Orthodox institutions, and is open to Jewish schools.

The number of new students held relatively stable for all of the schools between 1970 and 1971 with United Methodists showing an increase from 969 in 1970 to 1,018 in 1971.

The largest increase in black student enrollment was in the United Methodist Church which had a total of 82 black students in 1970-71 and 125 in 1971-72.

United Methodist schools also had the largest number of foreign students among the Protestant AATS member schools.

Statistics on size of schools showed

that only one of the United Methodist schools — Evangelical in Naperville, Ill., with 130 students — was among 113 of the 187 member schools reporting fewer than 150 students.

Forty-nine of the schools enrolled 151 to 300 persons. Most of the United Methodist member schools were in this category: Drew, Madison, N.J.; Duke, Durham, N.C.; Gammon, Atlanta, Ga.; Garrett, Evanston, Ill.; Iliff, Denver, Colo.; Methodist, Delaware, Ohio; Saint Paul, Kansas City, Mo.; United, Dayton, Ohio; and Wesley, Washington, D.C.

Among the 16 member schools reporting between 301 and 500 students were Boston; Perkins, Dallas, Tex.; and the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.

Only one United Methodist seminary—Candler at Atlanta with 511 students—was among the nine seminaries reporting more than 501 students.

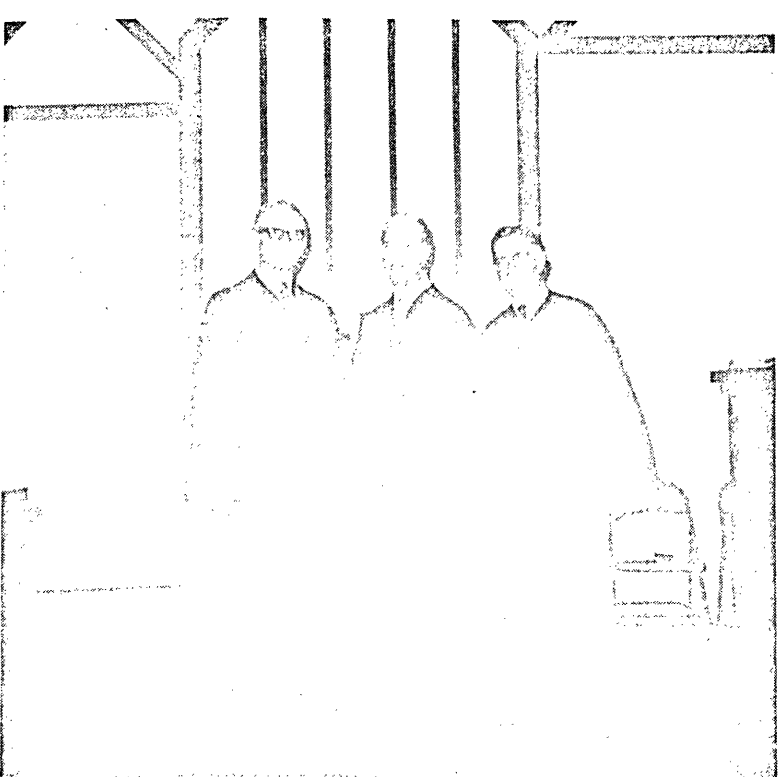
Faculty salaries were higher in New England (where the average was \$15,183) than any other region. The tabulation on salaries did not include Roman Catholic schools.

Faculty in United Methodist schools rated along with the United Church of Canada and the United Presbyterian in top average salaries. The average of all faculty salaries at United Methodist seminaries was \$15,552 compared to the three higher averages in the United Church of Canada (\$16,040), the United Church of Christ (\$15,961) and the United Presbyterian Church (\$15,901).

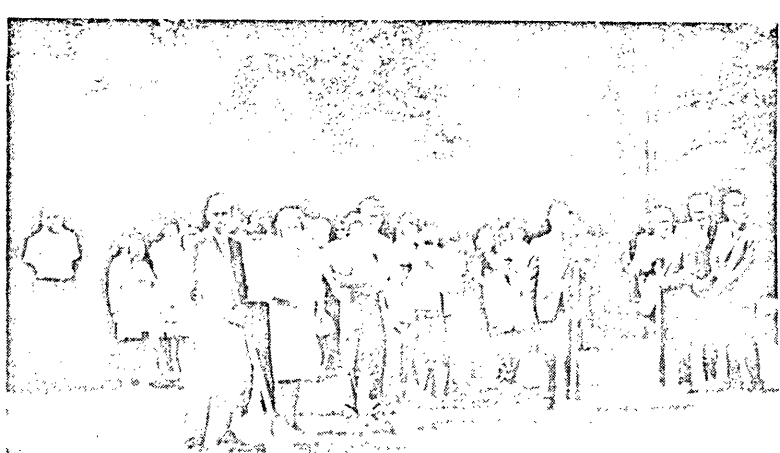
Average salaries for administrative officers among United Methodist schools was \$16,744 topped by the United Presbyterian average of \$18,089. Several schools followed the United Methodist average in the upper \$15,000 bracket. Again, Roman Catholic statistics were not included.

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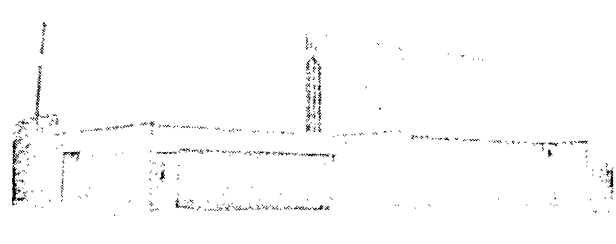
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ABOVE: Bishop Eugene M. Frank (center), assisted by Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District Superintendent, and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, pastor, officiated at the Service of Consecration held at the recently completed McArthur Drive United Methodist Church at Jacksonville last Sunday, Aug. 20. AT RIGHT: New McArthur Drive Church designed by Architects Roark and Perkins of Little Rock; Whitehurst Bros., Inc. were contractors.



Groundbreaking ceremony held recently at Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, for additional unit now under construction which will include an education building, fellowship hall and a modern kitchen. Shown here are members of the building committee, trustees and other members. The Rev. Don R. Williams, pastor, is shown wielding spade (second from right).



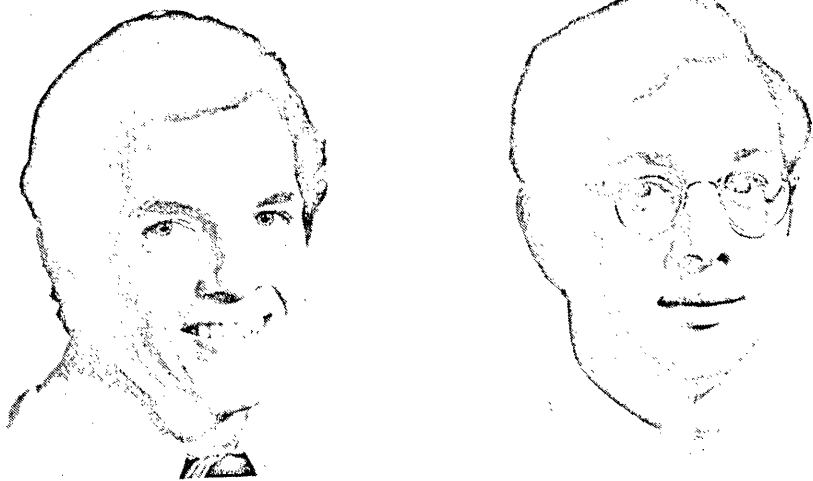
REMINDER

Laymen of the Little Rock Conference are reminded that the Annual Layman's Assembly will be held at Camp Tanako, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 26 and 27.

The theme for the Assembly is "Commitment and Works."

The speakers are Dr. Marshall T. Steel, the Rev. Charles D. Whittle, Dr. Myron Wicke, and the Rev. George W. Martin.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, with the opening session at 2:00 p.m. The Assembly will close after the noon meal on Sunday.



Two new members have been added to the administrative staff of Hendrix College in Conway—both former graduates. Shown above, they are William Whitten (at left), a 1969 graduate who has recently assumed the duties of assistant for Public Information, and Thomas Bentley, Jr. (right), a 1971 graduate who will serve as assistant Business Manager. Whitten is a native of Marianna; Bentley lived in Hughes before coming to Conway.

Program Directors to Local Churches

WHAT IS A MINISTER?

"A minister is dignity sitting on a platform, fatherhood frolicking on the floor, comfort visiting the sick, piety wrestling with a budget, prudence with other people's secrets, dedication pushing the lawn mower, conformity at the women's meetings, idealism reaching out for the downtrodden, devotion in a T-shirt or turtleneck sweater.

"Whom else can members of the church look up to, feel sorry for, be proud of, care for, confide in, love, inform, emulate — and, most of all, turn to when the going gets rough?

"A minister may become tired, confused, upset. But on Sunday, especially, he must be refreshed, enthused, confident, and serene in order to help others who are tired, discouraged, confused, and upset.

"Ministers come in all sizes and styles. Each one is a human being endowed with God's Spirit. They like people, churches, tasty meals, books they don't have time to read, a good collection, and dedicated church members.

News in Brief

PULASKI HEIGHTS CHURCH, Little Rock, has added two new members to the secretarial staff. Mary Ann Clark replaces Dorothy Kelso, who served three years, and Marjorie Gilleland replaces Margaret Menees who served six years.

THE HARDY AND WALNUT Ridge Churches had an exchange of preachers August 20, the Rev. James Meadors visiting the Hardy pulpit, and the Rev. Andy Hall going to Walnut Ridge.

THE REV. TOM WEIR, Harrisburg minister, preached during the revival held in the Cherry Valley Church the week of August 13. The Rev. Harry Price was host pastor.

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"A minister can shout at a ball game and whisper in a hospital. He can easily forget such things as his day off, the time, and family plans. You will find him strangely like yourself, fully human and desirous of your understanding, your prayers, and your love — and he will readily give them all back to you."

(The definition of a minister printed above appeared in one of the local church newsletters of our conferences—It seems worthwhile to pass it along to you.)
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HUMAN RELATIONS DAY—1973

It's new! It will take planning. It **MUST** succeed! The first observance of **Human Relations Day** by the United Methodist Church will take place on Sunday, **January 28, 1973**. This is a new date on the calendar with a big new responsibility. Conferences, districts and local churches need to schedule it now. Get it into your calendar. Get it into your thinking. Get the planning started early.

The 1972 General Conference in Atlanta acted on a proposal for a Human Relations Day in January for several reasons.

For program purposes, it seemed important to break some of the stereotypes that have gone with the old Race Relations Sunday in February (now discontinued). The change reminds us that human relations are far broader than race relations. Local programming should recognize the need for Christians to break down walls of class, wealth/poverty, generations, culture and language — not only the barriers between races.

A second purpose is to provide, by means of the Human Relations Day Offering, for support of significant work, including a voluntary service program, community developers, police-community relations, and a minor-

Hendrix introducing curriculum changes with Fall term

by Bill Whitten

Assistant for Public Information, Hendrix College

Hendrix College, renowned for its innovative programs, has made still more changes and additions for the approaching school year. In fact, students entering Hendrix for the first time in the fall may have the greatest flexibility in course selection in the South.

Profound changes in the curriculum have been effected which may result in the reduction of required courses for certain students. This year Hendrix will grant credit to students who score high enough on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests in the areas of Natural Science, Humanities, and Social Science-History. This will be the college's first year to participate in the CLEP testing. If a student achieves a "C" score on enough of the examinations, it is then possible that this student may have no required course. It is hoped that the decrease in "have to" courses will free the student to enroll for courses which he himself considers important and relevant to his area of study.

Hendrix has always endeavored to orient the freshman to his new en-

vironment. In the past, orientation programs have been devised to introduce the freshman to his new "home" and to help him adjust to living away from his old home. This year will be no different, as the orientation program will include campus tours, mixers, dances, skating parties, bowling parties, discussions with instructors, "powder puff" games, folk festivals, picnics, and religious services. The program will conclude with the annual Freeman Frolic dance. The dance will be staged in Hulen Hall, which also houses the recently renovated Student Union and bookstore.

Freshmen will arrive at Hendrix on Sunday, Sept. 17, and registration will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Returning students will arrive on campus that same Wednesday, but they will register Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21 and 22.

Classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 25, under the guidance of the faculty and staff, to which there have been several additions and amendments. These educators will strive to make Hendrix College an institution where an individual can attain the skill and insight, which will enable him to become the type of well-rounded person he himself desires.

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North Arkansas Pension Endowment Fund passes \$800,000 during July

Contributions to the Pension Endowment Campaign of the North Arkansas Conference passed \$800,000 during the month of July, according to the Rev. Earl B. Carter of the Pension Endowment Office. Contributions during the month came to \$16,025.31. Total contributions to the fund through July 31, 1972 are \$812,796.49.

Pastors and lay people in the local churches of the Conference are making a tremendous effort to keep their payments current. Many of these will be able to reach their three-year Fair Share Goals by December 31.

The Annual Conference voted in

May to extend the Campaign through 1973 in order to provide an opportunity for churches that are behind to catch up. There are 464 churches in the conference reporting as follows: 85 churches have reached their first year goal; 237 churches have reached their second year goal; 84 churches have reached their third year goal.

Continued support of the program may enable the Conference Board of Pensions to reach its goal to increase the annuity rate for 1973 of \$63 per service year for retired preachers.

The report of the Districts is as follows:

DISTRICT	FAIR SHARE GOAL	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED OR BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID TO AUG. 1	% PAID OF 3 YR. GOAL
Batesville	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 137,301.25	\$ 94,711.83	73%
Conway	186,000.00	183,313.50	143,705.28	77%
Fayetteville	180,000.00	190,838.70	148,771.64	83%
Forrest City	186,000.00	193,727.65	106,421.28	57%
Fort Smith	192,000.00	202,572.50	136,636.63	71%
Jonesboro	198,000.00	200,182.80	101,361.57	51%
Paragould	126,000.00	123,409.40	78,590.26	63%
TOTALS	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,231,345.80	\$812,796.49	68%

PHOTO

Earl B. Carter, Director Pension Endowment Campaign

ity training program.

In the local church the Administrative Board will want to make certain that the day and its offering are a part of the calendar of the church. The Administrative Board has promotional responsibility for all benevolences. The

board will want to work in cooperation with the Council on Ministries, which is responsible for program. An information packet, including resources and samples of materials for distribution, will be sent to pastors in November, 1972.

AUGUST 24, 1972

Guest editorial

by Betty Thompson
Religious News Service
Special Correspondent

Search for universal council is stressed at WCC meeting

UTRECHT, the Netherlands (RNS)—A German theologian pleaded here for acceleration in the Christian search for a "truly universal council," but an Iranian theologian warned against moving too rapidly toward that goal.

Dr. Juergen Moltmann, 45, well-known as a "theologian of hope," and Bishop Karekin Sarkissian, 40, of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, gave major presentations on the theme "Committed to Fellowship" at the recent meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

Bishop Sarkissian, who lives at Isfahan in south Iran, sounded a note of urgency about the search for Christian fellowship but warned that in the present ecumenical situation he felt it premature for the World Council to raise the question of a universal council.

"We are not a council or even an embryonic form of a Council of the Church," he said in an obvious comparison with the historic councils of the early church. "We are still an association of churches which have grown in their common fellowship through the process of their blessed sharing in each other's ethos."

Dr. Moltmann, a professor at the University of Tuebingen, who describes himself as a "political theologian," saw the problem differently. Saying that the great imperial Councils of the early church were summoned by emperors to reconcile the unity of church and empire, he asked, "But who is to summon the council nowadays?" He continued:

"We have not world government with responsibility for world peace. We do not have 'one world'; we have a world divided by social injustice, military threat, political oppression, and the destruction of nature, and overshadowed by the menace of total extinction."

"How will the council be summoned if not by the urgency of the situation in which the human race finds itself? Who will spell out the dire danger . . . if not those who speak vicariously and prophetically in the church and in the world for the victims of those forces which militate against peace?"

Dr. Moltmann said the church must initiate action for peace and create fellowship where people are destroying one another.

Bishop Sarkissian also expressed the opinion that the work of renewal and service in the social realms should be strengthened and closely related to the commitment of the churches.

"What seems to me to be of immediate and urgent need for the ecumenical movement is to avoid the impression that what we are doing is something which is happening outside our churches," said the Oxford-educated theologian. "We have to integrate the ecumenical work in the life of the church and let the people see and feel that what is being done in the ecumenical movement . . . is something which is happening here . . . in our own churches' life and witness."

Dr. Moltmann appealed to churches to free themselves through the ecumenical process from binding ties to nation,

people, race and class. He warned against civil religion in which the churches are forced to justify "hostility toward others and sanction injustice at home."

The German theologian, who is the author of a new book called *The Theology of Play*, said big churches find themselves in the dilemma now facing all big organizations, namely that of having "to respect the opinion held by the majority of ordinary members."

"Therefore, for them gaining freedom means depending on renewal groups at local levels which can afford to be less cautious in how they go about acting as disciples of Christ and rendering service for peace."

He said the ecumenical movement would have to wait a long time if it had to depend on rapprochement between big church organizations.

Dr. Moltmann called on the church to bring liberation in the vicious circles that threaten universal doom. These circles, he said, include poverty, violence and oppression, racial and cultural alienation and the destruction of nature by industry.

Perplexity, discouragement, and purposelessness, the theologian said, exist at the subconscious level of people's minds today because of the scientific prophecies of the world's destruction.

"The future has become dark," he said, "And like rab-

bits paralyzed by the stare of the snake, man is today paralyzed by the shock of discovering his future. Some take refuge in the pleasures of the moment, others seek escape in dream worlds, yet others make militant protests against the existing society."

"The awareness of the abyss of God-forsakenness and hopelessness manifests itself in many ways. It is the reason why the areas of real suffering that we have mentioned have come to be regarded as vicious circles from which there is no escape."

But the theologian of hope sounded his familiar note, saying that Christian fellowship "means our concerted witness to the human God who has already suffered this hell of forsakenness in man's place . . . has opened up a future containing the promise of life. Therefore, the hell of being forsaken is not in front of us but already behind us."

"Without the hope that is inseparable from faith there can be no justifiable hope in action," Dr. Moltmann said, and "without hope expressed in action there can be no effective hope based on faith."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Undergoing its first major revision since its appearance in 1911 the Handbook of the Boy Scouts will become the "Scout Handbook," instead of "Handbook for Boys," when it is issued officially at Scout national headquarters on Sept. 1 with modern interpretation of its 12 points of Law. Scouting currently involves 6.5-million youth and adults with a vast number of the troops under sponsorship of churches and synagogues. The new Handbook says: "Reverence toward God is a whole lot more than going to church. It is shown in the way you act everyday."

Queen Elizabeth II has given royal assent to a new Church of England law permitting baptized members of other Churches to receive Holy Communion in Anglican Churches. The measure, passed in February by the Church's General Synod, required royal approval since the monarch is titular head of the State Church. Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, the Anglican primate, said: "At any celebration of Holy Communion, the non-Anglican who is a baptized communicant of his own Church is welcomed."

Four Russian Baptists, three of them from the Moscow Baptist church attended by President Nixon during his March visit to the Soviet Union, received a tour of the White House on a recent visit in Washington, D.C. Although they did not get to see Mr. Nixon, the visitors saw pictures of themselves on exhibit in the White House lobby. Their itinerary included visits to Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in Nashville, American Baptist Convention Headquarters in Valley Forge, Pa., and Baptist World Alliance headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Members of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) are studying a "tentative draft" of a proposed new confession of faith for the denomination, in which Biblical and traditional theological language is combined with contemporary terminology and references to Twentieth Century issues. One of the chapters opens with the declaration that, "The church does not exist for its own sake, but to glorify God and to serve the world."

The Mennonite Church is sponsoring a Prayer-for-Peace observance for the week of Sept. 10-16. The denomination's Bd. of Missions offered the following guidelines: "Pray for the leaders of opposing governments involved in world conflicts. Avoid telling God how to answer. Be willing to accept God's answers and to become a part of the answer should He choose to act through you." "Beware of praying for selfish reasons—lower taxes, the preservation of our sons, national honor and the like. Pray in a manner that may magnify Christ and bring glory to God," the guidelines admonish.

The second of two black churches destroyed by arsonists in Texarkana, Ark. has been replaced through interracial efforts and dedicated as a "monument to the city, the state and the nation." Churches and civic organizations of both races cooperated in rebuilding the churches, and unclaimed reward money for arrest and conviction of the arsonists, who were never apprehended, was added to the building funds. The replacement of the churches has been credited with drawing black and white citizens closer than at any time in the past.

One section of the "tentative draft" of a proposed new confession of faith now under study for possible adoption by the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) deals with the question of Jewish-Christian relations. It states: "The Jews are still a distinct and special people. They remind us that God does not take back his promises. We are ashamed that Christians have persecuted them. Jews and Christians do not agree about Jesus Christ. Yet we acknowledge that their forefathers are our forefathers and mothers in the faith. Our debt to them is beyond measure."

Cooperating in "human development" is more useful in furthering ecumenical relations than trying to achieve structural union among Churches, according to United Methodist Bishop Paul A. Washburn of the Northern Illinois area. Bishop Washburn, a board member of the Consultation on Church Union, asserted in a press conference in Chicago that "only bringing Churches together is a deadly thing. The accent should be outwards, on mission."

Dr. Bill Bright, who organized Explo 72—recent gathering of young people in Dallas—has announced that the next Explo will be held in Korea in 1974 and that the attendance goal will be 300,000. Explo 72 drew an estimated 85,000. Dr. Bright, founder-president of Campus Crusade for Christ, said that Christ's Great Commission to "make disciples of all men" could be carried out by 1980 with the combined efforts of the world's churches, groups such as Campus Crusade, and individual Christians.

A Jesuit priest who for most of his 81 years sought rapport with Muslims in the Middle East said that the people of Allah see little need for Christianity because they measure Christians by their own standards and "don't find us attractive." They view Christians as "people who profess one thing and practice another," said Father Felix M. Paraja, S.J., who is teaching a course on Islam at the University of San Francisco this Summer.

Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission have voted to establish a four-day, 36-hour work week for employees of the agency. The decision follows a Summer trial experiment in which staff members work Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a skeleton crew working 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. Employee holidays area reduced from eight to three.

William F. Willoughby, religious news editor and a columnist for the Washington (D.C.) Star-News, has filed a suit in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. against the National Science Foundation and the University of Colorado Bd. of Regents enjoining them from disseminating textbooks which present only the Darwinian theory of the origin of man. Willoughby, who has three children in Virginia public schools, said the action is not an attempt to argue the merits of the Darwinian theory as against the creation theory, which he holds, "but an attempt to get the government away from excluding another credible theory held by many credible scientists."

The establishment of multi-denominational, multi-racial seamen's centers, to be served by a variety of national chaplains, was among proposals stemming from the first conference of the International Christian Maritime Assn., which met at Whitelands College in southwest London. The five-day meet drew 156 delegates from all continents. A summary statement also said that "the ICMA should promote the inclusion of religious formation in maritime training establishments, and should promote the concept of a seafarer's training as necessarily including spiritual and human formation."

Eskimos in Frobisher Bay, Canada, now have their own Anglican "igloo" cathedral. Constructed by the Eskimos themselves at a cost of \$60,000, the circular, domed church, named after St. Jude, is covered with white aluminum shingles suggestive of the small, snow blocks used in real igloos. Inside, an unbroken line of wall and ceiling is supported by curved laminated beams. Furnishings in the cathedral, which seats 350, are considered by the natives as symbolic of their old Eskimo way of life.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy has charged that new postal rate increases are tantamount to a "death sentence" for small publications—among them many of a religious nature—and has urged the U.S. Postal Service to "revoke the increase immediately." The senator pointed out that many magazines will not increase revenues in keeping with the "average" 127 per cent postal increase over the next five years. He said that if the Postal Service fails to reconsider, Congress should act to alleviate the unfair burden of the "exorbitant increase and prevent the demise of many publications."

REED CITY, Mich. — Sitting at the piano in her Reed City, Mich., home, Hanna Bennard remembers "The Old Rugged Cross," which her late husband, George Bennard, wrote in 1913. Mr. Bennard never got rich on royalties from what is regarded as the best-known hymn ever written by an American. During his lifetime, he earned just a bit more than \$5,000 from the hymn and royalties have long since stopped coming in.

Recently his widow, at the age of 82, learned that she was entitled to receive Social Security benefits under a "special aid" provision that provides benefits to persons over 72 who do not already receive a federal pension or public assistance payments. She had not realized she could receive pension checks, since her husband, a Methodist minister, was a clergyman in the days when ministers weren't covered by the federal program. A widow for 14 years, Hanna Bennard now lives alone with her memories of her husband. Suffering from arthritis and a healing broken bone, she still manages to play the hymn daily. (RNS Photo)



ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL

Hendrix College,

Conway, Ark

September 11-14, 1972

Schedule

Monday, Sept. 11

10 a.m.—Staff Meeting
11 a.m.-1 p.m.—Registration
Administration Building
1:30-2:30—Class Session
2:45-3:45—Class Session
5 p.m.—Dinner
6:30-7:30—Preaching Hour: Dr. K.
Morgan Edwards
The Family—"The Generation
Gap"

7:45—Social Hour

Tuesday, 12th—Wednesday, 13th

7:30 a.m.—Breakfast
8:45-9:45—First Class Session
9:45-10:00—Break
10:00-11:00—Second Class Session
11:15-12:15—Preaching Hour
Tuesday: Ecology—"Life Abundant
or Redundant"
Wednesday: Self Worth—"The Ego
and I"

12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Free Time

5:00—Dinner

6:30-7:30—Preaching Hour

Tuesday: The Family—"From
Man's Rib to Woman's Lib"

Wednesday: The Family: "The Gift
of Loving"

7:45—Evening Activity

Tuesday: Bishop's Hour—Bishop
Eugene M. Frank

Wednesday: Rap Session with rep-
resentatives of the Arkansas Cab-
inets discussing "How Appointments
Are Made?" There will be a time
for questions.

Thursday, 14th

Regular schedule to 11:15 a.m.

11:15—Holy Communion conducted
by Bishop Eugene M. Frank

12:15—Lunch

Adjournment



Bishop Eugene M. Frank

BISHOP'S HOUR



Dr. K. Morgan Edwards

PREACHER OF THE WEEK



Dr. Ramsey Bridges

"PREACHING IN A
PERMISSIVE SOCIETY"



Dr. Don Corley

"PASTORAL CARE IN OUR
CHURCH AND TIMES"



Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo

"NEW TESTAMENT-ROMANS"

EDUCATION: B.S., Kansas State Teachers College; B.D., Garrett Biblical Institute; D.D., Baker University and De Pauw Univ., L.L.D., Central College.

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PRESENTLY: Resident Bishop of the Arkansas Area.

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PRESENTLY: Gerald Kennedy Professor of Preaching, School of Theology, Claremont, Cal.

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EDUCATION: B.A., Dillard University; B.D., Howard University; Th. M., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; D. Hum., Prentiss Institute.

SERVICE: Wesley Foundation Director, Howard U., D.S., Washington Annual Conference; D.S., West Virginia Conference; Pastor, Cross Lane United Methodist Church.

PRESENTLY: D.S., Fairmount District, West Virginia Conference.

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PRESENTLY: Director of Pastoral Care, Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock.

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EDUCATION: B.A.E., Univ. of Florida; STB, Ph. D., Boston Seminary; Instructor in Religion, Syracuse Univ., Prof. of Bible, Scarritt College; Dean, Scarritt College; Lecturer in New Testament, Vanderbilt Divinity School.

PRESENTLY: Professor of New Testament and Early Church History, St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo.

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NEWS and NOTES

MORRILTON YOUTH members of First Presbyterian and First United Methodist Churches held a retreat at Kamp Kaetzell the weekend of August 11-13.

CROSSETT YOUTH held a retreat at Lake Narrows near Murfreesboro the weekend of August 4-6. Joey Faulkner, head of the Arkansas State University staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, was guest leader for the study of the Christian approach to love, sex and marriage. Steve Smart is summer youth worker at Crossett; the Rev. Ferris Norton is pastor.

A JOINT YOUTH PICNIC by UMI groups of First Churches El Dorado and Texarkana was held on Sunday, August 6, at Henry's Farm, Texarkana. The El Dorado group brought the program and the host group had charge of "fun, fellowship and food." Ann Calcote, youth director at Texarkana, was formerly with the El Dorado church.

MOUNTAIN HOME United Methodist Men had as guest speaker at the August 2 chicken supper, Mrs. Mary Irby who is a member of the Ozark Earth Science Club. The Rev. Norman Carter is pastor.

THE COTTON PLANT Church held vacation church school the week of July 31 with an average daily attendance of 60. A Commencement program was given Friday afternoon. The Rev. Oliver Logan is the pastor.

THE HOMECOMING service at College Hill Church, Texarkana, had a former pastor as speaker on July 16. He was the Rev. Howard Williams, now pastor of First Church, Magnolia. The Rev. Carl Beard was host pastor.

THE REV. LOWELL EATON, pastor of First Church, Augusta, was evangelist for the revival held in the Hunter Church, beginning July 23. Billy Tarpley from Cotton Plant directed the singing. The Rev. Oliver Logan is pastor.

THE PRESCOTT CHURCH was host to 50 bicyclists from Indiana the weekend of July 30. Group members belonged to The Spokesmen, a Christian youth organization devoted to witnessing to their faith as the members travel each summer. A truck and trailer precedes the group to prepare the meals, and a motorcyclist coordinates the groups traveling in sixes.

THE CAMDEN DISTRICT YOUTH Council held an overnight planning retreat, July 21-22 at the Wesley Foundation in Magnolia. Purpose of the retreat was to finalize next year's district program. Vicky Parks is president, Bob Sewell, secretary, and the Rev. Allen Bonsall is Camden District Youth Coordinator.



"God's Children Inc.", singing group of youth from the Marysville and Silver Hill United Methodist Churches, are shown at Eureka Springs when they presented a concert there on Aug. 3. Directed by their pastor, the Rev. Fred Haustein, they sang "Noah and the Ark", which was written and arranged by the cast. The Rev. DuBois Pettit was host pastor at Eureka Springs.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING at Temperance Hill United Methodist Church, six miles west of Fordyce, will be held Sunday, Sept. 10. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells, pastor of the Fordyce and Temperance Hill Churches, will preach at 11 o'clock. Picnic lunch will be served. This church is considered one of the oldest Methodist churches in the state.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH, El Dorado, recently honored the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, with a "pounding." Pot-luck supper and board meeting preceded the event.

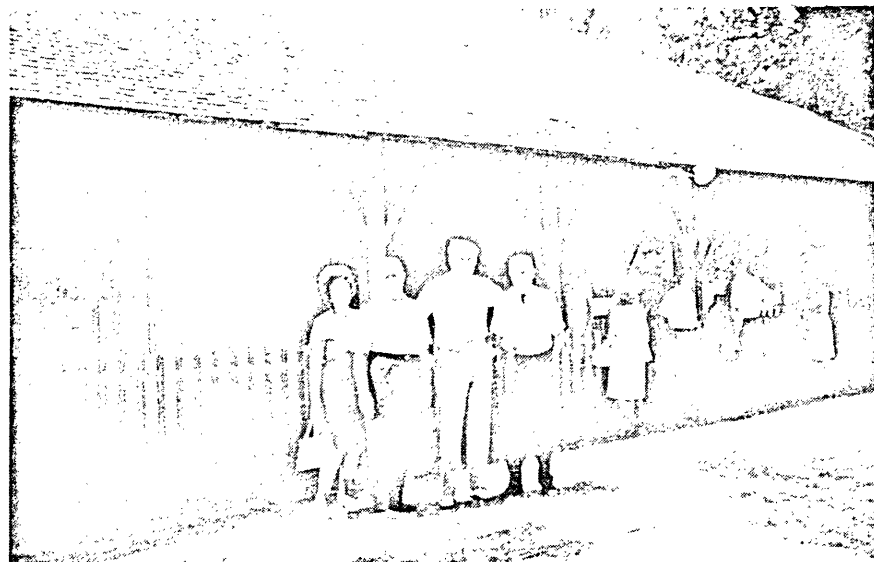
THE REV. JIM BEAL, pastor of First United Methodist, Helena, was named to the executive committee of the Northeast Criminal Justice Planning Council at a recent meeting in Jonesboro. The Council is composed of 22 counties, represented by 35 members. The Council will evaluate grants for law enforcement agencies who are asking for funds through the State Crime Commission to upgrade their departments, such as renovation of jails, courtroom facilities, additional police officers, juvenile officers, detention centers for juvenile delinquents and any other programs to help reduce crime. Federal funds can be used to pay up to 75 per cent of the above programs.

THE REV. PRYOR CRUCE, minister of Midland Heights Church in Fort Smith, preached for the revival held in Cole's Chapel near Paris the week of August 13. The Rev. William Hightower of Paris was host pastor.

THE BETHESDA United Methodist Church, Batesville District, held vacation church school July 31-Aug. 4, with 35 in attendance. The director was Mrs. Shelby McSpadden and the pastor is the Rev. George Cleary.

CORNING CHURCH members will spend this weekend, Aug. 26-27, at Wayland Springs Camp. Sunday morning worship will be at camp. J. O. Black and Winfred Polk are in charge of arrangements. The Rev. Wayne Clark is pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, SEARCY, recently approved partial support of two missionaries who are natives of Arkansas. These are: the Rev. William M. Elder, a missionary to Japan for 24 years who is presently stationed at Chiba, Japan, and the Rev. Robert V. Marble, who is working in India. The church formerly gave partial support to Dr. Pearle McCain, who recently retired after serving in the Orient for 42 years. Dr. Charles Richards is the Searcy minister.



Leaders in the recent Ben Few Campmeeting were (from left): Mrs. Ben Harrison, Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Robert Goss, and Lennie Wozencraft.

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. 27—Sunday	Rev. 20:11-15
Aug. 28	Rev. 21:1-7
Aug. 29	Rev. 21:21-27
Aug. 30	Rev. 22:1-7
Aug. 31	Rev. 22:8-15
Sept. 1	Luke 4:1-15
Sept. 2	Acts 2:1-11
Sept. 3—Sunday	Psalm 73:14-28

GURDON CHURCH YOUTH REPORT SUMMER ACTIVITY

A ten-week program for youth in Gurdon's United Methodist Church was concluded with Activities Week in August. This included attendance at two camp meetings—at Ben Few Campground and at Davidson Campground. The group also attended the Sub-District UMY meeting in Arkadelphia.

The youth started the summer raising money for a trip to Houston, Texas, which was made by 43 people. They enjoyed a visit to Astro-World, N.A.S.A., and the Medical Center, ice skating at the Galleria, and a baseball game in the Astrodome.

The summer schedule included all children of the church, grades one through twelve. The first three grades met on Tuesdays for games, handicrafts and a devotional. Fourth, fifth and sixth grades met for the same on Thursdays. Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings, young people of junior and senior high had games, handicrafts, devotionals, and worked on projects, especially improving the appearance of church school class rooms.

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THE MARMADUKE CHURCH congregation recently welcomed the return of their pastor, the Rev. Charles P. Reed, and wife with a "pounding." This is the Reeds' fifth year at Marmaduke.

BAGLEY IS SPEAKER FOR BEN FEW CAMPMEETING

Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District Superintendent, was the evangelist for the 74th Annual Campmeeting, Aug. 4 through 14, at the Ben Few Campgrounds near Princeton. Robert Goss from Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the song leader, and Mrs. Gene Brazeale was the pianist. The Rev. Mike Velchhoff, pastor of Sparkman United Methodist Church, was the host pastor.

Twenty-two families, including 21 young people, were on the campground for the meeting. Many more drove in for one or more of the daily services. Youth activities were directed by Mr. Velchhoff and Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Brazeale and Mrs. Robert Harrison were leaders for the smaller children.

The Youth Choir from Gardner Memorial Church presented a musical program on Friday evening.

Ben Few Campground was organized under the leadership of the Rev. Ben Few in 1898.

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR 1973

NEW YORK (UMI) — The first Assembly of United Methodist Women is scheduled for October 4-7, 1973, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

United Methodist Women is the name of the one new inclusive women's organization in the United Methodist Church. During the 1972-73 transition year, United Methodist Women will succeed two present organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Together the organizations have a membership of about 1,600,000 in 36,500 local units in the 50 states.

The 1973 Assembly will follow in a pattern of quadrennial women's gatherings in the United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations. The last Assembly was in Houston, Texas, in May, 1970. Assemblies have usually drawn an attendance of 8-10,000.

The 1973 date was set by the national policy-making body for Society and Guild, the Women's Division of the Board of Missions. Two leaders of the Division, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, president, and Miss Theresa Hoover, associate general secretary, said in a recent letter to Jurisdiction and Conference Society presidents and Conference Guild chairwomen that the usual time for an Assembly in the quadrennial pattern would have been the spring of 1974. However, they said, an overriding factor in a decision for the fall of 1973 was that an Assembly "may be useful as we move into the one new inclusive organization of United Methodist Women."

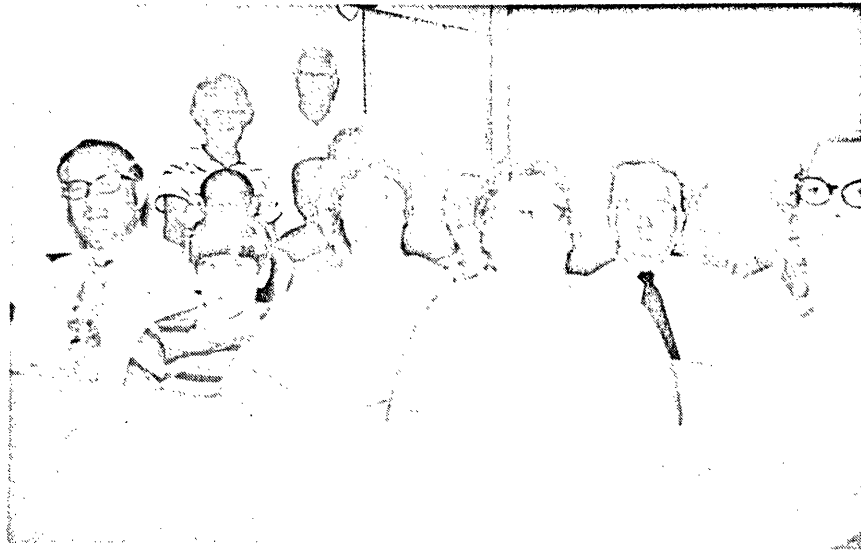
The format and program of the projected Assembly are open, but one emphasis is expected to be on ecumenism and involvement of other churchwomen's organizations, Mrs. Harrington and Miss Hoover wrote. They said proposed regional ecumenical women's assemblies in 1974 had not worked out an alternate plan is to incorporate ecumenical emphasis and involvement in denominational and other churchwomen's gatherings in 1974. No firm plans have been developed, they said, adding that an ecumenical emphasis "will prove an interesting and enriching part of the Assembly."

Because Assembly plans are open and because of a desire to involve Society and Guild leaders in designing program, the Harrington-Hoover letter was accompanied by a suggestion sheet for the Assembly.

It asks Jurisdiction and Conference presidents and chairwomen to list their preferences for program emphasis, for issues to be dealt with in plenary sessions and smaller groups, and for suggestions for "digging together" on new styles of work in units of United Methodist Women. Also sought are ideas for possible "consciousness-raising" sessions on topics such as "personal worth, meaning of a support community, and changing trends in missions." Suggestions for categories of persons to attend the Assembly are asked.

A small committee is at work on tentative initial plans for the Assembly, though Division leaders point out that most of the planning must be done after September organization of the Women's Division for the 1972-76 quadrennium.

AUGUST 24, 1972



At the Hickory Ridge Church, a Laymen-WSCS supper had as guest speakers Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weld of Fisher (shown above, standing). They presented slides of Wayland Springs Camp and of conference, district and local WSCS events. Seated from left, front row, are the Rev. and Mrs. James Barton and son, Anthony, Mrs. Bennie House and Mrs. "Pop" Slocum.

Aldersgate Camperships

(Continued from August 10 listing)

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| by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. D. Cress | by W.S.C.S., Ozark United Methodist Church |
| by Mr. & Mrs. Clark Smith | by W.S.C.S., Paris United Methodist |
| by Ruth E. Lenhart | by Gladys Hasler Guild |
| by Mr. Joe F. Hudson | by Rose City Beacon W.S.C.S. |
| by Mrs. James Thomas | by Mrs. T. W. Roland |
| by Mr. & Mrs. Duane Axtell | by Cherokee Village Methodist W.S.C.S. |
| by Mrs. Murray B. McLeod | by Mrs. V. B. Fielder |
| by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Coats | by W.S.C.S., Beebe |
| by Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Munnerlyn | by Piggott W.S.G. |
| by Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Richards | by Hendricks Hill Methodist W.S.G. |
| by Mrs. Henry G. Dietrich | by Mrs. C. R. Ledbetter |
| by Hampton W.S.C.S. | by Mrs. J. F. Hudson, Sr. |
| by Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Johnston | by Geyer Springs W.S.C.S. |
| by W.S.C.S., Bald Knob | by W.S.C.S., Mountain View |
| by Rev. & Mrs. Claude R. Roy | by Central Methodist, Fayetteville |
| by Fred Poe | by W.S.C.S., First Methodist, Russellville |
| by Col. and Mrs. Cletos O. Bennett | by Lydesdale W.S.C.S. |
| by J. A. Riggs, Jr. | by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jewell |
| by Susannah Wesley Bible Class, Asbury United Methodist Church, L.R. | by Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Butler |
| by Dallis and Dorris Smith | by Mrs. Wm. J. Smith |
| by Mr. & Mrs. Atley G. Davis | by W.S.G., Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff |
| by Mrs. Jim Mitchell | by Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Perry, Jr. |
| by W.S.C.S., Carlisle United Methodist Church | by The Darragh Foundation |
| by Mrs. Norine Bettis | by W.S.C.S., Central Church, Rogers |
| by Hamburg W.S.C.S. | by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ratley |
| by Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Newcome | by Mr. & Mrs. Sykes Harris, Sr. |
| by W.S.C.S., Brinkley First United Methodist Church, Brinkley | by Pullman Heights W.S.C.S., Hot Springs |
| by W.S.G., First Methodist, Stuttgart | by Mrs. Helen L. Jackson |
| by Winnie Waites Guild, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church | by Mr. H. L. Thomas, Jr. |
| by W.S.G., First Methodist, Marked Tree | by W.S.G., Clinton |
| by W.S.G., First Methodist, Ashdown | by John Crouse Construction Co. |
| by W.S.C.S., Central U.M., Fayetteville | by Mountain Home W.S.C.S. |
| by Robert W. Raney | by Pearle McCain W.S.G., Searcy |
| by Vera Butler Guild, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church | by Buna Cooper W.S.G., Hoxie |
| by Mrs. Marion Wasson | by Mrs. Billie Shepherd |
| by Mrs. Geneva Nelson | by Mr. & Mrs. Edward C. Gates |
| by Ozark W.S.G. | by Hermitage W.S.C.S. |
| by Galloway Hook Guild, Goddard United Methodist, Fort Smith | by Wiggins W.S.C.S. |
| by Mrs. Lillian Fountain | by Mr. & Mrs. E. K. Wakefield |
| by Bill Bowen Class, First Methodist, Little Rock | by International Bible Class, Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff |
| by W.S.G., Prescott | by W.S.C.S., Mena First Methodist |
| by Danho S.S. Class, First Methodist, Little Rock | by Sardis Methodist W.S.C.S. |
| by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Wertz | by Mrs. Herbert M. Stephens |
| by Mrs. O. T. Ward | by Ladies Class, Parkview Methodist, Benton |
| by W.S.C.S. Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church | by Grady W.S.C.S. |
| by Mrs. Thomas Lockett | by Miss Maudalene Patterson |
| | by Bethell Class, First Church, Little Rock |
| | by Wayne White |
| | by St. Andrew W.S.C.S., L. R. |
| | by Mrs. J. B. Connally |
| | by Mrs. Sam W. Smith |
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D'ARCY VAUGHN BOOE

The funeral service for D'Arcy Vaughn Booe, 88, was held in Carlisle Methodist Church, July 23, by the pastor, the Rev. Carlos Martin and a former pastor, the Rev. Alfred DeBlack. Mr. Booe had died on July 21.

He was a member of a pioneer Methodist family who moved to Prairie and Lenoque counties from Mississippi in 1859. He was one of ten children born to Le Roy Quitman and Martha Jane Melton Booe.

His grandfather, Col. Isaac D. Booe, was one of the charter members of the Walters Chapel Methodist Church. Mr. Booe was married in 1911 to Lena M. White, and they both were active leaders in the Walters Chapel church until it was abandoned in the late 1950's. He served that church as a member of its official board and was for more than 20 years its Sunday School superintendent.

He was the father of eight children, one of whom, Margaret, preceded him in death. In addition to his wife of 61 years, he is survived by seven children: two sons, Le Roy Q. Booe, Sr. of Hazen, Doris H. Booe of Carlisle; and five daughters, Mrs. Clarice Holland of Beebe, Mrs. Velma Shidler of Ohio, Mrs. Mary Edmondson of Little Rock, Mrs. Faye Allison of Carlisle and Mrs. Anna Trickey of Little Rock; a brother, Tom Booe of Chicago; a sister, Mrs. Lois Hudson of Little Rock, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were his grandsons: Le Roy Q. Booe, Jr., Randy Booe, Michael Edmondson, Jimmy Trickey, Eddie McMullen, Tommy Wakefield, and Don Horton.

THE REV. R. C. PRESTON, pastor of Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, was the speaker for the Aug. 8 meeting of the Goddard Church WSCS. He told about the Mallalieu Community Center.

"WE CARE" MISSION HELD AT FIRST CHURCH, MENA

Twelve ministers and one children's worker provided the leadership for the "We Care" Mission held at First Church, Mena, under the sponsorship of the Evangelism work area group, Mrs. Vernon Rodgers, chairman.

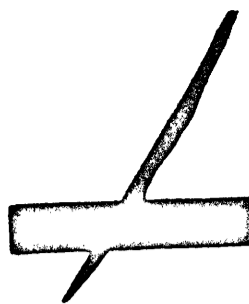
They were: Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District Superintendent; the Rev. Darrell Bone, Fairview Church, Texarkana; the Rev. Ralph Hemund, Amity; the Rev. Ralph Hale, Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Winfield Church, Little Rock; the Rev. Robert Johnson, Stamps; Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, Hope District Superintendent; the Rev. Don Nolley, Asbury Church, Magnolia; the Rev. Richard Poss, Foreman; the Rev. John Prothro, Emmet, and Mrs. Prothro; the Rev. Arnold Simpson, Dumas; and the Rev. Fred Smith, Glenwood.

The membership was divided into twelve groups. The first night they discussed "Your Church," the second night "Christ," and the third, "You." Each evening three of the ministers told how Jesus had come into their lives and how he thrills them with his love and direction every day.

The Rev. Osborne White is the pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR SEPT. 3: The Bible in Our Changing World

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:1-9; Isaiah 40:6-8; Daniel 1; John 8:12

MEMORY SELECTION: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. (Isaiah 40:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To introduce a quarter of study in which we will be seeking to discover the message of the Bible for our rapidly changing world.

Today's lesson introduces a study in which we will be seeking to discover the relevance of the Bible for our changing times. As we recall the rapidity with which change has come in our lifetime, we are made increasingly aware of the pressures which cause a great number of people to raise the question, "Why should I read and study the Bible in this kind of world?"

Dr. Horace R. Weaver speaks of the importance of this unit of study in his introductory article in The International Lesson Annual. He says: "In a world where mobility, mass communication, and increased urbanization bring persons closer together and at the same time threaten to depersonalize and exploit the individual, Christians—committed to a philosophy of the infinite worth of human personality—may find guidance in God's Word for spelling out that commitment in action. Intelligent, concerned search must be made for answers to the problems related to international relations, the theological and moral ferment so evident in our day, and the overthrow of traditional patterns long accepted."

Just think of the number of changes that have occurred within your own lifetime. As we consider some of the scientific achievements we think that we are able to cope with them—take them in stride. However, there are other kinds of changes too; the movement of people from the country to the city, the spread of metropolitan areas into the country, increased leisure time, increased crime, drug usage, and divorce. These are changes that are not easy to cope with.

The Christian is not immune to the pressures of change, but he has a resource which others do not have. He is familiar with the unfolding revelation of God's truth through the Bible, and here is a foundation on which he can build firmly. A life built on the truths of God as revealed in the Bible can help him to withstand the pressures of life. The passages which have been selected as the basis for this lesson give us practical examples of this undergirding.

Passages from Joshua, Isaiah, and John speak to us of the kind of help we can expect to find in the Bible. As we look at them we can find answers to those about us who doubt that there is any help for us from that direction.

"THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART"

As we take a look at Joshua who led the Children of Israel into the "promised land," we are told how he became the guardian of the Law which God had given to Moses. Although Moses had been the leader of the Hebrews during the time of the Exodus, he was not granted the privilege of leading them across the Jordan. As this "second Moses" received his commission from Moses and later from God, it was clearly pointed out that the guidebook for all that he did was the Law.

Moses had given the law to Israel, and now Joshua was to be its guardian; for the "book of the

law shall not depart out of his mouth." (Josh. 1:8) Dr. Martin Rist says: "These instructions concerning the Law remind me of the righteous man of Psalms 1 whose 'delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night,' with the result that 'in all that he does, he prospers.' Joshua, then, was a worthy successor to Moses as the leader of Israel; moreover, he was enabled to do what had been forbidden to Moses—to lead the chosen people of God into the land of promise, disposing its inhabitants."

In pointing out the strategic position which Joshua held in Jewish history, we should be reminded of the significance of his name. Joshua was the Hebrew form of the name Jesus, meaning "Jehovah is salvation." Because Joshua was a kind of redeemer of his people, he has been considered by some scholars to be a prototype of Jesus.

It was pointed out that the prosperity and success of God's leader, as well as God's people, depended on their fidelity to God's laws. Following that reminder, the Lord again encouraged Joshua not to be afraid and assured him that he would be with him wherever he went.

We need to realize that these same commands and promises apply to God's people today. Regardless of how complicated the world situation becomes, there is guidance within the Bible concerning the direction we should take. As Dr. Charles M. Laymon summarizes: "In the Bible there is an ever-widening circle of life opening up to the people. And, in this sense, the Bible provides guidance for persons of the present who are called upon to live a new kind of life in a new day."

THE ENDURANCE OF GOD'S WORD

The passage from Isaiah 40, revealing the insight of its author, expressed the fact that the Word of God is eternal. In this first chapter of the second section of Isaiah the writer assured the people that God was with them and that his word would not pass away.

He said: "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever." Dr. Laymon says: "Isaiah was thinking of God's Word alive in his mind and heart rather than of the Bible as such, but it is this same living word that lays hold of us today as we read the Bible."

The abiding nature of Bible teaching is held up here in striking contrast to the temporary stay of man upon the earth, "Surely the people is grass." The writer is saying that humanity, in its weakness and sin and in its consequent punishment, is pitiable. But the interpreter is not to make man his subject. He has a better theme: "The word of God," which, he is assured, "shall stand for ever." Arising above the shifting sands of human conduct and experience is the firm rock of God's word. This means that for every circumstance of life there is a message coming from God himself and as dependable as he is. For us, this message is in the Bible.

The Holy Spirit illumines our minds as we hear God speaking to us from the Bible in the varied situations of life which challenge us. Just as in any other field, the person who studies more comes to know more. God's truth is inexhaustible. No one person can ever plumb its depths.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR ALL OF LIFE

There is a brief passage from the Book of Daniel included in the background scripture for today. This tells the story of Daniel and his young companions who stood up against the orders of King Nebuchadnezzar to join with other Hebrews in eating food that was forbidden them by their teachings. The

Babylonian king had looted the Temple in Jerusalem, and in this story he was trying to subvert the personalities of the young Jewish men.

He was trying to encourage the young men to take part in a program of exercise and diet which was planned to make them exceptional physical specimens who could render outstanding service. Daniel's objections to the king's program was based on dietary laws of his people as written in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

The Hebrew youth requested a much simpler diet, issuing a challenge which would prove that the food prescribed by their laws would make them stronger. In Daniel 1:15 we read that the court official responsible for this program pronounced them "fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat."

The major teaching we gain from this passage is that the Bible does provide a safe code of conduct, and speaks to our contemporary scene with its guidelines for personal purity and morality. Many young people are discovering the Bible in our day as they face the complex challenges that are confronting them.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD SHINING ON OUR PROBLEMS

The final passage for today's lesson is John 8:12 which speaks of Jesus as "the light of the world" with the power to shine into the dark corners of life and give illumination concerning the decisions that are so vital. Surely nothing is needed so much as light as we look at today's changing world.

The focus of the Word of God is to bring us to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. This world seems to be groping in moral and spiritual darkness, therefore Christians need to understand what it means to have light themselves and share it with others.

Jesus did make the claim that he was "the light of the world." This is a stupendous claim for anyone to make. He was able to make it because he came from God with a message for mankind. As one has said, "No human being could claim to have the knowledge and the insight to answer all the world's ills, but Jesus Christ could."

Dr. Laymon says: "From first to last the Bible is a Jesus-centered book. The Old Testament looks to his advent as it anticipates the coming of the Kingdom; the Gospels tell the story of his ministry; and the epistles and later writings are centered on him as the exalted, living Lord."

It is important to realize that in Jesus we can see the truths that are found throughout the Bible. In him we see a person to whom we can direct our loyalties and from whom we can gain the insights necessary to handle wisely the tremendous power he has put at our disposal.

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LOOK AHEAD TO THE OTHER LESSONS

It is most important that we see today's lesson as the introduction to the remaining lessons of this quarter. As we focus on the place of the Bible in today's changing world, we will be wanting to reflect on our own attitude toward the Bible and its relevance for our life.

Do you honestly believe the Bible can help you meet the challenges of this fast-moving, highly-complex society with all its problems and frustrations? Is the Bible a vital force and influence in your life? It will be hard for you to convince others of the relevance of the Bible for their lives if you are not convinced.

Young people and adults will tell you that what they need more than anything else are some standards—some guidelines for these days. Just as the government maintains standards of weights and measurements in Washington, D.C., so the church has such standards at its disposal in the Bible.

The conditions of our world are changing all the time—so rapidly that a current best seller refers to "future shock" as we endeavor to adjust to such changes. The new inventions and discoveries of our world are but rearrangements of the eternal laws of God. As we seek to adapt our lives and our world to these changes, we will find our greatest help in the Bible, the record of his changeless nature and unchanging law.

AUGUST 24, 1972

International Prayer Conference to focus on Key 73

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMI) — Key 73, a movement of more than 130 denominations and Christian groups "Calling our continent to Christ" in 1973, will be the major focus of an International Prayer Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., September 29-October 1.

Sponsoring the Conference will be the North American section of the International Prayer Fellowship. James H. Davis, a United Methodist layman from Dallas, Tex., is president of the International Fellowship; Dr. Verent J. Mills, a Southern Baptist from Richmond, Va., is president of the North American section. Retired United Methodist General Board of Evangelism general secretary Harry Denman is general secretary of the Fellowship and former Scarritt College president D. D. Holt is program Chairman of the Junaluska Conference.

The International Prayer Fellowship, formed in Seoul, Korea in 1966, promotes the annual prayer conference and small fellowship group organizations in cities, churches, and communities in various countries.

The entire Junaluska Conference will focus on Key 73 with particular attention being given to the "Noon Prayer Call", the first step of the inter-church effort. During the last two weeks of 1972, persons across the nation will be urged to pause for prayer at noon "that millions might be reached for Christ."

The Junaluska conference program will include a keynote address by Dr.

Ira Gallaway, Nashville, Tenn., newly elected general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism; and an address by Dr. T. A. Raedeke, St. Louis, Mo., former secretary of evangelism of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, who is now executive director of Key 73.

Other speakers will include Dr. Atha J. Baugh, deputy executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention and a member of the Key 73 executive committee; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grant, United Methodist musicians who are active in the Ashram and Lay Witness Mission movements; Dr. Alexander J. Reid, United Methodist missionary to Zaire (Congo); Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw, Wilmore, Ky.; president of Asbury College; and the Rev. Robert Yawberg, Fort Wayne, Ind., Christian Churches and Churches of Christ minister who is chairman of the Key 73 Noon Prayer Call emphasis.

The Rev. Joe Hale, Nashville, Tenn., United Methodist Board of Evangelism staff member who serves on the Key 73 executive committee, said the International Prayer Conference at Junaluska is significant as the only event this fall bringing together national leadership to focus exclusively on Key 73.

The conference will open Friday at 4:30 and close Sunday noon. Persons interested may write for information to Mrs. C. D. Mehaffey, International Prayer Fellowship, Box 578, Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745.

"MISSION TO SAVE MILLION SOULS OF OKINAWA"

NEW YORK (UMI) — "Mission to Save the Million Souls of Okinawa" is the banner under which 112 congregations are engaged in a year-long program of evangelism on the Pacific island that in 1971 reverted to Japan after 26 postwar years under U.S. control.

Among participating congregations, ranging a wide theological spectrum, are those of the Kyodan (United Church of Christ of Japan), to which the United Methodist Church and five other North American denominations are related. For several years after World War II, the United Church on Okinawa was a separate denomination. Now it is a kyoku (unit) of the Japan Kyodan, largest Protestant body in the country. Other denominations

represented among sponsoring congregations include Anglican, Baptist, Nazarene, Holiness and Four-square Gospel.

Underway since January, according to "Japan Christian Activity News" (Kyodan newsletter), the program is just past halfway. By June 30, some 400 persons were reported to have made decisions for Christ and the church. This, said the "News," was largely the result of a simultaneous evangelism program carried out by 30 churches.

Every month has seen activity in the "Mission to Save the Million Souls of Okinawa" crusade. The Rev. Seijin Higa, pastor of the Central Church in Naha, Okinawa's capital, said events have included lay training, prayer cells,

Church Gives Young People a 'Totalitarian' Experience

LEXINGTON, S.C. (RNS) — Their Bibles had been burned and their hymnbooks had been confiscated, so the 30 young Baptists were singing hymns and quoting Scriptures from memory as they worshipped together.

Suddenly, police authorities broke up the meeting and took the Christians off to jail.

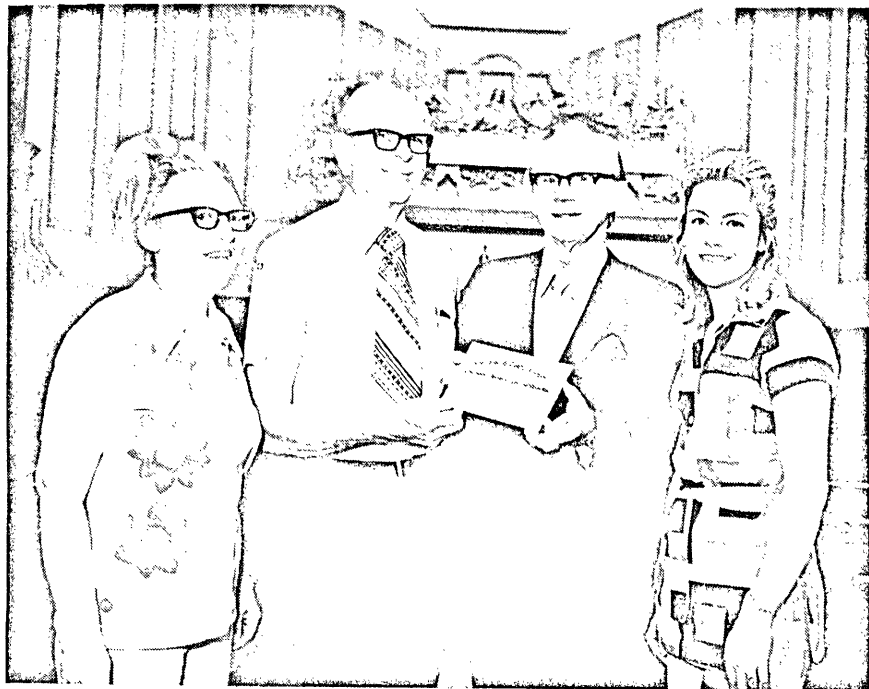
This really happened—not overseas, in a totalitarian country, but in Lexington, South Carolina.

It was part of a special Vacation Bible School program for young people at Springdale Baptist church. The Rev. Edwin R. Quattlebaum, pastor of the 450-member congregation, said

the experience proved so successful that he is planning similar programs for the future.

Of course, the young people were not really being subjected to government persecution for their faith. But with the cooperation of Lexington County Sheriff Carroll Day, they did have a true-to-life experience in the persecution that many Christians are suffering in various countries today.

Playing roles as members of an Underground Church, the young people met in such places as the grease pit of a garage, a barn loft, and the garage of a private home, where they were "arrested."



A milestone in the history of The Upper Room Chapel was reached when the one millionth visitor registered recently. Robert E. Christmas of Ashford, Ala. had this special place in the guest register when he, Mrs. Christmas and daughter, Edna Earle visited The Upper Room Chapel, Museum and Agape Garden. In photo, Dr. Wilson O. Weldon (second from right), editor of The Upper Room, presents a certificate to Mr. Christmas as his wife and daughter look on.

Dallas United Methodists developing new ministry to single parents

DALLAS (RNS) — The increasing number of single parents in the Dallas area has prompted the United Methodist Church to devise a new form of ministry to such families.

Plans were announced by the Maple Lawn Foundation, an agency of the denomination's North Texas Conference, to construct a 40-unit apartment complex and service center for single parents and their children.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the project, which has been in the planning stages for six years, were conducted Aug. 8 at the complex site near Dallas' Love Field.

The \$500,000 project, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1973,

will include a chapel and a service center to house a day school for 100 children, recreational facilities, counseling areas, offices, adult classrooms and the Dallas CONTACT telephone ministry. These central facilities will be surrounded by the 40 apartment units.

A United Methodist spokesman said the project grew out of the failure of apartment ministry programs established by many churches and denominations during the 1960's.

The Cedar Springs location is the site of the former Maple Lawn Methodist church. In 1966, the church congregation of 100 persons voted to close its doors, merge with the Mary King Methodist Church and turn the Maple Lawn property over to the foundation for the development of a ministry to single parents.

According to James H. Stewart, president of the foundation, a study of the site and its surroundings revealed it is a high population density area filled with garden-type apartments and reflects an extremely high incidence of single parents.

Mr. Stewart said first priority for residency at the new complex will be given "to single parents who have children but must work." Beyond this, he said, qualification for occupancy is open.

He also said the foundation's intent is to name the chapel in honor of Bishop W. Kenneth Pope, recently-retired resident bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth area of United Methodism.

Future programs for the service center will involve such organizations as Parents Without Partners, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon (a group which works with both alcoholic and drug-related problems), the YMCA and YWCA, and Dallas College of Southern Methodist University.

visitation and team evangelism, and an All-Okinawa Christian Retreat with 1,000 participants. During July and August, said the "News," evangelistic teams have been concentrating on areas not cultivated earlier.

Detective Bruce Hernigan of the West Columbia Police Department questioned the youths to determine whether there was enough evidence to "convict" them as Christians.

Since the group continued to "persist," Sheriff Day himself arrested them two nights later and took them off to jail, where they stayed for about 15 minutes until their parents, who had signed consent forms for the "arrests," picked them up.

"We were attempting to show our youth that worship is actually a privilege and that in our society we don't realize that," Mrs. Doris Giles, chairman of the church's youth council said.

Non-white D.Ss.
increasing
in number

● \$1,000,000 goal set for fund

Guidelines for effective use of National Disaster Fund developing

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — The roll of non-white United Methodist ministers serving as superintendents of predominantly white districts climbed to 26 this summer, a gain of two. This is nearly double the total of 14 in 1968.

All are black, although during the past year one of the ethnic superintendents was an Asian-American. He left the list (in California-Nevada Conference) when he became Bishop Wilbur W. Y. Choy.

Three annual conferences joined the roster for the first time—North Carolina (James H. McCallum), Northern New Jersey (B. Milton Hargrove) and Virginia (Godfrey L. Tate, Jr.). None of the 1971 list dropped out.

Conferences which changed superintendents due to death or retirement but retained a black minister in the position are Baltimore Harold Johnson, California-Nevada (Thomas Grissom), Holston (Paul Marchbanks), Texas (Richard Robinson), Florida (Ernest W. Newman). Baltimore is the only conference with two non-white superintendents.

Others where black superintendents continued are New York, Northern Illinois, Peninsula, Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern California-Arizona, Western North Carolina, West Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, Nebraska, Detroit, North Texas, Southwest Texas, Southern New Jersey, Missouri West, Louisiana and North Georgia.

Other top area or annual conference posts held by blacks include:

—Dr. Richard V. Moore, Daytona Beach, new lay leader for Florida Conference.

—The Rev. A. C. Epps, Atlanta, area assistant for Atlanta Area.

—The Rev. C. C. Hall, Hot Springs, district superintendent working with the cabinets of both Arkansas conferences in liaison with churches of the former Southwest Conference.

—The Rev. Anthony J. Shipley, Detroit, continuing as program director for Detroit Conference.

News in Brief

A research specialist at United Methodist-related Duke University says the denomination faces a surplus of parish pastors. According to Dr. Robert L. Wilson, the member of parish pastoral posts declined by more than eight per cent.

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has made an initial response to a July disaster in the Philippines and is continuing a longer-range response to a June disaster in the United States.

Plans are being developed for use of the National Disaster Fund, for which United Methodists took a churchwide offering July 30. Guidelines with priorities for use of relief rehabilitation funds have been set. In distribution of aid, UMCOR is working with representatives of episcopal areas affected by the June floods, called the worst in the East and perhaps in the nation. The bishops' representatives and UMCOR executives constitute a special Middle Atlantic States Advisory Committee on the National Disaster Fund.

At a recent meeting of the Advisory Committee, estimates were presented totaling \$4,313,000 in damage to United Methodist property and losses suffered by church personnel. A goal of \$1,000,000 was set earlier for the National Disaster Fund, which was authorized by the Council of Bishops and Council on Finance and Administration.

Meanwhile, UMCOR has made an

immediate response to appeals for aid from the Philippines in the wake of severe flooding in and north of Manila following July's monsoon rains. The Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR executive secretary, said \$5,000 has been forwarded for immediate aid, following a request from United Methodist Bishops Cornelio M. Ferrer and Paul L. A. Granadosin. Church World Service sent an initial \$2,000 immediately (of which UMCOR provided a fourth), he said, and is distributing blankets and other relief supplies already available in the Philippines.

Dr. Haines said UMCOR expects to be sending additional aid, through interdenominational and perhaps denominational channels, pending clarification of needs and of which relief agencies, public and private, will provide what kind of aid. The Philippines Interboard Committee, comprising the United Methodist World Division and other denominational agencies, sent \$5,000 at the request of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

In relation to the National Disaster Fund, Dr. Haines said money will flow to affected areas "just as fast as we can responsibly distribute it," in accordance with guidelines UMCOR has set for disbursement of funds in

the U.S. They were developed in relation to long-standing guidelines of the agency for distribution of relief/rehabilitation funds overseas.

Dr. Haines said the guidelines, which have been approved by the Council of Bishops as well as UMCOR, set these priorities for response to natural disaster in the U.S.: "1) persons in need, regardless of race, color, creed or church affiliation; 2) persons in need, made by known to UMCOR by the appropriate body of the United Methodist Church; 3) United Methodist property, churches, parsonages or other buildings."

Another guideline calls for stand-by disaster coordinators who may be able to go in at a moment's notice and help organize relief efforts, either on their own or (more probably) in cooperation with public and private agencies. The need for such coordinators was demonstrated both by the recent Rapid City, S.D., flood and the hurricane Agnes-spawned floods, Dr. Haines said. UMCOR may need to consider training a corps of such disaster coordinators who would be ready to serve on immediate notification, he added.

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NEW QUARTET of United Methodist bishops elected by the Northeastern Jurisdiction when it met in July at Albright College, Reading, Pa. The new bishops, their former positions and their assigned areas (left to right): Bishop Edward G. Carroll, former minister, Marvin Memorial United Methodist Church, Silver Spring, Md., assigned to Boston Area; Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, former general secretary, United Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., assigned to Syracuse Area; Bishop John B. Warman, former minister, Baldwin Community United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., assigned to Harrisburg Area; Bishop James M. Ault, former dean, Drew University Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J., assigned to Philadelphia Area.

Half-million dollar grant for education of minorities

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Education for all ages, community planning and economic development projects will benefit from a half-million dollars in minority-empowerment grants it was announced here Aug. 11.

The funds will go to 34 projects across the nation, with service to all major ethnic groups. They were approved by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race, from the special budget created by the 1970 General Conference in a reordering of budget priorities.

The grants were announced by Bishop Charles F. Golden of Los Angeles, chairman of the commission's Funding Committee. He said this brings the total this year to \$886,500 out of a potential of some \$1.7 million.

The current grants, none for more than \$30,000, were for:

Aid for varied community organization efforts in South Norwalk, Conn.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Washington, D.C.; Petersburg, Va.; Lumberton, N.C.; Waterloo, Iowa; Pembroke, N.C.; Richmond, Calif., and Fresno, Calif.

Day-care centers in Charleston, S.C.; Jackson, Miss.; West Point, Miss.; and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Local church outreach in Seattle, Wash.; Kansas City, Mo., and San Antonio, Tex.

Economic empowerment in Howardville, Mo.; Santa Fe, N.M.; Chicago, Ill.; Seattle, Wash., and Austin, Tex.

Nationwide projects include aid to the National Tenants Organization and participation in producing a film on

the black church.

Other educational efforts include those for adults in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Miami, Fla.; Indian students in Oklahoma, Kansas and North Dakota, and Chinese immigrant students in California.

Also receiving grants will be the Asian-American Caucus of the church for an empowerment conference; a Mississippi group to help hurricane victims qualify for home-rebuilding loans; a drug education center in Orangeburg, S.C.; counseling programs in Dover, Del., and Birmingham, Ala., a health clinic in Albuquerque, N.M.

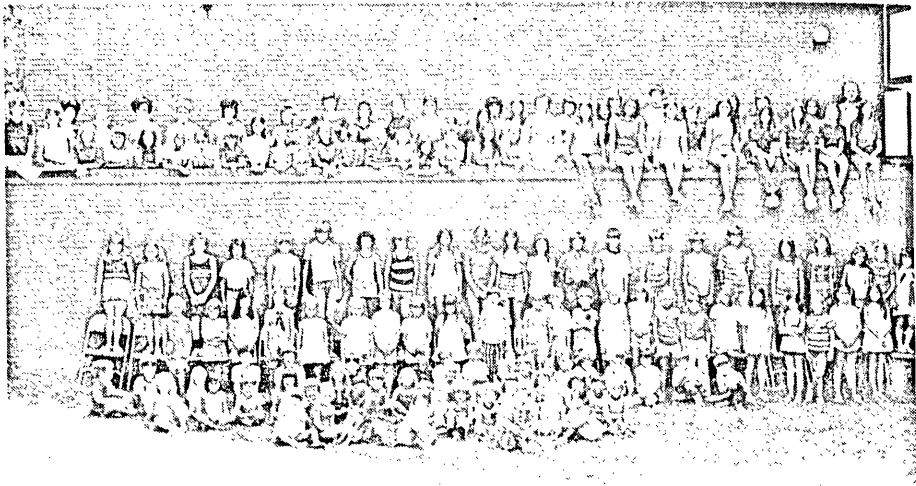
Proposals for projects seeking grants to be made yet this fall should be submitted by Sept. 30, according to the Rev. Woodie W. White, executive secretary of the commission.

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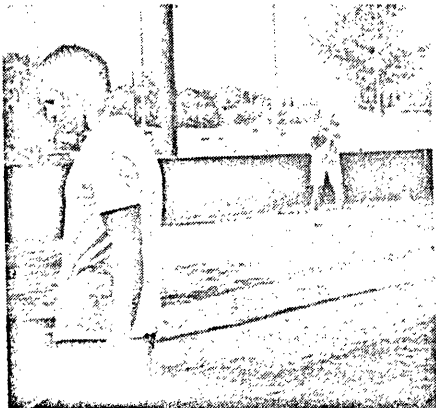
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Shown here are children and workers in the vacation church school at St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Director for the week was Mrs. Buddy Harp; Children's Coordinator, Mrs. Jack Volkamer. Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., is pastor.



ABOVE: Youth of Bryant United Methodist Church suffer defeat in softball game with "over the hill gang" (men of the church). UPPER LEFT: Spectators during softball game which ended with score of 10 to 6. LOWER LEFT: Watermelon feast which followed game. The Rev. Albert M. Elder, pastor, concluded the "Christian Fellowship" activities with a period of devotion.

Hendrix math staff follows professional pursuits during summer

The Hendrix College Mathematics staff has been actively involved in various professional activities during June and July with additional activities planned for August.

During June, Dr. Temple Fay participated in a three-week conference on Category theory at Colgate University. Dr. Ray conducted a seminar during the second week of the conference on topics related to his recent research in Category theory.

Also in June Dr. Tommy Teague attended a conference on computers in undergraduate curricula at Georgia Tech in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Cecil McDermott served as a consultant to a three-week workshop for mathematics teachers held at Harding College in June. During July Dr. McDermott served on a United States Office of Education committee which evaluated and assisted in developing guidelines for new programs for the Arkansas Technical Assistance and Consultative Center at Ouachita University. The Center has as its primary purpose the development of pro-

grams and services related to special problems in the desegregation of public schools.

During August Dr. Fay will do research in Category theory at the University of Florida under a Hendrix Faculty, Research Grant.

Dr. Teague will participate in a Group Theory Seminar conducted by Dr. Marshall Hall of California Tech. The seminar will be held at Memphis State University on August 14-18. Dr. Teague received a stipend covering his travel and expenses from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. McDermott participated in a National Science Foundation-sponsored conference on Mathematics Education at the Sam Peck Hotel in Little Rock on August 10, 11, and 12. McDermott will also serve as a consultant to Cameo Industries, Incorporated and Charles E. Merrill Publishing Company. He will assist primarily in the development of audio-tutorial programs for college mathematics courses.

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Ninety-three youthful campers were involved in the August 7-11 Junior High III camp at Tanako. The camp was under the direction of the Rev. Michael R. Clayton, pastor at Lonoke, with assistance from staff members.



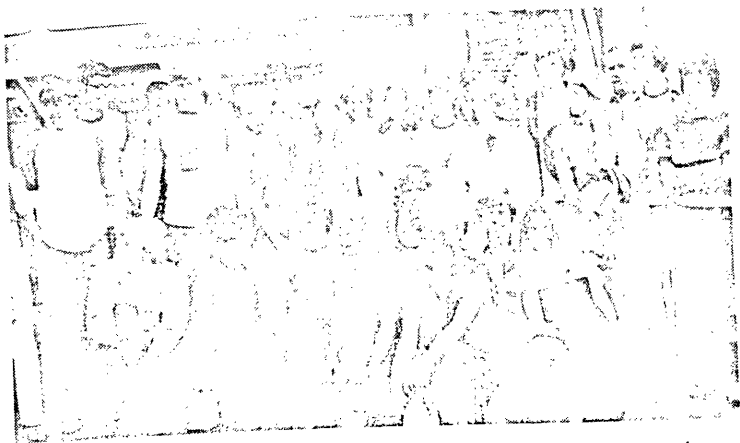
Junior high youths from First Church, Van Buren, who recently spent two afternoons working at the Zion Foster Home which is to open next month in the Bond Special Community near Van Buren. Summer Youth Worker Diana Wortham and Counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor, assisted the youth.



United Methodist Youth of Oaklawn Church in Hot Springs who recently returned from Houston, Tex. where they presented the musical "LOVE" by Otis Skillings. The group will again present the musical during the Aug 27 morning worship service at their home church. The Rev. William A. Stewart is minister.

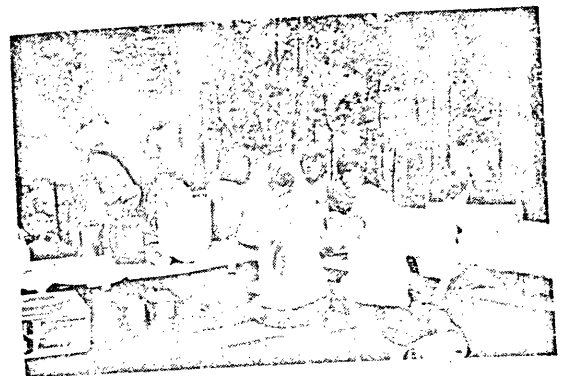


Some of the senior high youths of First Church, Van Buren take coke break during softball game with adults. A church picnic and fellowship occasion followed. Senior high counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schaper; the Rev. Arvest Lawson is minister.

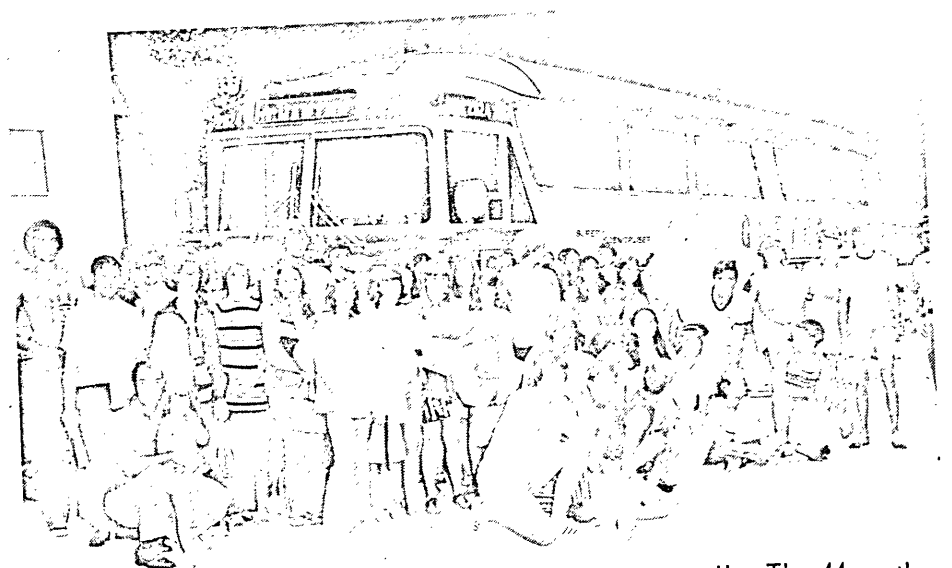


Senior high UMYs of Bryant Church shown ready to depart for Six Flags Over Texas. The 33 travelers lodged on the Southern Methodist University campus and visited Highland Park United Methodist Church. Counselors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Elrod and Mrs. Billie Hess.

RIGHT: Twelve senior high members of Bryant United Methodist Church who accompanied by the Rev. Albert M. Elder, pastor, and Mrs. Elder, held a three-day camping and planning retreat at Camp Albert Pike.



A group of 45 adults and youth from the Hickory Ridge-Tilton United Methodist Churches who recently took part in a weekend retreat at Wayland Springs. The Rev. James Barton is pastor.



Florida bound retreat group from First Church in Monticello. The 44 youth and eight counselors spent the week of July 31-August 4 in Panama City, Fla. combining sightseeing and relaxation with periods of planning and inspiration. The Rev. William D. Elliott is minister; Robert Hasley is summer youth worker.