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## CLARIFICATION OF PASTORS' SCHOOL COST

The Rev. John B. Hays, dean of the Arkansas Pastors' School has asked us to announce the following clarification in the total cost of the school:

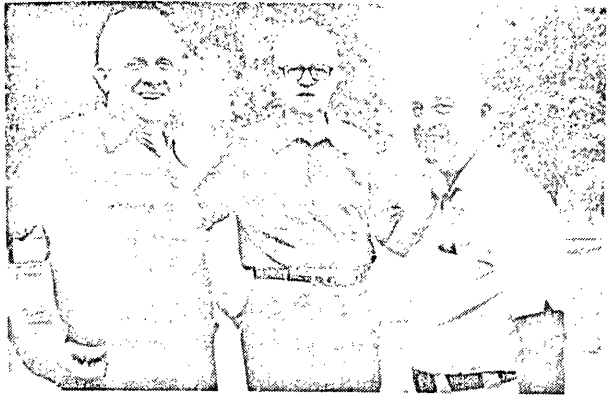
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Room and Board—\$17.50

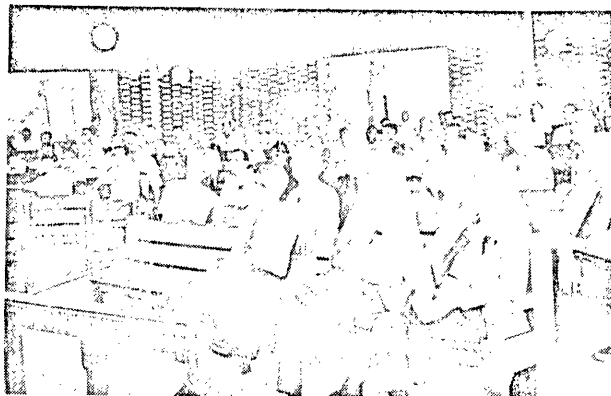
Registration—\$2.50

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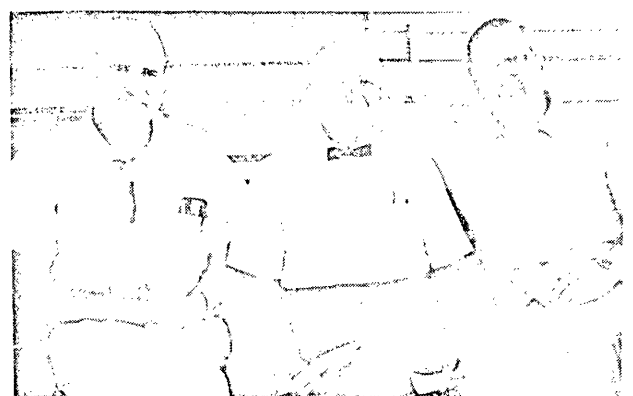
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William M. Shepherd, right, Little Rock Conference Lay Leader, welcomed Dr. Myron C. Wicke and Dr. Marshall T. Steel to the Laymen's Assembly at Camp Tanako, Aug. 26.



Laymen participating in the Saturday afternoon session of the Laymen's Assembly.



Visiting during the Laymen's Assembly were (from left): the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District Superintendent; the Rev. C. C. Hall, liaison District Superintendent for churches of the former Southwest Conference; and the Rev. Charles Whittle of the staff of the Board of Evangelism.

## United Methodist leaders to plan ministries for 1973 and beyond

Cleveland, Ohio (UMI) — Taking up where the 1972 General Conference left off, United Methodist leaders will meet here Sept. 19-22 to translate into local action the program of the denomination for the four years beginning Jan. 1, 1973.

The occasion is the Consultation of District Superintendents and Conference Council Directors, to be held at the Sheraton-Cleveland hotel. Some 850 persons will take part, including the bishops of 45 episcopal areas of the United States, and approximately 558 district superintendents, who supervise churches under direction of the bishops. Also involved are administrative assistants to bishops, the directors of annual conference Councils on Ministries, and staff personnel from general boards and agencies of the church.

A major item on the agenda will be "Planning for Ministries — 1973 and Beyond," a process for developing priorities and carrying out programs to reach stated goals. "Planning for Ministries" was adopted by the General Conference in Atlanta last April and May after extensive research to advise a program style to take the place of traditional "quadrennial emphases."

Also under serious consideration at Cleveland will be ways to interpret and win support for the general financial program of the United Methodist Church — a composite of benevolence and administrative goals that totals \$62,575,000 a year.

The various categories of leadership attending the consultation will meet with their colleagues to discuss the implications for their work of the pro-

gram and financial decisions of the General Conference. They will also discuss their own role and leadership responsibilities.

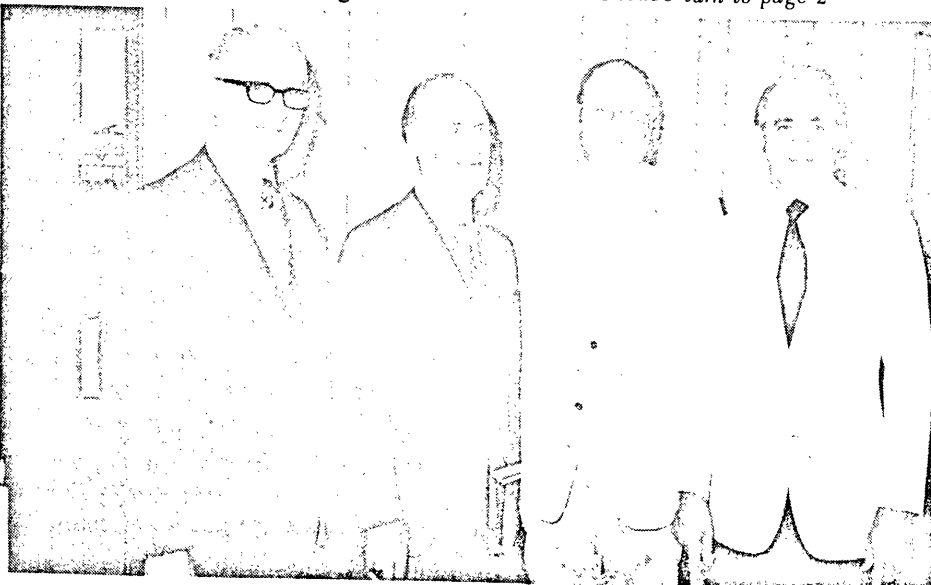
The 1972 consultation, which differs drastically from the style of previous District Superintendents' Convocations, has been planned by a committee of 30 persons working under direction of the Division of Interpretation. Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of San Francisco, Calif., heads the planning group. Program development has been in the hands of a task force chaired by the Rev. Frank McRae, pastor of Broadway Church, Paducah, Ky., and formerly superintendent of the Memphis, Tenn., district.

Host in Cleveland will be Bishop Francis E. Kearns of Canton, head of the Ohio East Area. Assisting with ar-

rangements are the Rev. Dr. DeWayne Woodring, also of Canton, administrative assistant to Bishop Kearns, and the Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Mayer, superintendent of the Akron District. The Rev. Dr. Norman L. Conard of Evanston, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

The major part of time for participants in the consultation will be devoted to conversations by small groups of eight or ten. They will deal with questions and problems placed in their "In-Basket" by Dr. Thomas R. Bennett III of George Williams College, Downers Grove, Ill., coordinator of this portion of the consultation program. Material for the "In-Basket" grows out of actual problems and experiences supplied to Dr. Bennett during two years of research. The real-life

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## Methodist Heritage Tour is planned

United Methodists from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi are preparing to visit England, November 1-9, according to a spokesman for the Methodist Heritage Tour.

The pilgrimage is being jointly sponsored by the Commissions on Archives and History of the Little Rock Annual Conference, the North Arkansas Annual Conference, the Louisiana Annual Conference, and the Mississippi Annual Conference.

The group will visit Methodist historical sites and centers as well as major tourist attractions. The itinerary includes Epworth, the birthplace of John and Charles Wesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, Bristol, Salisbury, Stonehenge, and three full days in London.

Multiple departures, including Little Rock and Shreveport, are being projected for the special charter flight. The inclusive cost for the first class, escorted tour is \$525. A \$25 deposit, which is refundable, will reserve a place in the tour party.

Full information may be secured from your pastor, or by writing to: Methodist Heritage Tour, P.O. Box 4111, Monroe, La. 71201.

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At the Aug. 17 meeting of the Northside Methodist Men of Conway District, meeting at Amboy Church, North Little Rock (from left): Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District Superintendent; Bishop Eugene M. Frank; Jim Lane, Conway District Lay Leader; and Dr. Myers B. Curtis, pastor of Amboy Church.

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### MINISTRIES

problems, disguised as to person and place, will be discussed in small groups. Their management styles in dealing with problems will then be reported to the whole group and evaluated.

The Cleveland program is marked by a total absence of platform addresses, although special events are planned for each day. Worship periods, scattered through the four days, will be led by the Rev. David Randolph of the staff of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn. Worship has been planned by a task force headed by the Rev. Paul A. Duffey of First Church, Montgomery, Ala. On Thursday evening worship will be in the form of a "Charlie Brown" dramatic presentation by the Baldwin-Wallace Players, from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

The Wednesday evening feature will be a multi-media presentation of the "Planning for Ministries" process and its "priority issues." A task force representing program agencies of the denomination has prepared this under leadership of Dr. Lois C. Miller of the Board of Global Ministries, New York, with the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger of the Board of Church and Society, Washington, D.C., as producer.

Among those helping to present "Planning for Ministries" will be Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., of the Kansas Area, who, as a part of the Program Council staff until last July, had a part in developing the program. Also appearing will be the Rev. Dr. Virgil W. Sexton, Dayton, Ohio, author of the book, **Listening to the Church**, and assistant general secretary for planning in the Program Council. Joining them will be the Rev. Dr. Paul V. Church, general secretary of the Program Council, the Rev. Dr. Robert Clemmons of the Board of Education, Nashville, and others.

Major resources for "Planning for Ministries" will be introduced, including a descriptive book by that title, a catalog of resources, and the special issue of **The Interpreter Magazine**, published in September to introduce the program.

After the multi-media presentation on Wednesday evening, the entire audience will move forward to and across the stage to enter the action — in a resource center where they will meet with specialists in all aspects of church program. There will be 95 resource persons with expertise in almost as

many different fields.

On Thursday morning time has been reserved for each bishop to meet with the leadership of his area in order to discuss the findings of the consultation and ways to apply them.

Bishop Stuart will preside over the consultation. Staff services will be under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Howard Greenwalt, Evanston, Ill., associate general secretary of the Program Council for the Division of Interpretation.

The meeting will convene at 2 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and adjourn at noon on Friday. It will be followed by a meeting of the Council of Bishops at the same hotel Sept. 22-25. Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Texas, is president of the Council, and Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Indianapolis, Ind., is secretary.

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### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES NAME EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

**NEW YORK (UMI)**—Two retired executives of the United Methodist Board of Missions continue as national officers of Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., and one of the two has been named temporarily to a staff post.

The newsletter of Goodwill Industries, in reporting on the recent 1972 Delegate Assembly in Los Angeles, said H. Conwell Snoke, Churchville, Pa., former Board of Missions treasurer, continues as chairman of the board of Goodwill.

Also reported was the appointment of Robert E. Watkins as Goodwill's executive vice-president. He moves up from national executive director. In his new position, Dr. Watkins will work among industrial, governmental and rehabilitation leaders at the national level, acquainting them with Goodwill's rehabilitation and other services, and seeking their support.

Succeeding Dr. Watkins as interim executive director and chief executive officer, reported the newsletter, is George L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, Pa., and Ocean Grove, N.J., who retired in 1971 as Board of Missions treasurer (he succeeded Dr. Snoke in that post). He continues as Goodwill's national treasurer, and also remains president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, trustee of Alaska Methodist University and treasurer of United Methodist Information.

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Gardner United Methodist Church in Hot Springs has a new steeple, purchased with memorial gifts. Steeple and bell were installed on Saturday, Aug. 12, and the bell rang out for the first time on Sunday, Aug. 13. This project began during the ministry of the Rev. Claude Barron, according to the Rev. Robert E. Woody, present pastor.

## Asbury Scoutmaster to be honored for 50 years service

An E. A. Bowen Appreciation Dinner will be held Friday, Sept. 8, at the Student Center of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock at 7:00 p.m. The occasion will commemorate his 50 consecutive years of service as Scoutmaster of the same troop — Troop 24 sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock. He is considered the dean of Scoutmasters in America for his consecutive years of leadership of the one troop.

Mr. Bowen, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, taught school for 45 years, serving a number of years as principal of Westside Junior High School, Little Rock. He married Lila Taylor in 1915, and they have two sons, Alden and Vernon.

His many accomplishments in Scouting include: 50 years of continuous service as a Scoutmaster; he has served over 10,000 boys directly in Scouting activities; he served for many years as Camp Director of Camp Quapaw; and he is the holder of the Silver Beaver Award.

He has also provided leadership for his church in many areas. He has been a member of Asbury Church since 1922. He taught Sunday School for 40 years and served on the Administrative Board for several terms.

The program for the dinner will include: a featured presentation by Frank Blair of NBC News; the presentation of a citation from President Richard M. Nixon; and a proclamation from Governor Dale Bumpers declaring Sept. 8th as "E. A. Bowen Day."

On Oct. 9th Mr. Bowen will be 86 years "young." Since 1922 Scouting has been the love of his life. His memories include thousands of incidents that occurred in his journey on the Scouting Trail. These include memories of boys who died in service to their country; boys who grew to be leaders in their community; boys who grew "ten feet tall" because of his encouragement and confidence; and boys who found "something they could hold on to" in the Scout Oath and Law.

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On Sunday, Sept. 24 the congregation of Oakley Chapel United Methodist Church, located west of Rogers in Fayetteville District, will celebrate 100 years of continuous service. Replacing the first structure, razed in 1896, the present building was erected at a cost of \$912,500—including the pews. An annex including classrooms was added in the 1950s. This year repairs have been made and wall-to-wall carpeting installed in preparation for the centennial observance. The church's first Ladies' Aid Society was formed in 1908. The Rev. Joseph Morrow Sherman serves as pastor of Oakley Chapel and Pea Ridge United Methodist Churches. The Rev. Tom Smith was pastor when the original building was erected.

## Key 73 Latch-String

An item of interest to all North Arkansas Methodists is that we have 1,000 less members than we had 10 years ago. Since many of these have been taken off by action of the Charge Conference, the Board requests that while we are seeking to be honest with our rolls, we also make every effort to win these people back and that the Discipline be strictly adhered to in this practice. Each member represents a person, and persons are at the heart of our work.

When people are taken off according to Disciplinary requirements the Board advises that they be placed on some roll which will keep them before the people as concerns in prayer and re-enlistment. The Board will meet at the Pastors' School.

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

## TRENDS SEEN IN MEMBERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP FIGURES

Each year we are interested in receiving and studying the figures compiled and analyzed by the Department of Stewardship for the Council of Churches based on the reports of 42 denominations. This year the report shows that total contributions to these churches are rising, even though the membership is continuing to decline. These figures indicate that churchgoers are giving more generously than in previous years.

Comparative figures for the nine larger denominations among the total of 42 in the survey show their total 1971 membership to be 25,583,882, or 266,750 less than the totals for the same churches for 1970. Yet these fewer members contributed \$2,282,628,529 in 1971, an increase of \$63,433,445 over 1970's figure for the same churches.

However, with a rough inflationary increase of five per cent calculated in these figures, what appears to be a gain of \$63 million would in fact be a decrease of \$47 million.

The churches included in the comparative figures are: The American Baptist Convention, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church, U.S., Reformed Church of America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and United Methodist Church.

According to the Rev. Nordan Murphy, director of Stewardship for the NCC, preliminary figures for the first six months of 1972 indicate that per capita increased giving is a continuing trend this year. Of the churches already mentioned, all but one are recording increases from last year in percentages that range from a fraction up to more than six per cent

Smaller Protestant churches are recording gains in membership and contributions, Mr. Murphy says. Comparative figures of the totals of the following five (Church of the Nazarene, Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, Evangelical Church of North America, Free Will Baptists, Seventh-Day Baptist General Conference) show 638,440 total 1971 membership, 37,161 more than the previous year. Contributions increased \$11,251,986 to a 1971 total of \$112,724,338.

Of the 42 U.S. Protestant communions reporting for 1971, contributions totalled \$4,386,682,020. The average giving of a full or confirmed member for the year was \$103.94.

During the previous year, 45 Protestant communions contributed a total \$3,826,852,386 and an average yearly gift of \$96.84 per full member, the record indicates. Comparison figures between the totals of the 1970 and 1971 communions however are not possible to make as several of the smaller churches do not report on a yearly basis and thus the names of the communions differ each year.

The 45 communions reporting during 1970 kept \$3,063,230,385 of their funds on the congregational level and spent \$763,622,001 for benevolences, or 20 per cent. In 1971, the 42 different communions reporting kept \$3,539,950,471 on a congregational level and spent \$846,731,549 for benevolences,

or 19.3 per cent. Thus another trend indicates that churches are keeping more money within local congregations and giving slightly less, percentage wise, to overseas or national mission projects.

Comparative figures for eight Canadian communions are also available. They are: the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, Baptist Union of Western Canada, the Bible Holiness Movement, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Seventh Day Adventist Church in Canada, the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces and the United Church of Canada.

Their combined figures are up in most categories. Membership increased by 977,992 to a total of 1,356,406; contributions increased \$1,496,410 to a total of \$111,904,745; of that amount, funds kept on the congregational levels decreased \$3,411,799 to a total of \$81,752,913 and benevolences increased \$735,173 to a total of \$25,243,623. If as seems probable the inflationary rate in Canada is the same rough five per cent as in the U.S., then the total contributions of these eight churches would represent a loss of \$4,024,057.

The annual figures were compiled by the National Council's Section on Stewardship in cooperation with Constant H. Jaquet, Jr., editor of the Yearbook of American Churches, an NCC publication. Detailed reports

based on the annual survey will appear both in the Yearbook (1973 edition, to be published early next year) and in "Church Financial Statistics," a booklet to be published by the stewardship section Oct. 1, 1972.

An exhaustive analysis on why members give to churches and how they feel about churches in their local, denominational and ecumenical expressions will be available on Sept. 1 in the form of a new book entitled **Punctured Preconceptions** by George W. Cornell, religion editor of Associated Press, and Douglas W. Johnson, NCC's director of research. The book, published by Friendship Press, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y., is based on data compiled over several years by the stewardship executives of several denominations, working through Mr. Murphy's office.

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# NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Rep. John Myers, an Episcopalian who has served in Congress since 1967, has been elected president of the Congressional Prayer Group. The group, formed in 1942, meets for prayer and discussion each Thursday while the House is in session. Myers, of Indiana said: "Above everything else we need faith. Our tradition is not simply one of great military strength, of tremendous economic productivity, but it is one of faith, faith in God, in our country and in the great God-given rights which we believe belong to every man in the world today."

President Nixon has issued a proclamation urging that ceremonies be held in churches, schools and other suitable places in observance of Citizenship Day Sept. 17 and Constitution Week during the week following. He called for programs on citizenship that will "inspire all our citizens to rededicate themselves to the services of their country and to the support and defense of the Constitution." The President said the Constitution of the U.S. is "an instrument of our people. Its vitality and meaning depend upon the purpose and energy of all of our citizens."

A recent survey conducted by the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) shows that an "overwhelmingly" large number of that denomination's members are in agreement that the practice of tithing is a "desirable norm." Although a significant number were also found willing to accept the statement that "God does not expect tithing of all believers," the report said, "Clearly the concept of tithing is one which the members and professional leaders of the (Church) wish to preserve. It is a desirable norm—one which should be transmitted from generation to generation . . ."

A bill to protect publications using second-class postal rates from large increases scheduled by the U.S. Postal Service has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Robert F. Drinan (Mass.), the only Roman Catholic priest in Congress. "If we are to maintain a truly free press," Rep. Drinan said, "it must be free from economic coercion. The proposed second-class postal rate increases are a dangerous burden on our nation's newspapers and magazines. Congress has a responsibility to encourage the publication of diverse opinions. That's what the First Amendment is all about."

Dr. Arthur X. Deegan, a specialist in the application of management techniques for clergy, told a seminar group of 110 clergymen and church administrators meeting in St. Paul, Minn. that there is "an overriding need to set goals and objectives" at the parish level, and added that he has found two general needs of both Protestant and Catholic clergy in this respect — the desire to know how to use time better and how to delegate responsibility better. Dr. Deegan suggested that clergymen and church administrators should recognize that "it is the people's church and not the pastor's church."

England's three top church leaders will take part in a rededication ceremony at London airport's unique chapel during the sixth international conference of airport chaplains at Windsor, Sept. 26-28. The chapel was dedicated in Oct. 1968 as an underground interdenominational unit serving Anglican, Roman Catholic and Free Church passengers and airport staff. After the rededication service, the one altar will be used by all denominations.

The new South African Minister of the Interior, Dr. Connie Mulder, has warned churchmen to stick to "preaching the gospel" — or face the consequences. A Religious News Service release said the minister denied there is a government campaign against the church. Mulder is reported to have said: "People who insist on causing friction between the various language and racial groups, or who are trying to change the existing order by unconstitutional means will be acted against, whether they are churchmen or not."

The president of the American Assn. of Christian Schools told the House Ways and Means Committee that his organization supports income tax credits for parents of children attending non-public schools but not direct aid to the schools. Dr. A. C. Janney said, "We are more concerned with the problem of too much help rather than not enough. We rather fear the hand that Uncle Sam holds out may conceal a club of eventual control."

"Probably the three most powerful forces in shaping human development are the church, the home and the school," said North Carolina's Gov. Robert W. Scott as he addressed the international convention of Lifeliners International, youth branch of the Pentecostal Holiness Church as it met in Raleigh, N.C. A member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), the governor added, "The absence of any one of these three can have disastrous effects on young people. I urge you to keep these three forces alive in your life."

Both the House and the Senate responded affirmatively to a request from President Nixon for an emergency relief bill which allows federal funds, for the first time, to be used in restoring church-related schools damaged in a national disaster. The new law bars any federal funds from paying any part of the cost of facilities or equipment used primarily for sectarian purpose. No funds may be used to rebuild facilities used primarily for worship or in a divinity school or department of religion.

Though organized Christianity in East Germany is being steadily diminished under communism, many East German congregations show a resurgence of vital life, according to Bishop Kurt Scharf of the Evangelical Church of Berlin-Brandenburg. "Wherever there are creative leaders in the local church, whether clergy or laity, people are flocking to the Gospel," said Bishop Scharf. Following his first visit to East Berlin since the Berlin Wall was erected in 1961, the bishop reported that on the whole, in the East block countries, the Christian church has not capitulated to Marxist ideologies.

Publication of the Dead Sea Scrolls will be resumed in Jerusalem by an international committee made up of Israeli, French and American experts. Interrupted in 1967 by the Six Day War, the project also lost its chief editor by death in 1971. Prior to 1967, five volumes under the general title "Discoveries in the Judean Desert" were issued. There are more than 600 scrolls and fragments, found over a number of years, beginning in 1947, in the Dead Sea area.

The theme of the 1972 Jewish Book Month will be the "25th Anniversary of the State of Israel." Some 2,000 groups are expected to take part in projects for youth and children during the special "month" — Oct. 27-Nov. 26 — according to Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, president of the Book Council of the National Jewish Board, sponsor of the observance.

A national conference on the spiritual well-being of the aged is being planned for Philadelphia in 1976 by the Nat'l. Interfaith Coalition on Aging. First president of the new organization, with which 20 Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish bodies are affiliated, is Donald F. Clingan of Indianapolis, an executive in the Disciples of Christ denomination.

Cassette tape producers and libraries were represented for the first time at the Christian Booksellers Assn. convention this year as it met in Cincinnati. The 173 booksellers who sponsored 342 booths at this year's gathering reported that sales increased sharply over those in 1971. Although most exhibitors were evangelical publishers, such as Eerdmans, Zondervan, and Revell, such Roman Catholic publishers as Our Sunday Visitor, and the Benedictines' Conception Abbey Press, had booths at the convention.

"Fifteen years ago we wouldn't have done it and they wouldn't have accepted it," a Roman Catholic pastor in Phoenix, Ariz., said of a \$1,000 gift from his parish to a neighboring Methodist church that fell victim to a serious fire. "You can lay it down to Christian concern," said Father John Doran, after he brought the check to the Rev. E. Clark Robb, pastor of the Albright United Methodist church next door.

James Howard, 31 — a "backwoods" preacher — goes each day to an old hunting shack near his rural home in Minnesota and works on pen and ink drawings which will illustrate Old Testament books in the American Bible Society's translation known as Today's English Version. Following up its spectacular success with the New Testament translation entitled Good News for Modern Man, the ABS is now publishing parts of the Old Testament and is planning to issue the complete Bible in the new translation in 1976.



UTRECHT, the Netherlands—Dr. Philip A. Potter, a Methodist minister from the West Indies, was elected in Utrecht, the Netherlands, as the third general secretary of the World Council of Churches. He will succeed Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, a United Presbyterian from the U.S., in the top ecumenical post. Dr. Blake expects to formally retire in October. The 51-year-old Dr. Potter, who has spent most of his adult life on the World Council staff, was the unanimous choice of the governing Central Committee of the organization that represents 255 Protestant and Orthodox Churches. His election came in a closed session of the 200-member Committee, meeting in Utrecht.

## Program Directors to Local Churches

### KEY 73

Over 120 denominations and groups will be engaged in Key 73, which will begin with Advent this year and continue through all of 1973. You will be hearing more and more about it. The theme is, "CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO CHRIST."

The six phases of Key 73 are:

(1) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO REPENTANCE AND PRAYER. (December 3-January 5)

(2) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO THE WORD OF GOD. (November 23-March 7) Bibles will be distributed to every person on the continent. It is recommended that every church conduct a Bible Study on "Luke and Acts." The American Bible Society has made available attractive copies of "Luke and Acts" for a very nominal price.

(3) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO RESURRECTION. (March 2-April 2) Emphasis will be on Christian Witness and Sharing.

(4) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO A NEW LIFE. (Easter to June) This phase includes a strong youth emphasis that identifies vital faith through the popular arts.

(5) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO THE PROCLAMATION. (July-October) A strong effort to reach people through preaching and the communication media.

(6) CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO COMMITMENT. (November-December) This is a period of witnessing to the oneness of Christians and looking to the needs of the world.

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### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN KEY 73

1. Through Cooperative Planning: Groups of churches may plan and im-

plement Key 73 unitedly. Here the primary planning arena could well be in thousands of local ministerial groups now functioning.

2. Single Congregations may develop their own plans and engage in their particular style of evangelistic witness separately as a part of Key 73. In Key 73, each church or group chooses the precise form and the extent of its participation.

3. Simultaneously: Either cooperatively or separately, churches should plan to make a simultaneous response to any combination or all of the events in the Cooperative Continent-Wide Program Calendar of Key 73.

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### WHAT CAN WE DO TO BEGIN?

1. Interpret Key 73 to every group in your congregation to stimulate planning. (Interpretation Packet with filmstrip, record and script available from Tidings, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203. \$7.95 plus 35c postage and handling.) This kit is also available on a loan basis from your Program Council.

2. Explore the opportunities for cooperative witness with others in your community.

3. Sponsor an exchange of ideas among churches in your community who anticipate being a part of Key 73.

4. Identify the issues peculiar to your community that need the redress of the Gospel and the ministry of Christians and suggest ways to begin the process.

5. Prepare a news story about Key 73 for release to the newspapers and broadcast outlets in your community.

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### THE REV. ORVILLE KNAPP

The Rev. Orville Knapp, 58, pastor of the Marshall-Leslie Charge, Batesville District, died on Monday, Aug. 14. A memorial service was held at Marshall, Thursday, Aug. 17, and the interment was at Rose Lawn Cemetery, Fort Smith. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., district superintendent of the Batesville District, was in charge of the services.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; four sons, Orville Knapp, Jr. of Maine; William G. Knapp of Fayetteville; Earnest W. Knapp of the Air Force stationed in Alaska; and Dennis with the Army; a daughter, Mrs. Nancy Howard of Missouri; a brother, Scott Knapp of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Angil Man Beck of California; and four grandchildren.

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### MISS MYRTLE DILLON

Miss Myrtle Dillon, 86, member of First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, died on Aug. 14.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs on April 16, 1905 on profession of faith. She was a charter member of the Orvia Proctor Circle of the Methodist Episcopal Church and became a charter

member of the Wesleyan Service Guild when the two churches united in 1938.

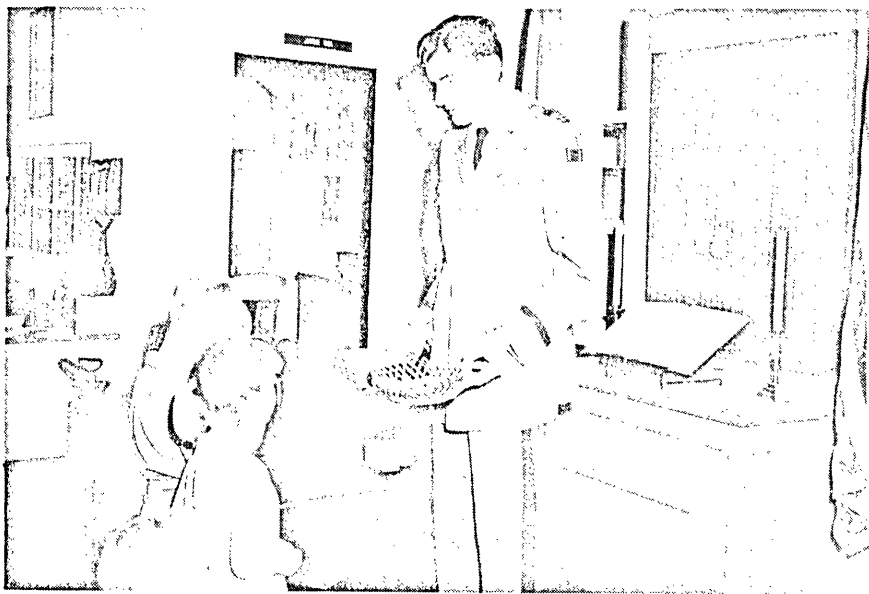
Miss Dillon was a consistent tither during the 67 years of her membership in the church.

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### News in Brief

GRIFFIN MEMORIAL CHURCH members of Paragould held the annual picnic at Crowley's Ridge State Park on Saturday, Aug. 26. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is pastor.

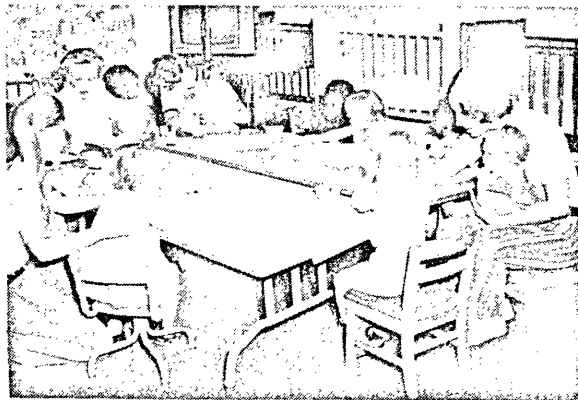
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Post Chaplain Capt. James H. Robnolt, Fort Holabird, Maryland, is a member of the North Arkansas Conference. He is shown receiving offerings from Paul Ginn and Valerie Jean Robnolt during recent vacation church school conducted at Post Chapel Chente in a converted firehouse, used for Religious Education purposes. The offerings were dedicated for flood relief.



Children of Fort Holabird military personnel pictured during opening exercises of vacation church school presided over by Chaplain Robnolt. This is only one of many valuable services performed by military chaplains.



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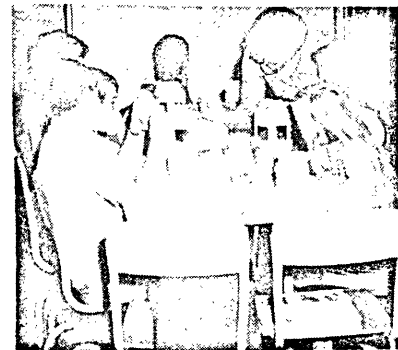
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# NEWS and NOTES

**FORREST CITY DISTRICT** United Methodist Men met in First Church, Forrest City, on Aug. 15. The Rev. Earl Carter, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock, and delegate to the recent General and Jurisdictional Conferences, was the speaker.

**ARKANSAS VALLEY** United Methodist Men met in the Dover Church on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The Rev. J. C. Wright was host pastor.

**RICHARD MAXWELL** of the East Arkansas Regional Mental Health Center was the speaker for the Men's Club of First Church, Helena, at the breakfast meeting, Aug. 27.

**THE HIGGINSON** United Methodist Church held a community vacation school from August 7-11 with an enrollment of 45. The three churches participating were the Baptist, Assembly of God and United Methodist. Teachers were selected from all the churches. Mrs. Inez Merritt was the superintendent.

**THE CABOT CHURCH** held vacation school from Aug. 7-11. Mrs. Ben Smoot was director for the 19 adult and youth workers. Average attendance of children was 56. They took as their service project the Oklahoma Indian Mission. The children received certificates for their participation, at the Friday night program. After the service, the parents and friends were invited to visit rooms to observe the craft work. The Rev. W. B. Savage is pastor.

**ST. PAUL CHURCH, EL DORADO**, has recently installed a new Moller pipe organ in the sanctuary. It was used for the first time on Sunday morning, Aug. 13. Miss Elaine Allen is the organist and the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell is the pastor.

**THE DIALOGUE CLASS** of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, conducted a demonstration class in Asbury Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, Aug. 27. The basis of discussion was the "Controversy and Conflict" lesson from the Faith in Life Series.

**DEVIL'S DEN STATE** Park was the setting of the Midland Heights Church picnic held on August 20. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sept. 3—Sunday	Psalm 73:14-28
Sept. 4	Isaiah 64:8-12
Sept. 5	Jer. 32:36-44
Sept. 6	Mal. 4:1-6
Sept. 7	Mark 15:42-47
Sept. 8	Luke 21:25-28
Sept. 9	Thessa. 5:1-11
Sept. 10—Sunday	Psalm 66:8-20

**KEITH MEMORIAL** Church in Malvern will have Pioneer Day on Sunday, Sept. 3. Members and visitors are urged to dress in pioneer clothing. Sunday school and preaching will be at the usual hours. A potluck dinner will be followed by singing led by Ambrose Shepard. The Rev. Charlie V. Mashburn is pastor.

A **TENT REVIVAL** is planned for the Salem Church, Forrest City District, Aug. 27-Sept. 1. The Rev. Charles Nance, pastor, will be preaching. Bob Michaeli will lead the singing.

**THE REV. MERLE A. JOHNSON**, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Siloam Springs, attended a congress on ecumenism in Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 21-24. He was one of 20 Protestant ministers attending, along with 90 Catholic priests and six Catholic bishops. The congress is sponsored by the Glenmary Home Missioners of the Roman Catholic Church. Areas of study included ecumenical religious education, creative ecumenical ministries, development of ecumenical awareness in Catholic communities, and evangelism.

**THE REV. F. GLADWIN CONNELL**, pastor of St. Paul Church, El Dorado, was evangelist for the annual revival and homecoming services at the Silver Hills United Methodist Church, Aug. 13-18. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is the pastor.

**THE HOXIE UNITED METHODIST** Church held a revival the week of Aug. 13 with the Rev. Jim Beal of Helena as guest evangelist. The Rev. J. D. Lawrence was host pastor.

**THE REV. FRANK MAPLES** was the evangelist for the revival held in the Whitehall United Methodist Church, Hillemann, the week of Aug. 6. The Rev. Oliver Logan of Cotton Plant was host minister.

**THE REV. WAYNE CLARK** was the preacher for revival services in Shady Grove United Methodist Church on the Bono Charge, the week of Aug. 13. The Rev. Murphy Spurlock was host pastor.

**WESLEY CHURCH, CONWAY**, held a revival August 20 through 25 with the Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church in North Little Rock as guest speaker. The Rev. Britt Cordell is pastor.

**THE DES ARC CHURCH** had as guest speaker on Aug. 6, Miss Emma Richardson, director of education at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Okla. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth was host pastor.

**HARMONY GROVE** United Methodist Church, Camden, held a dedication service August 20 for recent memorials presented to the church. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden district superintendent, brought the message. The Rev. Robert C. Ekberg dedicated a new colored window, clock, and Cokesbury hymnals, given in memory of Ray Cook, Mrs. Pearl Harper Davies, Mrs. Agnes Gulley and Mrs. Ruth Bratcher, and in honor of Mrs. Thelma Frizzell, and Clyde, Raymond, David and Linda O'Dell.

**CHAPLAIN WITHERS MOORE**, staff chaplain and chief of Naval Technical Training at Millington Naval Air Station in Tennessee, was guest preacher in Winfield Church, Little Rock, Sunday morning, Aug. 20. His father, Dr. R. B. Moore, Sr., is minister of visitation at Winfield. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is pastor.

**THE REV. ROLAND DARROW** was the speaker for the Arkansas Municipal Police Association at the Ramada Inn in North Little Rock, Aug. 17. Chief of Police Traylor of Jacksonville is president of the Association.

**WALLY MOON**, former big league baseball player, spoke in the Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Aug. 20. He is a native of Bay (Craighead County) and is an active United Methodist layman. Cavanaugh Church sponsors five baseball teams in the Fort Smith church league. Members of all teams were present and coaches presented trophies. The Rev. Larry Powell is the pastor.

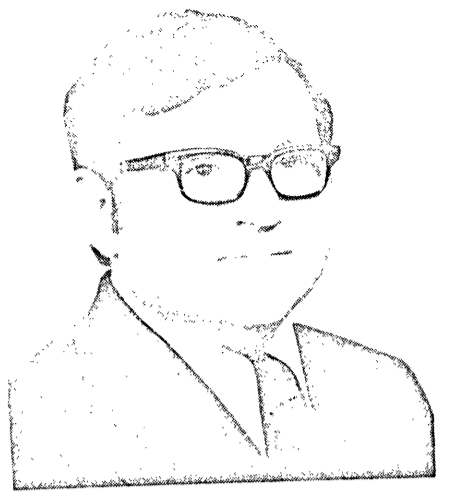
**UMY MEMBERS OF SPRINGDALE** First Church were hosts to young people from several churches of the Fayetteville District on Sunday, August 13, when Charles and Kathy Geller, folk singers from Baton Rouge, presented a concert at Springdale.

"THE LAST DAYS of Christ" was presented in the Marked Tree Church on Sunday evening, August 20, by members of the youth department. Melinda Morse of Crossett has served as summer youth worker and directed the drama on her last day at Marked Tree before leaving to prepare for college. She has been working with the Rev. Bob Orr.

**YOUNG PEOPLE SHARED** summer experiences with members of the El Dorado First Church WSCS members at the Aug. 7 meeting. Ann Williams told about her work at Mt. Sequoyah, Jan Herrington told about Camp Tanako, Mike Dwyer about the Robison Crusade in Ed Dorado, Jim Bob Hightower the Conference Youth Rally, Bill Reed about the Texarkana Retreat. Slides of the Dallas Explo '72 were shown and explained by Mrs. Jim Allen, Mrs. Don Campbell, Alisa and Randy Allen.

**SEARCY YOUTH** Activities Week featured a retreat at Greer's Ferry Lake for senior high youth, Aug. 19 and 20. Bill Millis, director of North Central Ark. Mental Health Clinic, led the study of "Face Inward-Face Outward." Junior highs were led by John Copher in a study of other denominations, held in the Trinity Episcopal Church.

**WESLEY FOUNDATION** Work was the emphasis in First Church, West Helena, when the Rev. Jim Randle, campus minister at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, spoke at the morning worship service, Aug. 13. A team of college students accompanied him to the Lexa church where he also spoke. Howard Baker, ministerial student at T.C.U., Fort Worth, was the speaker at Lexa Aug. 6, in the absence of the Rev. William Haltom. Dr. Harold Eggenberger spoke at West Helena, Aug. 6.



Marshall W. Townsend (above) has been named director of Music at First Church, Benton. He will coordinate the entire music and graded choir program and will direct the Chancel Choir and the NOW Singers. Townsend received the bachelor of music education degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. More recently he has served as resident director of the Elizabeth Mitchell Home in Little Rock and as director of activities at Methodist Children's Home. Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck is pastor at First Church, Benton.

**BRINKLEY YOUTH** presented their musical "It's All About Love" in the Marvell United Methodist Church on Sunday night, Aug. 13. The 25 young people were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Gibbs and Mrs. Gary Dye. The Rev. John Chapman is their pastor.

## P. K. KORNER

**BRICE MARTIN EVANS** was born on Aug. 16 to the Rev. and Mrs. Nick Evans, their second son. Mr. Evans is associate pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. Maternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Hammett of Levy Church, North Little Rock.

**DR. JERRY MANN** and family visited his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Mann of El Dorado, enroute from his two-year assignment in Taiwan to his new assignment at the Navy Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

**CAPT. WILLIAM WARREN PEARCE** has been named one of America's Outstanding Young Men,

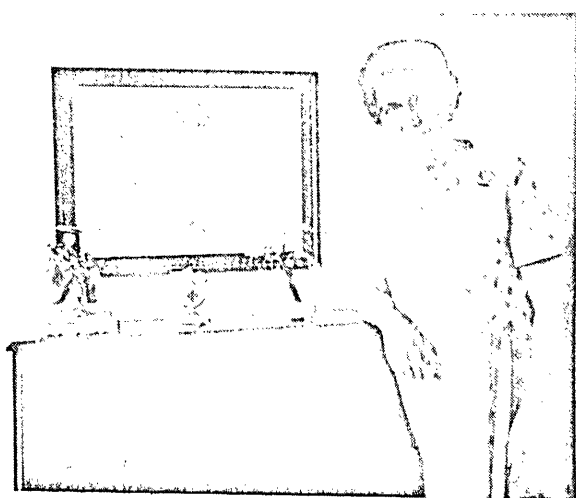


Capt. Pearce

and his biography will be included in the 1972 national awards volume. Capt. Pearce was born at Pocahontas and lived in several towns of the N. Ark. Conference where his father, the Rev. Hubert E. Pearce, was pastor. He had two years at Hendrix College and received a degree in electronics at U. of Mo. in 1968. He has been an engineer at Grenier A. F. Station, Manchester, N. H., where he joined St. Paul's United Methodist Church and served on the Administrative Board and in the choir.



Officers for the Batesville District Ministers' Wives were elected at the district picnic held at Devil's Fork, Greer's Ferry, July 20. Mrs. Charles Richards (at left) of Searcy was elected chairman, Mrs. George Cleary (center) of Batesville is sunshine chairman, and Mrs. Lewis Ernest of Searcy is secretary. Mrs. William Womack, Heber Springs, vice-chairman, was not present when the picture was taken.



Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary in China and Japan for 42 years, stands beside the citation awarded her by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan before she retired last year. The medal denoting the citation is displayed just below the framed "Order of Sacred Treasure" award.



Miss Atsuko Nagano of Fukuoka, Japan, serves tea to Mrs. R. M. (Ernestine) McKinney in the Little Rock home of Dr. Pearle McCain. Miss Nagano was a house guest of Dr. McCain's for four weeks in August, prior to entering Scarritt College for graduate work. She teaches in a girls' Christian school in Japan, and is a former pupil of Dr. McCain, who recently retired from teaching in Japan.

### Aldersgate Camperships

(Continued from August 24 listing)

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 by Unite #2, W.S.G., First Methodist, Jonesboro  
 by W.S.C.S., Jonesboro First Methodist Church  
 by W.S.C.S., Harrisburg  
 by Mrs. Verna V. Trotter by W.S.G., DeWitt  
 by Builders Class, Carlisle Methodist Church  
 by Open Door Class, St. Luke, L.R.  
 by W.S.C.S., First Church, Hope  
 by W.S.C.S., Lonoke Methodist  
 by Mrs. T. S. McDavid  
 by Pearle McCain W.S.G., First Methodist, North Little Rock  
 by W.S.G., Henderson, L.R.  
 by W.S.C.S., Trinity, L.R.  
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 by Lary Hardcastle Guild, Levy United Methodist Church, N.L.R.  
 by W.S.G. Wyatt Memorial, Ft. Smith  
 by W.S.C.S., Paragould First Church  
 by Evelyn Rush Guild, First Methodist  
 by Huntington Ave. W.S.C.S., Jonesboro  
 by W.S.C.S., Stephens First Methodist Church  
 by W.S.C.S., First Methodist, Heber Springs  
 by Builders Class, Lakewood Methodist, N.L.R.  
 by Shannon Robken Guild, Asbury Methodist, L.R.  
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 by Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw  
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 by W.S.G., Amboy Methodist, N.L.R.  
 by Eutychan Class, First Church, L. R.  
 by W.S.G., Morrilton  
 by Open Door S.S. Class, First Methodist, Blytheville  
 by W.S.C.S., West Helena  
 by Builders S.S. Class, Waldo Methodist  
 by W.S.G., Gentry  
 by W.S.G. United Methodist, Mt. Home  
 by Methodist Men of Gardner Church, North Little Rock  
 by Oaklawn W.S.G., Hot Springs  
 by Mrs. Alice M. Watkins  
 by Wilma Piper

by W.S.C.S., El Dorado First Methodist Church  
 by Circle 3, W.S.G., Highland, Little Rock  
 by W.S.C.S., Danville  
 by W.S.C.S., Goddard Memorial, Ft. Smith  
 by Susanna Wesley Guild, Winfield, Little Rock  
 by W.S.C.S., Clinton  
 by Methodist Men's Bible Class, Crossett  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene D. Erwin  
 by Miss Irene Forrest  
 by John Lindsay S.S. Class, Malvern First Methodist  
 by First Couples Class, Malvern First Methodist  
 by Frances Hollabaugh Guild, First Methodist, Harrison  
 by W.S.G., Rison  
 by Duet Class, Winfield, L. R.  
 by Highlander S.S. Class, Highland Methodist, Little Rock  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Karl Neal  
 by Meyer's Bible Class, Geyer Springs  
 by W.S.C.S., Amity  
 by W.S.C.S., Van Buren First Church  
 by W.S.G., Paris First Methodist  
 by W.S.C.S., Glenwood United Methodist Church  
 by W.S.C.S., Pocahontas  
 by Friendship Circle, First Church, Blytheville  
 by W.S.C.S., Forrest City  
 by W.S.G., Stamps  
 by W.S.G., Marion  
 by W.S.G., Jacksonville First Church  
 by W.S.G., Marvell  
 by W.S.C.S., Wynne First Methodist  
 by Mrs. G. O. Parker  
 by Mineral Springs W.S.C.S.  
 by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Newsom  
 by Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Frederick  
 by W.S.C.S., Washington Avenue Methodist, N.L.R.  
 by W.S.C.S., St. Luke, L.R.  
 by W.S.C.S., Bull Shoals Methodist  
 by Christ Methodist W.S.C.S., Jacksonville  
 by Mrs. Glenn G. Martel  
 by W.S.C.S., Marked Tree Methodist  
 by W.S.G., Prairie Grove  
 by Capitol View W.S.C.S., L.R.  
 by Indian Hills W.S.C.S., N.L.R.  
 by W.S.C.S., Benton First Church  
 by Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Pittman  
 by Camille Watson W.S.G., Malvern  
 by Elizabeth Workman Guild, Carlisle  
 (to be continued)

### JONESBORO CONTRIBUTES TO YOUTH RANCH

Members of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, contributed over \$700 to Hidden Valley Ranch for homeless young people when Glenn Cunningham and three of the youths visited there recently. Mr. Cunningham has long been known as an Olympic mile runner, for which he set a world record in 1938. For the past 20 years, his ranch in Kansas has been home to hundreds of young people who needed a second chance. Recently he started a new ranch in Arkansas, located near Russellville. His mailing address is Star Route, Plainview, Ark. 72857. Mr. Cunningham was a guest speaker in the Jonesboro church at the invitation of Roy Penix. The Rev. Worth Gibson was host pastor.

### DR. AND MRS. WORKMAN HAVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It was typical of Jim and Sue Workman that they observed their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary "on the go." The Conway Log Cabin Democrat recently carried this story of their trip and their anniversary.

"Dr. and Mrs. James W. Workman of 920 Mitchell St., Conway, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding in Fall City, Wash. They were guests of their son, the Rev. James W. Workman, and family at the time.

"The Conway couple was married July 17, 1922, at Fordyce.

"Mrs. Workman is the former Sue Sparks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sparks of Fordyce.

"Dr. Workman, a retired Methodist minister, is a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman. Both he and his father formerly served as president of Henderson-Brown College (now Henderson State College) in Arkadelphia. Dr. Workman served a number of Arkansas pastorates, as did his father, and also as a district superintendent. He formerly was connected with Methodist headquarters in Evanston, Ill., and also was a chaplain a number of years. He ended his ministry as pastor of All Souls Church (non-denominational) at Scott.

"Dr. and Mrs. Workman left Conway in early July and flew to Minneapolis, Minn., where they visited her sister, Mrs. John (Ruth) Kay. Then they went to Winnipeg, Canada, and boarded a Canadian train for Vancouver, British Columbia. From there they got on a steamer and traveled to Prince George, British Columbia, and Skagway, Alaska, and then made an inland waterways trip to Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and Ketchikan and Juneau, Alaska.

"From Juneau they flew to Seattle, Wash., where their son met them for the trip to Fall City. They spent a week in Fall City and then flew home.

"The Workmans were away 18 days.

"They also have two other sons, the Rev. John Workman, a Methodist minister in Little Rock, and Walter Workman, an attorney in Houston, Tex."

### News in Brief

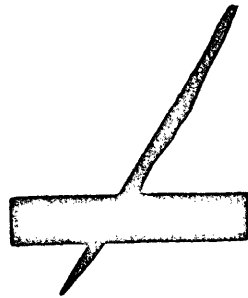
THE HUGHES UNITED Methodist Church held revival services the week of Aug. 14 with the Rev. Bob Orr of Marked Tree as guest evangelist. David Lytle of Jonesboro was in charge of the music. The Rev. Kern Johnson is the Hughes pastor.

JAMES H. McKEOWN, Director of admissions at U. of A. at Monticello, was guest speaker in the Crossett United Methodist Church, Aug. 13. He is lay leader of the Rock Springs Church, Wilmar Charge.

PLEASANT GROVE and St. Charles United Methodist Churches had guest speakers on Sunday morning, Aug. 27. John Schallhorn, mayor of DeWitt and Methodist layman, brought the message at 9:45 at Pleasant Grove, and at 11 a.m. at St. Charles. Duane Long, chairman of the First Church Board at DeWitt, gave testimony at both churches concerning the Lay Witness Mission held in the DeWitt Church. The pastor, the Rev. Billy W. A. McLean preached in the morning service at New Salem and Gardner Churches, Hot Springs, and again at Gardner at evening worship.

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 10: Man's Dominion in God's World

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:24-31; 2:19-20; Psalms 8

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Thou has given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet. (Psalms 8:6)

**AIM OF LESSON:** To gain a better understanding of the accountability which man has for the conservation and best utilization of the creation over which God has given him dominion.

Someone has said, "To know what God knows and not be what God is the most dangerous thing in the world." We have discovered in a traumatic manner in recent years that man has not been observing the right kind of stewardship for the natural creation which God asked him to dominate.

In the light of Biblical teachings that God created the Earth and then placed man in control of it must be seen the dark and threatening clouds which hang over it. A major question of our time is, How shall we answer to God for all that we have allowed to happen to his creation?

Dr. Charles M. Laymon raises the question of whether God took a risk when he placed man in control. We must conclude that he did take a chance on us, but that was an integral part of the process of creation. Man could never become all that God intended him to be if he did not make decisions about the natural resources placed at his disposal. Conceivably God could have said the word and the whole creation could have come into existence complete and perfect. But it was his intention that man and Earth should mature together as a continuing process of creation.

We believe that the Bible speaks to the rapid changes in our world because of the interrelated cooperation between God and man. It has something to say to the problems of our age just as it did to important individual, international and world problems centuries ago. Our world is changing today at an amazingly rapid pace. Someone has said that more scientific discoveries have been made in the last 50 years than in all the rest of history. Mass communication, increased urbanization, a new determination to establish world peace internationally have dominated the minds of the world's outstanding leaders.

Do we find guidance in the Bible as we confront modern problems? If we do not, then the Bible is simply a piece of interesting ancient literature which may be read for its beauty of language and its high idealism. The principles of love and brotherhood and disciplined living are indeed timeless. The study of the lessons for this quarter will help us to face realistically both man's situation and the eternal message found in the Bible for meeting human needs and solving human problems.

### GOD PUT HIS TRUST IN MAN

God revealed the confidence he had in man when he placed before him the tremendous challenge that he was to have "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

God's directions were explicit; man was to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it. He was to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing.

Dr. Laymon says: "The reason God took such a

long chance was not only because he had plans for our lives but also because he had made something special when he created man. God made us in his own image (Genesis 1:26-27) and only a 'little less than God.' (Psalm 8:5). The references here are to moral and spiritual likeness rather than to physical similarity. Our understanding of God's nature forbids us from limiting him with a physical body."

The gift of dominion which resulted from God's trust in man can be seen in two passages in our selection from Genesis. First there was the context of God's creative purpose (verse 26) and again in relation to a world multiplied and replenished through blessing of God on Adam and Eve. Of course this privilege of dominion was not given to one man but to all. It is the prerogative of the human race to exercise authority over its environment. The word "subdue" means to tread down, or conquer. It opens up exciting vistas of man's victories over height, depth, time, and distance. An interesting part of the story in Genesis 2 tells of man's being given the responsibility for naming the animals, vividly suggesting his authority and his superior intelligence over them. It is also interesting to note that this ancient writer revealed the thought processes of man as he studied the types and habits of the animals and named them accordingly.

All of this has a great deal to say to us as we face the undeniable evidences of the pollution of the air and the threatened extinction of many of the species of animal life.

### A HIGH ESTIMATE OF MAN

In Psalm 8 we find a song the central theme of which is praise, but interestingly enough it elevates man as the greatest of God's creations. The psalm begins by affirming that the very name of God is awe-inspiring. He says that majesty speaks of might and honor, which in turn produces reverent praise and obedience.

The psalmist tells us that he who can truly address God as "my Lord" knows what it means to praise him. The writer speaks of his contemplation of nature and the marvel of man's creation, which in turn caused him to cry out about God's greatness.

We are reminded not only that God's creation work was ample testimony to him, and ample cause for praise, but it also highlighted the magnificence of his care for men. How much more extravagant the writer's praise would have been if he could have known that there are at least 10 billion galaxies in the universe, each with a billion to a thousand billion stars. How puny man seems when compared to the vast expanse of the universe.

There are several verses which speak of this limited position of man, but then there are the verses which state in an affirmative manner the supremacy of man over everything else that God made. As one has said, "Even compared to all the galaxies of the universe, man enjoys a preeminent position before God. God's care for man is seen in both the nature he gave man and in the position of sovereignty he gave him."

So we see that with every discovery—with each extension of man's sovereignty over creation—comes added responsibility. Each step opens the door for good or for evil. The discovery of atomic power unleashed the potential for massive destruction and death; also the potential for industrial power and healing. The internal combustion engine was a wonderful invention; now it threatens massive pollution, to say nothing of the 50,000 people who are killed in automobile accidents each year. Truly these are areas of major concern to Christians who are alert to the responsibilities which God has placed in their hands.

### THE CREATIVITY OF MAN

We would be missing much of the meaning of this lesson if we did not underscore the creativity of man in bringing the world to its present position. One of the richest recollections of travel is a visit to the recreated laboratory of Thomas A. Edison in Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich. The march of science and invention may have been so accelerated that many in 1972 have forgotten how many of the doors of discovery opened at the touch of this man because of his patient research.

Recently many of us saw the story of Leonardo Da Vinci on television. Here was a man who lived centuries ago and yet he brings down to the scientific scene today plans and dreams which have become realities.

In thousands of research laboratories today, hundreds of thousands of dedicated scientists are at work to bring to us great new forward steps. We can not all be scientists, but opportunity comes to many of us to share in the financing of many of these projects through foundations and through tax-supported programs. Does it not challenge you to think that this is your opportunity to have a part in the continuing creativity of man as he serves in partnership with God?

But we do not have to limit our participation in God's world to projects like this. Each one of us does have control over some small part of God's unfolding work, and to the extent that he has given us these talents we have an obligation to use them and not to bury them. Each of us has to look at his accomplishments in the light of what God has made it possible for him to do.

### VALUE FOR ALL OF LIFE

To gain a better understanding of our stewardship responsibilities we must see ourselves in our true light as a workman together with God. There can be no meaning for all of our lives unless we see our humanness in this light.

This whole universe has meaning because it is the locale in which God is working out his plans and his purposes. As man takes seriously the Genesis command to have dominion over all created things, he discovers how he fits into these plans. Guided by writings like those of the psalmists, man sees the divine reflected in many aspects of life. This gives meaning to all that he is and does.

"Dominion" is an awesome word. The granting of power carries with it tremendous responsibility. Perhaps man has been too anxious to exercise dominion in the world, and not eager enough to exercise responsibility. With every privilege there is corresponding accountability. That is why Jesus warned us to prepare for the day when we shall have to give an account of ourselves before God. That account will include how we used or abused the world of nature.

### HOW ARE WE MOTIVATED?

As we wrap up this lesson of man's responsibility in God's world we raise the question concerning what it is that makes us want to make the best use of this world, to conserve its resources and increase its productivity. Dr. Laymon suggests that someone will answer that the profit motive is the push behind high productivity. However, as we observe many fine people—young and old—who are concerned about the protection of our environment, we know that this is not the answer.

Having dominion over God's creation in the biblical sense is not a question of production and profits. It is a religious concern because it is a matter of conservation and appreciation.

In Psalm 8 the writer introduced humility as a motivating force. Man does feel small in the presence of all that God has made. Most of the commentators on this lesson material today have pointed out the way in which the astronauts have brought us into a new sense of our relationship with God.

One of them said: "The hymn 'How Great Thou Art' has taken on deeper meaning since man has walked on the moon." Then he continues, "This feeling of insignificance, however, is not a downgrading of man so much as an upgrading of God. In our humility we must never forget that we are made in God's image and called to be his children in the Kingdom."



## Methodist from "Third World" elected WCC general secretary

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Rev. Dr. Philip A. Potter is the first Methodist and the first person from the "Third World" countries (Africa, Asia, Latin America) to be elected to what is considered the most prestigious ecumenical executive post, general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

By unanimous action August 16 of the WCC's 120-member Central Committee meeting in Utrecht, the Netherlands, the 51-year-old church leader from the Caribbean island of Dominica was named for a five-year term to succeed the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, who retires October 1. The international organization links 250 Anglican, Orthodox and Protestant churches in 90 countries and territories. Dr. Blake, formerly stated clerk (chief executive) of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, has been WCC general secretary since 1966.

Dr. Potter will move up to the new post from his present office as director of the WCC's Commission on World Mission and Evangelism. He also serves as chairman of Council Program Unit I on Faith and Witness, which encompasses Faith and Order,

Mission, Dialogue with other Living Faiths, and Church and Society. His office will continue to be in Geneva, Switzerland.

Identified throughout his life with ecumenism, Dr. Potter has had experience as a pastor, mission administrator, youth work executive, coordinator of evangelism and mission strategy, and in other areas of church service. After his election, he vowed continued emphasis on two of the Council's, and his, primary concerns—Christian unity and the struggle against racism. He said that "The nearer we come to the Cross the closer we come together." Declaring that his "passion for the unity of mankind" comes from association with the World Council, he said he would continue efforts to bring the Council and Roman Catholic Church together.

A former executive of the Methodist Missionary Society in England, Dr. Potter is a minister of the Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas. He has been a frequent visitor to the U.S. and has conferred with United Methodist Board of Missions leaders in New York, including



UTRECHT, the Netherlands—Dr. Eugene Carson Blake (right) congratulates his successor as general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Philip Potter, after the latter's unanimous election by the WCC's central committee at its meeting in Utrecht. Dr. Potter, a Methodist from the Caribbean island of Dominica, has had extensive experience in ecumenical affairs, and since 1967 has directed one of the World Council's major units, the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

its general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., who is chairman of the WCC's Commission on World Mission and Evangelism.

Dr. Potter was one of the featured speakers at the World Methodist Conference in Denver, Colo., in 1971. In his address on "Evangelism," he said:

"Our task is to be engaged in the work of evangelism wherever men are, and using to the full the resources which can be shared from both home and overseas in the doing of it . . . The whole church of God is called to evangelize in each place . . . Only a church which is willing to lose its material and other privileges that it may gain Christ can be a truly evangelistic church, challenging men to surrender their selfish identities that they may receive the crucified and risen Christ.

"There is often a fruitless debate about personal and social evangelism as though the one excludes or precedes the other. John Wesley very quickly realized that his evangelistic activities involved him in attacking the social evils of his time . . . Let us make no mistake about it. If Methodism abandons the tradition of evangelism as the Good News of God's justice and love for the whole of life, it will be betraying its own history and genius—and worse, it will be betraying the Gospel . . .

"Because evangelism is the *raison d'être* of the Church, any consideration of it means a consideration of the total life of the Church. All that the Church does should be of evangelistic significance."

After studying law, Dr. Potter attended United Theological Seminary in Jamaica. He received the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from London University. He holds the honorary doctor of divinity degree from the University of Hamburg in West Germany. His early ministry was in the field of youth work. He was study secretary of the Jamaica Student Christian Movement, overseas secretary for the British SCM and chairman of the World Student Christian Federation.

After four years as pastor of a Methodist church in Haiti, Dr. Potter was named secretary of the WCC Youth Department in 1954, serving until 1960. For six years he was field

secretary for Africa and the West Indies of the British Methodist Missionary Society. He came to the WCC as director of the World Mission and Evangelism Commission January 1, 1967. However, his association with the Council goes back to its organizational meeting in 1948, when he was a youth delegate. He has spoken at many international church gatherings, including the 1948, 1954 and 1961 World Council Assemblies, and WCC-related mission conferences in 1957 and 1963. Mrs. Potter is the former Doreen Cousins, daughter of a Methodist minister in Jamaica.

### Twenty qualify as C.E. Associates in Perkins program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Twenty persons from 16 annual conferences have completed their fourth and final summer seminar qualifying them to become certified as Associates in Christian Education in the United Methodist Church.

They become the fourth class to complete the special academic courses of study. A total of 135 persons participated in 1972 summer seminars at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn.; the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif.; and Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

According to the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, more than 400 persons have been enrolled in 38 seminars held on eight campuses during the past seven years. Of this number, 110 have completed the course of study and 61 have gone into regular graduate degree programs at one of the participating schools. Mr. Hipps, director of services to professional Christian educators for the Division, initiated the seminar study program for the Board of Education in 1966 and has been its director since that time.

### Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*Never settling for the short view of life  
is one mark of discipleship...decision making  
based on the very valid question, "How will  
this appear in the light of eternity?"*

#### Timeless

Busy, busy people  
Go their busy, busy ways;  
Seldom taking time to pause  
And give to God the praise.

Do you think God ever looks at us  
With displeasure in his face?  
For He gives to us this very life  
That we spend at reckless pace.

-by Mary W. Gee

#### My Mission

"Why should it be?" I heard him cry,  
When anguish shook and tore his soul;  
"Why can't your God relieve my grief,  
And give me peace and make me whole?"

What can I say in sorrow's hour  
To one who never knew to pray?  
How can I speak to him of prayer,  
Who lives without our God each day?

I, too, have felt the wounds of grief,  
And felt the searing blast of pain.  
I also know His tender care  
That mends the broken heart again.

So I will share my faith with him,  
Who, though he weeps in deep despair,  
Knows not my Savior's deathless love  
That softens every bitter care.

-by Charles A. Stuck

# United Methodism's Board of Global Ministries to hold organizational meeting, Sept. 7-11

NEW YORK (UMI)—A new national agency of the United Methodist Church will hold its organizational meeting for the 1972-76 quadrennium at the Statler Hilton Hotel here September 7-11.

The Board of Global Ministries is one of the largest agencies of the 10,500,000-member church. It encompasses several major phases of the denomination's work including home and overseas missions, ecumenical relations, relief and rehabilitation, organized women's program and work, mission education and cultivation, health and welfare ministries.

Principal business of the Board will be election of officers and top staff executives for the quadrennium. Also electing officers and chief staff personnel will be the Board's seven major units — National Division, World Division, Division of Health and Welfare Ministries, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Women's Division, Division of Education and Cultivation, Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns.

Board officers include a president and seven vice-presidents, each of whom is president of a division. Top staff executives include a general secretary, a treasurer and seven associate general secretaries (each heading a division). The Board and divisions elect all officers and staff executives, except the general secretary whom, under church law, the Board nominates for election by the denomination's General Council on Ministries.

The 1972 United Methodist General Conference, which restructured the denomination's boards and agencies at its April meeting in Atlanta, said the purpose of the Board of Global Minis-

tries is to "proclaim and witness as the church corporately in mission to the liberating and saving word of Jesus Christ which calls persons to respond in faith and discipleship." The Board represents a merger of formerly separate agencies, three in New York—Board of Missions, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Commission on Ecumenical Affairs — and one in Evanston, Ill — Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Convenor for the first session of the organizational meeting on the evening of September 7 will be Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, Houston, Texas. The Women's Division is scheduled to organize that afternoon, and other units at sessions through the 11th. Built into organizational and other business sessions of the Board and divisions will be orientation periods to familiarize members with the scope of the work.

Under the restructure of United Methodism's national agencies, the Board of Global Ministries has a membership of 156. In addition, each division has members-at-large who are not members of the Board itself.

A substantial number (60) of Board members were elected according to a proportional representation formula ordered by General Conference for all national agencies—one-third clergy, one-third laywomen, one-third laymen. There are also 13 bishops, 58 additional women chosen through channels of the denominational women's organization (United Methodist Women) and 25 at-large men members. The Board has provision for ethnic representation and for youth and young adult members. Many members will be new, as church law stipulates that no one may serve on a national agency who has served eight

years or more heretofore.

The Board of Global Ministries has staff at the Interchurch Center and the Church Center for the United Nations in New York, at the United Methodist Building in Evanston and in several regional offices across the country.

Encompassed within the agency is the work of some 1,000 missionaries in 30 countries overseas, the mission-al relationships of United Methodism with churches in about 50 countries, and home mission and church extension work of the denomination in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The Board has an annual financial operation of about \$38,000,000.

Headed up in the Board of Global Ministries is the national program of United Methodist Women, a new organization of about 1,500,000 members in process of transition from two organized groups, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. There are some 36,500 local units. A Board unit coordinates the denominational program of relief, rehabilitation and refugee service around the world.

Within the Board is the church's agency relating to more than 300 health and welfare ministries such as hospitals, homes for children and youth, and facilities for the aging—serving an estimated 3,500,000 persons annually. The Board includes the unit that most directly involves continuing United Methodist participation in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and other ecumenical relationships. Also in the Board is the denomination's national program of mission education and cultivation.

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## Bishop Marvin A. Franklin dies at age 78

Jackson, Miss. — Funeral services were held in Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church, Jackson, on Aug. 25, for Retired Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, 78, who died Aug. 23 at Mississippi Baptist Hospital where he had been hospitalized since suffering a stroke Aug. 5.

He was elected a bishop in 1948 while serving as pastor of Highlands Methodist Church, Birmingham, Ala. He was assigned to the Mississippi Area and served there until his retirement in 1964. Since that time he had made his home in Jackson.

Bishop Franklin was licensed to preach in 1910 and received his first pastoral assignment at the age of 17. He attended Young-Harris College and Emory at Oxford and received the B.A. degree from the University of Georgia in 1915. He held honorary degrees from Birmingham Southern, Emory University, Millsaps College, and Lambuth College.

He was president of the Council of Bishops in 1959-60 and was president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional College of Bishops in 1949 and in 1956.

During his tenure as bishop he had a remarkable record. He ordained 486 ministers as Deacon and 403 as Elders of the denomination. Under his leadership 70 new congregations were organized and staffed with ministers. The Methodist Church in Mississippi experienced one of its greatest periods of growth under his leadership, with more than 90,000 persons being received on profession of faith.

He was married to Ruth Tuck of Athens, Ga. in 1915. They had four children: Marvin August, Jr. of Heightstown, N.J.; Mary Ruth (Mrs. W. W. Jeffries) of Annapolis, Md.; Robert Leonard of Birmingham; and Louise (Mrs. L. L. Wade) of Nashville, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his first wife in 1952.

In 1953 he married Mrs. William Henry Lane of Jackson, and she survives him.

The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Eugene Slater, president of the Council of Bishops; Bishop Mack B. Stokes, Bishop Ellis Finger, and the Rev. Robert Kates. Interment was at Lakewood Park, Jackson.

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### EVANGELISM BOARD NAMES PREACHING MINISTRY DIRECTOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The Rev. Dr. George E. Morris, pastor of Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church, Menomonee Falls, Wisc., has been named Director of the Department of Preaching Ministry United Methodist Board of Evangelism. The appointment is effective September 1.

Dr. Morris is returning to the Board offices in Nashville where he served for six years before going to the Wisconsin pastorate in 1969.

Born in Virginia, Dr. Morris is a member of the Wisconsin Conference. He has served churches in Kentucky and Mississippi as well as Wisconsin.

He has an A.B. degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and B.D. and D.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

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The Rev. Ralph Bolick, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in San Jose, Calif., is director of the California Parks Ministry which is functioning this summer in 24 of the state's recreation areas. More than 200 ministers from some 15 denominations are involved in the project.

### Churchmen's study tour of India in January

United Methodists and churchmen of other denominations have the opportunity to visit India next January by means of a tour which will emphasize the work and witness of the Christian church, the programs of the United Nations, and the economic and social achievements of the second largest nation on earth.

The study tour is under the leadership of a group of concerned persons in the United States, Canada, and India: Dr. and Mrs. Carl Soule (until recent retirement the UN representative for the Board of Christian Social Concerns, United Methodist Church), Bishop A. J. Shaw of the Delhi area, Mrs. Winifred Seigel of the United Church of Canada, and the Rev. Richard Smyth of Centenary Methodist Church in New Delhi.

A visit to India by American churchmen would always be in order, but it is especially opportune to make one from January 20 to February 18, 1973, since a study of a sixth of the world's population is being carried on in the churches of Canada and the United States in 1972-73.

The study tour will include New Delhi, the capital of the nation; the

state of Kerala, where the Syrian Orthodox and Mar Thoma churches trace their origin to St. Thomas the apostle, where literacy is the highest in all India, and where the communist party claims 40% of the votes; Lucknow the traditional educational center of Christian missions; Varanasi sacred to Hindus and Buddhists; and Agra where there is much to be observed in addition to the Taj Mahal in moonlight. Many contacts will be made with persons in positions of leadership in the church, the government, UN agencies, and social work.

In India the United Nations has about 200 projects to which it is giving support. UNICEF helps children and mothers through about 25,000 outlets. India is a land rich in culture and idealism, as one is aware when he considers the contributions of such persons as King Asoka, Mahatma Gandhi, and Prime Minister Nehru.

United Methodists and other churchmen interested in the study tour may obtain detailed information from Dr. Carl Soule, Room CA, Church Center for the UN, 777 UN Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017.

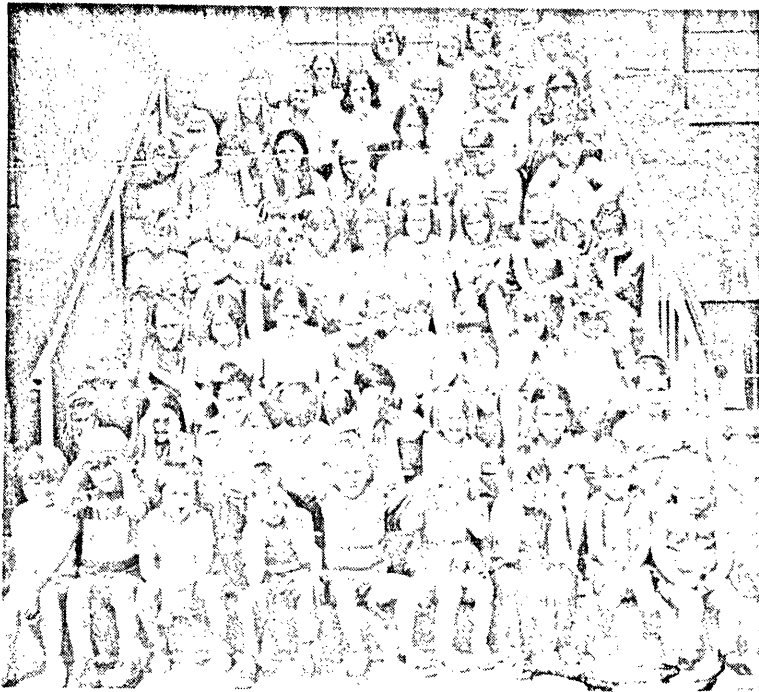
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Thirty-three children and adults participated in the vacation church school at Morning Star United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia District. The evening sessions provided classes for all ages. Leaders were: Mrs. Earl Pickering, Mrs. Nona Teague, the Rev. Dorsey Caldwell, pastor, and Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Church and Community Worker; Mrs. William Wood served as pianist.



The vacation church school at St. Paul Church in Fort Smith involved 45 boys and girls, in addition to staff members. The school was under the co-direction of Miss Brenda Summers and Mrs. Noel Nally. The Rev. W. L. Douglas is minister.



Vacation church school group at Centerton United Methodist Church in the Fayetteville District. The school was under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Kirby; the Rev. John W. Lee is pastor.



The Decatur vacation church school (Fayetteville District) registered an average attendance of 50, with Mrs. Ted Brown serving as director. The Rev. John W. Lee is pastor. The Decatur and Centerton churches climaxed a month of special youth activities with a message presented by Wally Moon, former first baseman with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Phillies. Moon is now director of the physical education department at John Brown University.

Henderson United Methodist Church in Little Rock held weekly Thursday vacation church school sessions this summer over an eight-week period with an average attendance of 63. Specially qualified teachers instructed arts and crafts sessions. The Little Rock-based Heifer project was a special emphasis; the group is shown here all ready for a bus trip to Perry Chuntz where the Heifer Project farm is located. Mrs. Odell Pfeiffer served as director of the school. The Rev. Bob Van Hook is pastor.

#### News in Brief

THE REV. EDWIN KEITH, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, was guest preacher in First Church, Rector, on Sunday morning, Aug. 27. The Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis is pastor.

THE REJOICE SINGERS of First Church, Fort Smith, presented the young world musical "Love" in the Clarksville United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Aug. 20.

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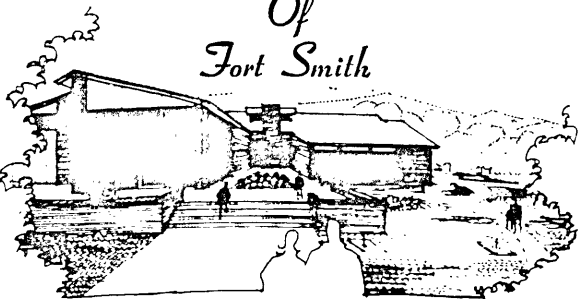
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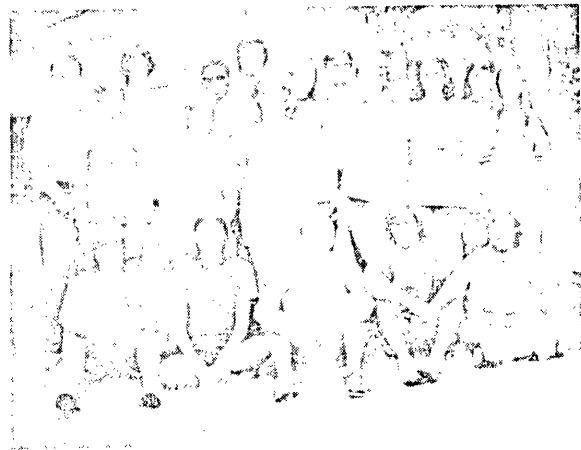
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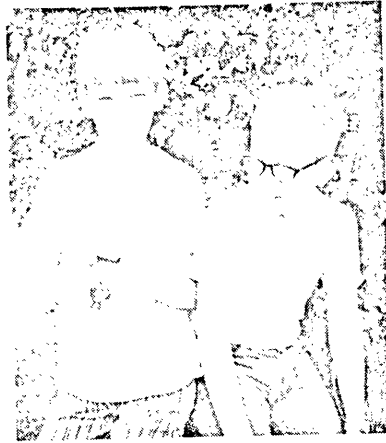
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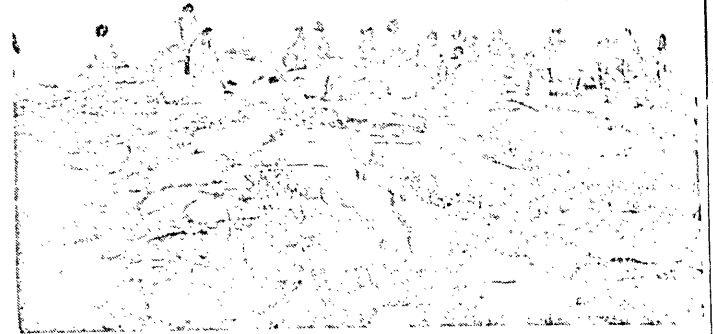
Elementary Camp II group at Tanako for August 14-18 period. The Rev. James Richardson, pastor at Gurdon, was camp director.



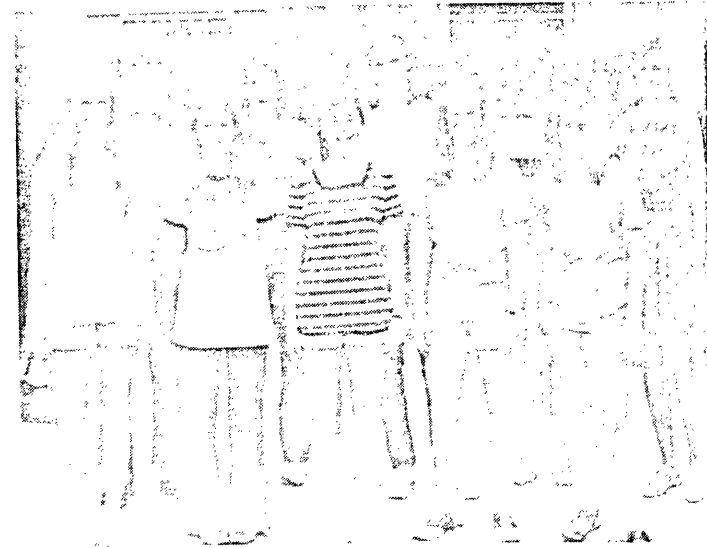
Staff members for Elementary Camp II at Tanako with Camp Director, the Rev. James Richardson (second from left, third row) and the Rev. Charles Walthall, pastor at St. Andrew's Church in Little Rock (at left in same row).



Thomas Collins of Magale Manor, Methodist Children's Home, Magnolia, and Tony Mullins of St. Andrew's Church, Little Rock, delve into entomological aspects of rare luna moth held by Thomas, during recent Elementary II camp at Tanako.



Youth group from Little Rock's First Church engaged in Sunday morning worship service atop Mt. Nebo during recent Fall Planning Retreat which climaxed Youth Emphasis Week. Activities, under the direction of Vicky Allen, included a camera scavenger hunt, conducting the Day Care Center children on an outing aboard the River boat "Border Star," an evening with the Retreat Singers from Trinity Episcopal Church presenting a program—with youth groups from other churches as guests, and one evening devoted to a progressive dinner.

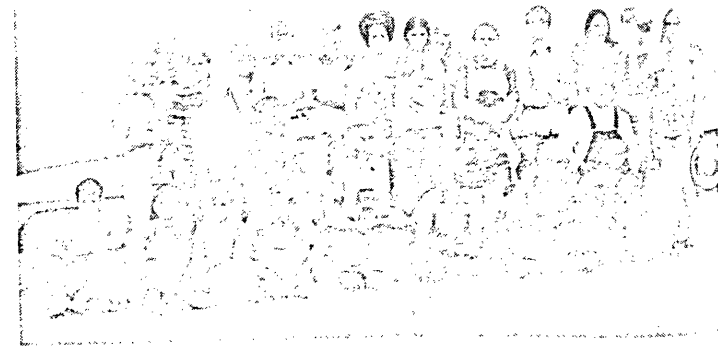


ABOVE: Youth group from First Church in Batesville, who accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Stevenson (back row, right), volunteered for work at Woodhaven Learning Center in Columbia, Missouri for the week of July 29-August 5. This is a home for retarded and emotionally disturbed children.

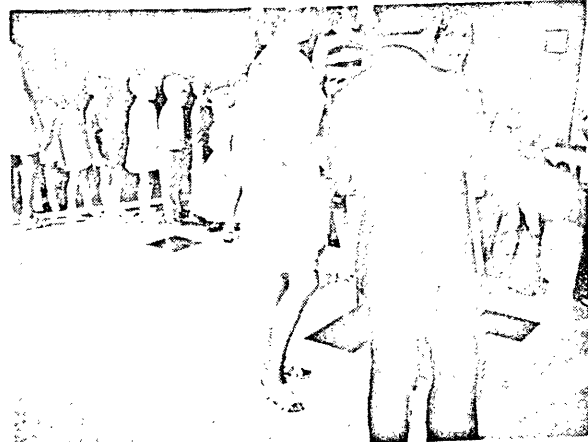


Scene from a "Get Together" picnic at the farm house of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Henry, Texarkana— shared by 29 youth from El Dorado First Church and Summer Director Bill Reed and Director of Christian Education, Mrs. Ann Williams, and 35 young folk from Texarkana First Church, where Mrs. Ann Calcote is director of Christian Education. Last year Mrs. Calcote served in the same capacity at El Dorado First and Reed served as Summer Youth director at Texarkana. This summer the situation was reversed.

RIGHT: Youth of St. Paul Church in El Dorado who through a point system merited a camping trip to the Ozarks. In order to make the trip, individuals were required to earn a certain number of points by participation in the regular activities of their church and through special service projects.



LEFT: Alpha Omega Players of Dallas, Texas, shown here, presented the dramatic story of Martin Luther, at Fairview United Methodist Church in Texarkana recently, as a part of that church's summer youth program. The Rev. W. Darrel Bone is pastor.



Members of St. Paul's UMY groups are shown here assisting with week-long vacation church school. Alan Duncan of Magnolia has served as summer youth director at St. Paul. The Rev. Gladwin Connell is minister.