

Arkansas Methodist

91st YEAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1972

NO. 37

Councils on Ministries replace former Program Councils

The Program Councils of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences met together at Hendrix College, Sept. 14, under the chairmanship of Bishop Eugene M. Frank. Major items of business included action on reports of their nominating committees and the official approval of the new name of Council on Ministry for the programming and coordinating units.

Bishop Frank spoke briefly at the opening of the meetings speaking of his philosophy of his leadership responsibility in regard to the boards and agencies.

Included in the elections at the meeting were the naming of representatives to the two new Jurisdictional groups that will guide the work of the South Central Jurisdiction. Elected to represent the Little Rock Conference were: Jurisdictional Council on Ministries: C. Ray Hozendorf and Mrs. E. T. Davenport; Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration: Roy I. Bagley. Elected from the North Arkansas Conference were: Council on Ministries: Harold Eggensperger and H. H. Fulbright; Council on Finance and Administration: Nels Barnett.

The Little Rock group elected J. Edward Dunlap as vice chairman and chairman of the Executive Committee, while the North Arkansas Conference elected John Bayliss to this position. Homer Winstead was elected secretary of the Little Rock Council on Ministries, and Muriel Peters was elected secretary for the North Arkansas group.

The Little Rock Conference group elected the following additional lay members: Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Mrs. John D. Christian, W. H. Fowler, Mrs. Peggy Mitchell and John Simpson, all of whom will be serving as members of the Executive Committee.

The following committees were named by the Little Rock Conference Council:

Committee on Religion and Race: Ed Matthews, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Harold Flowers, Gerald Fisher, Scott Davis, and D. Mouzon Mann, cabinet representative.

Committee to Study Standing Rule No. 1: Robert Van Hook, Bryan Stephens, William M. Shepherd, Frank Thompson, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Mrs. George Tanner, J. H. Thompson, R. O. Beck, James Spivey, Roy Bagley, cabinet representative and convener.

Committee to Study Structure of the Annual Conference: Mrs. Leon Ashcraft, Frank Thompson, E. C. Coble, William M. Shepherd, Emmette Twyford, Sidney Good, Steve Routon, Edna Johnson, William H. Robinson, David F. Prothro, Fred H. Haustein, David B. Wilson, J. Robert Scott, Palmer Garner, John W. Lindsay and the cabinet.

Committees elected by the North Arkansas Council on Ministries included: **Committee on Interpretation and Coordination:** the Executive Committee; **Committee on Communications:** J. Ralph Hillis, convener, Larry Powell, Alfred Knox, Mrs. Hubert

Please turn to page 2

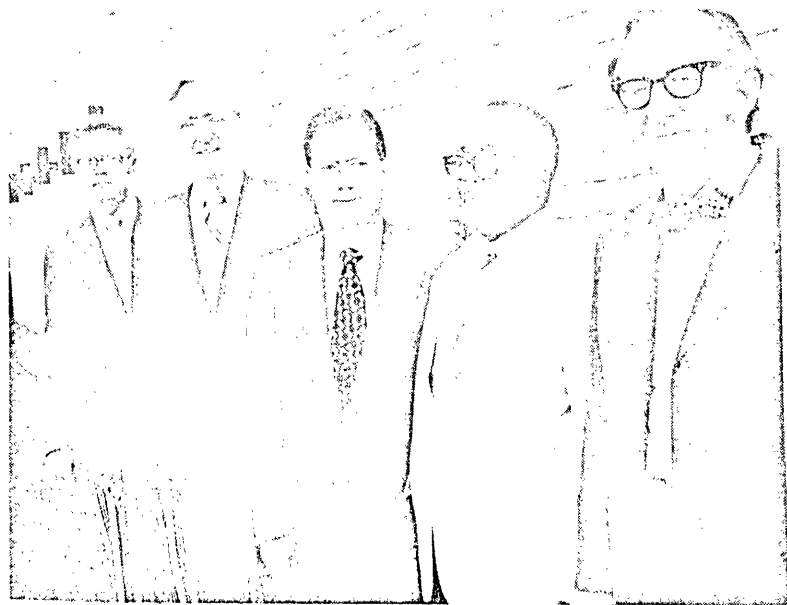
LR Conference Ministries Council sponsoring tour

The Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries will sponsor a tour to Washington and New York for the youth of public school grades nine through 12 during the period from November 18-26, 1972. Like the tour conducted two years ago, the itinerary will include places of historical importance in Washington, the United Nations, and other points of interest in New York City.

The tour will be under the direction and leadership of the Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., pastor at Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The cost will be \$150, plus extra meals and other expenses incurred by the individual himself.

Registrations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis until Oct. 13—the deadline date—and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25. The final payment of \$125 should be submitted by November 1st to the Conference Youth Coordinator: The Rev. Joe E. Arnold, 715 Center, Suite 202, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

There are no other requirements necessary except that the youth be affiliated with the United Methodist Church. As soon as registrations are received in the Conference office, registrants will receive detailed information concerning personal needs for the trip—clothes, number of bags permitted, suggested amount of extra spending money, etc.—in addition to an itinerary of the trip.



The Rev. John B. Hays, left, dean of the Arkansas Pastors' School, is shown with the members of the faculty. They are (from left): Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Dr. Don Corley, Dr. Ramsey Bridges, and Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank, center, with Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, left, Director of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries; and Dr. John A. Bayliss, pastor, First Church, Fort Smith.



Visiting at Pastors' School were (from left): the Rev. Kenneth Kinard, associate pastor at First Church, Camden; the Rev. Mike Campbell, Perkins intern serving at First Church, Magnolia; the Rev. Howard Williams, pastor, First Church Magnolia; and Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor of First Church, Camden.

Congress on Ecumenism

by Merle Allison Johnson

Pastor, Siloam Springs
United Methodist Church

One Fall day in the midst of preparation for Advent and on the Eve of All Saints' Day an Augustinian Monk named Luther made hammering noises at least ninety-five times. I have jestingly reminded my Catholic brethren that they have gotten a knee jerk since that day in 1517 every time they pass a bulletin board. The response to Luther was a counter-reformation assembly at the Council of Trent where the great gulf between Protestant and Catholic was widened. This continued until some thirty years ago when Pope Pius XII saw the need for reform from within. His plans were not implemented until the gracious and venerable John XXIII gave the directives for the reformation which we know as the Councils of Vatican I and Vatican II. Vatican II was the bombshell which set ideas in motion for reform and a healing of the breach with Protestants that has made the great bridge across the chasm shrink to a cross walk.

I am writing these words on the morning after one of the greatest spiritual experiences of my life. The Glenmary Home Missioners, an order of the Roman Catholic Church and the leading order for ecumenism invited twenty Protestants, ninety priests, five bishops and one archbishop to Nashville for a Congress on Ecumenism. I was fortunate enough to be one of the "saints who went marching in." What I saw and felt cannot adequately be described. From a first hand report we got benefit of the official

changes and concepts which will eventually filter through the secular media and into practice. The bombshell was an address by Bishop James W. Malone who is the official Roman Catholic spokesman for ecumenism and ecumenical studies. His address in full will be available after channels are gone through and they are willing to release it, however, the press carried as much as they could quote and paraphrase.

He said that for centuries the Church had carried the excess baggage of traditions which were erroneous and that the fear and superstitions that were carryovers from the Medieval period must be done away with. He spoke of Luther as a brother who wanted to do these things. He said that the ultra-conservatives who wish to keep these things alive must be dealt with in love but they must not impede reform and if the Church loses some people over its rediscovered truth it would just have to lose them. At this stage I felt a little like fainting, especially when the priests were nodding affirmatively. Remember John Huss? A fantastically large mural hangs at the end of the dining hall at Scarritt College where the Congress was held and it portrays Huss before the Council which condemned him to be burned at the stake. I had two meals with these bishops (including Bishop Fletcher of Arkansas) at the table nearest this Mural. Old John Huss seemed to turn around and smile at us.

I was informed that the view of the Church has changed and that no longer does the Catholic Church identify the Body of Christ with them alone. They believe in the universal church, in the validity of Protestant baptism, Protestant ordination (they recognize us as ministers) and Protestant Worship. They can join with us in all forms of ministerial work such as marrying people and on given occasions an inter-communion service. The latter is in the final stages of clarification. The chief experience was the first liturgy (they avoided the term Mass and referred to the liturgy) where Bishop Malone was the Celebrant. They no longer face the Altar with their backs to the people in their prayers etc. . . . The wafer was passed down the aisle and we then went forward to the cup. It was a service very much like our Holy Communion. At one part they sang "They Shall Know We Are Christian By Our Love" which was written by a Catholic. After it was over we sang "Amazing Grace" including the last stanza about "ten thousand years" and get ready—"Precious Lord, Take My Hand." This

is ironic since some of our churches wouldn't dare sing these songs at such a service. An Episcopal friend remarked that his people wouldn't "dare to do this" but that he was going back home and "dare" them. I was moved emotionally.

Not all is calm, a minority of two or three priests (not the Bishops) did not believe in open communion as we had it and resented that the Protestants participated. This closed communion stance was "vaguely familiar" to me but I was quickly reassured that these men represented a way of thinking that would change. Even those who were the conservatives were loving and kind to us saying that they were having a hard time adjusting.

More could be written but it must be said that they are using terms such as "saved", "born again" and "conversion." Oh yes, the Bishop of Dallas was concerned about some of his more conservative people going along with these changes but a concern that kept cropping up was "Is Joe Ferguson well?" So much for a changing world, may God be praised.

†

Program Directors to Local Churches

THE INTERPRETER — A GOOD TOOL

In addition to the pastor and seven key laymen who are sent The Interpreter at no cost, the general church encourages each local church to enter additional subscriptions, for which it pays (at \$2.00 per subscription per year) to cover its leadership adequately. Official forms are being sent to each pastor, through his district superintendent, for both free and paid subscriptions.

Your church believes in you—a local church leader—and wants to help you to do the best job possible. Because of this, your church sends you the monthly program magazine (The Interpreter) under a directive of General Conference. The Interpreter doesn't have all of the answers. But the editors hope that its content will stimulate you and other leaders in your church to be creative in planning and implementing programs in your church. Your church believes in your work and is appreciative of the service which you render as a local leader. The Interpreter is one way the church expresses its appreciation. The editors hope you will use it and let them know how it can be made more helpful to you in your task.

MEALS FOR MILLIONS

Between now and Thanksgiving many United Methodists will be asking, "What can we do to help hungry and malnourished people?" One very practical answer would be "Send a check through UMCOR for Meals to Millions." Our people want to help feed the hungry, but so often they do not know the right channel. You can be a great help in programming this special cause within the Area: (1) Sug-

gest churches hold a Sacrificial Meal before Thanksgiving. (2) Make a study of new "foods" that help bridge the protein gap. (3) Consider November as Meals for Millions Month. Governor Dale Bumpers designated the Thanksgiving month of November, 1972 as Meals for Millions Month in Arkansas. (4) Encourage every church to choose Meals for Millions as an Advance Special. (5) Prepare an article in your newsletter.

NEW MATERIALS

Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas have special significance for the religious life of community, church and family. Increasingly, families are holding services in their homes in addition to the congregational ones they attend. Each year three leaflets are prepared for use by families in their home worship.

(1) "Advent Worship in the Home" (3012-C). 15¢; 12 for \$1.25; 100 for \$6.50, prepared by the Rev. Jim Waits, this leaflet has suggestions for candle-lighting services in the home for the four Sundays of Advent and for Christmas Eve.

(2) "Thanksgiving Worship in the Home" (3013-C). 12 for 45¢; 100 for \$3.00, prepared by Mrs. Betty Thom, includes preparation, ideas, instructions, and an outline of the service itself.

(3) "Christmas Worship in the Home" (3015-C). 12 for 45¢; 100 for \$3.00, prepared by Mrs. Dorothy Harper, this leaflet contains suggestions to parents for the observance of a meaningful worship experience at Christmas.

These leaflets may be ordered from: Service Department, Board of Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

JONESBORO MINISTERIAL GROUP PLANS FOR KEY '73

The Jonesboro Ministerial Alliance is one of the first interdenominational organizations in the state to make plans for participation in Key '73, according to the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor of First United Methodist Church and president of the Alliance.

In a recent meeting held at St. Bernard's Hospital in that city, Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District Superintendent, spoke on the Key '73 movement which has now involved more than 130 denominations and religious groups in America.

Dr. Hillis told the group that "Many individual churches will be involved in this effort, but there are some things we as the Alliance can do better in preparing for the program."

Following the presentation by Dr. Hillis, Mr. Gibson appointed a number of committees to work toward the implementation of Key '73.

†

from page one

MINISTRIES

Blanchard, James Lane, Earl B. Carter, Charles Richards, Vernell Norman, Ronald McDonald, Herschel McClurkin, Jim Randle.

Committee on Policy and Review: J. Ralph Clayton, convenor, John Hazelbaker, Mrs. Carol Henry, Jim Beal, William P. Connell, E. Clay Bumpers, Mrs. Walter Lindley, Harold Spence, Tom Weir, Allen Kimbrough, R. C. Preston.

St. Andrews to dedicate new education unit

St. Andrew United Methodist Church, located at 4600 Baseline Road, Little Rock, will host an all-day Homecoming celebration on Sunday, Sept. 24. A highlight of the day's celebration will be the 2 p.m. dedication of the new education wing. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Charles Walthall, pastor.

The Rev. Donald F. Nolley, former pastor now serving as minister at Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia, will return as featured speaker for the 10:50 a.m. worship service. An old-fashioned "dinner on the ground" will follow.

Guest speaker for the 7 p.m. service will be the Rev. Ed Matthews, who was pastor at St. Andrews Church when it was chartered on Easter in the Spring of 1964. Matthews is currently pastor of Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

Any or all of the day's activities are open to all who wish to attend.

†

Long Range Planning: Charles McDonald, convenor, Marvin Gaither, Mrs. P. H. Hardin, Joe Hughes, Bob Edwards, Clark McClinton, Susan Gladin, John B. Hays, Joel Cooper, Larry Dodgen, Floyd G. Villines.

Editorial

Women Speak Out in Opposition to Pope's Stand on Ministry

Women leaders in American Protestantism as well as a number of prominent Catholics have labeled Pope Paul's bar against women's having formal roles in the Roman Catholic ministry as "sad," "tragic" and "misguided." Some saw the pontiff's action as harmful to ecumenism.

Dr. Cynthia Wedel, an Episcopal laywoman who is president of the National Council of Churches, said that on the basis of press accounts she finds the papal decree "a sad reversal of what many of us hoped was a trend toward giving women a greater role in the Church."

Mrs. Lois Stair, past Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, called the decree "a tragedy" because, she said, it restricts the leadership role of many unusually capable Catholic women.

One leading U.S. nun, who has served as a superior general and Vatican II observer and worked in some secular capacities, saw the action as being "quite in character" for the official Church. But she added, "The woman's role will continue to gain ground in the Church as it has in every other area of life."

Sister Mary Luke Tobin, S.L., now an administrator with the Denver Province of the Sisters of Loretto, said it was "not a setback really." She said she is still optimistic about the progress of women in the Church, and indicated that the Pope's action may spur this progress.

A woman theologian at Boston College, Dr. Mary Daly, saw the Pope's action as beneficial in the sense that Catholic women, many of whom have already lost interest in the Church, will be "further radicalized" and will put all their energy into the women's liberation movement.

Miss Theresa Hoover, associate executive secretary of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, said, "It saddens

me that a leader of such renown as the Pope should act in such a misguided male chauvinist way." She added that she sees the action as "lamentable," particularly because Protestant denominations and ecumenical agencies were beginning to see "the errors of their ways" in the past treatment of women and trying to correct their errors.

The United Methodist leader said the decree does not "bode well for younger women interested in full-time Christian service in the Catholic Church."

Dr. Wedel and Miss Hoover both said that the current trend in Protestantism and Catholicism has seemed to be toward greater roles for women.

The Rev. Elizabeth Miller, director of the American Baptist Division of Christian Social Concerns, had a blunt response: "No one has a right to tell God that he cannot call women to the ministry." She stated that the Pope "is, in effect, saying to God, 'I'm sorry but you made a mistake. I know better than you who will serve you.'"

Two other Catholic spokeswomen termed the Pope's statement "very unfortunate," and "a denial of the human rights of half the people in the Catholic Church."

Frances L. McGillicuddy, president of the American section of the St. John's International Alliance which stemmed from the Catholic Women's Suffrage So-

ciety, said the papal *motu proprio* (by his own hand) "cuts the ground from under those of us who are trying to encourage women not to give up hope in the Church. What ever happened to the *aggiornamento*?" she asked, referring to Pope John's desire to effect a renewal in the Catholic Church.

Sister Margaret Ellen Traxler, who is both executive director of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice and spokeswoman for the National Coalition of American Nuns, said that half the Church is made up of women who should be "given recognition instead of denial."

Stating that Pope Paul is "out of the contemporary context" and totally unaware of the "current movement among women to seek their own human rights," she observed that the papal directive "won't have any effect . . . because it goes against the spirit of women seeking their rights."

Sister Tobin, who said during a recent meeting of major superior of women that women some day will be ordained to the priesthood, reiterated that belief. "I don't believe the Pope's stand will change or disturb substantially the progress of women in gaining their rightful place in the Church," she added.

Dr. Daly, who believes the entire approach to the Church by women must be revamped and reconstituted, said the Pope's action only "increases the aliena-

tion between women and the institutional Church—especially in Catholicism." She added, "A great number of the most creative women in the Church have already been lost. Ten years ago, these women were angry, now they are not even interested."

She said that in the past all Catholic women have been offered by the Church is "crumbs." She described as "absurd" the "extreme disproportion of roles the Church offers women."

The woman theologian explained that it is not simply "a Catholic problem." "It's true that Catholicism is the most blatant example of sexism in religion, but it also exists very strongly but more subtly in Protestantism and Judaism. You can't use Catholicism as a scapegoat for sexism in religion."

Dr. Daly said "oppression radicalizes people" and that is why many leaders in the women's movement are products of the "overt oppression" of the Catholic Church and its patriarchal structure.

ask

†

Editor and Business Manager: ALFRED A. KNOX

Managing Editor: DORIS WOOLARD

Woman's Editor: IMOGENE KNOX

Poetry Editor: BARBARA L. MULKEY

Editorial Assistant: KAREN COMPTON

Office Secretary: KATHLEEN STOREY

Contributing Editors: CECIL BLAND, J. WOODROW HEARN, HOWARD MILO, DON COTTRILL, ALF A. EASON, JOE E. ARNOLD, HAROLD EGGENSERGER, ARVILL C. BRANNON,

Editorial and business offices: United Methodist Headquarters Bldg., 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Articles other than editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE — \$3.00 per year

Published every Thursday except weeks of July 4 and Dec. 25 at United Methodist Hqrs. Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. Second class postage paid at Little Rock, Ark. When asking for change of address please include key number, new and old address and pastor's name.

POSTMASTER: MAIL FORM 3579 to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203.

MEMBER: Associated Church Press, United Methodist Press Association, and news sources including United Methodist Information (UMI), United Methodist Board of Missions, National Council of Churches, and Religious News Service (RNS).

ADVERTISING RATES on request. Represented nationally by Jacob's List, Inc., Clinton, S. C.

news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An American Baptist Convention official said at Valley Forge, Pa. that killing 17 persons in Munich during the Olympic Games has "affirmed the timelessness" of an interreligious Journey for Peace Symposium to the Middle East that is scheduled for Sept. 28 to Oct. 19. Matthew R. Giuffrida, the denomination's director of immigrant services said the journey is designed to "identify and strengthen the basis for reconciliation among Arabs and Jews in the Middle East, and Christians and Jews in the U.S." "By asking what it means to be an Arab Christian, an Arab Moslem, and Israeli Jew," Giuffrida said, "the symposium will express its pro-people stance" and the desire to "accommodate the greatest amount of justice our human capability permits."

"People are not listening to us because we are often preaching sociological drivel instead of Christ crucified," declared retired Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, renowned Roman Catholic preacher, as he addressed the National Congress of the Word of God in Washington, D.C. A "cross-less Christ," he said, "is the emasculated, weak defense of an economic and social Gospel, a Christ that never speaks of repentance."

The Wycliffe Bible Translators, an evangelical, non-denominational mission organization, has gained permission to send a small group of linguists to work in the Soviet Union. Dr. W. Cameron Townsend, founder, disclosed at Jungle Aviation and Radio Services headquarters in Waxhaw, N. Car. Dr. Esther Matteson, a Wycliffe linguist who did research in Russia two years ago, will be the first staff member of the organization to enter the Soviet Union under the new arrangement. Dr. Matteson and her colleagues will be associated with the Soviet Academy of Science.

A report released in Washington, D.C. by the Office of Education of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare said Catholic school enrollment dropped 17 per cent during the 1961-71 period. Other private and church-related schools increased by 66 per cent during the same 10 years — reportedly through the establishment of racially segregated private schools in the South—but they are said to represent just over 19 per cent of the non-public school sector.

Eastern Career Development Services, Inc., a co-operative Protestant training service, has acquired ownership of two regional career centers—the Northeast Career Center, Princeton, N.J., and the Lancaster Career Development Center in Lancaster, Pa. Northeast Career Center was established by the United Presbyterian Church in 1965 as the first center in the country to provide occupational and career-development training for full-time Church workers. The centers are funded by the Lutheran Church in America, the Reformed Church in America, the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the United Church of Christ, and the American Baptist Convention.

Although the number of bars and sellers of alcoholic beverages in the U.S. has gone down in the past few years, it still exceeds the number of churches by more than 83,000, according to the treasurer of the Nat'l. Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Lan Nielsen, speaking to the WCTU's 98th annual convention, said the figure represents the battle "between church and tavern."

Britain has a million or more alcoholics, three to four times the number commonly supposed, according to Dr. Kenneth Leese, former vice-president of the British Methodist Conference. In a letter to the Methodist Recorder, the denomination's leading journal, Dr. Leese described as "scientific nonsense" part of a report to the recent Methodist Conference which said that "alcohol is a part of creation which God intended and saw to be good; therefore, its responsible use can be beneficial. . . ."

"A theology in itself can be very scientific and learned but it moves within an academic ghetto," Dr. Walter Kasper, a Roman Catholic scholar at Tübingen University in Germany, told 3,000 delegates of 15 associations of religious scholars attending the International Congress of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion, in Los Angeles. The theologian warned that theology for man is not simply anthropology or sociology, and called for a theology that "centers" on Jesus Christ. At a time when Christianity is threatened, Dr. Kasper added, its chance for survival lies in recognizing Christ "as the beginning and foundation of a new reconciled humanity."

The Times of Reading, Pa., in a feature article on the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, quotes some of the exhortations by the Apostle Paul, who traveled across Greece on his missionary journeys from about 50 to 55 A.D., and is believed to have seen several of the ancient Greek games, including some Olympics. Dr. George Sweeting, president of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, describing the exhortations said millions of people vicariously experience the thrill of Olympic competition. Stating that there is a correlation between athletics and Christianity Sweeting said the Olympic motto ("Citius, Altius, Fortius"—faster, higher, stronger) is a good one for Christians.

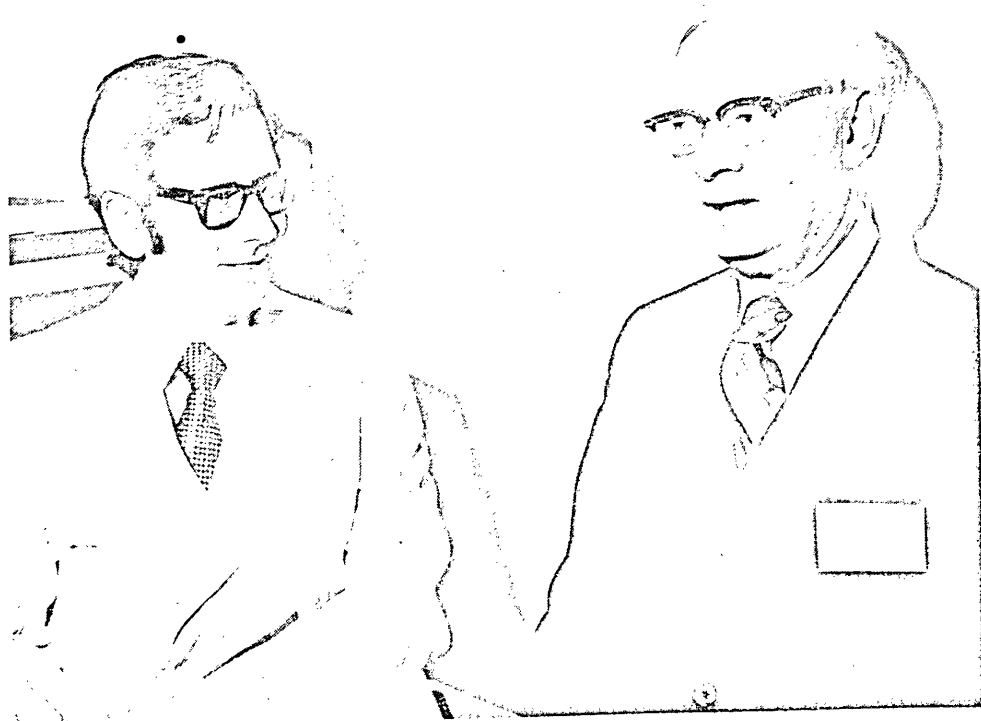
The favorite new hymn in United Church of Canada congregations since the joint Anglican-United hymn book was published recently is an Anglican import — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." A survey by United Church Observer revealed that the hymn topped the "hit parade." In Glenboro, Manitoba, they sing it every Sunday as a response to the call to worship. The tune is Beethoven's "Hymn to Joy."

Twenty-five boats crowded with 3,500 praying people, young and old of all denominations, sailed down the River Thames through central London as one of the highlights of a five-day "London Festival of Jesus." The voyage was proclaimed Dunkirk Miracle 1972. It was from the French beaches of Dunkirk in May 1940 that the remnants of Britain's wartime expeditionary force were successfully evacuated by scores of small boats. Dunkirk Miracle 1972 was organized to remind Great Britain that as God answered prayer in 1940, so God will answer prayer today to meet the nation's social, economic and moral crises.

Former astronaut James Irwin has agreed to travel extensively for overseas appearances sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Bd. in Richmond, Va. The retired Air Force colonel, who took part in the Apollo 15 moon shot, will accompany a mission board staff member to the Middle East in December, Brazil in January and Africa later next year. His appearances will relate particularly to the World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ, a five-year program of the Baptist World Alliance.

Following a statement before some 300 lawyers and wives attending a Canadian Bar Assn. session dealing with abortion, lawyer Elizabeth Robson of Burlington, Ont., born with a severe "thalidomide-type" deformity more than 40 years ago, received resounding applause. She said that had she been conceived in these days, abortion might well have put an end to her. Miss Robson added: "I have fortunately been born 40-odd years ago, and I was not aborted. I have lived my life, and I have had a terrific time . . . if I had not had the right to have been born, all other rights would have been useless to me because I wouldn't have been here to enjoy them. . ."

Pope Paul has warned Christians against looking on their faith as nothing more than an enrollment by name in an international organization. The 74-year-old pontiff told hundreds of persons gathered for a Sunday noon blessing, "Christianity is not just a census list that is organized along technical lines. It is rather a living and conscious people made up of individual, living persons . . . persons who are free, responsible and capable of holding their own dialogues with God."



LOS ANGELES — Dr. James M. Robinson (left), chairman of the International Congress of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion, confers with Father John L. McKenzie, Biblical scholar from De Paul University in Chicago, before Father McKenzie addressed the 3,000 delegates of 15 associations of religious scholars attending the congress in Los Angeles. Dr. Robinson is professor of theology at the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

MRS. GRACE DWYER, church and community worker in the Hot Springs Area, will attend meetings in North Carolina next week. She will be at Camp Carolwood, Sept. 25-27, for a Workshop on Parish Planning, led by Lyle Schaller. Sept. 29-Oct. 2, she will participate in the National Meeting of Church and Community Workers at Kanuga Lake, Hendersonville, N.C.

THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING at Liberty United Methodist Church, Camden District, was held on Sunday, Sept. 3. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent, brought the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service. A basket dinner was served at noon. Song services and visiting were in progress all afternoon. The Rev. R. M. Crain is pastor.

PARENT-YOUTH relationships were under discussion in West Memphis when young people of First Church invited the following adults to serve on a panel, Sept. 3: Wylie Tate, Mrs. Joe Hemphill, Mrs. Hiram Renfro, Dr. C. W. Peeples, Mrs. R. K. Bollinger and Mrs. B. J. Felty. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

DR. LAMAR COOPER, minister-professor at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, brought the message during Sunday morning worship in First United Methodist Church of Mena, Sept. 3. The Rev. Osborne White was host pastor. Dr. Cooper was the evangelist for a series of services in the Hatfield Church, beginning that night and continuing through Friday, Sept. 8. The Rev. Autrey Sirmon is the Hatfield minister.

METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR GROUP GROWING IN NUMBER

The METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR is growing, reports a spokesman for the sponsoring Commission on Archives and History.

One fifty-passenger motorcoach is filled for the itinerary of Methodist historical sites in England scheduled for November 1-9. Additional deposits are being received daily.

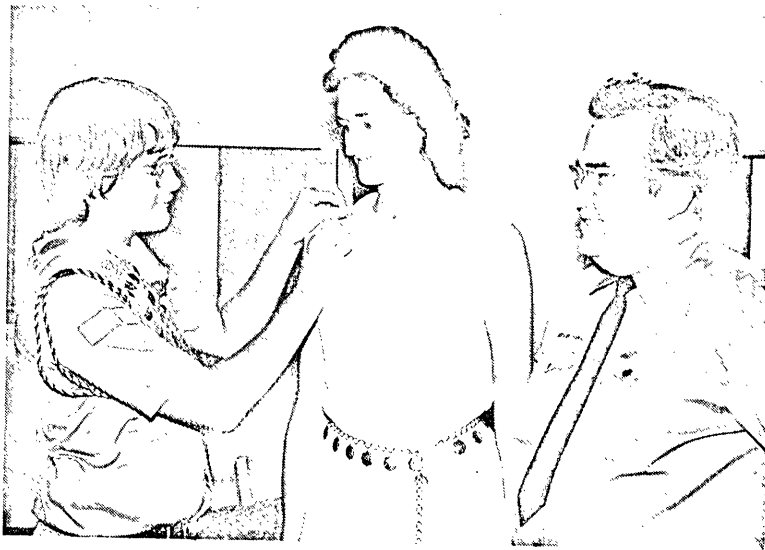
The complete itinerary was published in the METHODIST issue of Sept. 7. The inclusive price for the first-class, escorted tour is \$525, and a deposit of \$25 will reserve a place. For details write METHODIST Heritage Tour, P. O. Box 4111, Monroe, La. 71201, or use the coupon below.

METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR
P. O. Box 4111
Monroe, La. 71201

() \$25 deposit enclosed
() Please send details

Name _____

Address _____



Jacob Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Turner of Vandyale, received the Eagle Scout Award in a recent ceremony in First United Methodist Church of Wynne. Jacob is shown pinning the special Eagle award for mothers on Mrs. Turner as Mr. Turner looks on proudly. Jacob was in Cub Scouting three years, and is in his third year as a Boy Scout. He is the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 126 of Wynne, and is the only active Scout with the rank of Eagle. While serving as a Life Scout, he gave 40 hours of work to the Crestpark Nursing Home of Wynne. He is presently working on his God and Country Award with his pastor, the Rev. William M. Wilder.

THE 122nd ANNIVERSARY of Moorefield United Methodist Church was observed on Sunday, Sept. 3. Batesville District Superintendent Floyd Villines, Jr. spoke at the morning worship service. Lunch in the Community Building followed. The church began in 1850 as the Ebenezer Methodist Church and has remained at the same location the past 51 years. The present minister is the Rev. Carl V. Strayhorn.

A RECENT WEDDING of interest to United Methodists was that of Linda Joy Sanders and the Rev. Larry Wayne Martineau, who were married in First United Methodist Church at Beebe on August 12. Mr. Martineau is pastor of the Chidester Charge, Camden District. A reception for the couple was given in Rushing Memorial Church at Chidester on August 27. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Sanders of Romance, and Mrs. Gladys Martineau of DeValls Bluff, and the late G. F. Martineau.

NEWMAN FAIR RECIPIENT OF UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Newman Fair, a junior at Hendrix College, has been awarded a United Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church. Newman is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Cagle E. Fair of Gurdon.

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

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

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

PRIMROSE UNITED METHODIST Church celebrated its 105th anniversary with a homecoming, August 20. A full day of activities included Sunday school at 10:00, preaching at 11:00, pot luck lunch at noon, and afternoon singing. The Rev. W. P. Fiser, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Springdale, was the guest preacher. He is a former member of Primrose. The "Melody Echo" ladies' quartette from Benton entertained with gospel singing. The Rev. W. Shelton Kilgore is the Primrose Church pastor.

THE REV. A. L. RIGGS, retired minister, has asked us to announce that he is no longer living in Prairie Grove. His present address is 108 Midland St., Springdale, Ark. 72946.

LOUISIANA PASTORS NAMED TO TEXAS CHURCHES

Two Louisiana ministers, both of them pastors of leading churches in Baton Rouge, have been named to fill the pastorates of two of the leading churches in the North Texas Conference.

Dr. Ben R. Oliphint, pastor of University Church, Baton Rouge, has been appointed to succeed Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. at First Church, Dallas. Dr. H. Barry Bailey, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Baton Rouge, has been named to succeed Dr. Leighton Farrell as pastor of First Church, Richardson.

Dr. Oliphint, who led the Louisiana Conference delegation to General Conference, is a native of Texas. He previously served as pastor of First Church, Alexandria, and St. Paul's Church, Monroe.

Dr. Bailey, a native of Arkansas, is a graduate of Hendrix College and of Perkins School of Theology. He was formerly a member of the Little Rock Conference where he served pastorates at Rison and at Lewisville. He was associate pastor at First Church, Shreveport, before going to Broadmoor Church.

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. 24—Sunday	Gen. 32:24-30
Sept. 25	Exod. 33:12-23
Sept. 26	Josh. 24:14-25
Sept. 27	Psalms 39:4-8
Sept. 28	Psalms 51:1-14
Sept. 29	Psalms 130:1-8
Sept. 30	Isaiah 1:16-20
Oct. 1—Sunday	Psalms 133:1-3

MILLER'S CHAPEL HOMECOMING

Miller's Chapel held the annual homecoming the first Sunday in September and members report, "What a day it was for former residents of the area, the older generation, their children and children's children, as the church filled to capacity with the yard taking care of the overflow."

Miller's Chapel is five miles east of Wilmot in the Dry Bayou Community. The Rev. Robert L. Riggin, pastor of the Portland-Wilmot-Miller's Chapel Charge, was appropriately the speaker for the day, having spent his childhood and young adult life in the area.

Singing was under the direction of Mr. Jessie Sevels. The noon meal was shared by all.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ROGERS, had as guest speaker at the morning worship service, Sept. 3, the Rev. Russell B. McClatchey, pastor of the Landsdown United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Perlenfein, Rogers. The Rev. Bill Connell was host pastor.

THE LAKEWOOD CHURCH youth had a program on "How to go to school and like it" on Sunday, Sept. 10, and had as guest speaker Mr. James Smith, principal of Northeast High School, North Little Rock. Mr. Carol Henry, principal of Lakewood Junior High met with the eighth and ninth graders. The Rev. John B. Hays is the Lakewood pastor.

DR. ROBERT E. L. BEARDEN, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, will be guest speaker at the Teacher Appreciation dinner in Asbury Church, Little Rock, Sept. 26. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is pastor at Asbury.

P.K. KORNER

DR. AND MRS. ETHAN DODGEN of the Forrest City District report that daughter Sarah (Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, Jr.) has been named one of America's Outstanding Young Women for 1972. Sarah graduated from Northside High School in Fort Smith, attended Hendrix College and the U. of Arkansas. She served as an officer on the North Arkansas Conference Youth Council and as director of youth work at Morrilton in the summer of 1963. Since her marriage, she has lived in Benicia, Calif., where she was nominated for "civic and professional achievements."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 1

North Arkansas Conference

Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Program Council Director
Associate Program Council Director
Associate Program Council Director

Dr. Harold Eggensperger
Rev. Arvill C. Brannon
Rev. John H. Thompson

Conference Age Level Coordinators

Children's Ministries.....Mrs. Jim Beal, Porter at Pecan, Helena, Ark. 72342
Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....Mrs. Carol Henry, Fairway Avenue at Topf Road, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116
Adult Ministries.....Mr. Charles Mabry, Rt. 4, Batesville, Ark. 72501
Rev. Clarence Wilcox, 101 S. Circle Dr., Clarksville, Ark. 72830
Family Life Ministries.....Mr. Henry Heidelberg, RFD, West Helena, Ark. 72390

District

Adult Ministries.....Mr. Charles Mabry, Rt. 4, Batesville, Ark. 72501
Rev. Clyde Parsons, 201 S. Chestnut at Church, Morrilton, Ark. 72110
Rev. Vernon Paysinger, Prairie Grove, Ark. 72753
Rev. William Wilder, P. O. Box 849, Wynne, Ark. 72396
Rev. Clarence Wilcox, 101 S. Circle Drive, Clarksville, Ark. 72830
Rev. Thomas Weir, P. O. Box 175, Harrisburg, Ark. 72432
Rev. David Conyers, P. O. Box 489, Newport, Ark. 72112
Youth Ministries.....Rev. John Copher, First United Methodist Church, Searcy, Ark. 72143
Rev. Chris Meyer, First United Methodist Church, Third and Denver, Russellville, Ark. 72801
Rev. Raymond Fisher, Box 207, Elm Springs, Ark. 72728
Rev. Lowell Eaton, Box 452, Augusta, Ark. 72006
Rev. Frank Clemons, Box 279, Waldron, Ark. 72958
Rev. Jerry Canada, 503 Parkview, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401
Rev. Wayne Jarvis, 115 W. 3rd., Rector, Ark. 72461
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. Emma Heddon, 985 Brooks Street, Batesville, Ark. 72501
Mrs. Maureen Muller, 1619 Kent Road North Little Rock, Ark. 72116
Rev. Max Whitfield, 1006 S. Oak, Harrison, Ark. 72601
Mrs. Jim Beal, Porter and Pecan, Helena, Ark. 72342
Mrs. Bob Harmon, 2625 Fresno Place, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901
Mrs. Jim Barton, Hickory Ridge, Ark. 72347
Rev. J. B. Harris, Box 324, Piggott, Ark. 72454
Family Ministries.....Rev. Jessie Bruner, Box 74, Mt. View, Ark. 72560
Rev. John Hays, 2016 Topf Road, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116
Rev. Bill Connell, 3rd and Elm, Rogers, Ark. 72756
Mr. Henry Heidelberg, RFD, West Helena, Ark. 72390
Rev. Waymon Hollis, 4101 S. Dallas, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901
Rev. Worth Gibson, 923 Park, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401
Mrs. Harold Spence, 330 West Main, Paragould, Ark. 72450

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ★ is not an option
- ★ is not confined to the church school
- ★ is not another "program"
- ★ is not dead nor even dying

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ★ is involvement in the faith
- ★ is action for the faith
- ★ is the faith being communicated
- ★ is witnessing to the faith
- ★ is the responsibility of the people of the faith

Little Rock Conference

Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Program Council Director
Associate Program Council Director
Associate Program Council Director

Rev. Alf A. Eason
Rev. Joe E. Arnold
Rev. John Thompson

Conference Age Level Coordinators

Children's Ministries.....Mrs. John L. Tucker, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201
Youth and Young Adult Ministries.....Rev. Joe E. Arnold, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201
Adult Ministries.....Rev. William A. Stewart, 2102 Seventh St., Hot Springs, Ark. 71901
Family Life Ministries.....Rev. William D. Elliott, 309 S. Main, Monticello, Ark. 71655

District

Arkadelphia

Adult Ministries.....Col. James H. Spears, 1425 Huddleston, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923
Young Adult Ministries.....Dr. Gerald Fisher, No. 2 Fern, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901
Youth Ministries.....Mrs. Laurence Smith, 1031 Wallace, Malvern, Ark. 72104
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. Kelly H. Oliver, Jr., 204 N. 27th, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923

Camden

Adult Ministries.....Rev. Robert W. Johnson, 101 Parson, Stamps, Ark. 71860
Young Adult Ministries.....Rev. Louis L. Averitt, P. O. Box 658, Camden, Ark. 71701
Youth Ministries.....Rev. Allen B. Bonsall, Box 1290, Southern State College, Magnolia, Ark. 71753
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. John B. Ross, P. O. Box 205, Stephens, Ark. 71764
Family Life Ministries.....Dr. Alvin C. Murray, 201 S. Hill, El Dorado, Ark. 71730

Hope

Adult Ministries.....Ann Calcote, First Church, P. O. Box 163, Texarkana, Ark. 75501
Young Adult Ministries.....Jerry Seitz, DeQueen, Ark. 71832
Youth Ministries.....Rev. Daniel C. George, P. O. Box 175, Mineral Springs, Ark. 71851
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. John L. Prothro, P. O. Box 115, Emmet, Ark. 71835
Family Life Ministries.....Mrs. Bettie Purifoy, 2400 E. 24th, Texarkana, Ark. 75502

Little Rock

Adult Ministries.....Robert McCormack, 15 Althea Circle, Little Rock, Ark. 72209
Young Adult Ministries.....Rev. G. Sam Jones, 9 Coachlight Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72207
Youth Ministries.....Mrs. Vicky Allen, 723 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201
Children's Ministries.....Olive Smith, 1800 N. Harrison, Little Rock, Ark. 72207

Monticello

Adult Ministries.....Rev. George Meyer, 210 E. Shields, Warren, Ark. 71671
Young Adult Ministries.....Rev. Calvin D. Mitchell, P. O. Box 178, Star City, Ark. 71667
Youth Ministries.....Rev. Virgil Bell, P. O. Box 149, Hamburg, Ark. 71646
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. N. J. Garrett, 1009 Main St., Crossett, Ark. 71635
Family Life Ministries.....Rev. William D. Elliott, 309 S. Main, Monticello, Ark. 71655

Pine Bluff

Adult Ministries.....Mrs. Hazel Dabney, 2619 Oak St., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601
Young Adult Ministries.....Rev. Therral Wilson, 3 Carol St., Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601
Youth Ministries.....Rev. Jack A. Wilson, Box 357, Sheridan, Ark. 72150
Children's Ministries.....Mrs. T. Nick Evans, Apt. 25, 4500 Union, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601
Family Life Ministries.....Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brabston Rt. 7, Box 758, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

- ★ is recognizing
- ★ is planning
- ★ is preparing
- ★ is promoting
- ★ is participating
- ★ is giving
- ★ is declaring
- ★ is proclaiming
- ★ is witnessing

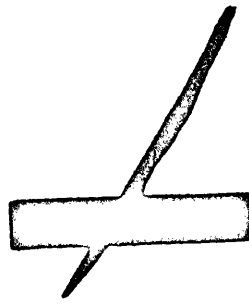
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

THEME: "THE CHURCH: A LEARNING-TEACHING COMMUNITY"

SEPTEMBER 24, 1972

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 1: The Battle for Men's Minds

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32; Philippians 4:8-9; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; James 3:1-12

MEMORY SELECTION: Putting away falsehood, let every one speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. (Ephesians 4:25)

AIM OF LESSON: To discover the relevance of the Christian gospel in evaluating and guiding the rapid use of mass communications in every area of knowledge in our time.

In a series of lessons dealing with the issues of our times in science and technology, we come today to a sharp look at the place of mass communications. There are numbers of problems that are confronting Christian leaders in this realm, and yet we are all aware of the great new possibilities that have opened to us in reaching for men's minds.

It has been this writer's privilege to be close to many of the developments in mass communications during the past 25 years. We were part of a seminar on audio-visual resources at the University of Southern California in 1947, and the following year participated in a workshop at Green Lake, Wis. Many of the leaders in those two meetings have exerted a great influence on the Christian use of mass communications during this strategic period.

Christian parents, educators and ministers are seeking to discover ways in which these highly effective tools may be used. Dr. Charles M. Laymon has raised a series of questions which we would like to underscore: "What is the real problem of mass communication? What means do we have of being selective so that its tremendous opportunities for education and entertainment will not be lost? Does the church have a stake in this situation? Is it largely a question of censorship? Are the producers in charge of media of communication open to public opinion, including the views of the church?"

Great sums of money are being expended in research as efforts are being made to discover just what influence is being exerted on our lives to find more effective means of utilization of these tools. Church communicators are recognizing that they have common problems, and many of them are taking sabbatical leaves from their posts to do graduate work. Some of the brightest young minds in the church are entering this field, and it is an inspiration to work in the press room at any of the great meetings of the church.

Today we are considering the way in which one of the most effective mass communications tools—the letter—was used in the early church. From these explorations we will be seeking to learn more about what the message was, but also see that these letters suggest to us that tools in this field are available to us for greater outreach. The technological developments of the recent past have opened doors through which we should be moving to carry the messages of the Christian faith.

COMMUNICATING THE WORD TO A LARGER AUDIENCE

One of the first things we discover when we have a Christian experience is the inner imperative to tell someone else. This was first done by conversation, then by letters, and in these latter days we have had increased opportunities to reach out to great new groups that have never heard of Christ and have made no commitment to him.

When Paul wrote to Timothy saying, "I charge you . . . preach the word," (2 Tim. 4:1-5), he was

reminding him that he was part of a great tradition in which those who had experienced Christian reality felt compelled to share that experience with others. Preaching has always been one of the major methods of communicating the word which God desires man to receive.

When we read the history of preaching we are amazed at the way in which God spoke through selected persons. The early prophets, such as Elijah, Elisha and Amos, received inspirations and then used the spoken word to enable others to know what God wanted them to do. Through the ages of the development of organized religion the spoken word has exerted tremendous influence on the transformation of lives and the opening of doors. A few names like John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, Peter Cartwright, Harry Emerson Fosdick, and Billy Graham stand out as those who have opened many doors to the spreading of the faith. However, thousands of unnamed heroes of the Christian pulpit have carried the "good news" by the spoken word into the hearts of the individuals and the communities in which they were privileged to serve.

Paul had devoted his life, since his conversion, to preaching the gospel. Apparently Timothy was discouraged in his work and needed the stimulus of Paul's words. For him as a Christian leader, the proclamation of the gospel was not an elective but the great imperative for which he had been called into service.

THE CHOICE BETWEEN TRUTH AND UNTRUTH

A part of Paul's urgency in writing to Timothy was based on the sober fact that people often choose untruth instead of truth. Mass communications can be a powerful instrument to sway the minds of men. It is important to understand how crucial the fight for truth is.

Recently we read a clipping from a pre-World War II newspaper and were reminded of the skillful use that was made of propaganda in developing the awful potential of the Nazi regime in Germany. Goebbels was the minister of propaganda in that government, and most students of that era will give him credit for manipulating the German minds so that Hitler was able to gather such power.

Paul told Timothy that people will often turn their backs on the word of God. He reminded his young colleague that this would be one of the major problems of his ministry. He said, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths."

Mass communication makes both kinds of information instantly and widely available and Christians have the widest selection of choices to which men have ever been exposed. The church has a tremendous responsibility to help people make the right choices in this area.

PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATION

Although this lesson began with a discussion of preaching and its effectiveness in spreading the word, we will be missing the great emphasis if we do not expand our vision to cover the whole field of communication. This must include a consideration of the purposes to which the media are put in education, entertainment, information and advertising. Christians find themselves at both ends of these lines of communication, sometimes initiating the message, sometimes receiving it.

The scripture passage from Phil. 4:8-9 provides some principles which ought to guide us in these ac-

tivities and all other engagements of life. In this letter Paul provided guidelines for every Christian's conduct. They relate both to Godward and manward responsibilities and relationships. To serve the purpose of this lesson, these guidelines need to be applied to speaking, hearing, and seeing—the three functions that are involved in communication.

First, we have a responsibility in speaking. There is a brief passage in James 3:1-12 in which Christians are told of their necessity for disciplining the tongue. The writer intended to make Christians see how important it is to adopt standards of speech that will neither dishonor God nor harm their fellows. We are in a time when permissiveness dominates what is being said and written in so many cases and Christians are gravely concerned about what they can do about it.

Then there is a responsibility for choosing what we will hear and read. The astronomical sales of certain books that pander to depraved tastes indict the reading public as well as the authors and publishers.

Another grave dilemma of our time is the pornography that has become so widespread under certain permissive court decisions. Such productions would not prosper apart from public demand, so we have a Christian responsibility for seeing if we cannot do something to stem this flood of filth.

DO THE MEDIA SEEK TO CONTROL US?

One of the new questions raised about mass communications following the 1968 political conventions was in the area of the control of the news by the media. When the television camera pictured the police moving against the street demonstrators during the Democratic Convention, many thought they expanded these events out of all proportion.

There are those who feel that some events are staged just so they will get on the television news. A few reports have been substantiated of TV reporters who arranged for some events of violence to take place when and where they did in order that they might be filmed. When such questions are raised there is reason to believe that responsible people should seek the answers.

HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT CONTROL IN COMMUNICATION?

A real sticky question in all this is where does the use of government control have a legitimate place. Most of us are agreed that we do not want any kind of censorship. The creating and enforcing of standards for mass media are difficult in a free society. The rights of free speech and free assembly are among our dearest ones and yet they often make it difficult for a democracy to operate.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon comments in International Lesson Annual: "Let the public decide," is another statement that is often made. But what if the public taste becomes immoral? How far can the government go in these matters within the framework of a democracy? Surely we are grateful for trends that are now being established for more truth in advertising and for all that is being done by pure food and drug laws to protect the public against being misled."

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

We have had many people ask us what can be done? The churches are hard at work in helping to make certain that the potential of mass media shall be used for good. For a number of years the United Methodist Church has had the wise leadership of the Television, Radio and Film Commission. Its leaders have been at the forefront of communications planning in the country and around the world.

In the new structure of our church there is to be a joint Committee on Communications in which all of the mass media of the denomination will be involved. We have a feeling that a broader concept of the total responsibility of the church in this field will emerge from this group as it moves ahead.

The fact will remain that individual Christians will continue to have the challenge to exert through their spiritual influence and moral character the concern for living the fullest and highest life possible and being a leaven which reflects on all of society as a whole as its communications tastes mature.

"Confirming Your Commitment" 1972

theme for World Communion Sunday

Across America and around the world people have begun making special preparations for Sunday, Oct. 1. No other single day in the Christian calendar affords the opportunity for the same sense of Christian camaraderie.

Oct. 1 is World Communion Sunday and is observed almost universally. From the great cathedrals where the observance is termed the "Holy Eucharist," to the simplest church or thatched roof chapel where the people talk about "the Lord's Supper," there is a basic sense of fellowship. The meaning of the term "the common meal" becomes so very evident.

United Methodists will be observing the day with the 1972 theme, "Confirming Your Commitment."

Members of the United Methodist Church are called upon to confirm their commitment, in part, through participating in an offering. The World Communion Offering is divided three ways, providing Crusade Scholarships for overseas and U.S. minority students, funds to support the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries and making available scholar-

ships for students from ethnic groups in the U.S. The needs of these United Methodist programs are so vital that the General Conference has set a \$2 million goal for the World Communion Offering.

Crusade Scholarships are provided for graduate level work with most students attending school in their own land or one nearby. Because of the demand for trained leaders the Crusade Scholarship Committee has depleted all reserves. The number of scholarships awarded in 1973 depends upon the offering received on Oct. 1, 1972. One-half of the offering goes to Crusade Scholars.

The work of the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries has no other source of support except this offering. One-quarter of the offering provides for a staff to counsel and certify our United Methodist civilian and military chaplains, provides retreats, guarantees pensions and allows for staff field visits.

The final one-fourth of the offering is used for scholarships to students from ethnic minority groups. In most instances these students come from

families having the lowest annual income. But, a college education is not less expensive for these students than for anyone else. The only way that these students can receive an education is through such financial assistance.

"Obviously World Communion Sunday is more than just a feeling of unity and more than an occasion for a special offering," stated the Rev. Howard Greenwalt, associate general secretary of the Division of Interpretation.

"However, United Methodists have been noted for their dedication to action. As they are stirred to a new commitment through participation in Holy Communion the offering provides our members with an immediate opportunity to respond to some specific personal needs. The \$2 million goal is large enough to indicate that United Methodists have serious commitments to the young adults of our world. As we contribute we are placing a vote of confidence in the future of the church and the world."

†

One fourth of World Communion offering aids minority students

It costs between \$1,800 and \$2,000 a year to educate one student in the undergraduate programs of United Methodist black colleges. The students for the most part come from families with an average income of less than \$2,500. These statistics indicate the obvious need for student financial assistance. One college, Rust in Holly Springs, Miss., reports that 93 percent of its 700 students must receive financial aid.

Last year Rust College received

Finance and Field Service reports largest number of conference-wide crusades ever

NEW YORK (UMI)—A total of \$41,972,472—eighth highest year of achievement—was subscribed in 320 financial crusades directed in 1971 through the Office of Finance and Field Service of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Wilburn S. Yoder, executive secretary of the Office, said in his annual report that the total represented campaigns conducted in 318 local churches, and for the Southern, New England Annual Conference and Scarritt College for Christian Workers. The crusaders were directed by the Office's full and part-time professional fund-raising personnel.

Sixty-one per cent of crusades were combinations of a capital fund emphasis and local church budget, he said, while 25 per cent of the crusades were for capital funds alone. Last year was the 42nd consecutive year of Finance and Field Service operations.

A new service inaugurated during 1971, Dr. Yoder reported, was "Cluster Crusades" for groups of local

\$46,000 for scholarships and loans from the United Methodist Church. The Rev. W. A. McMillian, president, reported that these funds came at a time of great need because of a major cutback in government aid for scholarship programs. The president of Claflin University in Orangeburg, S.C., the Rev. H. V. Manning, reported a total of \$22,000 received in the past two years, providing assistance for at least 74 students.

From September, 1970, through mid-March, 1972, the 11 black United Methodist colleges and one black medical school have granted 1,152 loans for a total of \$511,975. During this same period 1,056 scholarships were granted totaling \$371,728.

Typical of students receiving these grants are Joyce Logan, Oxford, Miss., Claudia Miller, Winona, Miss., and Walter Leverette, Newton, Miss. These three would never have been able to attend college without major financial help. Yet, each had the scholastic abilities and the desire for a college education. Miss Logan was a freshman last year and maintained a 3.80 average. Miss Miller will be a junior next year, has received financial assistance for two years, and maintains a 3.30 average. Walt Leverette is a pre-ministerial student, a senior next year, and has a 3.17 average. All students receiving aid must maintain a satisfactory scholastic record.

A prime source for financial aid comes from one-fourth of the World Communion Offering. On Oct. 1 United Methodists join Christians around the world in observing the Lord's Supper and mark their dedication by contributing to support scholarship programs for students from minority groups in the U.S., and through the Crusade Scholarship program qualified Christian young adults from other countries. A portion of the offering also supplies the only source of funds for the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries, undergirding the work of United Methodist civilian and military chaplains.

†

Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

Henry David Thoreau once observed that "Even the utmost goodwill and harmony and practical kindness are not sufficient for Friendship, for Friends do not live in harmony merely, as some say, but in melody..."

Potpourri

Sweet smelling roses in your garden grew,
So our potpourri began with you.
The shattered petals picked with care
Filled the jar we'd someday share.
They filled the jar with colors bright
And filled the air with sweet delight.
For years and years they filled our days
With joy and beauty in many ways,
And now return to one most dear
Bringing lots of love and cheer.

-by Becky Mann

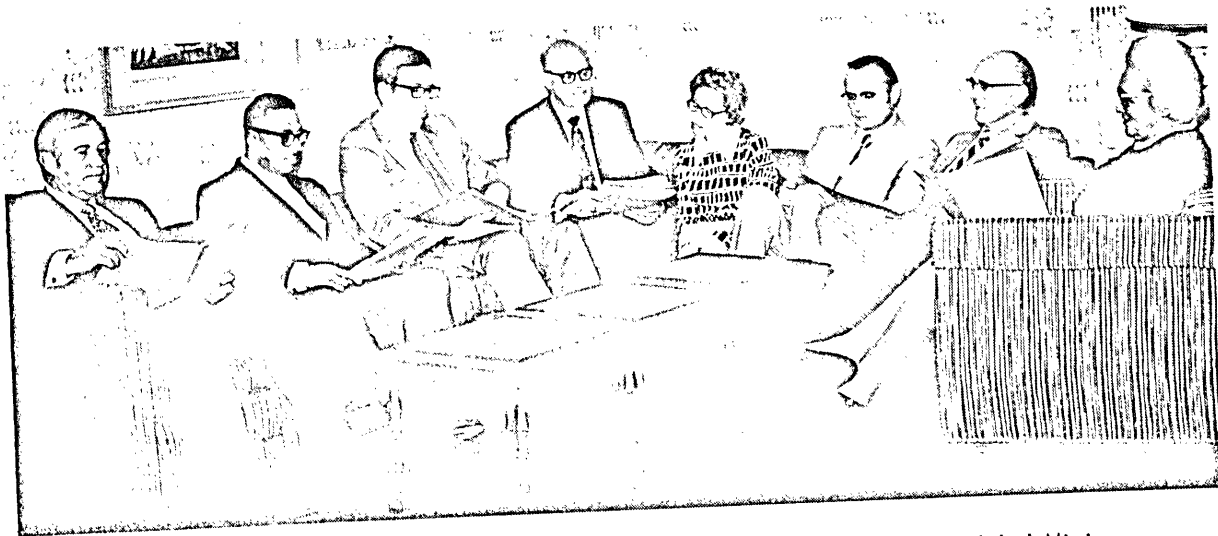
Treasure Chest of Friendship

This friendship is a treasure chest
Of memories, bright and warm.
With pleasure I can open it,
And out the memories swarm.

This treasure chest is filled with dreams
Of happy days gone by —
The things we did together
That made us laugh and cry.

Although we're not as close, friend,
And life's drawn us apart,
Time cannot rust this treasure chest —
The key is in my heart.

-by Celestine Houston



At work shortly after their election are new top officers of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Bishop James K. Mathews, Washington, D.C.; Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.; Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Portland, Ore.; Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, Ill., president of the Board; Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, Dixon, Ill.; the Rev. H. Claude Young, Jr., Statesville, N.C.; Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Henry L. Georg, St. John, Kans. (Photo by Toge Fujiwara)

Global Ministries leadership named

NEW YORK (UMI)—National officers of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church were elected for the next four years at sessions of the Board's organizational meeting Sept. 7-8.

The 156-member Board is the largest program agency of the 10,500,000-member denomination, with an annual budget of about \$40,000,000 and more than 1,000 mission workers in the U.S. and 53 other countries. It encompasses the denomination's work in home and overseas missions, health and welfare ministries, relief, women's program, ecumenical concerns, and mission education. The Board was organized at this meeting from four United Methodist agencies, the Boards of Missions, Health and Welfare Ministries, Ecumenical Affairs, and the Committee on Overseas Relief.

The new officers, elected unanimously on recommendation of special Nominating Committees that had been at work several weeks, follow.

President of the Board — Bishop Paul A. Washburn, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Chicago Area; Vice-president of the Board and president of the Women's Division—Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, Dixon, Ill. By virtue of her office, she is also president of the denomination's national women's organization, United Methodist Women, which has about 1,500,000 members in 36,500 local units in the 50 states and an annual budget of about \$13,000,000.

Vice-president of the Board and president of National Division, which coordinates home mission work — Bishop Jack M. Tuell, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Portland (Oregon) Area;

Vice-president of the Board and president of the World Division, which coordinates overseas mission work in 53 countries—Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn., episcopal leader of United Methodism's Holston Area;

Vice-president of the Board and president of the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries, which relates to 340 agencies for children, youth and the aging—Mrs. Henry L. Georg, Saint John, Kansas; who has been active in national United Methodist work for eight years;

Vice-president of the Board and president of the Division on Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns—Bishop James K. Mathews, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Washington (D.C.) Area;

Vice-president of the Board and president of the Division of Education and Cultivation, the Board's interpretive arm—the Rev. H. Claude Young, Statesville, N.C.; a staff executive of the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference;

Vice-president of the Board and president of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, the disaster relief unit—Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va., episcopal leader of United Methodism's West Virginia Area.

Also elected at the organizational meeting were other officers of the Board's seven divisions including the Women's Division, which is the national policy-making body for United Methodist Women. Officers of the Women's Division comprise the top leaders of United Methodist Women, which is in process of transition from two organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Organizational meetings for two new UM agencies, Oct. 3-4

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Organizational meetings of two new United Methodist agencies will be held here October 3-4, implementing the first steps of a sweeping reorganization of the church's national agencies approved last April by the denomination's General Conference.

It is expected that the agencies will be headquartered in Nashville since most of the constituent units of the new boards are here.

The Board of Discipleship, a major program agency which will deal with local church ministries, will be convened at the Hilton Inn by Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma City, Okla. The Board will combine the former Board of Evangelism and two divisions of the Board of Education located in Nashville, a Commission on Worship which has had no staff, and the Board of Laity which has been headquartered in Evanston, Ill.

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry will be convened by Bishop H. Ellis Finger of Nashville at the Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt. The Board will include the present Board of Education's Division of Higher Education now located in Nashville, the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries which has offices in Washington, D.C., and an office of personnel for church-related vocations.

Also meeting in Nashville October 3-4 will be the church's Commission on Archives and History. Previous members of the Commission had stated a desire to locate offices in Nashville but that decision is now uncertain because of organizational and budgetary shifts.

Each of five geographic jurisdictions elects members to the boards and

United Methodist Women and the Women's Division have programs in many areas such as mission education, Christian social action, spiritual growth, women's role in the church, and support of missions in the U.S. and around the world.

Elected with the new president, Mrs. Cummings, were five other national officers of the Women's Division and United Methodist Women. They are:

Vice-president—Mrs. Harold Quickel, Lancaster, Pa.;

Recording secretary — Miss Sachi Kajiwara, Oakland, Calif.;

Vice-president and chairperson of the Section of Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Harvey J. Winn, Trenton, N.J.;

Vice-president and chairperson of the Section of Finance—Mrs. Lowell H. Sohl, Colorado Springs, Colo.;

Vice-president and chairperson of the Section of Program and Education for Christian Mission—Mrs. Carlton Carruth, Saint Simons Island, Ga.

Represented among new officers are the first Asian-American to hold a Women's Division office, Miss Kajiwara; a black, four former Methodists and two former Evangelical United Brethren (the Methodist and EUB Churches merged in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church).

Other officers of the World Division: Vice-presidents—Mrs. Alvin L. Morrison, Statesville, N.C., and the

Please turn to page 11

and agencies with several member-at-large categories provided to guarantee representation by sex, age and ethnic identity.

One major departure from tradition for membership selection on the new agencies is the requirement which calls for one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy representation. In the past membership of most church bodies has been on a 50-50 basis between clergy and lay persons.

The 60 members elected by jurisdictions and the 10 bishops appointed to the Board of Discipleship will elect 25 members-at-large at their annual meeting here in October.

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry will have a total of 94 members including 60 elected members from jurisdictions, 10 bishops appointed by the Council of Bishops, and 24 at-large members.

The Commission on Archives and History, a continuing unit in the structural pattern, will have 30 members.

Included as the primary purpose of the new Board of Discipleship is the mandate to assist annual (regional) conferences, districts, and local churches "in their efforts to win persons as disciples of Jesus Christ and to help these persons to grow in their understanding of God that they may respond in faith and love."

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry is to "assist in the preparation for, and the fulfillment of, that general ministry to which we are all called as United Methodists through institutions of higher education and to give evidence, counsel, and assistance to enter any one of the special ministries of the church."

from page nine

FINANCE/FIELD SERVICE

fund crusades next year. Some causes involved in those crusades are colleges, student centers, community housing, hospitals and pension programs.

Dr. Yoder termed "hopeful and significant" the increased number of local churches, conferences and districts that are requesting help from the professional fund-raisers of the Office of Finance and Field Service. He said it would "seem to indicate that a large segment of the church is deeply concerned that the great stewardship potential be more fully realized as the church endeavors to fulfill its mission in this momentous period of history."

"The large number of conference-wide programs scheduled for 1973—the largest in the history of our department — plus the additional fact that

these crusades represent giving over and above all other contributions of the church, would seem to indicate that the mood of the church is changing—it is far more positive and dynamic, more creative and adventurous!"

The Office conducted 20 financial crusades in mission and minority churches last year—eight among black church congregations and one Hispanic-American. It was aided by an assistance grant of \$15,000 from the National Division's Section of Church Extension. "This ministry continues to be a most challenging and rewarding one, and plans for its expansion are under consideration," Dr. Yoder stated.

Helen Wilson writes from Bolivia

September, 1972

Dear United Methodist Women;

Paul said to Timothy "Great indeed is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory." I Timothy 3:16

I want to share an experience with you which I had when I was helping one of our dormitory students of Japanese parents with her religion class lesson. To study in Spanish is not easy for her as her family is part of a group who accepted the invitation of the Bolivian government to colonize jungle areas and to acquire land they could not possibly have had in overcrowded Japan. Since the migration of Japanese and Okinawans, the Kyodan Church of Japan has sent missionaries with the help of Methodist Churches in other countries. They opened a school with dormitory facilities in one of the colonies and Yumiko studied there until she came to our high school here in Cochabamba where I'm in charge of the dormitory for girls.

In that Japanese grade school and church she learned of the love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. With a big smile on her face she told me that during the recent vacation she rode 20 miles with her brother on their motorcycle to attend the services in Japanese and she shared her new experiences from here with her former classmates. In that moment I felt Christ's presence and thanked God for the fruit of the gospel "preached among the nations" — in Japan, Bolivia — seen in the face and the beautiful life of this lovely Japanese girl with whom I have the pleasure to live.

"A rose by any other name smells just as sweet"

The name of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild has been changed, but I know your endeavors will be just as great, if not more fervant in the one new inclusive organization to seek a closer walk with God and each other, to share your faith daily by word and service, to pray and give, so that "He may be preached among the nations".

Love and prayers for one and all — how I appreciate yours,

Helen B. Wilson

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

(Memorials and gifts list continued)

MRS. VERA JANES MURPHY
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Harrison
GEORGE MOSELEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Horton
DR. T. E. MAGEE
by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor A. Prewitt, Jr.
MISS ELIZABETH NELSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Holton
MRS. BETTY NELSON
by Wesley Methodist Church,
McGehee
MISS MAGGIE MAY OVERTON
by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Elliott A.
Staddard
MRS. T. H. OWENS
by Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Horn
E. A. OLSON
by Harold Fincher
MRS. T. H. OWENS
by Stamps W.S.C.S.
MRS. JOE WILL PENTECOST
by Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Patterson
by Miss Lucy Patterson
by Mrs. Fred Loe
by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Baumgardner
by Mrs. E. H. Davidson
MARTIN L. PHILLIPS
by Mrs. Clara B. Slataper
MISS IMA N. PENDERGRASS
by Mr. & Mrs. Seth Hastings
MRS. HAZEL PHELPS
by Mr. & Mrs. Seth Hastings
RAYMOND L. PARKER
by Mr. & Mrs. Seth Hastings
JOE R. ROBERTS
by Mr. & Mrs. Mark B. Grimes
MRS. QUINTON O. RIGGINS
by Mrs. John C. Shewmake
by Mrs. R. R. Riggins
by Wm. B. Baucum
by Florine Pope
by Mary Ellen Hunt & Family
CLAIRE RICHARDS
by Col. and Mrs. Elliott A. Staddard
MISS MILDRED SIMPSON
by The Durham Family
ROBERT H. SMITH
by C. N. Spicer
by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hasty
by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carroll, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor A. Prewitt, Jr.

RICHARD STRABALA
by Mr. Tom Hasty
EDWIN STITT
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Naylor
PHILLIP MORGAN SPENCER
by Norma Hansford
JOHN STANBERRY
by Mens Wesley Bible Class,
Payetteville
ETHEL GILMAN TODD
by Mr. & Mrs. George M. Gill
J. C. TAYLOR
by Eva Cummings
by Grace Knight
MRS. IRENE TAYLOR
by Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Wilson
WESLEY WILLOUGHBY, JR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Vining
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Jones
by The Fleisig Family
by Fay L. Stone
by Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Byrd
by Mr. & Mrs. Jesse R. Rich
by Rowan Prewitt
by Sam Bowman
by Fred & Grace Bayless
by Mr. & Mrs. Hutch Landfair
by Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Landfair
by Mr. & Mrs. John Potter
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Rowland
by Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Jones
by McGehee Bank, Sam Bowman
by Mrs. J. O. Bickham
by Mr. & Mrs. Claude Rogers
by Mr. & Mrs. Taylor A. Prewitt, Jr.
MRS. RUBY WILSON
by Mary Elise Schaeffer
MRS. ALICE WEST
by G. E. Naylor
MRS. ELLIE WARREN
by Mrs. J. C. Lee
G. T. WALKER
by Mrs. C. A. Walker
MRS. SMEAD WILSON
by Dr. & Mrs. Perry Dalton
DR. JOHN C. YARBROUGH
by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Fincher
by Mr. & Mrs. Wilborn Smith &
Ella Lou, and Bubba
MRS. WALTER SIMPSON
by Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Vittitou

news in brief

OAKLAWN CHURCH women will have a bazaar and turkey dinner at the church in Hot Springs next Thursday, Sept. 28.

PAST HISTORY and upcoming merger of WSCS and WSG were presented by Miss Mildred Osment, former conference president, at the September meeting of United Methodist Women in First Church, Jonesboro.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SENDING YOUR PASTOR ON THE METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR?

"THE POWER OF WOMEN in Politics" was the subject for women in Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Sept. 11. Mrs. Howard Cruce introduced these panelists: Mrs. W. P. Ball, Mrs. Ursul Jackson, and Mrs. J. Marion Adams. Mrs. Thomas Dennis is WSCS president.

THE PROGRAM EMPHASIS "To Be a Child Again", for women of First Church, Clarksville, was presented by the College of the Ozarks Marionettes, Sept. 7.

MS. MARILYN CRINER, speaking for Woman's Rights, Inc., was guest speaker for the joint meeting of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in Mabelvale Church, Little Rock, Sept. 12.

MRS. IRMA WHITEHORN gave a slide-lecture about Aldersgate Camp, for United Methodist Women of Central Church, Rogers, at the August meeting. Mrs. Whitehorn, now a resident of Rogers, was on the Aldersgate Board of Directors while living in Little Rock.

"WAYS OF SERVING THE AGED" was the subject for Sylvan Hills Church women at the Sept. 5 meeting. Franc W. Bell, administrator of Riley's Oak Hill Manor, North Little Rock, was the speaker.

Tribute to Bishops at Eureka Springs

A program concerning the new bishop and the retiring bishops was given at the Sept. 7 meeting of Circle III, Siloam Springs, Women's Society. Mrs. A. L. Smith led the following program:

Retiring Bishops Paul V. Galloway and Aubrey G. Walton, by Mrs. A. L. Cline and Mrs. Ben Garst. Newly elected Bishops Finis Crutchfield, by

from page ten GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Rev. Robert M. Daugherty, Lancaster, Pa.; recording secretary — Mrs. Patricia Ewald, New York.

Other officers of the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries: Vice-president—Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Canton, Ohio; secretary—the Rev. Alfred Pollar, New Orleans, La.; treasurer—Mrs. Florence Walter, Evanston, Ill.

Other officers of the Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns: Vice-president—Mrs. John Eby, Auburn, Wash.

Other officers of the Division of Education and Cultivation: Vice-president—Mrs. Robert F. Trost, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; recording secretary—Mrs. Jack Barneson, Chico, Calif.

Other officers of the United Methodist Committee on Relief: Vice-president — Mrs. Ralph W. Wilde, Seattle, Wash.; secretary — the Rev. Fletcher Scharer, Pasadena, Calif.

Other officers of the National Division: Vice-presidents — Mrs. E. L. Ferris, Central City, Nebr., and the Rev. Dr. Eugene Smith, Closter, N.J., executive secretary of the New York Office, World Council of Churches; recording secretary—Robert L. Johnson, New York.

†

CALENDAR FOR WOMEN

Oct. 1 — Wesleyan Service Guild, Little Rock Conference, at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock.

Oct. 7 and 8 — Wesleyan Service Guild, North Arkansas Conference, at First Church, North Little Rock.

Oct. 10 and 11 — Women's Society of Christian Service, North Arkansas Conference, First Church, North Little Rock.

Oct. 11 — Women's Society of Christian Service, Little Rock Conference, at First Church, Hot Springs.

Mrs. Grover Harvey; Ernest T. Dixon, by Mrs. Amanda Stratton; Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., by Mrs. Wilson White; Don W. Holter, by Mrs. Mabel Walen. Bishop Eugene M. Frank, formerly of Missouri Area, now of Arkansas, was presented by Mrs. Lex Brock.

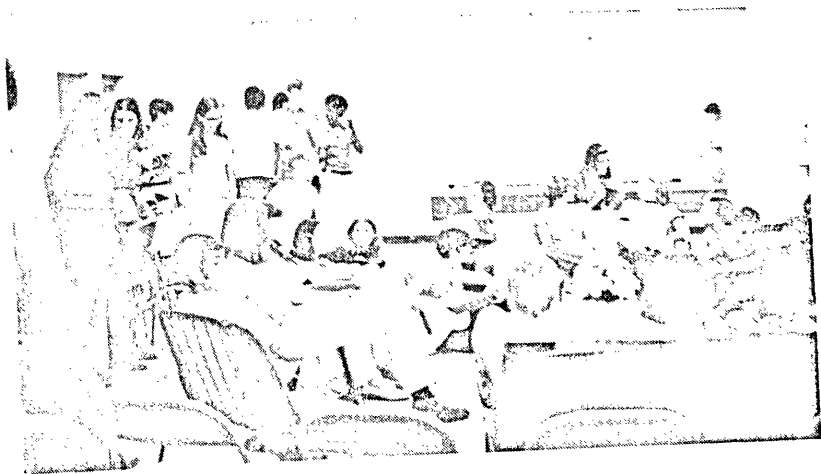
This original poem was read by Mrs. Roger Mount:

"OUR BISHOPS"

Our Methodist Bishops make God's word their own,
They listen, they hear and they nod,
Then they pass on the message that others may know
The path which their Savior has trod.

Each one has a district for which he can pray
And give help, should some problem arise,
He can preach when he's needed, or listen to plans,
Or, if it's wanted, he can give good advice.

We honor our Bishops as God's own true sons,
We respect them and give them our love,
May they find peace and blessings in all that they do
As they bow to their Father above.

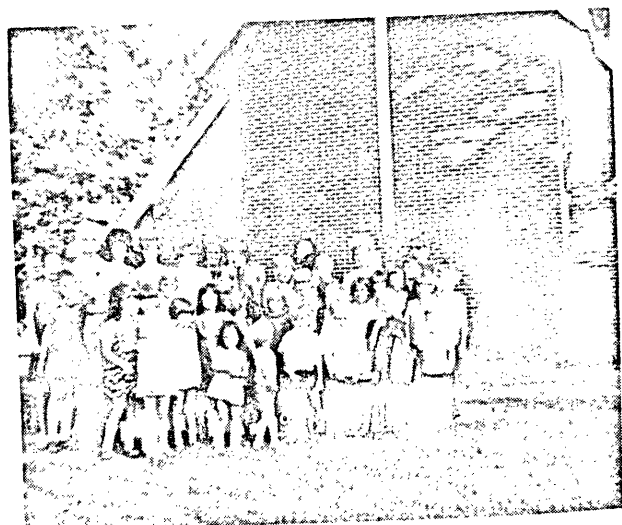
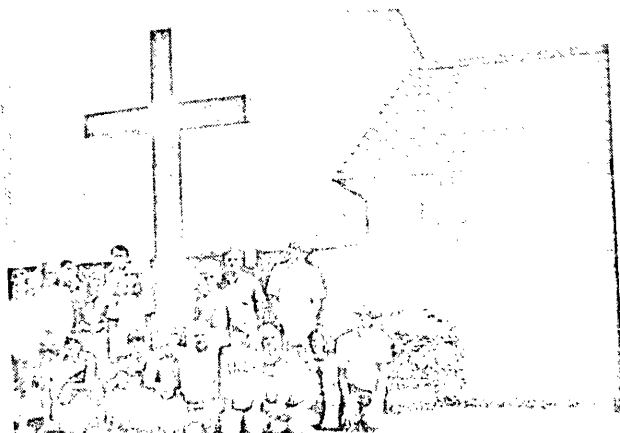


Scenes at left and at right are from Sept. 6 "Open House" at Wesley Foundation, Henderson State College. Among more than 100 persons attending were the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, ministers from the area, faculty members and students. Refreshments were served by the women of First Church and St. Andrew's Church in Arkadelphia. The Rev. R. W. Trieschmann is Wesley Foundation director.



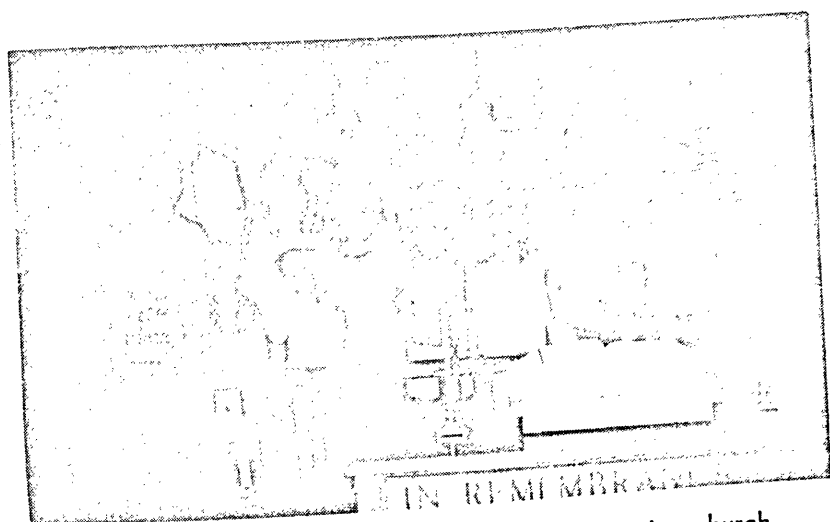
This group of young persons, along with their sponsors from Markham United Methodist Church of Little Rock, is shown in front of the Chapel at Perkins School of Theology during their recent visit at Southern Methodist University campus in Dallas, Tex. The Rev. John Workman, pastor of Markham Church, is an alumnus of Perkins.

RIGHT: Junior and Senior UMYFers of Good Faith United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, photographed in front of their church prior to Aug. 11-13 departure for northwest Arkansas where they attended the Passion Play at Eureka Springs and engaged in sightseeing. The 18-member tour group lodged at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly grounds. The Rev. Don R. Williams is pastor.

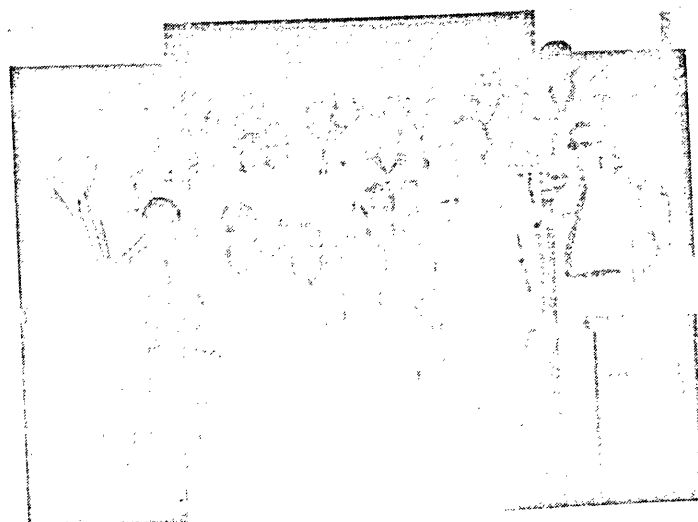


Attendance for the recent vacation church school at Sulphur Springs averaged 43. Offerings from the school, directed by Mrs. Dorsey Raymick, were sent to the Methodist Children's Home. Using the VCS theme, "Live in Harmony with One Another," each class did "their own thing" for the closing program which was preceded by a potluck supper. The Rev. Don R. Williams is pastor.

RIGHT: Taking part in a two-day trip to "Six Flags Over Texas" recently was this group of young folk from Mineral Springs United Methodist Church. They were accompanied by the pastor, the Rev. D. E. George, and Mrs. George.



Thirty-nine young folk were enrolled in the vacation church school conducted at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Woodlawn Circuit in Little Rock District. The Rev. W. Ed Eagle is pastor.



Troop 380 of Good Faith Church in Pine Bluff, shown during recent Court of Honor displaying the awards they have received. Scoutmaster Howard P. Parette (second from right) presented the awards; Pastor Don R. Williams is shown at right. Receiving the Star Award was Daniel Schemmel; Jimmy Woodfield was the recipient of the Life Award. In addition to Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class awards, 24 Merit Badges were presented to members of the group.

SEPTEMBER 21, 1972