



Dr. and Mrs. Leon Smith

## Marriage Enrichment Workshop scheduled at Cherokee Village

A Marriage Enrichment Workshop will be held Oct. 2-4 at Cherokee Village under the joint sponsorship of four agencies of the North Arkansas Conference: the Council on Ministries, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, chairman; the Board of Education, the Rev. William Wilder, chairman; the Board of Evangelism, Dr. Joel Cooper, chairman; and the Board of Ministry, the Rev. Jim Beal, chairman.

Directing the workshop will be Dr. and Mrs. Leon Smith of Nashville, Tenn., who have demonstrated great ability to communicate understanding and insights to others, as well as skill in group work and marriage counseling. Dr. Smith is Director of Ministries in Marriage, Division of the Local Church, the General Board of Education.

Assisting Dr. and Mrs. Smith will be Dr. and Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck of First United Methodist Church, Benton, and Dr. and Mrs. Harold Eggenberger of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries. Both of these couples participated in a Marriage Communication Lab at the Yokefellow Institute, Richmond, Ind., and are deeply interested in this form of ministry.

Each District Superintendent in the North Arkansas Conference has been asked to select two ministerial couples from his district. Board and room for each couple will be provided by the sponsoring agencies.

Because of the need for marriages to be enriched and because of the increasing need for trained resource persons to lead marriage enrichment re-

treats for ministers and their wives, as well as laymen and their wives, the Division of the Local Church is joining with the agencies of the North Arkansas Conference in this three-day training session.

The workshop will begin with the noon meal on Monday, Oct. 2, and end with the noon meal on Wednesday. The Rev. Roy Poyner of First United Methodist Church, Cherokee Village, is the host pastor.

## Mallilieu Center opens Fall season

Mallalieu Community Center, Fort Smith, opened its fall and winter program recently, according to the Rev. R. C. Preston, pastor.

He said in his announcement that the purpose of the center is "to bring adults and children together through physical, social, cultural, recreational and educational activities."

"We try to aid students of all grade levels who are in need of remedial services, as well as attempting to stimulate senior citizens to an awareness of the roles they should play in community life and to establish a reading room to meet the cultural and religious needs of all age groups."

Activities at the Center include a library, sewing classes physical activities for women, and typing classes. In addition remedial classes are provided in mathematics, reading and English.

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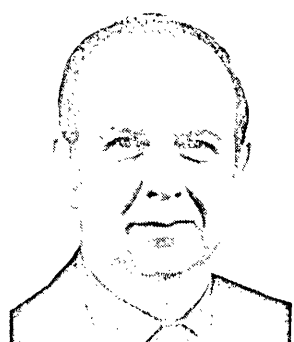
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## Reorganization takes place at Memphis' Methodist Hospital

The Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., has announced a major reorganization in the institution's management structure.

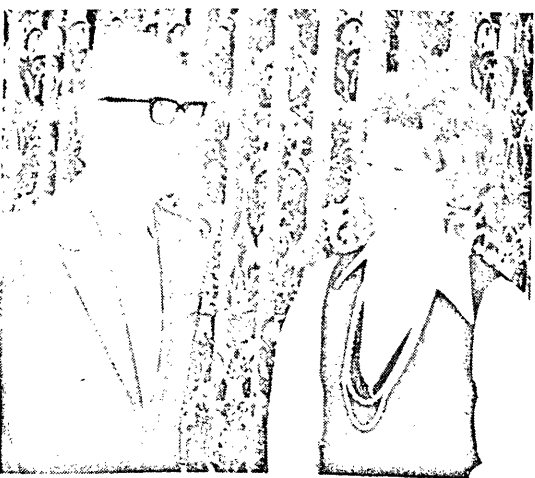
C. H. Hottum, a 25-year employee of the hospital and Administrator of the institution since 1970, has been named Executive Director. He will be administratively in charge of the entire Methodist Hospital system which will soon include a satellite hospital in Whitehaven.

Harry C. Mobley, Jr., Assistant Administrator since 1967, will become Administrator. He holds a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo., and serves as a member of the consulting faculty of that institution and the University of Alabama, in Hospital Administration.

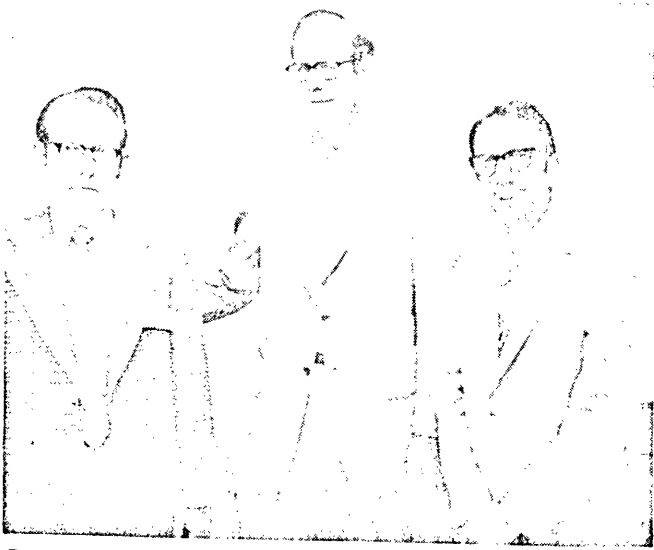
James D. Brown, an Assistant Administrator has been named Associate Administrator. He is a veteran of

many years in the health care field. He retired after 20 years of service with the United States Navy Hospital Corps, and was employed for several years as Administrative Assistant in charge of the Memphis Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital before its consolidation with the Methodist Hospital.

D. A. Neel, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Board of Managers, in making the announcement said, "These three gentlemen possess qualifications, experience and dedication second to none in the health care field, and we are fortunate to have them serving in these various roles of leadership for Methodist Hospital. They have served the institution well in the past, and we know that they will continue to perpetuate the quality of care that has been rendered by this institution for more than 50 years."



Bishop Eugene M. Frank (left) was guest speaker for the first Hendrix College faculty and staff meeting of the new school year. He is shown here conversing with Mrs. Francis Christie during the buffet lunch period.



Dr. Charles Allen of Houston, Tex. (center) was the Pierce Lecturer at First Church, Pine Bluff last week. He is shown with Dr. John Lindsay (left), pastor, and Dr. J. Richard Pierce, Jr., benefactor of the lectureship.

## World Communion offering at work in Texarkana

(Article prepared by the Division of Interpretation, Program Council of the United Methodist Church)

"and you came to Me"

He is 23 and "in" for car theft. The one next to him is a narcotics arrest—about 40. The old gent—68 or 69—is a forger. And we are, indeed, hearing them sing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

Where are we?

We are five miles southwest of "Texarkana, U.S.A."—actually Texarkana, Tex., and Texarkana, Ark.—and inside one of 28 major penal facilities within the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

FCI (federal correctional institution) Texarkana was the setting not long ago for a Lay Witness Mission Weekend, involving some 25 laymen from nearby and distant churches and between 75 and 100 prisoners. Since that weekend there has been a continuous strengthening of the ties between the men behind bars and those behind the mission.

The idea of such a witness occurred to several persons at the same time and the Rev. Charles E. Tyson, a United Methodist and the Protestant Chaplain at FCI, was contacted.

Dr. Herbert B. Wren, a Texarkana surgeon and one of the laymen involved, says of Chaplain Tyson: "He is one of those . . . men whom God has touched in a very special way. From the beginning he was more than sympathetic with our wish to have a lay witness mission in the prison. He was also knowledgeable about prison life and able to temper our enthusiasm with common-sense facts."

Permission for the mission was granted by those in authority at FCI and the laymen met with the associate warden and a group of inmates. "The response," says Dr. Wren, "was tremendous! They took to the idea immediately, formed committees, and with the help of the Board of Evangelism manual, *A Road to Renewal*, began to make all of the preparations."

Most of the witnesses were recruited from the immediate area. A few, however, came from points as distant as 300 miles. Among the United Methodist churches involved were Eylau,

Hardy Memorial, College Hill, and South Texarkana. Those from other areas included churches in Atlanta and Houston, Tex., and in Shreveport, La.

We have a trade-last for Dr. Wren. Chaplain Tyson describes him not as the lay-coordinator, which he was, but as an "ice-breaker, whose sincerity and warmth helped to create an atmosphere in which the prisoners were sufficiently un-self-conscious to take part in a religious dialogue."

Over the three-day event, the khaki-clad inmates who took part ranged in age from 23 to 70. The preponderant age group was 30. They were divided into groups of teams, with several laymen and about 10 inmates to a group.

"The first night," Dr. Wren reports, "things went well, but there was considerable reserve. We ate in the dining room and each of the laymen sat at a different table. The men seemed reluctant to join us. After the meal, we gathered in the assembly hall for singing, led by Ware Stamps, a lay witness from Jasper. Following the warm-up songs, the laymen were called upon to give their testimonies and, from this point on, you could see a change in attitude developing. To have men come into the prison and tell what God means to them, in simple, straightforward language — this broke down the barriers and by the time we went to small groups, things were humming."

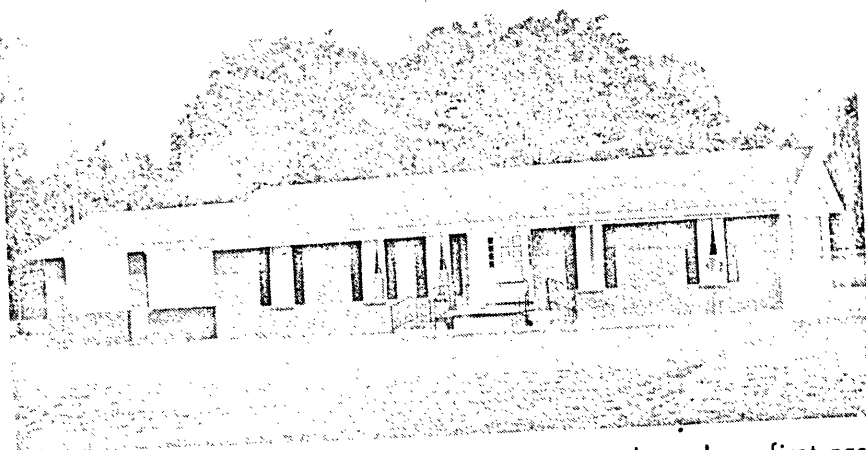
Each session began with everyone taking part in the singing of hymns. The laymen then shared their spiritual experiences and their aspirations within the various groups. Following the confrontation groups, the men reas-

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### Bishop Frank addresses Hendrix faculty/staff

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, of the Arkansas Area, recently spoke to the faculty and staff of Hendrix College.

Speaking at the first faculty buffet of the new school year, Bishop Frank complimented the faculty and staff on



Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City District superintendent whose first pastoral assignment in the early '30s was at Colt United Methodist Church, returned Sunday, Sept. 24th to dedicate the recently completed parsonage there. This is also the first pastorate for the Rev. Berlon Davis who was assigned to the Colt-Wesley Chapel-Forrest Chapel Charge in 1967. He with his wife, Hoopie, and son Rex Alan reside in the three-bedroom brick structure, which was completed at an approximate cost of \$23,000, and paid for without the necessity of a loan. Building Committee members were Edward Harris, Eugene Horton, and Vernon Coats.

### Hunter Memorial to observe 75th anniversary

Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church in Little Rock will commemorate 75 years of service with a Day of Celebration, Sunday, Oct. 8.

Dr. Alf Eason, director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, will be the guest preacher at the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The Rev. George G. Kerr is pastor.

Dinner will be served at noon in Fellowship Hall.

The Rev. Fred L. Arnold will conduct a service honoring former pastors of the church and memorializing former pastors and members of the

church in the afternoon. He said that private institutions like Hendrix have produced some of the greatest people of our time.

Bishop Frank alluded to the close ties between Hendrix and the United Methodist Church. Dr. Frank stated that it was his hope that the Church would continue to assist colleges such as Hendrix in their important contributions to society.

Bishop Frank expressed the belief that a college such as Hendrix could do much to reverse the downward trend in our society. He issued a challenge to both Hendrix College and the United Methodist Church, when he declared, "Above all things we want to lead our young people to an authority that is within themselves, and to a faith in God, who alone can give meaning to life."

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church in the afternoon.

Hunter Memorial Church began as a Mission in a store building at Ninth and Rector. The church was organized in 1897 in a vacant building at Tenth and Welch. In 1908, under the ministry of Dr. Forney Hutchinson, the church was built in its present location, 11th and McAlmont, and was named Hunter Memorial honoring Dr. Andrew Hunter whose portrait hangs in the foyer of the Church. The present sanctuary was finished in 1958 and was dedicated in June 1969.

All former pastors, members, their families and all friends of the church are invited to attend the Day of Celebration.

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### Time to reserve for Methodist Heritage Tour

There is still time to join the METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR, according to a spokesman for the sponsoring Commissions on Archives and History.

Already more than fifty Methodists from Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi are enrolled in the Tour, and many others have requested information. The passenger manifest must be sent in soon, and prospective tour members are urged to send in their deposits immediately.

The complete itinerary was published in the METHODIST issue of September 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.

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MALLALIEU

A record hop is held each Friday evening for young people 13 through 19. Ballet classes are being held for girls on Saturday.

Pledges are being sought on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis for the support of this program and should be sent to Mallalieu Community Center, 803 North 9 St., Fort Smith, Ark. 72901.

In addition to the pastor, leaders of the Center include Mrs. M. S. Mingo, Chairman of the Advisory Board; Dr. H. P. McDonald, Treasurer; and Mrs. C. E. Holman, Financial Secretary.

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## Church Should Be Concerned About Tax Proposal

Church leaders and heads of church and other charitable institutions should be greatly concerned about one of the provisions of the Mills-Mansfield Tax Policy Review Bill which is now pending before Congress.

The possible implications for financial programs affecting many of us have been called to the attention of the Bishops and District Superintendents of The United Methodist Church in a communication from Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on Finance and Administration. May we share his interpretations with you and then add a few observations of our own?

"The Mills-Mansfield Tax Policy Review Bill is now receiving the attention of many interested persons. Organizations such as the church which depend upon voluntary gifts for their support are deeply involved in this proposed legislation.

"The Mills-Mansfield Tax Policy Review Bill now pending in Congress would repeal fifty-four provisions of the Internal Revenue Code over a three-year period beginning in 1974. Included in these provisions is the income tax deduction now allowed for charitable gifts to non-profit institutions and service organizations, including churches. The announced objective of the legislative proposal would be to force Congress to reconsider one by one the justification of the repealed provisions, including charitable contribution deductions, and other tax benefits for charitable gifts. Congress would have the option of modifying the repeal provision, allowing it to remain repealed, or re-enacting it.

"The timing on this issue is critical. One point-of-view is that House and Senate leaders

are considering adding the Mills-Mansfield Tax Policy Review Bill to a bill authorizing the extension of an increased national debt ceiling. The present extension expires October 31st. As a rider to the Debt Ceiling Extension Bill, little opposition might be expected and a veto avoided.

"The effect on giving to churches, if tax incentives are eliminated, would be harsh. Long-range consequences are difficult at this moment to ascertain. Undoubtedly, the financial programs and support of local churches and church-related institutions such as colleges and universities, hospitals and homes, and programs of general church agencies could be severely curtailed if tax incentives were eliminated.

"While it is generally understood that motivation for personal and family giving to churches is generally based on deeper motives than deductions on income tax returns, tax incentives do, in fact, have a bearing on giving by many people who support churches, church-related institutions and church programs.

"Church leaders interested in registering a point-of-view on this issue should: (1) communicate with all their Representatives and Senators; (2) communicate with all members of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee; (3) communicate

with other Representatives and Senators whom they know, and other than their own Representatives and Senators; (4) ask others who are related to the church either as pastors, institutional leaders, and local church leaders to encourage persons with whom they work in the church to communicate with those listed above."

Certainly we are aware of long-range effects that such a Congressional action would have, primarily upon the budgets of our colleges, homes, hospitals and other institutions of the church. Even the effect upon local church budgets would be substantially felt. We can say all we want to about the proper spiritual motivation for the support of the local church program, but there still remains a great area of financial support from a secondary level by contributors who would take a long second look at this financial participation if deductions were denied them.

Our colleges, hospitals and homes received a great amount of support that is directly related to income tax deductions. Not only does this come from a great number of individuals who are not directly related to the denominations involved, but almost all of the great corporations are putting a great deal of money into scholarships and other major areas of financial

support for the institutions of our churches. All of these budgets have been greatly strained by inflation—many of them finding it difficult to operate "in the black." The flow of these gifts is truly threatened by the proposals mentioned.

Finally, the bill contemplates that each of the deductions eliminated would be reconsidered on the basis of justification for each of the repealed provisions, we can envision a tremendous battle against what might be called government subsidies of religion if these deductions have to be written back into the law of the land.

We hope you will want to share in the reaction to this proposed legislation.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Forty-six per cent of the seminaries fully accredited by the American Assn. of Theological Seminaries reported financial deficits in 1971, according to Dr. David S. Schuller, associate director of the organization. He told a conference of Lutheran educators meeting in St. Louis that hardest hit in the financial crunch are such interdenominational schools as Union in New York, Harvard Divinity School and Yale Divinity School. Schuller's figures on deficits did not cover 63 schools which are listed as "associate members."

The only living ex-Primate of the Church of England, Lord Geoffrey Francis Fisher of Lambeth, died Sept. 14 at 85 years of age in a hospital in Dorset County in southwest England. Lord Fisher, a strong protagonist of Church unity, delivered a lecture at Cambridge University in 1946 which is generally regarded as opening the way for Anglican-Methodist unity negotiations in Britain. And in 1960, in a precedent-shattering action, he went to Rome and met with Pope John XXIII—the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury had met a Pope since the Reformation.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., attended by some 20,000 delegates at Ft. Worth recently, urged black Americans to work with whites "to preserve the nation whose character will protect and save us." Dr. Jackson held that "persons who join the cult of revenge are on the side of those who preach destruction of the entire nation and they have led us into a new form of racial segregation." "Those who have decreed this nation's death should re-evaluate the American philosophy and review its policies and growth," he continued.

The translator and illustrator of "Good News for Modern Man" — the New Testament in today's English—are the joint recipients of the 1972 Upper Room Citation. Dr. Robert Bratcher, a Southern Baptist currently working with a team of scholars translating the Old Testament into modern English, and Miss Annie Valotton, a native of Switzerland currently directing children's television in France, will receive the award at the 23rd Upper Room Citation Dinner in Atlanta on Oct. 24.

For the first time in Minnesota, the three major Lutheran denominations have joined to provide a single full-time ministry on a state campus. Development of a tri-Lutheran agency to sponsor this ministry at Southwest Minnesota State College at Marshall was preceded by four years of negotiations and planning by district and synod officials of the three denominations.

In an editorial, Bernard Casserly, editor of the Catholic Bulletin of St. Paul-Minneapolis, said the idea that the postal service become self-supporting is "commendable" but "it won't work." Adding that no other department of the federal government pays its own way, the editor said, "it is our contention that the Postal Service, despite its separate status, should not have to pay its own way, either. . . . The postal system was planned as a service . . . and that's the way it should remain." "If each class within the Postal Service has to pay for itself it will mean the end of countless small, free-wheeling, independent newspapers, magazines, newsletters and publications of all kinds which have made this nation what it is today," he stated.

Recently retired United Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy, who headed the Southern California-Arizona Methodist Conference for 20 years, has fulfilled his dream of returning to the pulpit as a fulltime pastor. He preached Sept. 10 to a near-capacity congregation of 2,000 members at First Church in Pasadena, Calif. "I will speak about God a great deal," Bishop Kennedy said. "This nation was founded under God. Everything about America is rooted in God and I want to remind you of this once in a while." Bishop Charles F. Golden, previously of the northern California area, has succeeded Kennedy as bishop of the Southern California-Arizona area, which has about 500 churches and 240,000 members.

British Christianity suffers from "analysis paralysis," the Rev. Derrick Greeves, Methodist clergyman of Worcester, said in opening the largest and most representative ecumenical conference in British history. The British Council of Churches began planning the meeting, attended by 500 persons, more than two years ago. It sought to face what was seen as a growing "crisis of faith" coupled with sharp attacks on church institutions.

The future of Christian schools in Pakistan remains uncertain since the recent takeover of 172 private colleges, including at least eight Christian institutions by the Islamic state, according to a Religious News Service release. The government has nationalized the schools but has not yet taken ownership of the land. Completion of the nationalization process is expected to take about two years and lead to state control of elementary, secondary and college institutions. About 10 per cent of the Pakistani population is said to be Christian.

Uganda President Idi Amin, a Muslim, told a large group of Roman Catholic Ugandans that Christian missionaries are "very important" to Uganda because of their educational facilities and religious teachings. He said that the missionaries "run good hospitals and inculcate good principles in the minds of Ugandans." About half of Uganda's 9,675,000 population is Christian, with Roman Catholics constituting about 43 per cent of that group.

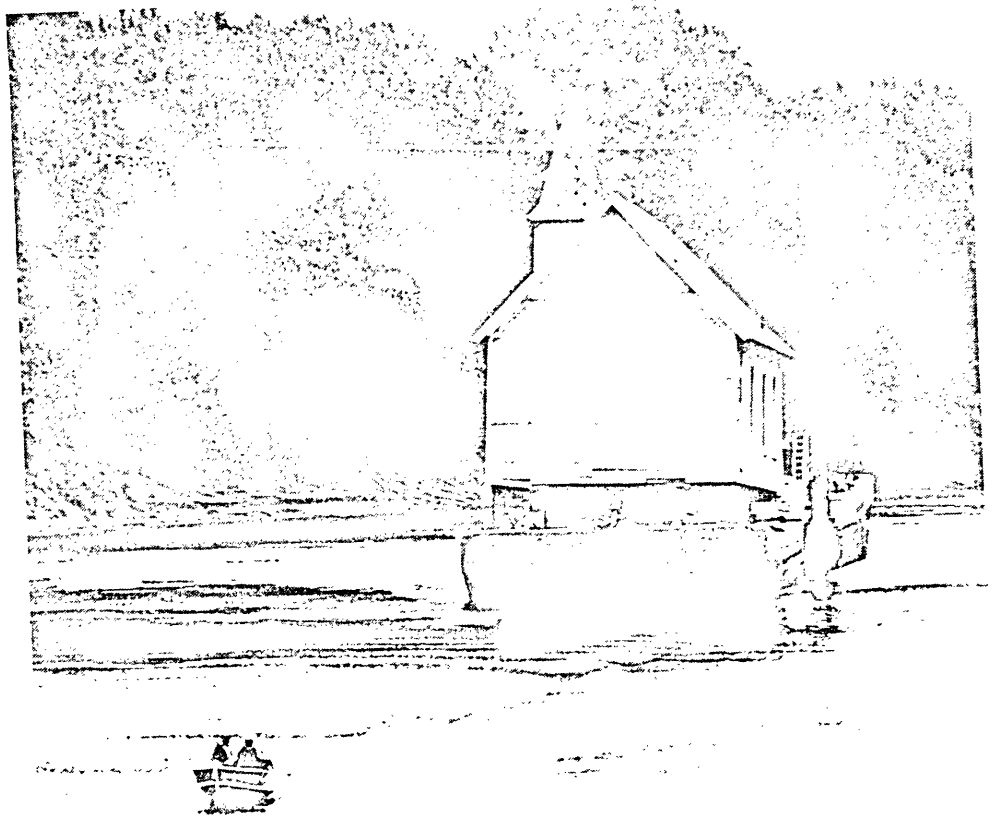
In an address delivered at the dedication of a new sanctuary in Asheville, N.C., Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), distinguished between humanitarianism, which he described as "the rightful concern for the needs of others," and humanism, which he characterized as "a substitute, a counterfeit" for Christianity. Speaking of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, Dr. Bell commented, "How easy to believe the Virgin Birth—the one satisfactory explanation of His coming from eternity into time."

The Rev. Leon E. Fanniel, a 41-year-old black clergyman, has been named executive director of a new Mission Council of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church. In that post he is on a par with the Stated Clerk, the chief permanent officer of the Assembly. The Mission Council Fanniel will lead is responsible for planning mission objectives and priorities and for coordinating the work of all General Assembly agencies. It will allocate funds and play a key role in developing plans to increase the involvement of members on all levels.

The University of the South, a 115-year-old Episcopal Church institution in Sewanee, Tenn., has completed its 1972 fiscal year "in the black"—the first year since 1968 without a deficit. Dr. Jefferson Bennett, the university's vice-chancellor, credited its "Million Dollar Program" with wiping out the deficit. Last year the university had a total enrollment of 871 students. It publishes the Sewanee Review, said to be the oldest literary quarterly in the U.S.

Participants in the first annual meeting of the Michigan Assn. of Non-public Schools exceeded 5,000. About 1,800 teachers and school personnel from Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Christian Reformed schools of the state had been expected to attend the meeting held in Grand Rapids. In an interview, Melvin Kieschnick, superintendent of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's 115 schools in Michigan, predicted that some ecumenical schools will come into being in the next 10 years.

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SHAKOPEE, Minn. — A small motor boat scouts the Minnesota River in front of a barge carrying a 106-year-old Methodist church that was being moved from the Bloomington, Minn., to a Scott County historical site near Shakopee, Minn. The 50-ton building made the seven-mile journey in about three hours. (RNS Photo)

SEPTEMBER 28, 1972



# Program Directors to Local Churches

## KEY 73 PHASE ONE

The launch phase of Key 73 is of primary importance to the success of the entire movement. Both the continent-wide and the local launch activities will be the first high-visibility events of the year and will help to establish the over-all image and direction of the year of evangelism.

The Key 73 launch activities have several distinct purposes which should be kept in mind at all levels of participation. First, **THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ALL KEY 73 ACTIVITIES IS TO CONFRONT EVERY PERSON IN NORTH AMERICA WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.** We are about the business of making every person aware of God's unyielding love and the launch activities should be carefully planned to proclaim the Christ as well as promoting Key 73.

**Second,** the launch events should set a balanced tone for contemporary evangelism by emphasizing a clear understanding of the Gospel of Christ and isolating it from the massive "folk religion" or cultural understanding of Christianity that permeates North American culture. A year of evangelism that fails to lift up the Christian faith as a radically different way of life from the accepted life patterns in our culture would be nothing more than a furtherance of this folk religion.

**Third,** the launch activities should clearly focus on the unity Christians share in the mandate to witness to God's love for all persons.

**Fourth,** the launch period is to contain a calling of the continent to repentance as the necessary prelude to an intense year of evangelism.

**Fifth,** a significant part of the launch activities is to organize and motivate a major prayer thrust to undergird the work of evangelism during the year, to empower the disciples as they move out on Christ's mission and to seek guidance for the Key 73 movement.

**Sixth,** one of the built-in values of all local and continent-wide high visibility events in the impetus they provide for congregations involved in evangelism.

## THE PHASE ONE CALENDAR

Phase One, "CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO REPENTANCE AND PRAYER" covers an approximate 45-day span of time beginning in late November, 1972 and ending in mid-January, 1973. For maximum impact, the intensity of launch activities are planned to build gradually, climaxing on Launch Weekend, January 6 and 7, 1973.

The Phase One period is divided into three distinct segments correlating the best of both the liturgical and the secular calendar.

"The Call to Repentance" comes in the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas (Advent).

The second period, "The Noon Prayer Call," will be focused in the two weeks from Christmas, 1972 until January 7, 1973. (Christmastide)

And, the third period, "The Launch Weekend", is scheduled for January 6 and 7, 1973 (Epiphany weekend).

Remember as you move into Key 73: (1) Key 73 is a wide program of activities which allows any local church or community to choose and adapt to the local situation. (2) One of your best resources is "Street 'n Steeple", published by our General Board of Evangelism.

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ABOUT SENDING  
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ON THE  
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WORLD COMMUNION / texarkana

sembled for more songs and testimony and fellowship.

Musical numbers were interspersed throughout the services to break the pace. Among the hymns requested were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "How Great Thou Art," "Just As I Am," and "Amazing Grace."

Not only did the inmates request specific numbers but four of them sang solos.

The events were open to all of the men at FCI Texarkana. None of them attended as a means of being free for a while of confinement since they have free access throughout the institution from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Noted by all of the laymen was the cooperation of prison administrators. A short social gathering had been planned for the conclusion of the Saturday program and refreshments were to be served in the mess hall. As the evening progressed, time ran short and it was thought that the refreshments could not be served before the necessary count of inmates and their return to their cells. But the prison warden sent word to the missionaries that they would be allowed extra time in order that "your party" not be spoiled.

At the concluding Sunday morning service, the men were invited to make only a 24-hour commitment to a richer life. During the invitation, an inmate sang "How Long Has It Been Since You've Talked to Your Friend?" Says Chaplain Tyson: "Nearly every man in the auditorium unashamedly approached the altar rail and there were many moist eyes."

Ray Emerson, the religion editor of the prison newspaper, has this to say about the final evening service:

"We went for a brief session in the dining room during the first movie showing and were told that the session would end in time for the men to see the second film. Then, one by one, nearly every person stood and told what the weekend had meant to him. When it was time for the second movie, no one left. And instead of breaking up at 6:30, we ended the session at 9 p.m. We would have stayed longer had it not been for the 9 p.m. count. What a time it was! A time of real 'deep gut' sharing."

Chaplain Tyson reports a sampling of comment by some of the inmates:

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"Something has happened within me that I don't entirely understand, but I want to know more about it."

"I never had much use for religious square-johns, but if these men care enough to give a weekend to something like this, I'm going to hear what they have to say."

"I have been thinking about things which I haven't considered for years."

Chaplain Tyson had long wanted a regular Sunday evening devotional service at FCI Texarkana. "Many of the prisoners have had visitors on Sunday and the visits have left them pensive or, occasionally disturbed." Since the Lay Witness Mission, he has rearranged his schedule and inaugurated such a devotional. Attendance at these services varies from 40 to 250.

Since the mission, from 5 to 13 laymen from Texarkana have been attending the Sunday morning service. It begins at 8:15 a.m.!

Another result of that weekend: four lay renewal groups have come into being. They meet for an hour and a half every Thursday evening.

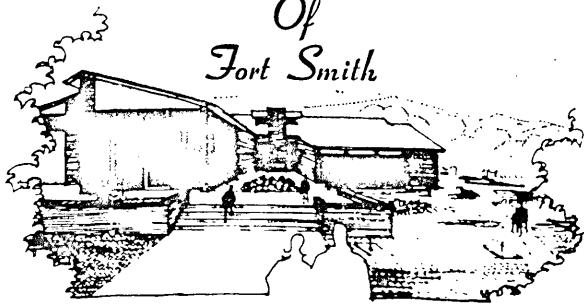
Mr. Tyson is one of more than 730 United Methodist ministers serving as military or civilian chaplains. Their work is undergirded by the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. The sole financial support of this Commission is the 25 percent it receives of the World Communion Offering.

With the observance of World Communion Sunday this October 1, we might well respond to the words of Chaplain Tyson. He is thanking the laymen for their participation in a unique lay witness mission behind the walls of a federal prison:

"There is a sweet spirit in this place because of your selfless concern. Thank you on behalf of the men. For myself, words are inadequate. Since I have been in penal work, I have come to feel what our Lord must have felt and to know what He means when He said, 'If you love me, feed my sheep.'"

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## The Methodist Village Of Fort Smith



A VISION OF SELF CARE APARTMENT  
LIVING WITH NURSING CARE AVAILABLE

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

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

If you are interested please write:

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

Or return the following form:

Dear Mr. Smith:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in:

- ☐ Efficiency Unit
- ☐ 1 Bedroom
- ☐ 2 Bedroom

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. PEARLE McCAIN, retired missionary to Japan, will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 4 meeting of the Creative Years Club in St. Luke Church, Little Rock.

BRENDA BRENNER was presented a certificate for 13 years of perfect attendance at the Parkin United Methodist Church. The Rev. Gerald Rainwater made the presentation, Sept. 3. Following the Promotion Day services, a basket lunch was served on the church lawn.

HOT SPRINGS FIRST Church observed Ministry Sunday, Sept. 17, with the Rev. Robert S. Beasley, who is retired, preaching at the early service. Mr. Beasley preached his first sermon in First Church, Hot Springs, and for this occasion he preached his 5,000th sermon. Dr. George F. Ivey is pastor.

## El Dorado First Church re-opens sanctuary

First United Methodist Church members in El Dorado worshiped in the Sanctuary Sunday, Sept. 10, for the first time in five months. During this period it was re-decorated, a new Shantz organ, new carpeting and chancel furniture, and new air conditioner installed.

Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor, preached at the 8:30 and 10:55 services on the topic "The People of God." The Rev. Ralph Mann, associate pastor, preached at 7:00 p.m. on "We Are Ambassadors." Special music was by the Sanctuary and Motet Choirs, directed by Dr. Gordon Betenbaugh.

## CELEBRATION SUPPER HELD BY ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS

Dr. Charles W. Richards, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Searcy, and Mrs. Richards were special guests at a "Celebration Supper" at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sept. 13. The Rev. James Robert Scott is pastor of St. Paul, and the Rev. John T. Dill is associate pastor.

St. Paul members were celebrating the redecoration of Richards Fellowship Hall, which was the first sanctuary of the present church and was named in honor of Dr. Richards who was pastor when it was erected.

Introduced by Frank Dean, president of the Gleaners Class which sponsored the event, Dr. Richards recalled his appointment to Forest Park Church on Kavanaugh and Pierce in 1950 and the vicissitudes and triumphs involved in building the new church with a new name on Durwood Road. In a nostalgic talk entitled "I Believe in Miracles", he described the opening service Dec. 23, 1953.

Dr. Richards served as pastor from 1951-1961. The present sanctuary was opened in 1960.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Following are the home addresses of the three United Methodist bishops residing in Little Rock. Bishop Eugene M. Frank, presiding bishop of the Arkansas Area, and Mrs. Frank are living at the episcopal residence, 3909 S. Lookout. Bishop William A. Martin, retired, and his wife are living in the Quapaw Towers Apts., E. Ninth and Ferry Streets. Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, recently retired, and Mrs. Walton have moved into the Riviera Apts., 3700 Cantrell Road. All three bishops have offices at Methodist Headquarters, 715 Center St., Little Rock.

THE COMBINED CHOIRS of Camden's First Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches, presented "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on Thursday, Sept. 21, in the Methodist Church. This was a repeat performance and was presented for the Camden Thursday Musicales.

SWIFTON UNITED METHODIST Church held a revival the week of Sept. 17, with the Rev. Clarence Wilcox of Clarksville as the evangelist. Mr. Wilcox was pastor at Swifton following his discharge from the chaplaincy in 1947. The Rev. Theo Luter is the present pastor.

MISSOLIVE SMITH is recuperating from a fall in which she broke her kneecap, Aug. 12, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock, where she is on the staff as director of religious education. Her home address is 1800 N. Harrison.

CAVANAUGH CHURCH, Fort Smith, had special guest speakers in observance of Christian Education Day, Sept. 24. Dr. Harold Eggensperger, program director of the North Arkansas Conference, preached at 10:45. At 4:30, two study courses began under the leadership of the Rev. Earl Carter of First Church, North Little Rock, and the Rev. J. Hillman Byram of Danville. The Rev. Larry Powell is the Cavanaugh pastor.



The Rev. J. Robert Scott, pastor of St. Paul Church, Little Rock, is shown at left with the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Richards of Searcy. Dr. Richards was pastor of St. Paul for 10 years.

## KENNETH LEE MULKEY, SR.

Kenneth Lee Mulkey, Sr., 52, of Conway died on Sept. 19 in a Conway hospital after a brief illness. He was the brother of the Rev. Louis M. Mulkey, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Stuttgart.

Born Sept. 18, 1920, at Malvern, he was a son of Mrs. Mary Rike Mulkey and the late Leonard Lee Mulkey.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Robinson and Center Church of Christ in Conway. He had made his home in Conway for 24 years.

Other survivors include his wife, the former Jessie Lee Smith; a son, Kenneth Lee Mulkey, Jr. of Wichita, Kans.; his mother, Mrs. Mary Rike Mulkey of Little Rock; and two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Chambers and Mrs. R. E. Henson, both of Little Rock.

## HELPING HAND NEEDED:

The Rev. Jim Linam, pastor of the Rosewood United Methodist Church in West Memphis, had open-heart surgery in Baptist Hospital in Memphis in August. Due to the tremendous expense involved, friends are seeking financial help for his special hospital expense. Contributions may be sent to: Rosewood United Methodist Church, 2500 N. Woodlawn, West Memphis, 72301, and marked JIM LINAM FUND.

THE MARYSVILLE UNITED Methodist Church held a series of three Sunday evening evangelistic services with guest ministers bringing the messages. The Rev. Howard Williams, pastor of First Church, Magnolia, was the first speaker. The Rev. Alvin Murray, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, spoke on Sept. 19, and the concluding speaker was the Rev. Winston Roden, minister of the Village, Ebenezer and Lydesdale Charge. Song leaders were Mrs. Darce Bishop and Harris Williams, with Mrs. Ronald Calloway as accompanist. Host pastor was the Rev. Fred H. Haustein.

GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH of North Little Rock honored retired ministers on Sunday, Sept. 17, and invited the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, retired, to fill the pulpit. Mr. Bridenthal was pastor of Gardner Memorial during the erection of the buildings in 1952, following the fire which destroyed the former church. The present pastor is the Rev. Byron McSpadden.

OPEN HOUSE was held on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 3-9 p.m. at the Austin Circuit parsonage, located on Hwy. 89, five miles south of Cabot. The Rev. and Mrs. George Bailey greeted 50 guests from the Mt. Tabor, Mt. Zion, Concord and South Bend Churches. The churches recently redecorated the parsonage and added new furniture and carpeting.

## 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.

Oct. 1—Sunday	Psalms 133:1-3
Oct. 2	Rom. 16:21-27
Oct. 3	2 Cor. 2:14-17
Oct. 4	Eph. 1:2-10
Oct. 5	Eph. 3:14-21
Oct. 6	Col. 3:15-17
Oct. 7	Rev. 19:5-10
Oct. 8—Sunday	John 15:1-10



Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Houston, will be the guest preacher for special services at First Church, Searcy, Oct. 1-4, preaching each evening at 7:30. On Sunday he will have a "talk back" session with youth following the message and will have similar sessions for adults on the other evenings. Dr. Charles Richards is the pastor.

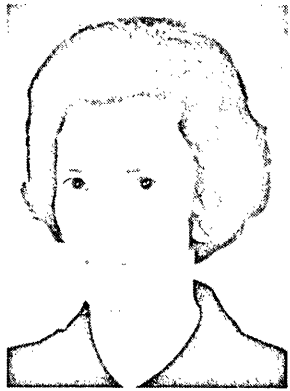
DR. CLEM N. BAKER, longtime member of the Little Rock Conference, will celebrate his 91st birthday on Oct. 3, and would appreciate hearing from his many friends on this occasion, according to his daughter with whom he makes his home. The address is Box 421, Clovis, N. Mex. 88101.

THE MEMBERS OF CARR Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, who attended the Lay Witness Mission at LaCenter, Ky., Sept. 8-10, had charge of the evening services in Carr Church Sunday evening, Sept. 17. The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is their pastor.

THE GRAND PRAIRIE UMY Sub-District met in First United Methodist Church at Lonoke, Sunday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. The program was presented by Paul Ramsey of the Christian Civic Foundation. The Rev. Michael Clayton was host pastor.

ST. LUKE United Methodist Church in Little Rock is having former pastors return to preach on Sunday nights during September. Speakers have been the Rev. Norris Steele, now of Hope, the Rev. Rufus Sorrels, now of Fordyce, and the Rev. Bryan Stephens, now pastor of Highland Church in Little Rock. Speaking Sunday Sept. 24, was the Rev. Fred Arnold, now of Dumas. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is the current pastor.

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Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick

## Louisiana Conference

### WSCS President dies

Mrs. Thomas E. Kirkpatrick, 42, of Shreveport, Louisiana Conference President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, died on Sept. 12 in a Shreveport hospital following a brief illness.

The funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 14, in St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Shreveport, with the Rev. James Poole, pastor of St. Luke's, and the Rev. Dan Tohline, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, officiating.

A native of Jonesboro and a former resident of Magnolia, Ark., Mrs. Kirkpatrick had lived in Shreveport for 12 years.

She was elected Conference President last fall at the time of the merger of the Women's Societies of former Louisiana Conference A and Louisiana Conference B. Prior to that she was president of the Shreveport District WSCS. Her death came just a little more than a week before the annual meeting of the Conference WSCS in Monroe over which she would have been presiding for the first time.

#### ATTENTION!

North Arkansas Conference delegates of the W.S.C.S. planning to attend the Annual Meeting to be held at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock on October 10-11, PLEASE, SEND RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY to Mrs. Clifford Blackburn, First United Methodist Church, 22nd and Poplar Streets, North Little Rock.

### DISTRICT GUILDS MEET IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK

The Conway District Guild met at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church in North Little Rock on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Mrs. J. P. Burgess of Conway, district chairman, presided at the two o'clock session. Fifty-eight members from fifteen Guilds were in attendance.

The Rev. Byron McSpadden, host pastor, gave the invocation. Mrs. Martha Freeman, Jacksonville, gave the meditation. The youth choir, with Mr. Peter Cooper as director, presented special music.

Introductions of the Mission Studies of INDIA and FAITH AND JUSTICE were given by Mrs. Muriel

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## Annual meetings scheduled by Arkansas women

### SPEAKERS



Miss Martha King

### UNITED METHODIST MEETINGS FOR WOMEN IN OCTOBER

When United Methodist Women of Arkansas hold Annual meetings in October, attention will be focused on the new structure under which they will be reorganized.

The first upcoming meeting is that of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference, scheduled for Sunday, October 1 at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock. The North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will meet the following Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. These will be the last annual meetings of the groups under the name of Wesleyan Service Guilds.

The last annual meetings of the Women's Society of Christian Service (under that name) of both conferences will be in session the following week, — the North Arkansas Conference group holding a two-day session October 10 and 11 in First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock, and the Little Rock Conference convening on October 11 in First Methodist Church of Hot Springs.

Miss Joan Clark will be a featured speaker in all four meetings. Miss Clark is on the staff of the Women's Division as a regional worker in Dallas, Texas. She was one of the "Committee of 24" working on plans for "one new inclusive organization for United Methodist Women."

Also speaking at the first meeting (next Sunday) will be Miss Joan King of Rome, Georgia, who was also on the "Committee of 24".

Additional speakers for the other meetings will be announced next week.



Miss Joan Clark

### ANNUAL GUILD MEETING AT ALDERSGATE CAMP, OCT. 1

"What of Tomorrow?" is the theme of the Little Rock Conference Guilds convening Sunday, October 1, at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, 200 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and Dr. Pearle McCain, Little Rock, retired missionary, will conduct the opening devotional at 9:30. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff, a former jurisdictional secretary of Guilds, will bring the closing worship at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speakers, Martha King and Joan Clark, are listed in adjoining column.

Conference Chairman Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana will preside. Mrs. Louise Pate of Little Rock is chairman of program. Music will be under the direction of Miss Ruth Burnett and Miss Floreta Skinner, Camden District Guilds, of which Mrs. Carrie Brown is chairman, are to be hostesses.

Mrs. M. O. Bettis, 102 Rice St., Little Rock, 72205 (phone:375-8536) is chairman of registration and reservations for the noon meal (\$1.75) should be made with her by Sept. 27.

#### MARTHA KING

Miss Martha King, a native of Rome, Georgia, is presently employed as guidance counselor at Model High School, Shannon, Georgia. She is a member of the Policies Committee of the Georgia Association of Educators, and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary fraternity for teachers.

In United Methodism, she is a former Guild Secretary of the North Georgia Conference, and was a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1968 and 1972, and an alternate delegate to the 1972 General Conference.

She has taught in a number of summer Schools of Christian Mission, and was on the "Committee of 24" planning the new structure for women.

Miss King will speak in Arkansas at the Little Rock Conference Guild meeting, only.

#### News in Brief

MRS. TAYLOR CLAIBORNE reviewed the book "Jesus on Horseback" by John Reese at the Sept. 5 meeting of the Women's Society in First Church, West Memphis. Mrs. David Thomas is president of the group.

### NEW STRUCTURE FOR WOMEN WILL PROCEED DURING 1973

The new organization, "United Methodist Women" on the conference level in the Arkansas Area will come into being on Feb. 24, 1973, with a Service of Celebration to be held in both the Little Rock Conference and the North Arkansas Conference. This will unite members of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service, and merge members of the Southwest Conference into one inclusive organization in each area. On the same day, a similar meeting in Oklahoma will observe the merger of guilds and societies with Southwest Conference members living in that area.

Plans for these re-organizations were made by the executive committees of the four conferences with staff members of the Women's Division in June at the time of the Regional School of Christian Mission on Mt. Sequoyah, to look toward bringing in the new organization of United Methodist Women and the merging of the former Southwest Conference women with the other conferences.

All groups are holding annual meetings in October, but are not electing officers. Instead, they are extending the term of all present officers until Feb. 24, 1973.

The plan is for the district organizations to hold their annual meetings this fall and to extend the term of their present officers until district meetings are held in March or April, 1973. Plans for local groups to become United Methodist Women may begin as early as January 1973, but must be completed by December of 1973.

#### JOAN L. CLARK

Miss Joan L. Clark, principal speaker and resource person for all conference annual meetings of United Methodist Women in Arkansas in October, is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich. She holds a B.A. degree from Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo), and has had two years of graduate work at Scarritt College for Christian Workers at Nashville, Tenn.

She served as a U.S.-2 (short-term assignment under the United Methodist Board of Missions and was a church and community worker in Sullivan County, Ind. During this time she had particular responsibility for Women's Societies and work with church schools and among youth.

She was commissioned a deaconess at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Minneapolis in October, 1971.

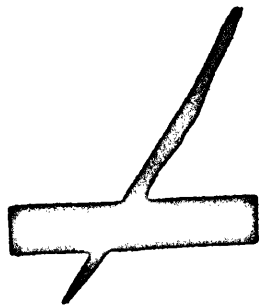
Miss Clark is currently serving as national president of Kappa Phi, an organization of university Christian women. She was elected to the staff of the Women's Division at the 1972 meeting of the Board of Missions in Dallas, and was appointed to the Dallas Region, which includes Arkansas.

MRS. RUDY STARK of Paragould, president of district women, was guest speaker for ladies of First Church, Walnut Ridge, Sept. 5.



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR OCTOBER 8: Christianity and the Secular City

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 11:1-9; Zechariah 8:1-8; John 17:15-18; Acts 19:23-41; 1 John 2:15-17; Revelation 21:10, 22-27

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To gain a better understanding of the ways in which the activities and emphases of the church are being changed to meet the necessities of increased urbanization.

Sociologists tell us that the phenomenon of accelerated urbanization is a universal one. From the centers of population in the United States to the newly-developing nations in the heart of Africa people are leaving the land and crowding into cities that are already too large. These movements should open great new opportunities for the church, but, with very few exceptions, we have found it almost impossible to cope with the new demands made upon us.

However, it should be pointed out that the church has been developing an increasing awareness of this challenge and devoting great resources to its efforts to serve as God's servants in meeting it. With only a few exceptions our members and leaders are trying to involve themselves in new styles of ministry in the city. For the past 20 years or so we have seen these changes taking place in all the churches and been aware of the excitement related to them.

It has been our privilege to visit some of the cities in which great new innovative programs have been undertaken. Almost 15 years ago we had a share in reporting new concepts of the church's mission when we went to the state of Ohio and found an intensive study underway to discover what the needs were in that state. One of our first duties there was to produce a filmstrip and a visual presentation for the annual conferences underscoring the needs that centered in the cities of Ohio. A ministry to steel workers was begun in the city of Steubenville, and it is still continuing as a witness to Christ near the gate of a great steel mill.

Today there are outstanding programs in most of the cities of Louisiana and Arkansas through which a powerful impact is being exerted in the name of Christ. More than a dozen years ago Dr. Harvey Cox wrote his book *The Secular City*, and now we see how timely it was.

Ancient writers also dreamed of the unusual opportunities which were offered to religious leaders in the cities. Our lesson today is based on such a prophetic message, revealing to us that ancient cities were just as much a dilemma as are the problems of our time. However, the one fact emphasized by contemporary sociologists is the rapid trend of our world. As one writer says of the vision the prophet Zechariah had in the field, "Zechariah would not have understood the expressions 'City Planning' and 'Urban Renewal.' Yet he was advocating the very thing these words imply. And whenever any modern city undertakes such programs, it is entering into the prophet's dream of a city renewed."

### THE BEGINNING OF CITY LIFE

Genesis 11:1-8 describes for us one of the earliest attempts to form a community which could in any sense be regarded as urban. Most scholars believe that the region under discussion was in the area we now know as Iran. A group of nomads decided they were tired of their wandering and came together in a area they called Shinar, later to be known as Babylon.

It seems quite modern that as soon as they decided this was the place for their city they started to make plans for a skyscraper. (We sometimes get the idea that this is a modern phenomenon—this attempt to gain status for a city by having the highest building.) Archaeologists have found ruins of just such a tower in the area where Babylon stood. While their exact design cannot be ascertained from the account, such buildings were known to have consisted of terraced levels built one upon another in pyramid style. In Broadman Comments we read: "There is evidence that an ancient ziggurat at Babylon had a square foundation of which each side measured some 300 feet. The outer wall was about fifty feet thick and made of baked brick. The building rose seven stories to a height of 300 feet."

But we do not want to bog down in the architectural details of this story. We get the impression that the main thing the writer was trying to tell us was that there was too much human pride involved in the undertaking and God was displeased. Perhaps it was because the attempt to build a tower that would "reach unto heaven" indicated an effort to render the occupants safe from attack. Instead of depending on God to protect them, they devised their own defenses.

One interesting result of this urban project, according to our Genesis story was a separation which they had not intended. We are told that whereas they had spoken one language as they came together, different languages developed so that people could not understand one another. One almost sees here a parable of the many divisions that develop in modern city life, not just the concentrations of national groups that are so often found, but the forces in urban life which seem to drive people apart.

The story contains no clear suggestion that there was an offense to God in the building of the city. Some people have claimed that the Old Testament is written with a prejudice against cities, but really they are condemned only when they are made the occasion of evil. One commentator says: "God's displeasure is with the sins of citizens, not with urban life *per se*."

### JERUSALEM — THE CITY OF CITIES

The part of our lesson based on the prophecy of Zechariah accentuates the importance of the city of Jerusalem in the development of biblical faith. The prophet was concerned with encouraging Jews repatriated from the Exile to join in the rebuilding of Jerusalem. He saw this not only as related to their faith in God, but also their confidence in themselves and the restoration of their national life.

No city in the world has been the object of more affectionate regard than Jerusalem. It was beloved to the Hebrew people, not only as their capital, but more particularly because of the Temple. The destruction of the city by the Babylonians was the supreme national tragedy, and Zechariah saw the reconstruction of the city and the Temple as the supreme challenge. The Temple was rebuilt and survived as a place of great importance until the early days of the Christian era when it was destroyed by the Romans in the rebellion of the Jews.

The city has been under many governments since that time, but the Temple was never rebuilt. For centuries Jews have mourned at the Wailing Wall which they regard as the memorial to the Temple.

Between 1948 and 1967 Jerusalem was a divided city separated by a "no man's land" between that part which was in the kingdom of Jordan, and that which was a part of the nation of Israel. It was reunited physically by the Six Days War of 1967, but remains a sore spot in Arab-Israeli differences. Although administered by a wise mayor who uses Arab advisors it is still a long way from being a city united.

### INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD

A brief passage of four verses from John 17—"the High Priestly Prayer"—contains one of the most meaningful texts of the New Testament concerning our quest for an effective strategy for urban ministry: "I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world . . . as thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

For a long time it seemed that the only strategy some churches knew for the city was to take flight to the suburbs and abandon the "inner city." This, of course, is to recognize the fact that many great churches did find a way to survive and grow at the heart of our great cities. Some did so with great voices in their pulpits drawing multitudes back downtown from the suburbs on Sunday. However, most of those churches that have made it in the inner city have done so with an innovative approach to people and an involvement in the needs of the world.

One important point we want to make here concerns the many rural persons who are reading this lesson and asking what does this have to do with me? There are two points we would like to make with them. First, in a denomination like ours we all have an opportunity to be part of a team which is at work in the city for us. Just as at one time we were challenged primarily by foreign missions, now we have an opportunity to share in this ministry through World Service and Advance Specials.

Then we would also like to point out that many of the problems of the city are the result of changes in the patterns of rural life. For example, in our part of the country we have seen the exodus of hundreds of thousands of people from the farm to the city leading to many of the problems of urban life.

### THE GOALS OF URBAN MINISTRY

Dr. Charles Laymon asks the pertinent question, "What is the place of the church in a secular city—a city in which goals and motives are materialistic and temporal? This question is being asked more than any other today by those who are concerned that the church be relevant."

Questions like these have led to the complete restructuring of church life. Our National Division of what is now known as the Board of Global Ministries has led our city churches in a restudy of their own programs, and their annual report is one of the most exciting segments of modern church history.

Langdon B. Gilkey in his book *How the Church Can Minister to the World Without Losing Itself* speaks of the task of the church in the city: "There is so clearly a need for a ministry of reconciliation and of reform to areas and issues untouched by, and seemingly closed to, the local residential church—the labor unions, the inner city, the slums and tenements, radical problems, and so on—that it may well seem that the congregational community of Word and Sacrament, which has been the classical form for the church, is now irrelevant, too captive to its own smug residential milieu to spread the gospel or live it out in human reality."

However, I do not believe this is the whole story. I think the most exciting church life I see today is the result of the leaven that is slowly at work reshaping the life of what Dr. Gilkey calls the "local residential church." When they have really grasped what their mission is, great new efforts in involvement have been implemented. Some who were very reluctant yesterday are in the middle of this ministry today. Some who felt they had to leave the institutional church to go to where "the action is" are seeing that this is no longer indicated.

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## Dean Quillian makes statement on Perkins—preaching and people

As Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, opens another school year, it recognizes that its God-given task is the preparation of young men and women for the Christian ministry. Perkins strives to stay in touch with the laity of the church, to listen and to be alert to today's needs. The important role played by the laity of the church is pointed up by the following statement by Dr. Joseph D. Quillian, Jr., Dean of Perkins:

"The man who stands behind the pulpit is important to the people who go to church. We want him to be something—namely, an honest man of God. We want him to say something—the Gospel.

People who go to church are important to the man who stands behind the pulpit. He likely has grown up in one of their homes. He has learned what it means to be a Christian by how the people in his church live. But the people do more than this—

they also help to preach each sermon.

A real sermon happens when the Gospel is faithfully preached and faithfully heard and the Holy Spirit moves among us to make the sermon become the Word of God in our minds and hearts.

How can the people get better preaching?

1. Love and encourage your pastor. He needs you as much as you need him.

2. Be present at worship. That is, be there positively to take active part in the service and to listen positively. Pray that the Word may be given, and expect it.

No preacher can be as good as he is capable of being without God's grace and his people's active support. With both, he can preach better than he ever thought he could!

—Joseph D. Quillian, Jr.

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## United Methodists to observe World Order Sunday

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — With no lack of international problems demanding attention, United Methodists will observe World Order Sunday this year by stressing the one or more issues that gain a congregation's interest.

Theme for the Oct. 15 observance is "Taking Risks for War or for Peace."

Some of the issues to which the Division of World Peace of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns is pointing this year, and offering informational resources, include:

- ★ War in Vietnam.
- ★ Effectiveness of the United Nations as a peacemaking and peace-keeping force.
- ★ Crisis in the Middle East.
- ★ Struggles of black people against repression by a white minority in Southern Africa.
- ★ Arms control and disarmament.
- ★ Population growth.

Dr. Herman Will, associate general secretary for the division, urged that congregations as well as individual church men and women consider the world issues and how Christian principles can be applied to decision-making.

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### News in Brief

The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' National Division will participate in a conference on the church's role in mushrooming "new towns" Nov. 8-10 in Oak Brook, Ill. The session is sponsored by the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC), a coalition of national home mission agencies, including the National Division.

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The Rev. C. Glenn Mingleorff has resigned as president of United Methodist-related Emory and Henry College in Bristol, Va. He had held the post since Dec. 1, 1970.

Rhodesian authorities withdraw passport,  
travel privilege of Bishop Muzorewa

SALISBURY (RNS) — Rhodesian immigration authorities have withdrawn the passport of United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, head of the major black organization opposing the white regime of Ian Smith, a few days before he was to leave for London and the U.S.

The action on Sept. 10 was carried out under a new law giving the government virtually unlimited power to restrict travel.

Bishop Muzorewa was hospitalized in Mtoko at the time for observation and treatment of ulcers and bilharzia, a debilitating disease peculiar to Africa.

Rhodesian officials refused to comment on the withdrawal of the bishop's travel documents. The ban came less than two weeks after the passport of the Rev. Canaan Banana was withdrawn. Mr. Banana is vice-president of the African National Council, of which Bishop Muzorewa is president.

Earlier in the year the Council mobilized black resistance to a proposed British-Rhodesian settlement of a long-standing impasse between London and the break-away colony. It has emerged as a major political force, and is calling for a constitutional convention to assure equitable representa-

tion in government to 5.5 million blacks, currently ruled by 250,000 whites.

The bishop had planned to talk with officials of the British Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Office in London, then go to the U.S. for medical treatment, a meeting of the United Methodist Council of Bishops and a session of the United Nations Security Council at which southern Africa would be discussed.

On his last trip to London and the U.S.—in April—he was able to focus international attention on moves in Rhodesia toward permanent apartheid (racial separation) policy. His role in the struggle of Rhodesian blacks is responsible, it is said, for repeated condemnations of the Smith government from the World Council of Churches and the United Methodist Church.

Bishop Muzorewa is the first Rhodesian to head his Church in Rhodesia. He was recently reelected to the episcopacy for another four years by a regional conference of United Methodists meeting in Malawi.

African bishops of the U.S.-based United Methodist Church are not chosen for life as is the case for episcopal leaders in America.

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## POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

*A portion of a prayer by John Baillie reads... "Forbid that I should walk through Thy beautiful world with unseeing eyes: Forbid that the lure of the market-place should ever entirely steal my heart away from the love of the open acres and the green trees: Forbid that under the low roof of workshop or office of study I should ever forget Thy great overarching sky: Forbid that when all Thy creatures are greeting the morning with songs and shouts of joy, I alone should wear a dull and sullen face."*

### To See God

To see a sunrise and a sunset;  
To hear the bubbling of a tiny brook  
or the roar of a mighty ocean;  
To stand in the midst of a carpeted meadow  
and feel the wind upon your face  
or the stillness as it dies away;  
To see a storm lash out in its fury;  
To see a rainbow arching above a freshened world;  
To hear a child's laughter, his cry,  
and the comforting voice of his mother;  
To experience love and beauty is to see and know God.

-by Mary Ann Clark

### Early Morning

Welcome early morning, mend me afresh.  
Burst from thy heavens light for my day.  
Welcome me with brightness, new birth from the morning;  
Shine in my heart;  
Bring forth your love;  
Fill me with praise.

-by Rosemary Clements

## UMYF groups invited to SMU-New Mexico State football game

DALLAS—Methodist Youth Fellowship groups from the eight states comprising the South Central Jurisdiction are invited to attend the Southern Methodist University-New Mexico State football game in Texas Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

A special rate of 50¢ per MYF member has been approved by the two institutions involved and the Texas Stadium Corporation, Hayden Fry, director of athletics and head football coach at SMU, announced. Adults may sit in the MYF section by purchasing general admission tickets at \$3 each, Coach Fry said.

Attendance by MYF groups at recent SMU games with Navy, Air Force, North Carolina State, and New Mexico State has ranged as high as 25,000. The Mustangs have won four of the five games played on MYF days.

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## New Zealand's Methodists back five-church merger

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (RNS)—Members of New Zealand's 10 Methodist synods have given over-all approval (93 per cent) for a plan to unite five of the country's Churches.

Earlier, at the circuit level, Methodist officials throughout the country endorsed the proposal by 89 to 11 per cent.

In November, the Methodist Annual Conference will take the final, binding vote on the union plan. A direct poll of rank-and-file members has been taken, but the results will not be made public until an Anglican referendum is made public later in September.

Besides the Anglican and Methodist Churches, the other three denominations involved in the union plan are the Presbyterian and Congregationalist Churches and the Associated Churches of Christ.



Dr. Raoul C. Calkins

## SMU theologian in Jerusalem for inaugural event

Theologian Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University joined an international gathering of scholars and churchmen near Jerusalem Sept. 24-27, to inaugurate an ecumenical study institute.

The culmination of a dream that began at the Second Vatican Council seven years ago, the Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies was established to provide a center where scholars representing Christian bodies from all over the world can come together to study subjects of common interest and concern.

"The range of Christian traditions that will be gathered under one roof is literally unprecedented," says Dr. Outler. "In this respect, the Institute is the most truly ecumenical of all the projects that I happen to know about."

A delegated observer at the Second Vatican Council, Dr. Outler became a member of the Academic Council of the Institute when it was initiated in 1965 under the sponsorship of the International Federation of Catholic Universities at the request of Pope

JERUSALEM — On a hill half way between Jerusalem — a city sacred to the world's monotheistic religions — and Bethlehem where the founder of one of those religions was born, the University of Notre Dame will dedicate a landmark in Christian ecumenism on Sept. 24. The hill is called Tantur and the landmark is the University's Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Study. The idea for the institute came out of a precedent-shattering meeting between Pope Paul VI and the late Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras in the Holy Land in 1964. To commemorate the meeting, the Pope asked Notre Dame's president, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., to organize an ecumenical institute in Jerusalem. An inter-faith Academic Council was formed in 1965 to plan the institute and construction began in 1968.

## Dr. Calkins to head World Methodist Council's Evangelism Committee

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UMI) — Appointment of a prominent Dayton United Methodist Church official to the top administrative staff position in a world-wide evangelism thrust was announced Sept. 14 by Bishop F. Gerald Ensley.

He is the Rev. Dr. Raoul C. Calkins, for the last three years executive secretary of the United Methodist Quadrennial Emphasis Committee with headquarters in Dayton, which supervised the multi-million-dollar Fund for Reconciliation in the nation. Dr. Calkins' new responsibility is that of administrative assistant to the World Methodist Council's Evangelism Committee, of which Bishop Ensley is chairman.

The quinquennial Assembly of the World Methodist Council in Denver last summer endorsed a strong program of evangelism, and the appointment of Dr. Calkins signals the beginning of extensive development and coordination of the global effort.

At an executive committee meeting of the Council in Bristol, England, Aug. 29-31, the decision was reached to locate the office in Columbus, Ohio, where Dr. Calkins can work closely with the chairman. He has begun his work at 395 E. Broad Street, Columbus.

Bishop Ensley said the Council's evangelism program will begin early in 1973 and continue into 1975, with major programs of evangelism scheduled for each of the three years.

One of the initial tasks of the World Methodist Council Committee will be to work with the 55 autonomous member churches through their established evangelism committees which will work together in the world-wide program.

While planning major events of a global nature, the Evangelism Committee at the same time will be co-

operating in the interdenominational North American "Key 73" evangelism emphasis beginning the first week of January. Bishop Ensley said:

"First of three major events of the Council Committee's program will be a world-wide simultaneous Bible study scheduled to begin Oct. 1, 1973 and to continue to Easter, 1974.

"Second is a world-wide Conference on Evangelism planned for 1974 in Frankfurt, Germany. Details of this event will be worked out at a meeting of the Evangelism Committee in England this December.

"Culmination of the vast program is to come in 1975. On the first day of Lent (Feb. 18) the Church in each of 50 countries will launch a campaign to (1) expound the Gospel, (2) persuade its acceptance and (3) enlist men and women as disciples of Christ."

Bishop Ensley pointed out that Dr. Calkins' 39 years experience in the ministry as a parish minister, a district superintendent, delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences and his recent national responsibility fit him for this undertaking.

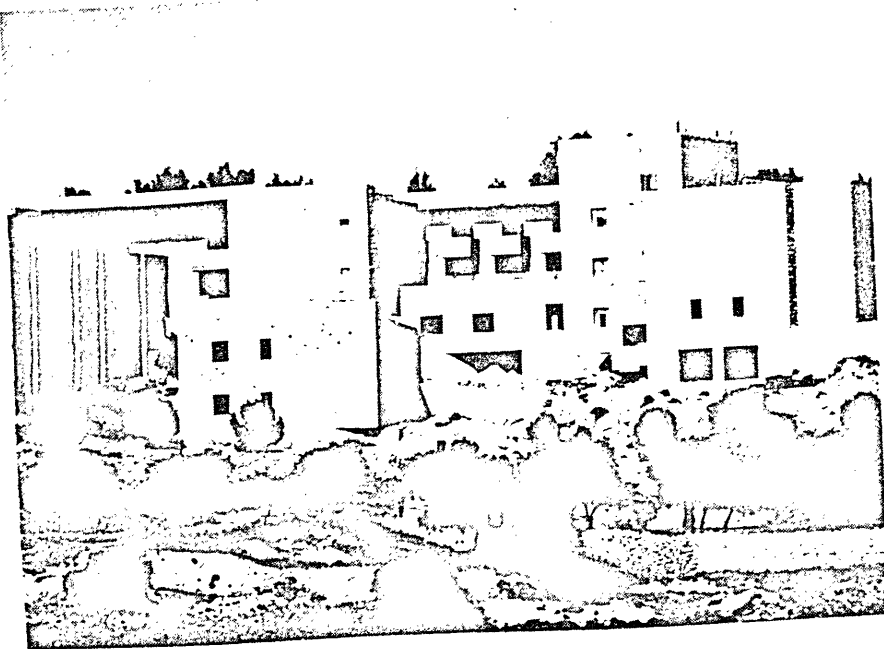
A native of St. Paul, Kansas, Dr. Calkins is a graduate of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and Boston University School of Theology, served four churches in the Iowa Area, then as superintendent of the large Des Moines District before coming to Ohio in 1953 as senior minister of King Avenue Methodist Church, Columbus.

Since then he served as superintendent of the Cincinnati District and then as pastor of what became under his leadership one of the largest churches in the area, Christ United Methodist, Kettering. From there, in 1969, he assumed the Quadrennial Emphasis post.

### Paul VI.

The SMU theologian, who has been a leading participant in major ecumenical endeavors throughout the world, will participate in a panel with scholars from the National University of Zaire and the Faculty of Divinity,

Belgrade. The panel is part of the four-day program inaugurating the Jerusalem Institute. Dr. Outler is one of six Americans taking part on the program along with representatives of 10 other countries.



## Project "FIND" campaign launched

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — United Methodists are being urged to join with other volunteers in "Project FIND", a nationwide campaign launched by the Federal Government to identify and enroll older Americans eligible for Federal Food Assistance programs.

Heading the campaign is Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, a United Methodist who chaired the 1972 White House Conference on Aging and who was formerly U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Flemming said the campaign is President Nixon's response to recommendations from last December's White House Conference.

The 1970 census shows that there are now some 20 per cent of the nation's 20 million Americans over 65 living below the official poverty level. Only 10 percent of the nation as a whole fall below this level.

Miss Virginia Stafford, a participant in the White House Conference and a United Methodist Board of Education staff member who has responsibility for ministries to the aged, said Project FIND is an excellent opportunity for concerned Methodists to tangibly do something about the plight of many elderly citizens.

She emphasized that reaching the elderly who need help is a major problem of persons who work with the aged. "We find that the very ones who need help the most are often those who are isolated and difficult to reach or who are fiercely independent and refuse 'welfare'."

Appreciation was expressed for the interest of government agencies which she said have not always been aggressive enough. The Social Security Administration sent Project FIND information to 27 million Social Security and Medicare recipients early in August.

The Rev. Willard Williams, another Board of Education staff member who has responsibility for ministries to the black church, joined with Miss Stafford in encouraging involvement of United Methodists as volunteers in the campaign.

Four government agencies and the American Red Cross are participating in the campaign which will require up to 50,000 volunteers. Persons may contact their local Red Cross office for more information. Additional information will be available from Mr. Williams or Miss Stafford, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Forman Christian College and Kinaird College in Lahore are among 176 private colleges nationalized by the government of Pakistan, according to press reports. Both are related to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' World Division. Board officials said that although the situation is unclear, other schools related to the denomination in Pakistan apparently are not included in the group.

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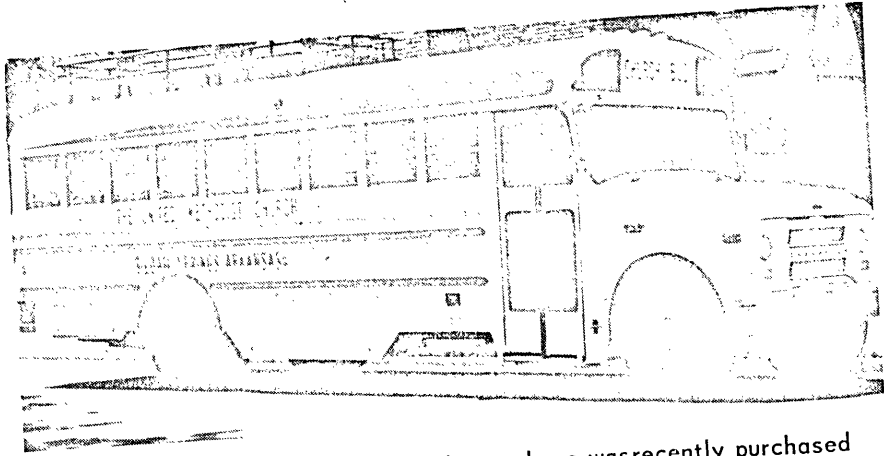
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## Hendrix professor plans environmental film series for education TV

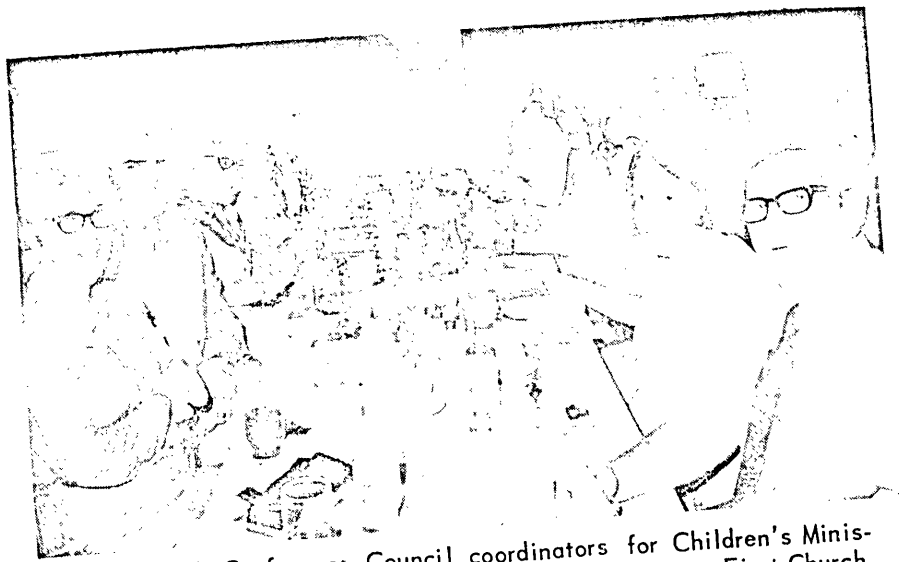
CONWAY, ARK., Sept. 19 — Dr. Burvin C. Alread, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Professor of Economics and Business at Hendrix College, has been instrumental in the production of an educational film series entitled "Man and Environment."

Alread, a member of the Executive Committee of the State Council on Economic Education, has done a substantial amount of the planning involved in the production of this series.

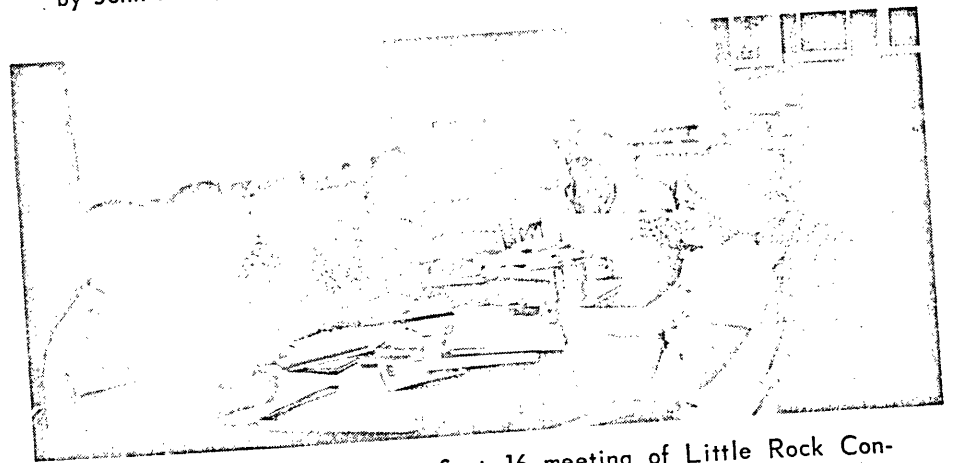
The actual filming was done by Miami-Dade Junior College in Miami,

Florida. The series consists of 14 individual films of 30 minutes' duration, which deal with various topics of our environment and ecology.

The film series will be shown on KETS Channel 2 this year. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will be a film concerning an individual and distinct problem of our environment. Then on Thursdays and Fridays there will be a panel discussion of the questions raised by this film.



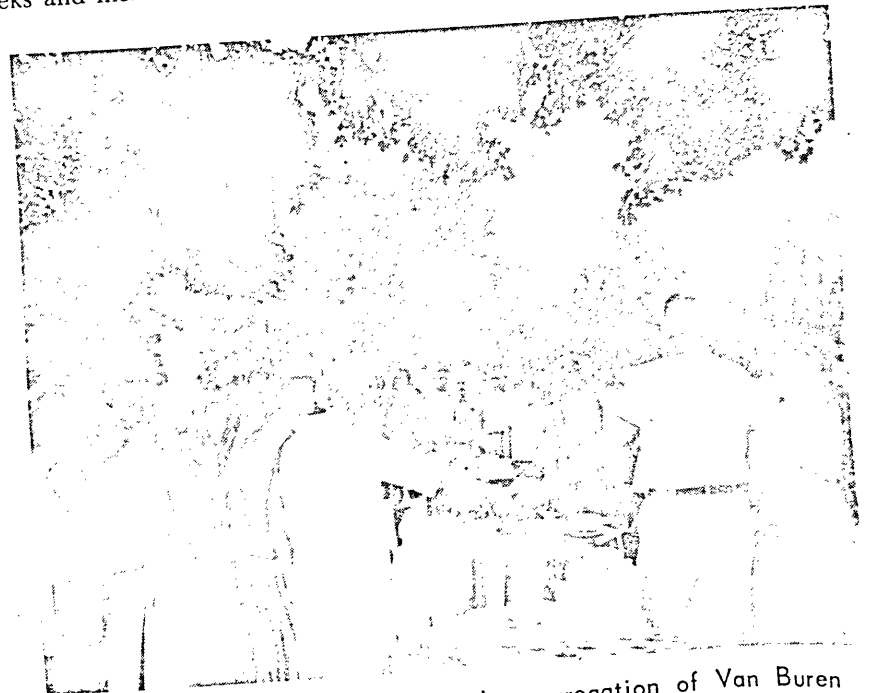
Little Rock Conference Council coordinators for Children's Ministry shown during Sept. 16 Planning Session luncheon at First Church, Arkadelphia. FROM LEFT: Mrs. John Prothro, Emmett, the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent; Mrs. John L. Tucker, conference director of Children's Work; Mrs. N. J. Garrett, Crossett; Dr. and Mrs. Kelly Oliver, Arkadelphia; Dr. and Mrs. John P. Miles, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Hot Springs; Miss Dottie Lee Suggett, Little Rock; Mrs. Charles Jones, Little Rock; Mrs. John Ross, Stephens; the Rev. John Prothro, Emmett. (Photographed by John Ross)



A planning session during Sept. 16 meeting of Little Rock Conference coordinators for Children's Ministry at Arkadelphia. Mrs. John L. Tucker (at far end of table) chairs the group.

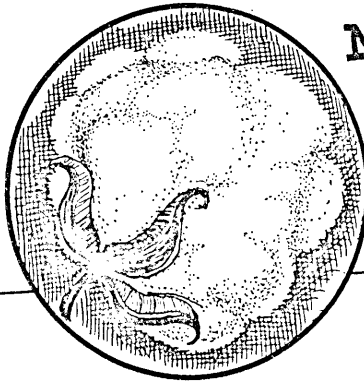
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St. John United Methodist Church congregation of Van Buren photographed during recent annual picnic held at Lake Fort Smith State Park. The potluck picnic dinner was preceded by the singing of the Wesleyan Table Grace. Activities included a volleyball game in which the UMY challenged the men of the church, dubbed "The Grandpa Gang." The Rev. David Scroggin is pastor.

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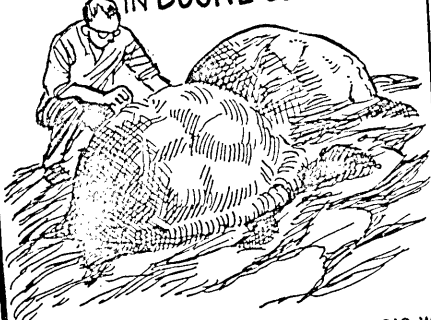
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