

The Rev. Roy Ryan, left, and the Rev. Derrick Norman, second from right, of the Board of Education, Nashville, were in Arkansas for two days last week leading workshops on the Living Bible Series. They are shown with the Rev. William A. Stewart, second from left, Little Rock Conference Coordinator of Adult Work, and the Rev. Alf A. Eason, Director of the Conference Council on Ministries.



Mr. Ryan is shown leading the group from the North Arkansas Conference as they considered the new Living Bible Series.

Appointment changes in Arkansas and Louisiana announced

Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield, Jr. of the Louisiana Area and Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Arkansas Area have announced appointment changes affecting three churches in the two areas. These are:

Sam Nader, pastor of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., since 1963, is transferred to the North Arkansas Annual Conference and appointed as pastor of First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith;

John A. Bayliss, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Ark. since 1965, is transferred to the Louisiana Annual Conference and appointed pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans;

Benedict A. Galloway, pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church, New Orleans, since 1962, has been appointed pastor of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport.

These pastors will all be in their new pulpits for the first time on Oct. 22.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank has announced the following changes in appointments, effective Oct. 1:

Carol Jackson from Oppelo, Conway District, to Marshall and Leslie, Batesville District;

Jay V. Gamble from Morrilton Ct., Conway District, to Oppelo, Conway District;

Morrilton Ct. is to be supplied.

Memorial Lectures to be held at Crossett

Dr. E. William Muchl, professor of practical theology at Yale Divinity School, will be the speaker for the Memorial Lectures at First United Methodist Church, Crossett, Oct. 29-Nov. 2. He will be speaking on the theme, "Why Not Drop Dead?"

In pursuing this theme he will be speaking on the style of Christian living. In his midday lectures he will use the theme "Panic in the Anthill."

The opening lecture will be Sunday, Oct. 29 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Evening lectures will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Daily lectures will be at noon from 12:05-12:55 with the noon meal served at a nominal cost in the Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by an informal discussion with Dr. Muchl.

Because of his extensive study in

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Hendrix President interviewed by Chicago Tribune economist

BY ELIOT JANEWAY

NEW YORK CITY — Now that America's big universities are going broke along with big government, the native American institution known as the small private college, which only yesterday was making news merely by surviving, is now learning how to make it. Dr. Roy Shilling, the 41-year-old president of Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., has developed an educational mousetrap which works. His exercise in Emersonian wisdom seems to be fulfilling Emerson's prophecy that the world will beat a path to the door of anyone who makes a better mousetrap.

JANEWAY: Tell us a bit about your college.

SHILLING: Hendrix has about 1,025 students, of which 80 per cent are from Arkansas and the other 20 per cent represent 27 other states. We have about 20 different majors within 17 different departments, altho we offer only the bachelor of arts degree. About 51 per cent of the students re-

ceive some financial aid from the college. More than 55 per cent of our graduates go to professional schools—medical schools, law schools, or graduate studies.

JANEWAY: What is distinctive in what you have to offer, and what do you think you can demonstrate?

SHILLING: What we really have going for us is a traditional academic program within the framework in which we operate, and we appeal to students who want it. The student takes only three courses per term, and the design of the curriculum assumes that no student takes the same set of courses as another student. There is freedom in which to structure the courses based on the student's interest and abilities.

We use the college level examination program to determine what the individual student is able to do and how much credit is to be granted from previous learning. Thus, we think that our approach incorporates the best

possible psychological and learning principles. Another strong point is the management team which has identified our resources, and utilized and allo-

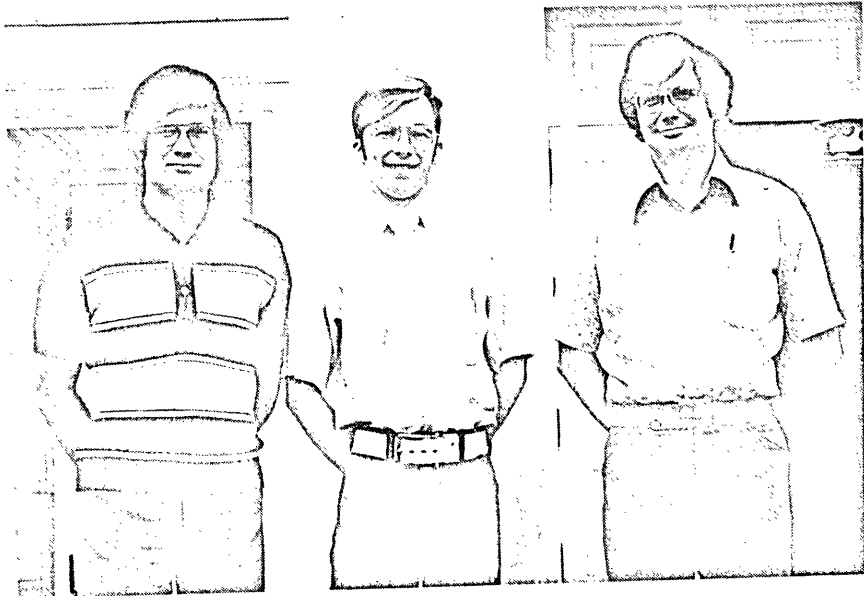
cated them against our most urgent priorities.

JANEWAY: Hendrix seems atypical.

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Connie Hoxie, a junior, majoring in theater arts, was the 1,000th student to register at Hendrix College for the fall term. This marks the first time for enrollments at Hendrix to exceed 1,000. The total enrollment is 1,032 according to Victor Hill, registrar. Connie, the daughter of former FBI director for Little Rock, Herbert Hoxie, was an honor graduate at North Little Rock High School.





Of the 136 new students who entered Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., for the 1972-73 academic year, three are from the Little Rock Conference. They are, left to right: George M. (Mackey) Yokem, Ellis E. ("Eddie") Warren, and John R. Grigsby.

Methodist Heritage Tour date changed to November 7

Departure date for the METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR of England has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 7, according to a spokesman for the group.

The Tour will visit Epworth, Birmingham, Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, Bristol, Bath, Salisbury, Stonehenge and London. The only change in the itinerary, published in the METHODIST issue of Sept. 7, is that the group will share in Sunday worship in Wesley Chapel, London. They will return Nov. 15.

Little time remains to join the tour party, which now consists of more than 200 Methodists from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

The price, \$525, remains unchanged, and includes air travel from Little

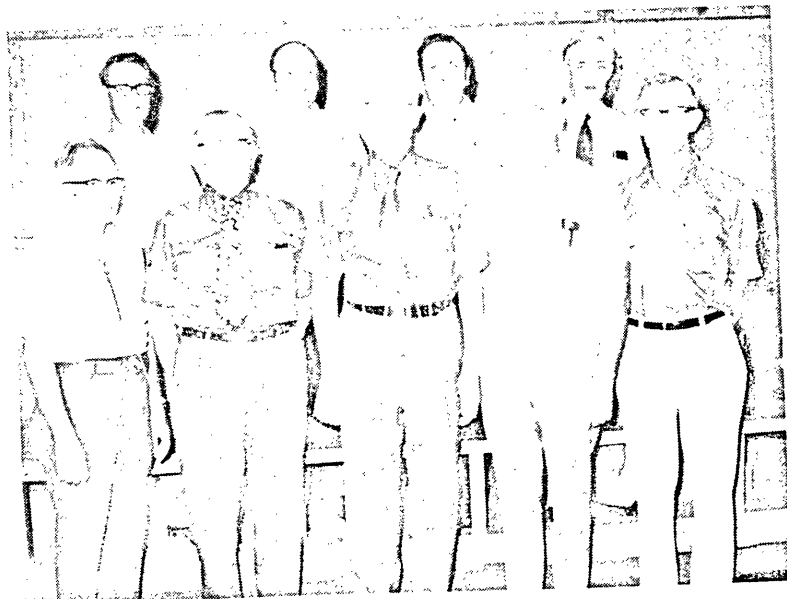
ALDRSGATE CAMP OFFERS FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL WEEKEND

Aldersgate Methodist Camp is offering a package deal of buffet supper, lodging, and insurance for \$7.50 per person, for the Razorback game, Oct. 28. Write to 2000 Aldersgate Rd., L.R., 72205, for reservations.

DR. VERNON SOLICITING DATA FOR BISHOP PAUL E. MARTIN BIOGRAPHY

A biography is in process of preparation on the life of Bishop Paul E. Martin, for a number of years the bishop of Arkansas and Louisiana. Dr. Walter N. Vernon of Nashville, Tennessee is preparing the book, and is soliciting data from any of Bishop Martin's friends. He especially would like to have specific events, stories, incidents that are remembered by any of the readers of this paper. Write out your recollection (typed or longhand) and mail to Dr. Vernon at the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.

Rock, Memphis or Monroe to connect with the charter flight from Birmingham. An immediate deposit of \$25 will reserve your place. For information, write: Methodist Heritage Tour, P. O. Box 4111, Monroe, 71201; or phone (318) 373-3348.



Leaders for the Sept. 16-17 Batesville District Laymen's Assembly held at Camp Kaetzell. FROM LEFT: Ed Randel, associate lay leader; J. L. Mullins, associate lay leader; Clay Bumpers, conference lay leader; Jim Crain, Conway district lay leader; Dr. Matt Ellis, associate conference lay leader; Marvin Gaither, District lay leader and coordinator for the event; Dick Cole, associate district lay leader; the Rev. William Womack, pastor at Heber Springs.

Council of Bishops plans 'open meeting'

CLEVELAND (RNS) — In a historic move, the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has voted to hold "an open session" at its next regular meeting in Washington, D.C., in April, 1973.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Tex., presided at the Council meeting here, which was attended by 78 of the Church's episcopal lead-

ers. Among those present were the 19 U.S. bishops who were elected at jurisdictional conferences in July, and Bishop Fama (Joseph) Onema of Zaire, 36, the youngest bishop of the denomination.

Reports from the committees on teaching concerns, pastoral concerns, administrative concerns, and relational concerns were heard, and Bishop D. Frederick Wertz of Charleston, W.Va., reported on an orientation session for new bishops and their wives that was held at the United Methodist conference grounds at Lake Junaluska, N.C., in late August.

The bishops set July 13, 1976, as the opening date for the next series of quadrennial jurisdictional conferences, and named Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Dallas as chairman of a Board of Arbitration to work with United Methodist conferences involved in mergers.

Laymen's Day is October 8

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist lay men and women will join the laity of other denominations October 8 in marking one of the most widely-observed special days in the church . . . Laymen's Day.

"Who?, Me?" has been chosen as the theme for the day, according to Dr. David W. Self, general secretary of the United Methodist General Board of the Laity. The 1972 observance will be the last time the designation "Laymen's Day" will be used. Beginning in 1973, the observance will be known as "Laity Day."

Appeal sent to Rhodesia on behalf of Bishop

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMI) — United Methodist bishops have appealed to the Rhodesian government to lift the travel restrictions on their colleague, Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of Rhodesia.

Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Indianapolis, secretary of the United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops, released September 29 the text of a letter which the Council has sent to Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia. The message emphasizes that the Council of Bishops is "deeply concerned" that the Rhodesian government's action in revoking Bishop Muzorewa's travel privileges "will inhibit the effective administration of his sacred duties as an Elder and Bishop in the church."

Bishop Alton said that Bishop Muzorewa's passport travel credentials were taken from him in early September as he was preparing to leave for London and America. Bishop Muzorewa is ill, suffering from ulcers and bilharzia, a liver ailment peculiar to Africa. Restoration of Bishop Muzorewa's travel privileges would also permit him to leave Rhodesia for "wider consultation in reference to his present illness," the letter points out.

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theology and in law, Dr. Muchl is a frequent lecturer, speaker and visiting professor in colleges and universities. He is listed in *Who's Who in America* and is the author of five books.

The Memorial Lectureship was begun in 1970 with the purpose of bringing to Crossett outstanding preachers and leaders of the church in order to deepen the spiritual life of the community and its surrounding areas. Previous lecturers have been Dr. Carlyle Marney and Dr. W. J. A. Power.

Some of those attending Batesville District Assembly "just visiting." The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. is superintendent of Batesville District.

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Accent on Planning

Of all the many words which might be used to characterize strategy within the church these days none is more significant than the word "planning." At every level of church life groups are at work seeking to discover their needs and developing strategies that will help them move toward well-defined goals. The September issue of *The Interpreter* is an excellent textbook on planning and should be preserved in your church for continuous reference.

"Why Plan?" is the first question raised by Neal F. Fisher of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. He reminds us that many parts of the New Testament seem to speak out against planning, but that there are so many other voices that demand planning. He says: "For one thing, the church can scarcely claim to be faithful if it does not struggle to know the significance of what is happening in our day. That is a planning task." He continues, "Discipleship is just this process of selecting the necessary from the merely desirable. A faithful church will incorporate this goal-formation in its planning. A crucial point in the efforts of the United Methodist Church to plan in a new quadrennium is not merely knowing how to select the needed but to plan for those steps which will help to achieve it."

"Who Participates?" is the second question raised by Dr. Virgil Wesley Sexton who has been assistant general secretary for planning on the staff of the Program Council. He points out the mood of the times calls for greater involvement in planning. He says, "City planners, university planners — indeed all planners — are hearing demands for more involvement by persons for whom plans are being made." Many examples are quoted concerning the manner in which business and industry has increased their efficiency and solved many problems by involving their workers in planning. He says, "If you listen to persons, treat them as humans and their opinions as important, get their feelings and suggestions, those persons tend to find more joy in their work. They feel involved.

They feel that they are doing something for themselves and not just for you."

Then, Dr. Sexton who wrote *Listening to the Church*, speaks to all of us when he says, "The church, too, is discovering the need for more participation. Its members feel uninvolved in decision-making processes. Perhaps the greatest frustration indicated by United Methodists, as indicated in the data sent to the Program Council, is the felt inability of members to make themselves heard. What is asked for is more sensitivity to the feelings of members in planning denominational programs.

"A voluntary, membership organization belongs to the members. Wise are the planners who not only recognize this fact, but who also make use of members in the planning process. This is especially true in an organization the size of the United Methodist Church. As organizations grow larger there is a tendency for the average member to feel less involved, less important in the organization, and for that person's participation to be neglected."

Dr. Sexton points out several values in participation as a part of planning. Some of them are:

1. Persons tend to support that which they have helped to plan. They tend to want to be involved. They tend to support the plan with their resources. When persons see that their ideas and re-

actions are being carefully considered in the formulation of the plan, they tend to see the plan as "our plan" and not "their plan." They then have a vested interest in wanting to see it work.

2. Participation helps to identify dimensions of trends, issues and needs of the church that leadership would otherwise miss. At times the viewpoint of those on "the firing line" is more accurate than that of leaders. Leaders have been known to hang on to misconceptions long after they were no longer valid.

3. Participation tends to reduce resistance levels to change. One of the widely acclaimed techniques for achieving individual adjustment to change is participation in the planning by the person affected by that change.

4. Participation and involvement relate to the needs of the whole person — personality, the need to be heard and the desire to participate in those decisions which affect life and destiny. It is no minor satisfaction that comes from tackling problems and helping to find solutions to them. It is one of the reasons that the whole do-it-yourself movement has grown to such proportions in recent years.

However, we are reminded that there are also risks in involvement. First of all, it should be kept in mind that participation in planning does not neces-

sarily mean consensus. Then, every effort must be made to help persons feel that their participation will be meaningful in the planning process. Time-lag is a risk in participatory process planning. It takes time to get participation. Skepticism, at first, may make getting participation more time consuming. Persons must be convinced that the process is authentic.

Then Dr. Sexton concludes: "Probably the greatest risk in participatory planning is that persons may feel that participation is finished when they have helped with the design of a plan. Participation is not finished until plans are implemented. We must not allow persons to settle for a partial participation.

"In all of this we need to bear in mind that planning is not the ultimate mission of the church. It is a way to get "at" the mission—to make it more effective."

When we follow through on this process in all our churches we will have a more effective ministry in all that we hope to accomplish.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Church leaders should not "lose their nerve" and let themselves be "panicked by the avant-gardes," Professor Thomas F. Torrance of Edinburgh University told an ecumenical conference in Birmingham, England. The Scottish theologian, addressing some 500 people attending the 10-day conference on "Discovering God's Will Together," said: "Perhaps the worst thing churchmen could do would be to lose their nerve at the wide gap opening up between historic Christianity and modern patterns of human behavior, and allow themselves to be panicked by the avant-gardes into translating the Christian message into current social manifestations, which are themselves part of the sickness of humanity." While emphasizing the importance of current attention being given to the "historical Jesus," Torrance warned against separating the "human" from the "divine" in Jesus.

Noting that the "boom" in church construction that immediately followed World War II has been replaced in recent years by a trend of skepticism over "the value—even the validity—of brick and mortar in congregational life," a Christianity Today editorial warned against "getting carried away with unbiblical notions." "To some extent," the Sept. 29 editorial said, "the anti-building temperament among North American churchmen has been healthful. Some churches have been extravagantly overbuilt. . . . Yet despite these negative aspects of church construction, the Church is not simply a human institution, but it is at least that, and it needs an identifiable headquarters." "Church buildings: 'Who needs them? Christians need them to carry out the Great Commission!' the editorial concluded.

When Francis Asbury came to Virginia as the first Methodist bishop, it took him nearly 30 weeks to make the circuit of the state's Methodist churches. United Methodist Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, assigned to the area this year, accomplished the same chore in less than 36 hours. But, using an airplane instead of a horse, he made 16 airport stops in two days, greeting some 3,000 clergy and lay leaders who gathered to meet him. "Some people are downgrading the Church," said Bishop Goodson during one stop, "but if you were looking for somebody to come here to play taps for you, you got the wrong man. I have come to blow the trumpet, but the tune is reveille, not taps."

Dr. Chester A. Pennington recently concluded 17 years as senior minister at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church in Minneapolis to begin teaching at the Iliff School of Theology at Denver as professor of preaching and worship. In an interview, Dr. Pennington said, "For many years it's been recognized that there has been a decline in preaching in our Protestant churches." Dr. Pennington said he sees his appointment to the seminary as "an opportunity to help men develop their skills at communicating the Gospel and at assisting the congregation in public worship."

This year has been a "year of re-direction" in the Churches, according to Dr. Albert P. Stauderman, executive editor of The Lutheran, official publication of the Lutheran Church in America. Reporting on the top 10 news stories in religion at the Lutheran Editors' and Managers' Assn. convention in Chicago, Dr. Stauderman said that restructuring of denominations constitutes the most significant development of 1972.

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Middle class parents of young people attending college (including religiously affiliated) would be allowed deductions of up to \$2,500 in preparing their income tax to help alleviate education expenses under a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Harold R. Collier of Illinois. The congressman, a United Methodist, stated as his reason for introducing the legislation his concern that, "the members of the middle class are not rich enough to send one or more children to college without making financial sacrifices, yet they are not poor enough to receive most available scholarships. . . . (They) are being penalized because of their lack of poverty."

A Lutheran Hour rally, held in the Metropolitan Sports Arena at Bloomington, Minn., outdrew the Minnesota Twins baseball game being played at the same time in nearby Metropolitan Stadium by about 4,000 persons. The rally began the 50th season of the Lutheran Hour, said to be the world's most widely heard religious broadcast. It is heard in 46 languages on some 1,800 stations under sponsorship of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Dr. Gordon W. Blackwell, president of Furman University (Baptist college) in Greenville, S.C., predicted that although the number of college students in the nation will rise by 3 million during the decade, enrollments at Baptist colleges will not have a great increase. "We already may have reached the turning point beyond which tuition cannot be increased much more without making education too expensive for the student to afford."

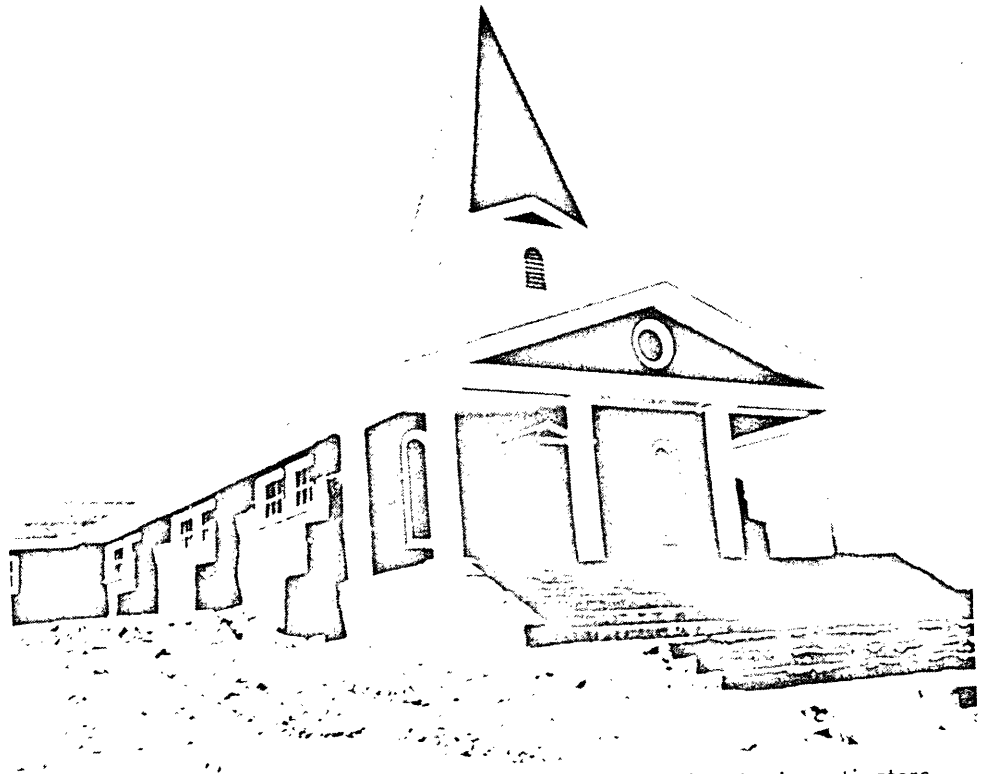
Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim officially proclaiming 1974 as "World Population Year," expressed the hope that the occasion will rank in the history of the United Nations as among the great events of the 1970s. Noting that a 1974 World Population Conference will deal with all aspects of the demographic problems, Waldheim added that from the start of the birth control involvement of the U.N., "it has been a fundamental tenet that there must be freedom of choice for individuals to shape their family life according to their beliefs and aspirations, and for governments to pursue the policies that are most in keeping with the physical and spiritual welfare of the people."

A storm of opposition by Christians, Buddhists, and Muslims is developing in the western state of Gujarat over a proposed "anti-conversion" bill currently being debated in the state legislature, according to a late Religious News Service release. Known as Freedom of Religion Acts, the laws seriously restrict the activity of missionaries and require that all conversions be reported to a district magistrate and investigated by an officer not below the rank of police inspector. Recently, following a huge public rally in the Gujarat city of Bulsar, hundreds of churchmen signed a memorandum appealing to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to intervene in what was described as "the systematic discrimination against willing converts to Christianity."

The executive committee of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), meeting in New York, voted to call on local congregations across the country for assistance in a program of "reflection on the theological bases of church union." "We cannot devise a satisfactory plan to unite the eight denominations presently in the Consultation, or deal intelligently with important issues of church union without this kind of assistance," said Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., general secretary of COCU. He noted that the withdrawal of the United Presbyterian Church from COCU last May had brought a time of testing.

Ben and John Peterson of Comstock, Wis., winners of Olympic medals, were welcomed back by 4,000 persons gathered in a farm field outside the small town. Ben, 22, who won a gold medal in the 198-pound freestyle wrestling division, and John, 24, winner of a silver medal in the 181-pound class, were praised by their pastor, the Rev. Donald Toney, for using "their wrestling ability to tell about their own relationship with Christ."

Britain's environment secretary, Peter Walker, has appealed to that nation's churches to solve the problem of absorbing Asian immigrants from Uganda by adopting immigrant families. The number of Ugandan Asians in England has been estimated at 50,000 to 60,000. "If each church provided for an Asian family the problem would be solved," declared Walker.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Army has announced that its investigators are probing the theft of a chapel from a base that has been closed in New Mexico. Everything was taken except the foundation. The chapel was built in 1957 — for \$200 in cash plus the voluntary work and imagination of servicemen. They used old materials from the missile base, including Nike rocket booster cases which were converted into the interior walls. The desert base was closed down in 1959, and only the chapel remained until recently when some unusual thieves carted it away. All that's left is the concrete slab foundation which is shaped like a cross. (RNS Photo)

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It Really Happened in Augusta, Arkansas

The Rev. Vernon Chalfant, retired Methodist Minister, stored all of his books about 12 years ago. Recently he completed a new study with all sorts of book shelves to take care of his large collection of books and began taking them from the boxes and arranging them on the new shelves.

One box was opened and to his dismay he noted that the contents had been completely eaten up by book worms — or something, and then to his surprise when he started to dump the debris there was one book still in all its pristine newness. The title of the book is "Learn to know your Insects".

Rev. Chalfant says that he knew the books contained a lot of out-dated theology, but how did the critters know it. Even the knowledge that he is a man of the Cloth wouldn't stop the scoffers, so he has several witnesses to bear out the truth of his story.

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Proclamation and Service linked

NEW YORK (UMI)—Proclamation of the Gospel and service to persons through community development are linked together, say two United Methodist missionaries in recent letters to friends in the U.S. Both are serving in agricultural improvement and community development in rural areas, one in Asia and one in Africa.

"We truly affirm that the Gospel of Christ can be visibly demonstrated in the fields of Pakistan," writes the Rev. Max K. Lowdermilk (U.S. home: Guilford College, N.C.). "The Gospel and the Plow must be hitched up together. . . ." "The Gospel cannot be reduced simply to preaching, or to education, or to agricultural techniques," writes the Rev. James L. Gulley (U.S. home: Herrin, Ill.) from Sierra Leone. "But each of these may be channels through

LEE COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Lee County Ministerial Alliance held at First United Methodist Church, Marianna on Sept. 25, officers were elected for the new year.

They include: President, the Rev. W. Leonard Byers, First Church, Marianna; Vice-President, the Rev. Rodney Plumley, Church of God of Prophecy, Marianna; Secretary, the Rev. William Fitzhugh, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Marianna; Treasurer, the Rev. Joe Lyons, Full Gospel Church of God, Moro.

Plans were made for participation in a united drive for UNICEF on Oct. 31, and for a union Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 22.

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METHODIST MISSIONERS CITE MANY 'DECISIONS' IN FIJI

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (RNS)—A six-week Methodist mission to the island of Fiji has resulted in 5,640 decisions for Christ, many of them made by Hindus.

The mission, conducted by three preachers from India and one from the United States, marked the 80th anniversary of the Indian division of the Methodist Church in Fiji.

Augustine Salins, a lay evangelist from Udupi, Dr. Samuel Kamalesan of Madras, and Roderic Roberts of Varanasi joined with Dr. J. T. Seamands of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., in speaking to 120 gatherings, including one in a Hindu temple.

According to a report in the New Zealand Methodist, the team said that they were given good receptions by Hindu school principals and priests. They added that many Indians who had gone to Christian schools were especially receptive to their message.

A film on the life of Sadhu Sundar Singh, a prominent Indian Christian, was especially popular among the non-Christians.

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which the Good News of Jesus Christ is conveyed."

Program Directors to Local Churches

AIDS FOR TEACHING

I. Communicating the Faith

Recently the Religious Public Relations Council honored the Rev. James E. Alexander with a top award for the production of **Communicating the Faith with Children**. The award was announced on April 14, 1972 and was for first place in the audio-tapes category.

Communicating The Faith With Children is a set of four cassette tapes containing eight training sessions for local church workers with children. They were produced by Robert L. Browning and Charles R. Foster of the Department of Christian Education, the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Dr. Browning is a member of the Program-Curriculum Committee of the United Methodist Church.

A new group guide (0201-C) for use with the tapes is in the process of being produced. It will be available in late summer. This new guide is designed for using the tapes in a group setting.

Communicating the Faith With Children is available from your Methodist Audio-Visual Library, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Additional workbooks for your leaders may be obtained for 50 cents each from the Service Department—Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

II. The Use of Puppets

For creative play, acting stories, solving problems and role playing a kit of five hand puppets created by Tom Tichenor of the Graded Press of The United Methodist Church have been received at the Program Council and are available through your Methodist Audio-Visual Library. The kit also contains excellent full sized patterns and complete instructions for making your own puppets. This would be a fine project for a Sunday School class or a group interested in helping teachers.

In addition there is a good leader's guide in the kit which gives suggestions as to how to use the three basic

set movements — finger, wrist, and whole arm. Any teacher with a little creative imagination and a love of sharing with children will find many uses for the contents of the kit. Order it early and help your workers join in creative fun that will help them share basic truths with children—and we might add with youth and adults.

III. Recognition Will Help

Some time ago in a Bulletin which came to the Program Council there was a notice which began: "Fifty three years ago on April 5, 1919, a young man joined our First Methodist Church. Thus began an affiliation which has meant much to our church, to Methodism and to us as individuals."

The article tells of his service to God and man in and through his church. It closes with these words: "Charles Shepard is a good man and a wonderful Christian, who has helped to write and is an important part of the history of First Methodist Church. We love, appreciate and salute as our steward of the month, this June 5, 1972, a great person and a warm friend—Charles E. Shepard."

A little recognition is always in order. In this church there were possibly many who when they read these words, were grateful for the recognition given, this faithful leader.

Does your church have any good shepherds any faithful teachers, any loyal leaders? How long has it been since you and your church said publicly—Thanks be to God for these persons.

Even the Psalmist could not contain his gratitude and he broke forth in praise. Try it—Let your whole church try it. What a celebration there will be. In the final analysis the church is not its buildings or Boards or budgets but it's people and their involvement in the work of the Lord. **Give them a Word of Praise!**

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NEWS and NOTES

MINISTERS' WIVES of the Little Rock District will have a pot-luck picnic at "Edswood" with Mrs. E. D. Galloway as hostess on Thursday, Oct. 12, beginning at 10:30 a.m. "Edswood" is eight miles west of University Avenue, Little Rock, on 12th Street Pike, and is one mile west of the Pride Valley Methodist Church. Wives of ministers in the former Southwest Conference will be meeting with the group for the first time.

THE LEADERSHIP CLASS of First United Methodist Church of McGehee observed the 1,000th consecutive Sunday School broadcast over Radio Station KVSA, Sept. 10. A 15 minute history of the class was followed by introduction of class presidents who were present. Robert Leech of Monticello, the first president, extended the welcome. Judge Jim Merritt gave the Sunday school lesson.

OVER 50 YOUTH participated in the recent Activities Week and Youth Revival held at the Nettleton Church in Jonesboro. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield, pastor, served as evangelist. Mrs. Claudine Sparks and Mrs. Sandra Miller are youth counselors.



Recently elected officers of the College-Career Class at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro are, left to right: Janet Halford, secretary; Ramona Brown, treasurer; Steve Brizzi, president; Vicki Jo Givens, vice president; Vicki Hummelstein, worship chairman. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. CHARLES MELVIN from Asheboro, N.C., is the evangelist for revival services being held at the Brookland United Methodist Church, Jonesboro District, Oct. 1-6. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor of the Brookland and Nettleton Churches.

THE WILLISVILLE United Methodist Church held a revival in late summer with the Rev. Ralph Mann, associate minister of First Church, El Dorado, as guest evangelist. Special music was provided by local talent with J. B. Warmack in charge. The Rev. J. Frank Hamm is pastor of the Waldo-Willisville Charge.

BILL KENNEDY, song evangelist from England, presented a program of sacred music at the evening worship hour in First United Methodist Church of Hazen, Sept. 17. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale was host pastor.

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST recently added to its staff Mrs. Mike (Karen) Compton. She replaces Mrs. Fred (Peggy) Yarbrough who was on the staff for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough are the parents of a daughter, Kelly Suzanne, born August 10.

TWENTY-THREE YOUTHS and adult counselors from the Nettleton United Methodist Church in Jonesboro recently made a trip to the Ozarks where they attended the Passion Play at Eureka Springs and enjoyed a day at Dogpatch. Youth qualified for the trip on a point system based on participation and work projects. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is their pastor.

BOB BISHOP, Hendrix sophomore, was the speaker on "Ministry Sunday" at Wesley United Methodist Church, Russellville, and at the London Church. The Rev. Herschel McClurkin was host pastor.

THE GOLDEN AGE Club in Fayetteville's Central Church had William Hughes, director of information at U. of A., speak on "What the University can offer retired people in Fayetteville", at the Sept. 26 meeting.

JIM LANE, Conway District lay leader, installed officers at the Sept. 21 meeting of Gardner Memorial United Methodist Men.



Boy Scouts of Troop 198, Mabelvale United Methodist Church, bicycled 69.4 miles on Saturday, Sept. 16, much of the way in the rain. The 19 scouts and four adults mounted 17 ten-speed, four three-speed and two regular bikes at 7 a.m. at Greer's Ferry Reservoir and splashed home at 5:15 p.m. Randall Hall, scoutmaster, made the trip, too. Ark. Gazette photo

THE REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of First Church, Harrison, was guest evangelist in revival services at First Church in Cotton Plant, Sept. 17-21. The Rev. Oliver W. Logan is pastor at Cotton Plant.

MRS. CORA ESSEX was the speaker at the "Teacher Appreciation Banquet" held in Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, Sept. 27. Mrs. Essex was for 19 years the teacher of the class which now bears her name. She was selected "Arkansas Mother of the Year" in 1964. The Appreciation service is sponsored by United Methodist Men at Grand Avenue Church, where the Rev. Louis Mulkey is pastor.

THE REV. VICTOR NIXON of Berryville was guest speaker for United Methodist Men of Central Church, Rogers, Sept. 25. Special music was by Dorothy Brown and Dorothy Cardwell.



The Sunday morning congregation at Springhill United Methodist Church, Hope District, on a recent Sunday. This congregation, whose pastor is the Rev. Carl Diffie, has recently voted to become a full-time charge.

AT LEFT -

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Wiant, missionaries to Sarawak for 20 years, are supported in part by members of First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro. On Sept. 17, they visited Jonesboro, and told about their work with slides, exhibits, and lecture. In picture above, Mr. Wiant is not threatening his wife, he is pointing to Sarawak on the map. The Rev. Worth Gibson was host pastor.

AT RIGHT -

A "Second Mile" award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Starr recently by members of Asbury Church in Magnolia in appreciation of their many years of service and loyalty. Although Mr. Starr is 86 years of age, they drive in from their country home for each worship service. The Rev. Don Nolley is shown with the Starrs.

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. 8—Sunday	John 15:1-10
Oct. 9	John 17:15-23
Oct. 10	Rom. 12:4-8
Oct. 11	1 Cor. 3:3-11
Oct. 12	1 Cor. 12:3-11
Oct. 13	1 Cor. 12:12-27
Oct. 14	Eph. 4:1-6
Oct. 15—Sunday	Acts 15:1-12

THE MEN'S CLUB of Wesley Church, Fort Smith, had as guest speaker at the Sept. 13 dinner meeting, Dr. C. B. Garrison, superintendent of the Fort Smith Public Schools. Richard Longley is president of the group, and the Rev. Victor E. Green is the pastor.

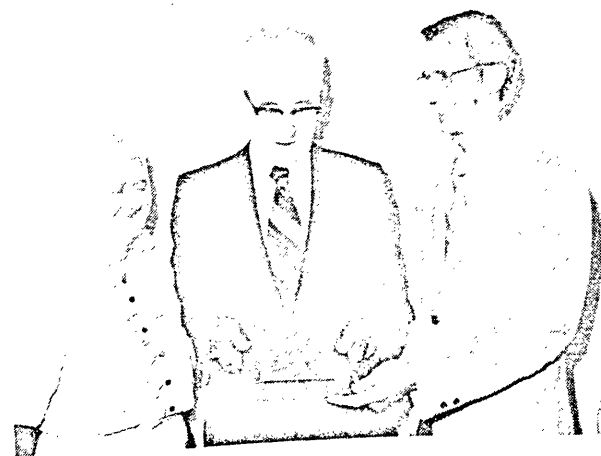
BILL BURNETT, former Razorback star and presently state director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was speaker at the supper meeting of United Methodist Men in Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, Sept. 18. Jim Wallace is president of Lakewood men; the Rev. John B. Hays is pastor.

CLAY COUNTY Sub-District United Methodist Men met on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Corning Church with the Rev. Wayne Clark as host pastor. Bob Shannon is president of the group.

DR. P. K. MERRILL, a teacher at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, for 27 years, presented a program concerning "Community Action" for women of First Church, Russellville, Sept. 5. Mrs. Sid Brain was program leader for the luncheon meeting.

THE SOUTHWEST UMYF Sub-district meeting was held in Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, with the Rev. Rayford Diffie as host pastor.

THE REV. BOB ORR of Marked Tree brought the messages during the revival held in the Bay Village Church, Sept. 17-22. The Rev. Harry Price is pastor of the Bay Village and Cherry Valley Churches.



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Mrs. Patrick



The Rev. S. Coker



Bishop Wm. A. Martin

LINDA S. PATRICK

Mrs. Keith (Linda S.) Patrick grew up as a P.K. (preacher's kid) in Indiana and graduated from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, with a B.A. in religion in 1964. She taught school in Indiana four years before she and her husband returned to graduate school for master's degrees. They moved to Louisville, Ky., when Keith became director of the University Division at Indiana University Southeast. Linda has been in charge of undergraduate residence halls at the University of Louisville.

Now on a leave of absence, Linda has been a member of a United Methodist committee to study the role of women in policy making channels of the church. With Bishop Thomas M. Pryor of Chicago, she presented the report to General Conference in April concerning the "one new inclusive organization for women" to be known as "United Methodist Women".

Mrs. Patrick will speak to the

Fourth Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference women in First Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday morning, Oct. 8, using as her topic "The Personhood of Woman." Her remarks to the Women's Society of Christian Service, Wednesday morning, Oct. 11, will be on the basis of "New Avenues of Participation of Women within the Church."

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BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN

"Freedom—for What?" will be the topic of Bishop William C. Martin when he addresses the fourth Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, Saturday evening, Oct. 7.

Bishop Martin retired in 1964 and moved to Little Rock in 1971. He is a graduate of Hendrix College, took his theological training at S.M.U., and has honorary degrees from six colleges. He was ordained in 1921, pas-

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United Methodist Women to be in session

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE WSG AND WSCS MEET IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK

"Freed—to Live!" is the theme to be used for the fourth Annual Meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service, Oct. 7-11, in First Methodist Church of North Little Rock.

The meeting for the Guilds will convene at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, with Mrs. Truman Stephens, conference chairman, of Fort Smith, presiding. Mrs. Joe Crumpler of Fayetteville will preside at the mid-week meetings, beginning at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday.

Guest speakers for both groups will be Miss Joan Clark of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Keith Patrick of New Albany, Ind. Both were on the "Committee of 24" planning the new structure for "one new inclusive organization for United Methodist Women."

Bishop William C. Martin, a retiree from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, now living in Little Rock, will bring the keynote address on Saturday night, using as his topic "Freedom — for What?"

On Tuesday night, the principal speaker will be the Rev. Sam Coker, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

North Little Rock personnel involved in the meeting include Mrs. Harold Womack and Miss Mary Worley, general chairmen of hostessing the Guild weekend. General chairmen for the Women's Society sessions are Mrs. J. E. Reynolds and Mrs. William C. Hill.

The Rev. Earl Carter is host pastor and Dr. Ralph Clayton of Conway is host district superintendent.

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tored First Methodist in Little Rock from 1928-31, and was elected a bishop in 1938. He was assigned to the Pacific Coast Area 1938-39; Nebraska 1939-40; Kansas-Nebraska Area 1940-48; and Dallas-Fort Worth Area 1948-64. Since retirement he has been special lecturer and counselor in Church Administration at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U.

He served as president of the National Council of Churches for the 1953-54 biennium, representing 35 million Protestants. He has been delegate to the World Council of Churches and has served on its Central Committee.

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THE REV. SAM H. COKER

The Tuesday night (Oct. 10) speaker for North Arkansas women will be the Rev. Sam Coker, senior minister of Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Prior to becoming pastor of Grace, Mr. Coker had served in Methodist churches in other areas of North Georgia. Mr. Coker graduated from Piedmont College and has done advance study at the University of Georgia and holds a Master of Theology degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory U., Atlanta.

Mr. Coker has been guest speaker in churches for special emphasis series, at youth conference, at convention and after-dinner ladies night programs, and at Laymen's Conferences. He has preached in an Evangelistic Crusade in Central America.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ANNUAL WSCS MEETING

The Women's Society of the Little Rock Conference will hold its 4th Annual Meeting at First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs on Wednesday, October 11th. The opening session is at 10:00 a.m. and adjournment is planned for 3:30 p.m.

This will be the last Annual Meeting of the Conference Women's Society prior to becoming United Methodist Women on February 24, 1973 at which time a Service of Celebration will be held bringing together the Conference Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and the women of the Southwest Conference who live in the geographical bounds of the Little Rock Conference.

The theme is **MOVE TOGETHER** and will center on moving into the new, inclusive organization of United Methodist Women. The speaker will be Miss Joan Clark who is the staff member of the Women's Division for the Dallas Region and who also served on the Committee of 24 which designed the new organization of United Methodist Women. Miss Clark will speak in the morning session.

The Women's Society of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Camden has made a large pictorial backdrop "Hands" which will hang across the back of the altar and will depict the hands of women as described in the poem "Hands". The reader will be Mrs. George Tanner.

Litanies have been written especially for this meeting by Mrs. Charles McNamara, the conference chairman of Christian Social Relations. Former conference presidents will participate in the program and all who have served in the former Woman's Society and the Women's Society on the local church level, district and conference will be honored in a Tribute to Service session in the afternoon.

A skit "What Century Are You In?" will be presented by women from Warren as an invitation to attend the 100th Anniversary of the First Missionary Society organized in a church in Arkansas, to be held in Warren on April 4, 1973.

Former conference presidents participating in the program will be Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. R. M. McKinney, Mrs. M. E. Scott, Mrs. Alvin Stone and Mrs. Edgar Dixon. A Review of the Quadrennium will be given by Mrs. E. T. Davenport, president. A Challenge for the future will be made by Mrs. H. King Wade of Hot Springs, a former conference officer and member of the Board of Missions.

Music will be provided by Mr. David W. Aston, Organist-Choirmaster of First Church with Mrs. W. A. Goodrum, Jr. leading the singing of the theme song "One Woman's Hands". Special musical selections by the Central Junior High Madrigals will be directed by Mrs. Laura Beth McLarty.

THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Women's Society of Christian Service will hold the last Annual Meeting (before merging with other conferences) on October 14 in Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Alice Preston will preside.

Financial Statement

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Little Rock, Conference

Third Quarterly Report

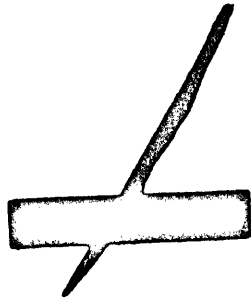
(June 30, 1972 to Sept. 30, 1972)

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$17,452.45	\$4,056.04	
Special Memberships	310.00	150.00	
In Remembrance	77.00	8.00	
World Thank Offering	50.60	23.18	
Total Credit on Pledge	17,940.05	4,187.22	(22,127.27)
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	3.45		
Supplementary Gifts	66.75	9.25	
E.T.W. Fund	190.17	3.00	
Total Receipts from Districts	18,200.42	4,199.47	(22,399.89)
Taylor Endowment Fund	800.00		(800.00)
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$23,199.89
BALANCE IN SAVINGS & CHECKING ACCT. June 30, 1972			18,505.04
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR			\$41,704.93

DISBURSEMENTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$15,634.58	\$3,447.63	
Special Memberships	1,035.00	400.00	
In Remembrance	77.00	8.00	
World Thank Offering	50.60	23.18	
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	\$16,797.18	3,878.81	(20,675.99)
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	3.45		
Supplementary Gifts	66.75	9.25	
TOTAL SENT TO DIVISION	16,867.38	3,888.06	(20,755.44)
Administration	52.47	32.88	
Meetings: Conference	65.82	165.40	
Connectional	14.58		
Regional	68.66		
Little Rock Conference, U.M.Y. (E.T.W. FUND)	1,045.00		
Deaconess Fund	1,261.53	198.28	(1,459.81)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			22,215.25
Balance in Savings & Checking Acct. Sept. 30, 1972			19,489.68
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR			\$41,704.93

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 15: The Sexual Revolution

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:14; Proverbs 7; Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Corinthians 7; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.

MEMORY SELECTION: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price, So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help people reinterpret their own standards concerning sex in the light of the changing mores of our time.

Today we will be discussing the first of two lessons which deal with interpersonal relations and the word which the Bible has to give us. This lesson deals with the sexual revolution of our time and encourages us to take a new look at the guidelines we should be following as we consider the rapid changes that are coming in so many attitudes. Does the Bible speak to us with some changeless truths that serve as the foundations for a Christian attitude concerning sex.

We will find that the Bible dealt often with this sensitive subject. In the passages which serve as our background the writers spoke with openness and directness. Its honest approach should encourage us to turn aside from false modesty and ingrained prejudice that have so often made it impossible for church groups to take a look at the developments in this area of interpersonal relations.

It will be wise for each teacher to consider the age and marital status of the group he will be leading and adapt the background materials to the needs of this group. However, let us not avoid the proper consideration of what we should be saying about the overall influence of the sexual revolution in our time.

There are several fundamental principles that can be seen as a background for our lesson. First of all, God created human beings as "male and female" and "blessed them." This means that we should remember that human sexuality is basic to God's purpose for mankind. Then we are reminded by the commandment (Exodus 20:14) of the sacredness of the marriage relationship.

Jesus then went beyond the Seventh Commandment and told his disciples that lustful feelings were destructive to the human personality and were to be avoided. Here we have one of our strongest Biblical injunctions concerning these interpersonal relationships.

The interpreters of the writings of Paul point out that he was strongly influenced in his writings by his expectation that the world would be coming to an end in the near future and this led him to believe that a person ought to remain single rather than marry. As Dr. Fred Cloud says in Adult Bible Studies: "Since he expected Christ to return any day, he thought Christians should give their undivided attention to the Lord's work during the remaining days. He expected Christians to fulfill obligations they had already accepted, but he urged them not to accept new ones so near the end."

How do we blend all these teachings together for a proper Christian philosophy of sex for the day in which we live?

IS THERE A FUNDAMENTAL MORAL LAW?
In our day in which so much has been said about

"situation ethics," we should still face the question, Is there a fundamental moral law? A part of the changing world has resulted from the gradual erosion of many of our moral standards. So many people have insisted that minds have been liberated in the twentieth century and that former standards are no longer relevant. As we look for an answer we should remind ourselves that the roots of traditional morality are not to be found in provincialism or in puritanism. They go back to the Ten Commandments and carry the authority of God himself. As one has said: "Those who reject the norm of social decency must first discard the Bible."

The Seventh Commandment was given by God to protect the sanctity of marriage and the home. Although its prohibition of adultery is sometimes extended to include a variety of forms of sexual misconduct, its specific intent was to forbid violations of the marriage vow. However, when we come to the application of this commandment to all forms of sexual promiscuity we must seek other portions of our background scripture as a supplement to it. I discovered many years ago in discussions of sexual standards with young people that they are well aware of the definition of adultery and will quickly tell you that the Seventh Commandment does not apply to pre-marital sex relations. How do you answer this when your own young people bring it up?

Because of the tendency of many people to look for loopholes in the law the Seventh Commandment ought to be seen in the light of Jesus' interpretation of it in Matthew 5:27-30. Jesus said that the commandment was broken not only by the overt act of a man with another man's wife but also by the lustful look and desire. Moreover, he extended the prohibition to include any woman, thus repudiating precise distinctions that opened the door to promiscuity. Speaking expressly to his disciples, our Lord recommended stern personal discipline as a means of self-control.

THE PRESSURES OF OUR TIME

In a recent issue of The National Observer there was a story which told of members of the United States Supreme Court viewing pornographic movies in their chambers as they did their "home work" for decisions which they expect to make concerning these films in the near future. In Little Rock one of the circuit judges turned his courtroom into a projection room so that his decisions would not have to be based on hearsay evidence.

The "X" movies—and worse—that are now reportedly being shown in many theaters are not the whole story concerning the sex that is being peddled in the marketplace. However, they do serve as a barometer for measuring the kind of "sex pressure" being exerted on our society by forces seeking to take advantage of the so-called new morality.

One of our passages today is Proverbs 7. We are reminded that such pressures have been exerted in other generations and that help has been available to parents and others who were concerned to guard against the pressures. We share the same concerns for the moral undergirding of our children that the ancient parents knew. This writer pointed out that his counsel was not only based on his own standards of behavior, but also on the need for a close alliance with wisdom. This father had no intention that his son should misunderstand his meaning, so he became very specific in telling him "the facts of life."

Not long ago we were hearing a great deal of criticism of the plan to include more sex education in the public schools. It was widely stated that this was the prerogative of parents and that such education should occur in the home. Many parents are not prepared to train their children in this important matter, and so the church has been taking stock of its own resources for helping parents with this task. Those of you who are parents of young children can find help through your church if you are sincere in seeking guidance.

THE BASIS OF OUR SEXUAL REVOLUTION

There are a number of causes for the current sexual revolution, and it is hard to determine which of them came first. Dr. Cloud reminds us that we are all more frank and free in our discussion of sex than we were a generation or so ago. The average person is much less hesitant to talk about sex than he once was. Newspapers, magazines, books, television programs, and movies have exploited the subject of sex for profit.

With all of this public attention on sex, we can understand why many attitudes have changed. These are summarized in Adult Series as: (1) a growth in the attitude of permissiveness, especially since the 1940's; (2) the decline of the double standard of morality (that is, having one set of moral standards for men, another for women); and (3) a trend toward "sex with love," both inside and outside the marriage bond.

Social changes have also had a large part in the development of the sexual revolution. This includes the movement of people from rural areas to cities, and the high mobility of persons including the great increase of the use of automobiles.

Safer and more reliable means of contraception have decreased the fear of pregnancy, and legalization of abortion in some states have further contributed to the trend toward more sexual freedom.

THE ROLE OF SEX

The tendency in some other days was to lift up isolated Bible passages in sustaining a position that sex was essentially evil. This encouraged unwholesome attitudes toward God-given functions and produced unnecessary feelings of guilt.

The passage from 1 Corinthians (7:1-7) has often been used as the authority for such a point of view. First, we should point out that this epistle was written by Paul in answer to a letter he had received from the Corinthian church. It should be kept in mind that moral conditions in Corinth were so degraded that the city's name had become a by-word for immorality.

Paul spoke more positively about the role of sex in Ephesians 5:22-33. Here the apostle saw the intimacies of the marriage relationship as wholesome and right for Christians. He indicated his appreciation of the act of love within marriage as of the highest significance and a means by which two personalities can truly become one.

SEX AND LOVE

As we come finally to a consideration of the positive and negative characteristics of the sexual revolution in which we find ourselves, we need to look again at how closely sex and love are related.

Dr. David Reuben in his recent best seller Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex—But Were Afraid to Ask, makes a strong point of the central place of love in one's total sex life. He tells us that whenever love is cheapened, the loss is irreparable.

Dr. Charles Laymon gives a concise summary of this philosophy which we feel is important for the modern Christian to understand. He says: "Some persons do not know how to express their love. It is bottled up within, and they act as though they did not feel it. Others have loved and lost and been hurt by the experience; they may reject love when it comes again. Still others are denied love because their family life has been cold and cruel. The hunger for love exists, but they do not know how to get for love exists, but they may settle for a cheap substitute. When any one of these things occurs, it is a tragedy; for life is unfulfilled."

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Commission on Status and Role of Women organized with 43 members

by Leonard Perryman

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UMI) — A new national unit of the United Methodist Church, charged with dealing with one of the major current issues in the churches, organized and began its work for the 1973-76 quadrennium here Sept. 18-19.

The Commission on the Status and Role of Women, authorized by the 1972 General Conference last April in Atlanta, began carrying out its mandate — "fostering an awareness of problems and issues related to status and role of women with special reference to full participation in the total life of the church at least commensurate with its total membership." Estimates are that about 54 per cent of the denomination's 10,500,000 members are women.

In accordance with the Discipline (United Methodism's book of church law), the 43-member Commission (comprising 26 women and 17 men) elected officers and began a search for an executive secretary. Election of officers came after discussion of the style of the Commission's operation, determination of five general goals and a decision, following extended discussion, that the Commission would initially seek one staff executive rather than a decentralized, part-time staff.

The Discipline provides that the president of the Commission be a woman, and the group elected her, five vice-presidents and a secretary. The officers are:

President, elected for the quadrennium — Barbara R. Thompson (Mrs. Alfred E.), Silver Spring, Md., chief

of the corporation statistics staff of the Statistics Division of the Federal Internal Revenue Service. She was chairman of the General Conference on Rituals and Orders of Worship (one of three women chairmen, out of 14 committees). A black woman leader, she is chairperson of the Baltimore United Methodist Conference on Ministries.

Vice-presidents and chairpersons of task forces on five Commission goals, each elected for a year:

Dr. Harriet Miller, professor of education at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio—chairperson of the task force on theological and Biblical concerns;

Sally Underwood (Mrs. Douglas), Walla Walla, Wash., active laywoman in Grace United Methodist Church there—chairperson of the task force on lay participation in the church by women;

The Rev. Bonnie Jones-Goldstein, pastor of Washington Square United Methodist Church, New York—chairperson of the task force on women employed in and by the church;

The Rev. Tom Graves, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Georgetown, Texas — chairperson of the task force on research and dissemination of information;

The Rev. Toni White, Easley, S. C., a senior at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga—chairperson of the task force on lifestyles and special concerns of minority group women.

Secretary, elected for the quadrennium; the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, New York, a secretary of missionary

personnel of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The officers were named by the Commission as a steering committee and also a personnel committee to screen candidates for executive secretary, who will be elected by a mail ballot of the entire Commission. The Discipline provides the executive secretary be a woman and will share the "same privileges and responsibilities placed upon executive secretaries of other commissions." The Commission said it hopes to have an executive elected by January 1, if possible.

The group discussed possible office locations and asked various members to explore possibilities in several cities. Information is to be collected by the steering committee and sent to members for a possible decision.

Among specific responsibilities for the new Commission as outlined by the 1972 General Conference; "to establish clear guidelines to ensure full participation of women in the life of the church; to generate interest and recommend plans for new understandings of theology and Biblical history affecting the status of women; to serve in an advocacy role especially in matters related to women's role in the church's life."

The Commission approved a budget of \$50,000 for 1973, the amount allocated it by General Conference. For 1974-75-76, the annual amount is \$75,000. Bishop Kenneth W. Cope-land, Houston, Texas, convened the Commission for its organizational meeting.

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African bishops named

NEW YORK (UMI)—Two bishops were re-elected; two new bishops were elected, and two bishops who had served eight years were not returned to office in episcopal balloting at the quadrennial meeting of the Africa Central Conference of the United Methodist Church recently in Blantyre, Malawi.

Re-elected were Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, re-assigned to Rhodesia, and Bishop Escrivao Zunguze, re-assigned to Mozambique. Elected as new bishops were the Rev. Emilio de Carvalho, 39, president of Union Seminary in Dondi, Angola, succeeding Bishop Harry P. Andreassen and assigned to Angola, and Bishop Fama (Joseph) Onema, chaplain of a United Methodist high school in Katubue, Zaire, succeeding Bishop John Wesley Shungu and assigned to Zaire. All were named for four-year terms.

As a result of the episcopal elections, the Angola Conference of the United Methodist Church, comprising 47,989 members in the Portuguese colony on Africa's southwest coast, has the first African bishop in its 87-year history. The Central Conference has completed a process of "Africanization" of its episcopacy which began with the election of Bishops Shungu and Zunguze in 1964, and for the first time United Methodists in the Central Conference have an all-African episcopacy.

Wesley's Chapel closed three years for extensive renovation

LONDON (RNS) — Wesley's Chapel, the "Mother Church of Methodism," which is visited by many thousands of American and other pilgrims each year, is being closed for at least three years to permit extensive renovating. A fall of coping stone from the roof forced the closure.

The "grim news" was announced by Dr. Colin Morris, minister of the chapel in central London's City Road. "In effect," he said, "the interior of Wesley's Chapel—or Wesley's Chapel as we have known it—will be no more."

"No access" placards confront parties of visitors still arriving daily, causing great disappointment, not least to Dr. Morris.

The fall of stone from the roof caused no injury. However, experts called in to examine the chapel reported that the damage was symptomatic of failure caused by the foundations settling in poor ground. (The chapel was built by John Wesley in 1771.) There was also evidence of severe structural stress at many points in the chapel which, the

experts said, would, regardless of immediate protective measures, become "progressively more unsafe."

It was recommended to the trustees that the chapel be closed to the public until totally renovated, a project that would take at least three years.

Announcement of the closure came a little over two months after the British Methodist Conference approved a major project for preserving the chapel. Under that plan both the chapel and the adjoining house where Wesley spent the last 12 years of life were to be renovated and then incorporated into a complex which would include an archives library and research center, together with display and exhibition areas, and student working accommodations.

The total cost of the project then was estimated at \$1,187,500. It was suggested that to raise the funds, some Methodist archives be sold, if possible, to institutions of the United Methodist Church in the U.S.

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Mrs. Everell Stanton Collins, whose late husband made the initial gift toward what is now a \$20,000,000 pension fund for missionaries, died September 10 in Portland, Ore. She was 100.

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The Rev. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the United Methodist Church's Program Council, has been named president of the board of trustees of the denomination's United Theological Seminary in Dayton.

United Methodist leaders consider basic priorities for denomination

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UMI)—Patterns and processes of leadership and planning by the hour, and program resources by the pound, were put before almost 900 of the United Methodist Church's top leaders here September 18-22.

The leadership and planning techniques, many of them used extensively in the business world, were introduced and expounded by Dr. Thomas R. Bennett, III, a creative design consultant at George Williams College, Downers Grove, Ill. The program resources were set out in a four-pound, 450-page "Catalog of Resources" compiled by the denomination's Program Council, and in materials provided by the general agencies of the church in a large "resource center."

Seated around more than 100 tables for the session were some 550 district superintendents, 45 bishops and their administrative assistants, directors of Councils on Ministries in 78 annual conferences, and more than 100 staff executives of general boards and agencies.

The first two days were spent in considering how leadership and planning can be made more effective, the final two in discussing how episcopal areas and annual conferences can utilize new concepts of programming in carrying out the "Planning for Ministries" priorities adopted by the 1972 General Conference as an alternate to the traditional "quadrennial emphasis."

Of the seven priorities, three are considered as "basic"—commitment, renewal and nurture; new ways of operation in the church; and a relevant, living theology that affirms belief in Jesus Christ in terms of contemporary attitudes and values.

The remaining four are considered as "ministry" priorities—concern for persons; concern for justice and self-development of peoples; concern for human culture; and concern for the quality of human life.

As adopted at Atlanta, the plan sets up the local church as the basic programming unit in the denomination and the primary function of general agencies is seen as the resourcing and servicing of locally-developed plans.

Resources offered by the denomination's general agencies in the "Catalog" are grouped around the seven priorities.

The session here was designed to, in the words of Dr. Bennett, "help bring the resources of the church together at the line where it has to be delivered—the annual conference and local church."

In the consultant's view, the church should move its focus from an essentially problem-solving one to planning—and he said there is a difference.

Problem-solving is fundamentally past-oriented, he maintained, in that it deals with today's painful problems generated from yesterday's situations and decisions. He noted, however, that problem-solving to meet real and present needs is necessary and often urgent.

New leadership styles involve planning, and planning looks to the future, Dr. Bennett said. In planning, an institution such as the church should envision an "image of potentiality,"

something that might reasonably be expected to happen. Then, he said, this image should be refined as a goal—"a statement of achievable potential."

Voluntary organizations such as the church are often prone to form goals on the basis of seeking approval, or in response to gripes, rather than basing them on potential achievement, the consultant cautioned.

The church leaders were urged to become more politically conscious and collaborate with other groups to accomplish goals, although the other organizations may not be organized from the same motivation as the church.

Dr. Bennett stressed that church leaders should be on a "first-name" basis with political figures in their regions and said that any bishop or district superintendent without such a relationship "is going to have zero clout."

To plan effectively, church leaders must take several issues into account, the management consultant said.

In a running controversy over the "grassroots vs. executive initiative," a call for "participation" may sometimes be an evasion of leadership responsibility, he asserted. Certainly there is involvement of both executive leadership and "grassroots", in strategizing and planning, but the main issue is who is to take the first step—to lead out after a decision is made and be willing to take the reaction, he said.

An adjunct here, Dr. Bennett advised, is the place of listening in goal-formation and planning, adding that listening is important in discerning the "degree of consensus in support of movement toward the future."

Another issue was described by the consultant as "reaction vs. intervention."

Too often in recent years, the United Methodist Church has mostly reacted to problems, he asserted. "Now it is time to take initiative on issues to try to alter the course of events."

He contrasted what he saw as the effectiveness of the churches in changing the course of events for the better in civil rights with what he believes has been relative ineffectiveness in anti-war efforts where the churches have mainly been reacting while "an immoral war continues."

Yet another issue was described as planning that is not a document on a shelf, listing goals and objectives, that is taken down and referred to occasionally. An institution has a plan when it has action to which it is committed tomorrow, a timeline for continuing action and something which says who is to do what, he asserted.

In response to a question, Dr. Bennett said that as an organization, the United Methodist Church is no different from any other large, multiplex organization and it has the same internal problems—supervision, leadership style and ineffective channels of communication. The differences, he said, come in "goals, products, value systems and, occasionally, motivation."

"The church and business have a tremendous amount to share and learn," the denominations leaders were told.

The leader urged the churchmen to liberate themselves from an "ideologi-

cal self-righteousness that we can only speak and not listen—give and not receive."

He also suggested that the "task of an executive is to be clear what he wants done and then leave people alone while they do it."

One "key to survival" for the church, Dr. Bennett said, is to reduce its overhead to free up money for new programs. He also urged the use of non-church consultants and services in particular areas rather than developing full-time staffs of denominationally-employed executives.

To sharpen their leadership skills and management techniques, the church leaders were given at the first session a set of real-life problems, disguised as to person and place, developed by Dr. Bennett during two years of research. The handling of this "In-Basket" material provided the basis for subsequent discussions in table groups and general sessions.

One of the unique features of the

meeting here was the absence of platform addresses. There was one major evening multi-media presentation designed to motivate conference participants to visit the resource center manned by the various general agency staff leaders.

Worship periods were a part of each day's agenda. One of these included the "Charlie Brown" players from Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of San Francisco, Calif., headed the planning committee of 30 persons for the conference working under the auspices of the Program Council's Division of Interpretation. The Rev. Frank McRae of Paducah, Ky., was chairman of the program task force. Staff services were under the direction of the Rev. Howard Greenwalt, Evanston, Ill., associate general secretary for the Division of Interpretation.

Agency for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples organized

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UMI)—The United Methodists' new "Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples" will be a coordinating, not a programming, effort, officials stressed at the organization session here Sept. 18.

Bishop A. James Armstrong of Aberdeen, S.D., widely known as a peace activist, was elected chairperson of the Coordinating Committee authorized by last April's General Conference. Other officers are Bishop Roy Nichols of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. Eugenia Cooper of Mourovia, Liberia, vice chairpersons; Dr. Herman Will of Washington, D. C., secretary. The executive coordinator, assigned earlier by the Council of Bishops, is retired Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D. C.

The agency's work, it was agreed, is to be considered a "process of education, involving all segments of the church in attempting to discover ways that will lead to peace."

While working with and through ongoing general agencies of the church, the committee will stress the creation and sharing of efforts toward peace developed by local congregations, districts or annual conferences, according to Bishop Lord. One which gained highly favorable attention here was a program presented by the Rev. Theodore Mayer, superintendent of the Akron, Ohio, District, where it originated.

Leaders pointed out also that the committee and its efforts will be international, not limited to the U. S., and will be strong on ecumenical cooperation.

The committee will operate a \$14,-500 annual budget. Bishop Lord will work out of his Washington home, and use the mailing address of 100 Maryland Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D. C. 20002.

The next meeting is set for March 17-18 in Atlanta.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATORS NAMED

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UMI)—Some 25 fulltime and parttime United Methodist communicators decided here Sept. 18-19 that there will continue to be a communications association within the denomination. That decision may have marked the end of the United Methodist Press Association (UMPA) as it has been known.

The very name is subject to change. United Methodist Association of Communicators was suggested.

Firm, though, is the association's intention to function primarily to influence denominational nonchurch communications, the former principally upon the to-be-formed Joint Committee on Communications, the latter in unspecified ways.

The association's secondary functions, the UMPA agreed, will be to promote training and services in areas of communication.

By about three to one, the associ-

ation voted to widen its membership potential to any persons interested in and committed to UMPA's functions. These persons were defined to include not only communicators working within the church but United Methodists working in communications outside the church, such as religion writers on daily newspapers or television station managers.

The association's executive committee will designate a task force to represent UMPA at the organizational meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, scheduled for this autumn.

Executive committee members are Sue Couch of the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication, Nashville, Tenn., president; the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, director of the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas, vice-president; John A. Lovelace of general periodicals, Park Ridge, Ill., secretary; and George M. Daniels of the Board of Global Ministries, New York, treasurer.

cal because it is on a sound fiscal footing.

SHILLING: That fact really astounds most business and professional people with whom I talk. They just can't believe that in a time when private colleges are running average deficits of \$131,000 a year, we are actually setting aside reserves and without penalizing our programs. Our internal pace-setter foundation is matching the \$50,000-a-year grant from the Ford Foundation for three years to generate new ideas in undergraduate education, and we were given the venture fund grant from Ford last year.

JANEWAY: How much of your fiscal achievement comes from endowment income, from grants and gifts, and from tuition and fees?

SHILLING: There is a sound balance from all three major sources of income with 56 per cent coming from student tuition and fees, 20 per cent from endowment earnings, and 18 per cent from gifts and grants. This past fiscal year we exceeded our best projections in every source of revenue that we had made a year and a half ago. For instance, in gifts and grants we projected \$389,000 of unrestricted funds and we made about \$425,000, and the same is true with endowment earnings and tuition and fees.

We realized early that a strong person was needed to manage finances, so

we brought in a senior professor of economics to be vice president and treasurer. We get an operating statement the first of every month. Many college presidents don't really know how they have done until 15 months after the year has closed.

JANEWAY: You are not spending your endowment principal or capital gains?

SHILLING: We are using only the earnings.

JANEWAY: What is your faculty-student ratio?

SHILLING: Twenty to one. One of our greatest resources is our faculty; two-thirds enjoy tenure.

JANEWAY: One reason for student cynicism has been the lack of respect for access to the nonteaching teacher. You have a teaching faculty who really works at it?

SHILLING: Very much so. The normal faculty-teaching load is the equivalent of eight courses a year. Our professors try to establish close rapport with students in small-class situations.

JANEWAY: Do you teach yourself?

SHILLING: I sure do. All the chief administrators taught this past year and plan to continue to teach.

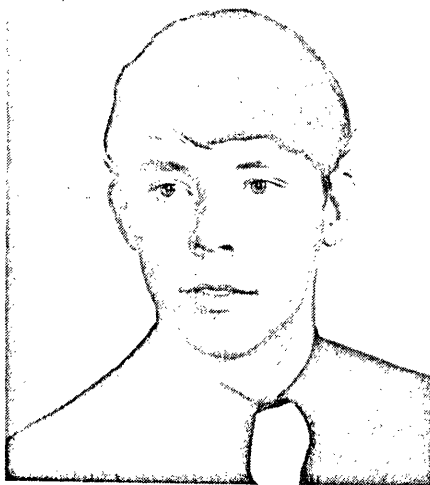
JANEWAY: Generalizing about the American economy seems to be getting money and resources at the expense of a contraction in the educational sector.

SHILLING: We see this as creating more of a hardship and discriminating against the so-called private liberal arts college more than against any other institution or educational community. The community college and the traditionally black institution have received increased fundings, but the so-called four-year college, the private institution, has fewer opportunities now than it has ever had to get funding from the federal government.

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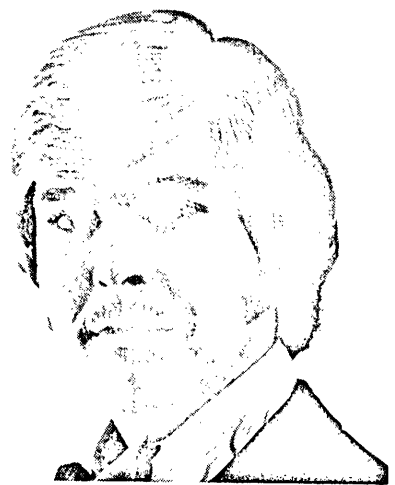
Jim Woolley (right), senior voice major at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, is the director of music at the United Methodist Church in Paris. Woolley directs the program of music for the Chancel and Youth Choirs of the church. Richard Hixson is organist.

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Bob Bishop (above), sophomore pre-med student at Hendrix, was guest preacher for the "Ministry Sunday" observance on the Wesley-London Charge on Sept. 17. He preached for the 9 a.m. service at London, and assisted with the 11 a.m. service at Wesley Church, Russellville, where the Rev. Herschel McClurkin is pastor. Young Bishop has done some preaching in his home church at Dover where the Rev. J. C. Wright is pastor. He is currently considering how to combine his medical training with Christian service.

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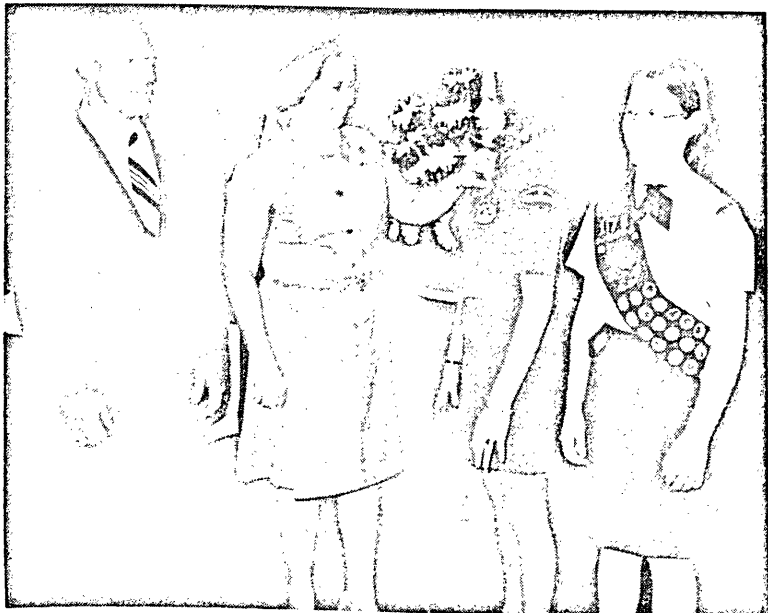
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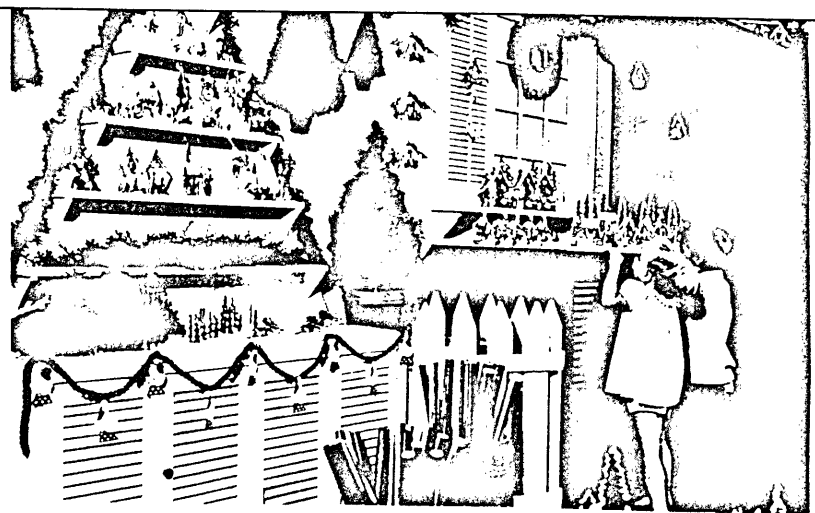
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Claudia Hander (second from right) was the recipient of Girl Scouting's God and Community Award, during a recent ceremony at First United Methodist Church in Paris, Ark. The Rev. William Hightower, pastor, made the award. Claudia is shown here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Hander, and her sister, Elaine (right), as her mother pins the coveted award on her uniform.



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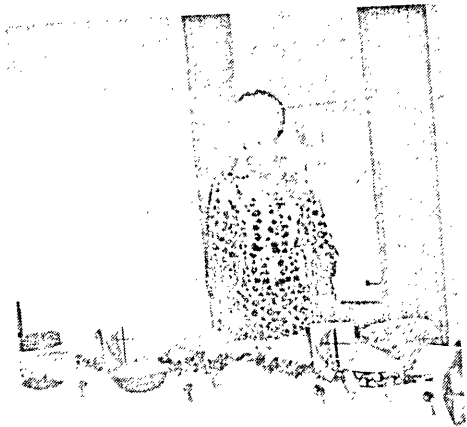
Methodist students register for "get-acquainted dinner" at Southern State College Wesley Foundation in Magnolia. FROM LEFT: Debbie Pipkin, Jean Miller, Ken Stonecipher, and Karen Williams. More than 75 attended the event, co-sponsored by Asbury and First United Methodist Churches of Magnolia. The Rev. Allen B. Bonsall is campus minister; the Rev. Howard L. Williams is pastor at First Church, and the Rev. Donald Nolley is pastor at Asbury.



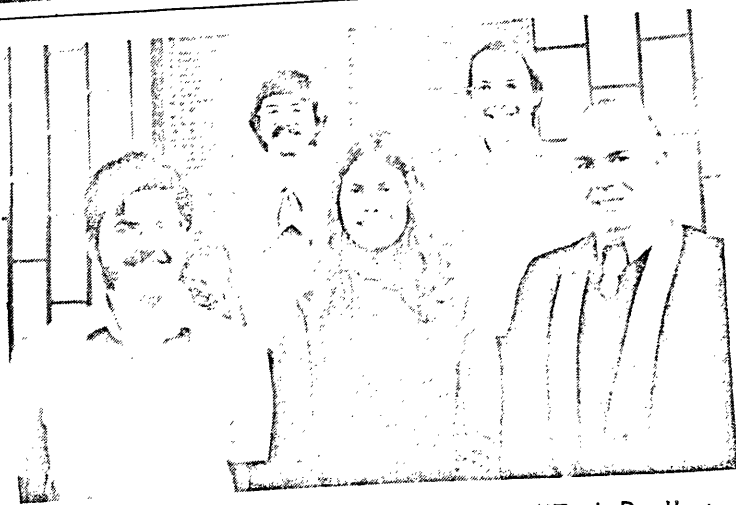
Engaged in pre-dinner conversation are, left to right, Andrea Stanley, John Charles Hartley, and the Rev. Mike Campbell, intern from Perkins School of Theology at First Church, Magnolia.



Waiting for dinner bell to ring, but discussing "other" things.



LEFT: Wesley Foundation Hostess, Mrs. Allen Bonsall, checks to make certain everything is ready. RIGHT: Heading the chow line, Lucy Martel tries to decide which dessert has fewest calories as Ken Stonecipher fills his plate with "everything."



Leading the morning worship service for "Tech Day" at Wesley United Methodist Church in Russellville on Sept. 24 were, left to right, David Karlish, sophomore from El Dorado; Randy Woods, junior from Rogers; Debbie McGee, freshman from Ozark; Clifford Lyon, junior from Fort Smith (who also presented a devotion during the evening service), and the Rev. Muriel Peters, director of Wesley Foundation at Tech, who preached.

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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

It is a fallacy to assume that meditation and action are competitive. Worship and service are partners.

Sunday Reflections

The flowers at the church today
Were beautiful, indeed.
The prelude by the organist
Fulfilled a special need.
The pastor gave us food for thought
For hectic days ahead.
The choir sang beautifully, of course,
And humble prayers were said.
The scripture from God's Holy Word
Was for enlightenment,
And songs of joy and faith were sung
In tones magnificent.
But after last amens, my thoughts
Began their endless search,
I wondered as I went my way,
"Have I left God at church?"

-by Mattie L. Kelley

These Hands Are Mine, O Lord

These poor old hands are mine, O Lord!
Thou knowest they did not get their callouses
In thy vineyards; I must admit
They aren't the angel-pure ones
Thou didst give me the day I left
The Homeland for this sojourn.
From sun to sun, from year to year,
They have held the plow of selfishness
And tares have grown, too, even as thou
Didst tell me they world.

If, but from this day on, O Lord,
Thou wouldst let me turn to serve my fellows—
If I might but do the humbler things—
If I might but cut the grass at the foot of the Cross—
Then, O Lord, wouldst thou let me
Use these hands to open the Gate from this side?

-by Ercil F. Brown

"Tech Day"

Threesome from the College of The Ozarks at Clarksville who presented a musical program during the "Tech Day" dessert party which followed the evening service. FROM LEFT: Beth Coulter, Jr., Los Alamos, N. Mex., guitarist and vocalist; Joe Jorgenson, Papillion, Nebr., pianist; Becky Steele, Jr., Gladstone, Ill., vocalist—and reigning "Miss College of The Ozarks."



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