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Financial campaign for chapel at Cummins to begin

A chapel for the inmates at Cummins Prison Farm will soon become a reality, according to the Rev. Lawson Anderson of Newport, chairman of the Board of Directors of the newly organized Cummins Prison Chapel Fund, Inc., which is raising the necessary funds for construction of an attractive building that will be used solely for religious purposes.

Mr. Anderson heads an inter-church committee composed of 31 members chosen from all sections of Arkansas. Among the Methodist members of the committee are Mrs. Frances Kemp of Jonesboro, Howard Vance of Sedgwick, Leslie McCullough of West Memphis, and Charles Stuck of Little Rock. Governor Dale Bumpers has accepted the position of Honorary Chairman of the movement.

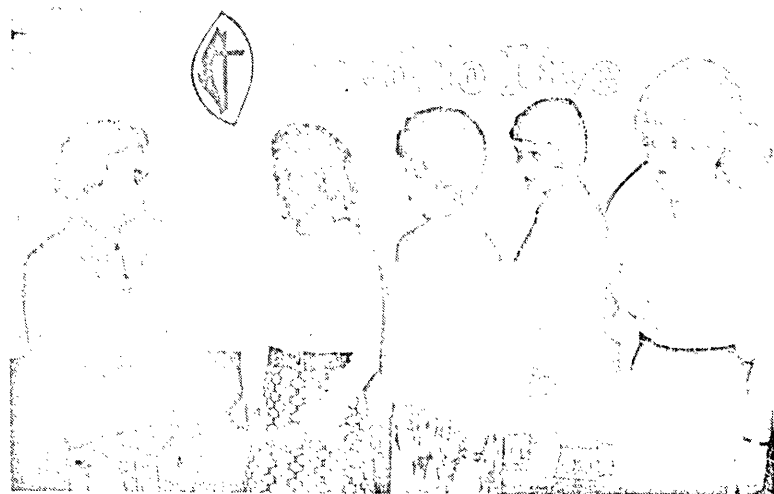
The financial campaign will begin at once and will continue until November 3d. The Committee is seeking

pledges and gifts totaling \$200,000 for building and furnishing the all-faith chapel. Those desiring to contribute may pay in a lump sum or in deferred payments over a maximum period of 3 years.

The new chapel, according to the architects, will have a seating capacity of about 250 in the worship center, and will have special rooms for Bible study groups, for counseling, discussion, and for individual meditation.

At present there is no available building for worship services on the prison grounds. The large auditorium is in use every weekend by families of the inmates who come to visit them.

The Committee believes that many persons will be interested in making contributions to the Chapel Fund. All contributions and pledges should be sent to the Cummins Chapel Fund Office in the Albert Pike Hotel, 7th and Scott Streets, Little Rock, 72201.



Mrs. Roland Darrow, at left, who is chairman of local arrangements at First Church, North Little Rock, greets leaders attending the North Arkansas WSCS annual meeting Monday night during the executive dinner. From right are: Mrs. Joe Crumpler, conference president; Miss Joan Clark, speaker from Dallas; Mrs. Keith Patrick, speaker from New Albany, Ind.; and Mrs. Hugh Hardin, vice-president and program chairman for the meeting held Oct. 10 and 11.

New style training employed in fall seminars

NEW YORK (UMI) — Trying a new style of training, United Methodist mission education specialists are engaged in a series of fall seminars with conference and district (regional) mission leaders from throughout the country.

The seminars are held, for the most part, at the New York offices of the Board of Global Ministries. Some 40 conferences are in eight seminars from mid-September through mid-December, learning about the program of the Board and participating in training for their work as volunteer mission leaders. About 350 persons are involved in the seminars. Some seminars are scheduled in 1973.

The staff person coordinating seminars, the Rev. Donald E. Struchen, said the purpose is to "motivate and inform mission leadership" about work of the Board and to provide training so "they will be better equipped to do their job."

Interpersonal communication with staff of the Board and its divisions is a principal feature. But, say staff working in the seminars, at least as important as what conference and district leaders may learn is that executives at "headquarters" are listening to needs, questions and feelings of United Methodists as reflected through seminar members.

Participating mostly are conference program directors, conference and district missionary secretaries, and in some cases, conference and district leaders in United Methodist Women. Though most participant conferences are in New York seminars, a few have preferred to hold a seminar within their conference, with Board staff coming in.

Included on a varied agenda are presentations by the Board and its seven divisions, a tour of Board offices in the Interchurch Center, the financial picture, and "job training" sessions on the work of conference and district leaders. Such training formerly was done

primarily at summer missionary conferences, many of them ecumenical, but evaluation indicated a new style of training was needed. Accordingly, some Board funds formerly used to help pay for attendance of leaders at summer conferences has been transferred to the seminar program.

However, attendance at summer conferences is still encouraged, say Board staff, to support ecumenical activity and to familiarize leaders with mission studies such as the 1972-73 studies on "India" and "Faith and Justice."

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Hendrix applies for radio station

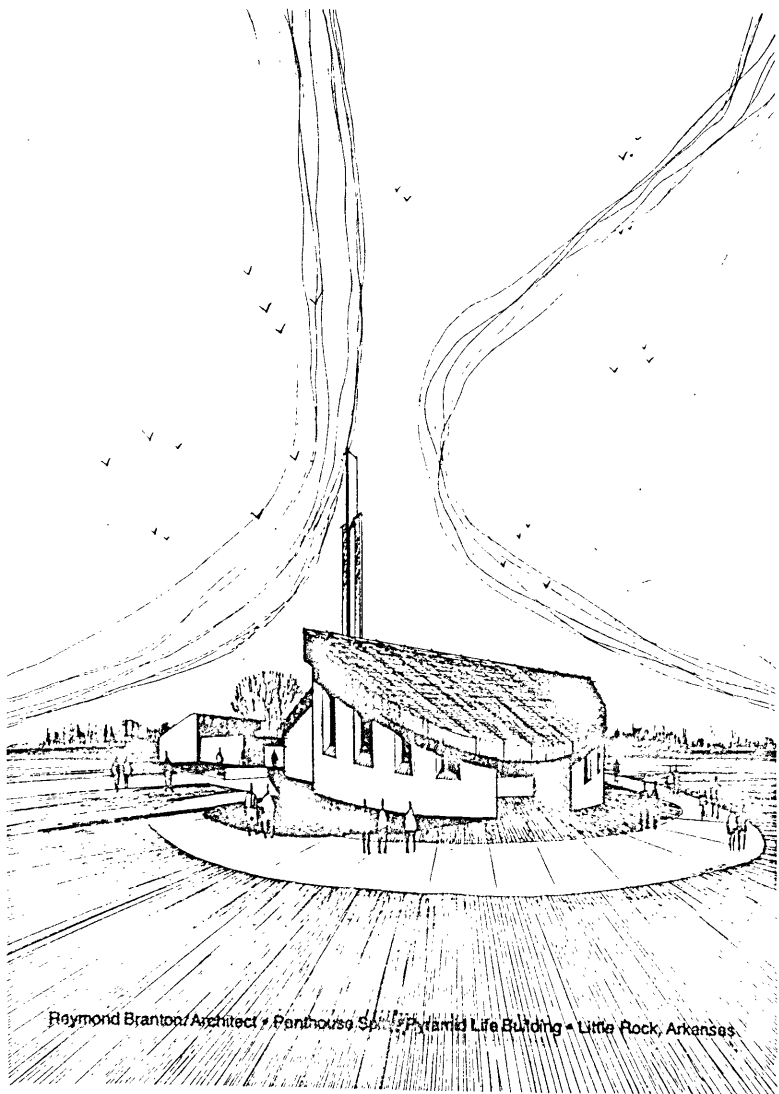
Hendrix College has submitted an application to the Federal Communication Commission for construction of a non-commercial, educational FM radio station. If the FCC approves the application, construction on the new station will begin within 60 days of acceptance.

The station would broadcast on Monday through Friday from late in the afternoon until midnight. There would be additional broadcasting on weekends.

Programs would be mainly designed to provide music which other stations in the vicinity do not ordinarily furnish. Some programs would be designed to give students supplementary information related to courses which they may be taking. In addition there would be talk shows and discussions on topics of interest.

J. T. Shrigley, a senior from Clarksville who provided the primary impetus for the station, is tentatively scheduled to be the station manager. Joe Arms, assistant professor of Spanish, is the faculty adviser.

The station would be operated solely by volunteers—primarily from the student body.



Architect's drawing of proposed Cummins Prison Chapel



Margo English

"US-2s" fill varied roles

NEW YORK (UMI)—Margo English, rural route 10, Midland, Mich., is one of 27 young men and women scheduled to begin service this fall in United Methodist home mission projects and programs.

Ms. English is to serve in church and community work with the Missouri Delta Ecumenical Ministries, Hayti, Mo.

Familiarly known as "US-2s," the young missionaries will be the 22nd group to serve in the special-term, two-year program which began in 1951. They will serve under the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. In the U.S. and Puerto Rico they will serve in children's homes, mission schools, community centers, urban ministries, campus ministry, mission hospitals, and rural church-and-community work. Nineteen states are represented among the 19 women and eight men. They employ a variety of vocational and other skills such as community organization and ventriloquism.

Born in Midland, Ms. English spent her early life there and attended Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich. She received an associate of applied science degree in food service. She became a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteer in 1969 and served until summer, 1972. She worked in a variety of ways with underprivileged persons in Crittenden County in northeastern Arkansas—in emergency food and medical services, in training self-help volunteers, and in helping to start a day-care center and retail and sewing co-ops. She has also worked as food service manager in the A.R.A. Slater Corporation. She is a member of First United Methodist Church, West Memphis, Ark.

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Institute of Politics at Hendrix

The formation of an Institute of Politics in Arkansas, a non-profit educational and research organization, has been announced by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, president of Hendrix College at Conway where the Institute is located, and Little Rock attorney Edward Lester, chairman of the Institute's Advisory Board.

The goal of the institute is "the nonpartisan operation of education programs in practical politics to provide leadership training in political affairs," the two men said.

The officials also announced that Dale Enoch, a former governmental and political reporter for The Commercial Appeal in Memphis and a former assistant to Representative Bill Alexander (D-Ark.), will be executive director of the new program.

A key part of the institute's program will be a fellowship program for persons with an active interest and concern in the political future of Arkansas, Enoch said. The 20 persons selected for the annual eight month program will attend seminars dealing with every aspect of practical politics. Lecturers will include state, regional and nationally recognized authorities.

Enoch said plans were being made to begin the first fellowship program within the next three months.

"The goal of the Institute of Politics is in keeping with our conviction that Hendrix and the college community should be involved in our future and

should contribute to it," Dr. Shilling said. "We are pleased to have the institute located on our campus."

The Advisory Board is composed of 13 persons of various political viewpoints and involvements throughout the state.

Lester and Dr. Shilling emphasized that the institute would be strictly nonpartisan. Participants in the fellowship program are expected to include persons of various political and party affiliations.

The Arkansas institute will be the third such organization. Institutes of Politics currently are operating in New Orleans and in Mississippi. Like the other two programs, the Arkansas institute is being privately financed from a combination of foundation grants and local funds.

Enoch, who is 30, was born in Detroit, Mich., and reared in West Tennessee. He joined The Commercial Appeal in 1964 following his graduation from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

From 1966 to 1968, he was Little Rock Bureau Chief for The Commercial Appeal. He was legislative and press assistant to Representative Alexander from 1968 to 1970, when he rejoined the Memphis newspaper.

During his career, Enoch has covered political campaigns extensively in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and in Memphis.

Continuing ministry events just ahead at Perkins

Two events in the continuing education program of Perkins School of Theology are being emphasized for the immediate future, according to Dick Murray, director.

A Personal Growth Seminar based on Bi/Polar Psychology will be held Oct. 17-18 at Perkins under the leadership of Dr. J. W. Thomas whose name has become synonymous with this field of personal analysis and growth.

Oct. 30-Nov. 3 is the time for the next Management for Ministry Conference to be held at Austin as a joint venture of the Graduate School of Business of the University of Texas and the continuing education agencies of nine denominational organizations.

The scope of the latter program is summarized in a recent brochure: "This seminar is designed to provide church people, clergy and lay members, with an insight into the newer concepts of management and provide sufficient opportunity for ecumenical dialogue to exchange views on the application of these concepts to church affairs."

This latter seminar is open to all church leaders including lay members who are accompanied by their ministers.

Response to two-year Advance for Negro Colleges gratifying, but short of goal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — It appears the two-year "Negro Colleges Advance" of the United Methodist Church will not reach its \$10 million goal by December 31, but directors of the effort are not disappointed by the response which they say is five times greater than any previous campaign for the schools.

The Advance was established by the 1970 General Conference to meet a financial crisis facing the 12 black United Methodist colleges.

Dr. Clayton Calhoun, Nashville Tenn., and Dr. Dennis Fletcher, New York, co-directors of the Advance, predict that about \$6½ million of the

\$10 million goal will be raised by the end of the year. Of that goal, \$2 million was raised for scholarships and loans by reshuffling priorities in the church. The remainder was distributed as "recommended goals" to annual conferences by using a World Service apportionment percentage factor.

Previously the 12 black colleges had been supported by the church through an annual Race Relations Day offering which averaged \$507,143 for the years 1966 through 1970.

The Race Relations Day offering and the Negro Colleges Advance will be replaced January 1 by a Black College Fund. With an annual goal of \$6 million, the new fund will be apportioned to annual conferences for each of the years 1973 through 1976.

Dr. Fletcher said one of the most significant developments of the two-year Negro Colleges Advance has been the response of the former Central Jurisdiction (black) annual conferences. All but two of these (both in Mississippi) have now been merged into the predominantly white conferences.

According to Dr. Fletcher, the average fair share percentage giving of the former Central Jurisdiction (fCJ) conferences has been more than twice that of any other conference in the church.

At the close of August, the South Carolina Conference (fCJ) had given \$77,990, representing 335 percent of its fair share goal. The Mississippi (fCJ) Conference gave \$14,640 or 153 percent and the Upper Mississippi (fCJ) gave \$23,349 or 364 percent. The Georgia (fCJ) Conference

gave \$30,000 or 208 percent of its goal by June, 1971, the time of its merger with the predominantly white North Georgia Conference.

Dr. Fletcher said the remaining months of 1972 are extremely critical for the Advance and the black colleges. Although the Black College Fund will be apportioned to churches beginning January 1 we know that the receipts on the 1973 apportionments come in very slowly during the first few months of the year. The money we raise this year will help tide the schools over until larger amounts are received later in 1973.

The 12 black United Methodist colleges with a combined student population of more than 9,000 students include Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., and Morristown, Tenn., a two-year school. The others are four-year institutions: Bennett, Greensboro, N.C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin, Orangeburg, S.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard, New Orleans, La.; Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Tex.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Wiley, Marshall, Tex.

News in Brief

Trustees of United Methodist's Theological School in (Delaware) Ohio and United Theological Seminary in Dayton met together earlier this month in a joint session seen as the first step toward merger of the two schools.

OCTOBER 12, 1972

Editorial

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the finest things we have read about the significance of World Service in the United Methodist Church was written for the October issue of *The Interpreter* by Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Director of the Council on Ministries for the Louisiana Conference and President of the National Fellowship of Program Directors. We want to share it with all of our readers this week. AAK)

There is little doubt that the amount of \$23,500,000 is much more impressive than the amount of \$2.24, yet these two figures are related.

The General Conference of 1972 established an annual World Service goal for the next quadrennium of \$23,500,000 which is an impressive amount. However, when it is divided by our 10,600,000 United Methodist members in the U.S.A., only \$2.24 would be required from each member to reach this goal each year.

Whether we look at this goal as large or small, all United Methodist members in each local church will need to be informed about World Service if this part of the ministry of our church is to be supported.

World Service is the basic benevolent fund of the whole church. (This fund has been called the "life blood" of our denomination.) Through contributions to World Service, individual members are given an opportunity to share in thousands of United Methodist missional projects in the United States and around the world.

The *Discipline* speaks of the World Service Fund as having this priority: "Payment in full of these apportionments by the local churches and Annual Conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church."

Two Basic Streams

More than a score of general church agencies are funded by the World Service dollar. The missional agencies supported by this fund serve both as a resource to the local church and an extension of the local church in action on a national and world level. So what is achieved by these agencies can be divided into two basic streams.

The first stream flows out into the world from the local church. For example, the ministry of 1,000 missionaries overseas, scores of schools and hospitals in communities where none would otherwise exist, dental care for the poor, concern for the powerless and many other ministries are made possible through the World Service giving which flows out of the local church.

The other stream flows back into the local churches in the form of resources which enable the local church to have a more effective ministry. General church agencies funded by World Ser-

vice provide resources of persons and audio-visuals for evangelism, radio and television programing, guidelines and training for leaders, plus a variety of individual responses to inquiries from Annual Conferences and churches. These are aids for the mission of the local church which no local church working alone would be able to produce for itself.

Both of these streams of ministry made possible by the World Service dollars are important. The one which flows out from the local church provides an opportunity for local church members to share in the worldwide missional activity of the whole church touching people and places in the world where it is not possible for us to go as individuals. Someone in the spirit of Christ and in the name of the church can go because our World Service contributions make it possible.

On the other hand, World Service also helps the local church itself by providing resources which can be developed by the general agencies to strengthen and extend the local church's ministry.

Less Than 1968-72 Asking

Some will recall that the United Conference in 1968 approved a World Service goal of \$25 million a year for the 1968-72 quadrennium. Thus, the \$23,500,000 goal adopted by the 1972 General Conference appears to be a reduction, and it is natural for us to ask why.

There was only one reason for the reduction of the World Service goal in the 1973-76 quadrennium. The goal for World Service was reduced in recognition of a new request of \$6 million annually in the 1973-76 quadrennium established by the General Conference for the Black College Fund.

The Black College Fund is to aid 11 black colleges and one medical school related to the United Methodist Church. Five sixths of the receipts of this fund are to be used by the schools to assist in supporting their operating budgets and one sixth of the total is to be set aside for capital improvements at the schools.

It is important for United Methodists to recognize that the reduction in the total goal for World Service was made for only this one reason. Certainly, neither the needs nor the ability of our people to give has declined, but in recognition of the need to strengthen the black colleges as a first priority of the United Methodist Church today, the World Service fund was reduced to make way for the \$6 million Black College Fund goal.

Since we have made reference to the past quadrennium, it is also important to point out that while the \$25 million annual goal

was not reached during the 1968-72 quadrennium World Service, our churches did contribute on an average each year \$2,376,818 more for World Service than did the former Methodist Church and the former Evangelical United Brethren Church during the previous quadrennium. This actually represents an increase in giving of 10.7 percent to World Service over the previous quadrennium. So while one cannot be satisfied as the goal was not reached, it is important to know that our people did make an increase in their contributions to World Service during the past quadrennium.

The 1972 General Conference was more specific in the definition of the term "conference benevolences." This more precise definition will help local church leaders in answering questions from members of the congregation about the use for which funds are intended.

The definition of "conference benevolences" now provides that the term shall apply to those conference funds directly associated with the program, mission, and benevolent causes of the Annual Conference program agencies and institutions.

The new legislation specifically provides that the term "conference benevolences" shall not include allocations and expenditures for conference agencies whose work is primarily administrative. Also, not to be included under this term are conference ministerial support funds nor are apportionments made to the Annual Conference by the General or Jurisdictional Conferences to be included.

World Service: Variety of Ministries

There is such a variety of ministries of the church provided by World Service that it is difficult for one person to know the whole story. Yet it is knowing the exciting account of some individual missional events in hundreds of locations throughout the world which is the real story of World Service.

Each church should make an effort to have up-to-date accounts of some specific activity

made possible by World Service funds and to give attention to them through local church newsletters, illustrations used in lessons and sermons, and any other channels whereby they will receive attention such as on posters and in displays.

Some churches have found that the story can best be told by using detailed information from a small number of projects with which they keep in touch and become particularly familiar. The story of what is being done can be so exciting that it will provide its own motivation for giving once it is known.

One of the basic motivations for United Methodist people to give to World Service is the realization that none of us can be everywhere. We know that there are still many people in the world who do not have medical care or schools or churches or Christian literature. Realizing that I cannot be in those places of need myself, I make it possible for my church to provide help to meet those needs when I give for World Service.

When one knows the story of World Service, the time for receiving the offering during the worship service can become a time of adventure and exciting expectation.

In my mind I can attempt to see, as I lay my gift in the offering plate, the child that will not receive medical help high in the mountains of South America unless World Service is there; to see the man who will be able to support his own family through potatoes he sells because the church has helped to start a farmers' cooperative; to see the new church leader in Africa who received training for his new responsibility because World Service is there.

The part of a contribution made to the local church that goes to World Service is one gift that becomes many gifts in almost every part of the world in the direct ministry to people's needs.

World Service is people serving people, under God's guidance, through United Methodist channels.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"The Reformation of the 16th Century is going to be kindergarten stuff compared to what's happening in the Christian church today," according to the Rev. Edward W. Bauman, pastor of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. Addressing a Religious Public Relations Council meeting, the host of "Bauman Bible Telecasts" said, "The local church is the most viable center of God's action today. There's a feeling of hope abroad today in the churches." He attributed the evidence of revitalization to the "blowing" of the Holy Spirit, which he said "has produced a spirit of joy, hope and excitement in the lives of those who have been affected."

Plans for a consultation on missions in Mexico in 1973 and for an international evangelism drive in 1975 were discussed in a recent meeting of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council in Bristol, England — a cradle of Methodism. The mission consultation scheduled to be held in Mexico City from July 29-Aug. 3, 1973 will focus on new concepts of mission and on the role of Methodism within the mission of the universal church.

Americans of all political persuasions are being asked to set aside a period of prayer on Nov. 5, the Sunday before the Presidential election, by an organization within an ecumenical congregation in Washington, D.C. "Our country, as economically and politically powerful as it is, should exercise a responsibility commensurate with this power," said a statement issued by "Dunamis," the "prayer-politic group whose members pray daily for individuals in centers of power and attempt to establish a pastor-prophet relationship with them," at Church of the Savior.

Because the 7,000 member congregation of Houston's First Baptist (Southern) Church has outgrown its downtown facilities and does not have room to expand, it has voted to abandon its inner city facilities and move to a 12.2 acre suburban site. The downtown site, valued at \$3.5 million will be put up for sale. The departure of First Baptist leaves the nation's sixth largest city with three major downtown churches: First Methodist, Episcopal and Roman Catholic parishes. The Rev. John R. Bisagno, 38, is pastor of the church with the advertising slogan: "It's worth a trip to town."

"Common Issues in the Ministry, Marriage and the Sacraments" was the theme of the fourth New England Consultation of Church Leaders meeting in Waltham, Mass., Sept. 26-28. Some 75 bishops and chief executive officers from New England's Anglican, Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic bodies gathered to attend the consultation—believed to be the only existing arrangement in the country in which leaders of the major branches of Christendom meet annually to discuss mutual problems and explore common avenues of action. A principal speaker was Dr. J. Robert Nelson, United Methodist and dean of the Boston University School of Theology.

Some 170 delegates from more than 70 countries were present when Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia formally opened the first World Assembly of the 26-year-old United Bible Societies (UBS) in Africa Hall in Addis Ababa recently. The UBS links together 50 Bible Societies throughout the world.

In an attempt to counter the "sex and violence" films which are currently flooding U.S. theaters, the Reader's Digest will begin producing family movies which reflect a "wholesome" American life, according to a spokesman who said the magazine feels that millions of Americans are tired of "the bad taste in the movies being made today." One producer said that Americans, feeling a disenchantment with their society, were now looking for movies that showed life as it could be or as they believed it had been.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), expressed regret at the proposed formation of a new group called "Vanguard Presbytery" by conservative Presbyterian churchmen. In a statement issued from Atlanta, Dr. Bell held that the action of the splinter group "fragments the witness of the Church which they are repudiating. Their conservative witness is sorely needed in our midst." Formation of the new body was announced Sept. 7 by a group of churchmen representing nine churches in six states.

"Multimedia Zambia," 18-month-old ecumenical project is using radio, television and print to reach Zambia's 2.5-million Christians. Supported by the United Church of Zambia, Roman Catholics, Southern Baptists, the Assemblies of God and the Salvation Army, programs range from traditional church services to original drama. The Mirror, monthly tabloid newspaper launched in early 1972, now has a press run of 50,000 copies, said to be "more than the country's leading daily."

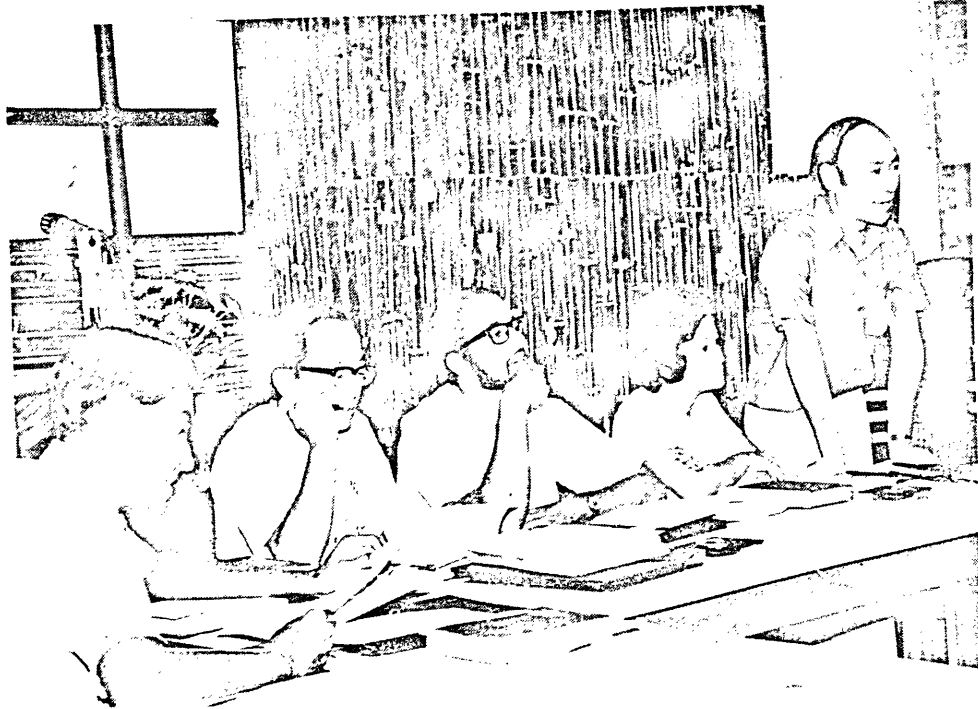
Theologian Harvey Cox, addressing a staff meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society at Valley Forge, Pa., defended biblical religion as giving man a responsibility to cultivate the earth, rather than to merely dominate it. The Harvard Divinity School professor said this is in contrast with mysticism. "We need a more intelligent management of the earth, and you can't manage something you have a mystical union with," he maintained. The meeting at which Cox spoke was called for the purpose of seeking ways of changing cultural institutions to end environmental destruction and provide ways for more equitable distribution of resources.

Christian Life, a non-denominational magazine, analyzing some Sunday school statistics from recent years commented on a "massive revival of interest in Sunday schools." The largest Sunday school in the U.S. has an average weekly attendance of 5,917, increased its enrollment by 843 in a year, recorded 8,023 professions of faith in a year, and transports 2,200 people to classes on 76 buses each week. These facts about First Baptist Church in Hammond, Ind., are given along with data on the other 99 largest Sunday schools in the nation.

More than 2,000 young Jesus people from the U.S. and Europe staged a massive evangelistic campaign during the Olympic Games in Munich, which, according to a Christianity Today report, was "more spectacular than the games." "Thousands of Bibles, gospels and tracts in Eastern European languages were gobbled up by athletes and tourists from Communist bloc nations," News Editor Edward E. Plowman reported.

In late August, Bishop Henry Frehen and his small Icelandic flock at Reykjavik were ready to complete the renovation of the Roman Catholic church by replacing two large bells in a 120-foot steeple. But the old bells could not be lowered because of structural reinforcements added after they were hung, and a crane needed to lift out the old and substitute the new was too heavy for the street. So Bishop Frehen appealed to the U.S. Embassy for help. Responding to the appeal was a crew from the Air Force's Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service. After practice runs to assure that the helicopter could lift the two new bells, one weighing 2,400 pounds and the other 1,800 pounds, into the steeple, "Operation Bells in the Belfry" took less than an hour to complete.

The Methodist Church in New Zealand is reducing its training period for ministers from six years to four. Candidates for the ministry currently spend three years in college and three years as probationary ministers. The proposed plan calls for ordination after four years of college training, with the fourth year including practical experience under supervision in churches, hospitals, prisons, and other institutions in Auckland, where the theological school is located.



MANILA — The Rev. Joe Shik Oh, a Korean who is executive secretary of the East Asian Christian Conference in the Japan area, addresses the Conference's meeting in Manila. The meeting brought together Protestant and Catholic theologians and social workers from 12 Asian nations to discuss how the abstractions of the first group could be combined with the concrete working conditions of the latter in meeting the social and economic needs of Asia's cities. To the left of Mr. Oh is Mrs. Ruth Prudente, head of Manila's Methodist Social Center, which hosted the meeting, and to her left is Dr. John England, executive secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference, which has its headquarters in Bangkok. Others are unidentified. (RNS Photo)

Program Directors to Local Churches

UNICEF

Many of our churches will be participating in the collecting process for UNICEF near the end of this month. Below you will find a list of the audio-visual materials which you may secure from your Council on Ministries office:

1. Tape — 6½ minutes, Highlights of UNICEF's 25 years. (Two are available)
2. Tape—13 minutes, The Ends of the Earth, "Little Bird, The Story of Bulbuli".
3. Tape—7 minutes, The Ends of the Earth, "Sounds of Bangladesh".
4. Tape—9 minutes, The Ends of the Earth, "Emergency in Afghanistan".
5. Tape—10 minutes, UNICEF Aid in West Africa, interview with Mr. Michael N. Scelsi, U.S. Representative on UNICEF Executive Board.
6. 1 set of slides—The Challenge of the Underdeveloped World, 30 b/w with script.
7. 1 filmstrip — A trip with UNICEF.
8. 1 filmstrip — Safe Milk Saves Lives.
9. 2 filmstrips—Our UNICEF Halloween.
10. 1 16mm film—20 minutes, A New-Fashioned Halloween.
11. 3 copies—16mm, 20 seconds—UNICEF Greeting Card TV Trailer
12. 1 copy—UNICEF TV Sequence #21, Nigeria — Helicopter Airlift, 16mm.

For more information, contact UNICEF Coordinator, Mrs. Grafton Thomas, 5405 Dreher Lane, Little Rock. Kits may be ordered from: US Committee for UNICEF, 331 East 39th St., N.Y. 10016. One kit will do for 35 people.

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BENEFIT BOOK REVIEW

A Benefit Book Review, under sponsorship of Church Women United of Central Arkansas, will be presented Monday, Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1000 North Mississippi, Little Rock.

"Mostly Mama," by Lewis Meyer, will be reviewed by Mrs. Fred (Dottie) Walker. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at the door.

Proceeds will be used to assist the Leisure Ministries of the Arkansas Council of Churches.

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WANTED: CHURCH SECRETARY: Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, is seeking a church secretary. If you are interested contact the pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Renfro, office phone: 945-1003 or parsonage: 945-2222.

CURRICULUM RESOURCES

KEY TO LUKE, a two-part study of the Gospel of Luke, is being recommended to adult groups in place of the Christian Faith in Life Series unit originally planned under the title of **BY WHOSE AUTHORITY**. **KEY TO LUKE** undergirds the Key 73 program. Key 73 is an interdenominational movement to encourage greater emphasis on witnessing to the Christian gospel.

KEY TO LUKE is in two parts. Part I deals with Luke 1:1—9:50 and will first be used for Advent, 1972. Part II will deal with Luke 9:51—24:3, and will be especially appropriate for use in Lent, 1973.

Both Parts I and II contain (1) a weekly set of daily Bible readings, with a brief summary of each; (2) a section in workbook format that raises questions and (3) a major section of interpretation of each week's set of daily Bible readings.

Dr. Horace R. Weaver, Executive Editor of Adult Publications, has selected the daily Bible readings and provided the interpretation. Dr. Harold L. Fair, Executive Editor of Youth Publications, has prepared the workbook suggestions. The study of **KEY TO LUKE** could serve as an introduction to the new Our Living Bible Series, which begins in September, 1973.

KEY TO LUKE, PART I, is available from Cokesbury for 40 cents; **KEY TO LUKE, PART II**, will be available from Cokesbury for 50 cents on January 1, 1973.

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BOARD OF PUBLICATION TO INCLUDE FOUR WOMEN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Four women will be included in the historically all-male United Methodist Board of Publication as it holds its organizational meeting here October 24-25.

The 45-member governing body of the United Methodist Publishing House operates on a four-year basis along with all other agencies of the church.

The four women named to the board for the 1973-76 quadrennium are: Mrs. William F. Dunlap, Wintersville, Ohio; Mrs. Floyd Rogers, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Mrs. Robert H. Rankin, Falls Church, Va.; Miss Betty J. Betz, Seattle, Wash.

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Wynne Methodists and
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On October 1, the Wynne Methodists and the Wynne Presbyterians held a joint Service of Holy Communion in the evening at the First United Methodist Church. Presiding over the service were the Rev. James Campell, pastor, Presbyterian, and the Rev. William M. Wilder, host pastor.

Traditions of both churches were observed as the Presbyterian Elders administered the serving of the bread to the congregation in their pews, and then the wine was served by the two ministers as the congregation came to the altar.

Special music was provided by the combined Chancel choirs of the two churches with Harry Fondren conducting, and Mrs. Joe Dugan at the organ. The meditation entitled, "where God Signed His Name," was given by Mr. Wilder.

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ELI LINDSEY DAY SET AT JESUP, OCT. 22

Members of the Eli Lindsey United Methodist Church have planned a special "Eli Lindsey Day" at Jesup on Sunday, Oct. 22. The Rev. Garland Taylor, now retired and living in Osceola, who spent his boyhood in the Eli Lindsey Church and community will preach the sermon. The Rev. A. N. Storey, retired, of Jonesboro, will read the history of the church. The Rev. Earnie Hance, pastor, invites former members and friends to attend the celebration.

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THE GURDON UNITED Methodist Church plans a revival for the week of Oct. 15-18, with the Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, as guest evangelist. The Rev. James F. Richardson is pastor.

FORT SMITH TO HOLD CITYWIDE CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

The annual Christian Life Conference in Fort Smith will be held from Oct. 15-20 with a British evangelist bringing the messages. Major W. Ian Thomas, founder and director of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship of Torchbearers, will preach in First United Methodist Church at 8:45 a.m. Sunday,

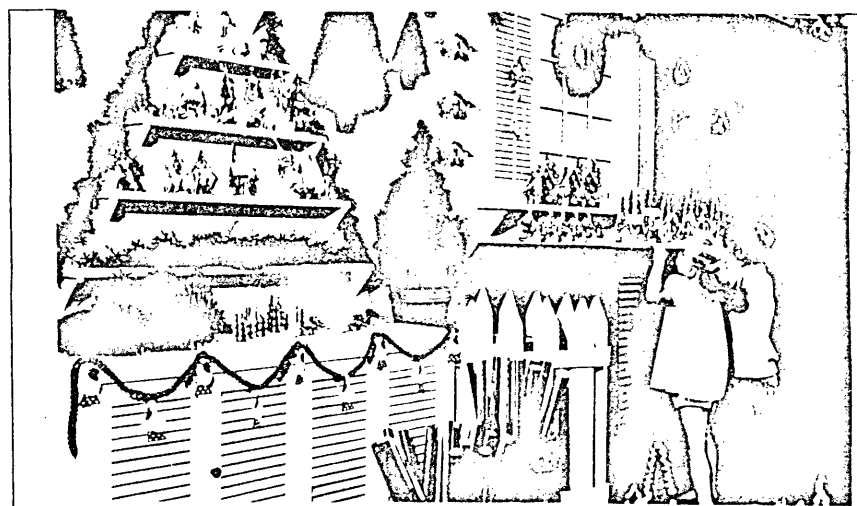
and at First Baptist Church at 10:50 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Week-day services, Monday through Friday, will be held in Roebuck Chapel, First United Methodist, at 10:00 a.m., with evening services in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, at 7:00 p.m.

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THE BENTON First United Methodist Church will hold the fall festival from Oct. 15-18, with the Rev. John McCay of Hattiesburg, Miss., as evangelist. Night services will be at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. McCay will speak at a youth breakfast on Monday at 7:15, also at a ladies luncheon Monday noon and a men's breakfast Tuesday morning. Special music will be led by Marshall Townsend, new director of music in First Church, of which Dr. Ed Hollenbeck is pastor.

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SENIOR CITIZENS of the Nettleton United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, were recently honored at a Senior Citizens' Night at the church. Following pot-luck dinner, the entire group enjoyed singing familiar songs. Mrs. Margaret Ratliff coordinated the effort. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor of the Nettleton Church.



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NEWS and NOTES

CHRIS MEYER has resigned as educational director at First Church, Russellville, effective Oct. 1. He and his wife have moved to Fort Smith where Chris is executive director of the Girl's Clubs of Fort Smith, and Leola will be working with one of the clubs.

ATTORNEY FRANKLIN WILDER was the speaker for United Methodist Men of St. Paul Church, Fort Smith, Oct. 3. Mr. Wilder described the life of Samuel Wesley, from the book of which he is author. Bill Nigh is president of the host group. The Rev. W. L. Douglass is pastor.

"NOW HEAR IT AGAIN" by Burroughs was the contemporary cantata presented by the Youth Choir of Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro, for the morning worship on Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 24. The choir was directed by Mrs. Fred Steinegger. Musicians for the cantata were Renee Hobgood, pianist; Lyndal Schisler and Steve Pugh, guitarists; Jeff Horton, drums. The readers were Brenda Box and Ward Massey. The Rev. James R. Chandler is the Huntington Avenue pastor.

AT PROMOTION DAY recently in First Church, Cotton Plant, perfect attendance pins were presented to the following persons: Shelby Crafford, for seven years; Lee Ann Cruce, four years; and one-year pins to Angela Caperton, Tracy McMullan, Kathryn Cruce, and Mrs. Don Cruce. The Rev. Oliver Logan is pastor and Charles L. Davis is Sunday school superintendent at Cotton Plant.

THE UMY OF ST. JOHN United Methodist Church, Van Buren, was in charge of the evening service Sunday, Sept. 17. The program included talks on the UMY by Paul Hicks, Charles Pickle, and Mike Bell, and the group showed color slides of their recent trip to Eureka Springs and Branson, Mo. The Rev. David Scroggin is pastor.

THE UMY OF HORATIO met Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Little River Country Club, at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith. The group spent the afternoon hiking, playing tennis and golfing. A hamburger supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gage. Eighteen young people attended. The Rev. Guy Downing is their pastor.

TROY COLLIER, director of "Teen Challenge Center" in Little Rock, and a group of former drug addicts gave personal testimonies in First United Methodist Church at DeWitt, Oct. 1. The Rev. Thurston Masters was host pastor.

THE BENTONVILLE United Methodist Church had as guest speaker to youth, Herbert Gonzales, a student from Montevideo, Uruguay, Oct. 1. He is working as a conversational aide in the Spanish department of the Bentonville Schools. The Rev. Sam Teague was host pastor.

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Mrs. E. B. Crutcher was honored at the Joiner United Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 17, for her 25 years of dedicated service as church organizer. The Joiner pastor is the Rev. Wilbert R. Feagan.

TELECAST IN COLOR was initiated by Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Sept. 24. Worship services have been telecast in black and white for several years at Pulaski Heights, where Dr. James B. Argue is senior minister.

THE NASHVILLE CHURCH is holding a "Hear-Em Again" series on the four Sunday evenings of October. Former pastors are being featured. Dr. Ed Dunlap, now superintendent of the Little Rock District, spoke on Oct. 1. The Rev. Everett Vinson, now superintendent of the Monticello District, spoke Oct. 8. The Rev. Alf DeBlack, pastor of St. Luke Church, Little Rock, is scheduled Oct. 15, and the Rev. George Meyer of Warren will speak Oct. 22. The Rev. David B. Wilson is host pastor.

FIVE FORMER PASTORS are speakers during the "Caucus for Christ" series in First Church, Jacksonville, Oct. 8-12. Ministers include the Rev. Lee Cate, now director of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly at Fayetteville; the Rev. Byron McSpadden of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock; the Rev. Clyde Parsons, First Church, Morrilton; the Rev. Harold Spence of First Church, Paragould; and the Rev. Earl Carter, First Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Bob Edwards is host pastor.

DR. MATT ELLIS, professor and former president at Hendrix College, Conway, was the guest speaker at the family night dinner held in Central United Methodist Church at Lincoln recently. The Rev. Van Hooker was host to Dr. Ellis overnight and for a quail breakfast.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE WOMEN MEET OCT. 14

The last annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Southwest Conference will be held in Little Rock, Saturday, Oct. 14, in Wesley United Methodist Church. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

The President's Message will be given by Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro preceding the noon hour.

Past and present officers will be honored, with special recognition given to past and present presidents.

Mrs. Lula Tillmon of Tulsa, former conference president, will bring the meditation before Holy Communion, which will be administered by the Rev. Harry Bass, host pastor, and the Rev. Richard C. Preston, pastor of Malla-lieu Church in Fort Smith.

THE REV. J. ANTHONY HOLIFIELD, pastor of the Nettleton-Brookland Charge, Jonesboro District, was guest evangelist for a recent revival held at the Bay United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jack Skelton is pastor of the Bay Church.

HENDRIX COLLEGE DEAN Francis Christie was the speaker in El Dorado when United Methodist Men of First Church met Sept. 20.

HAROLD DAVIDSON was installed as president of the men's group in Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock. Bill McCord is vice-president and Abe Harrill is secretary-treasurer.

Financial Statement

WOMANS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE & WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE January 1 - September 30, 1972

	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	
RECEIPTS			
Pledge to Missions	\$55,970.46	\$14,793.91	
Special Memberships	2,032.00	1,325.00	
In Remembrance	315.25	44.25	
World Thank Offering	243.96	92.65	
Total Received on Pledge	\$58,561.67	\$16,255.81	\$74,817.48
Call to Prayer	4,512.15	1,439.08	
Supplemental	292.42	60.68	
School of Mission Fund	513.00	306.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	420.50	109.80	
Magazine & Picture	-0-	71.00	
Bernice Rogers Special Fund	1,101.18	439.47	
Miscellaneous (Interest)	337.00	10.06	
Total Other Receipts	7,176.25	2,436.09	9,612.34
Total Receipts			84,429.82
Balance, January 1, 1972			7,626.29
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total to Account For			\$98,056.11
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pledge to Missions	51,006.73	13,657.22	
Special Memberships	2,032.00	1,550.00	
In Remembrance	315.25	44.25	
World Thank Offering	243.96	92.65	
Total paid on Pledge	53,597.94	15,344.12	68,942.06
Supplemental	292.42	60.68	
Call to Prayer	4,512.15	1,439.08	
School of Missions	1,200.00	250.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	420.50	109.80	
Conference Cultivation	2,899.00	860.00	
District Cultivation	2,640.00	910.19	
Magazine & Picture Fund	-0-	71.00	
Bernice Rogers Special Fund	431.88	96.77	
Total Other	12,395.95	3,797.52	16,193.47
Total Disbursements			85,135.53
Bank Balance September 30, 1972			6,920.58
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Total Amount Accounted For			\$98,056.11

Mrs. James E. Nix
Conference Treasurer

OCTOBER 12, 1972

Last Annual Meetings held by Guilds

Little Rock Conference



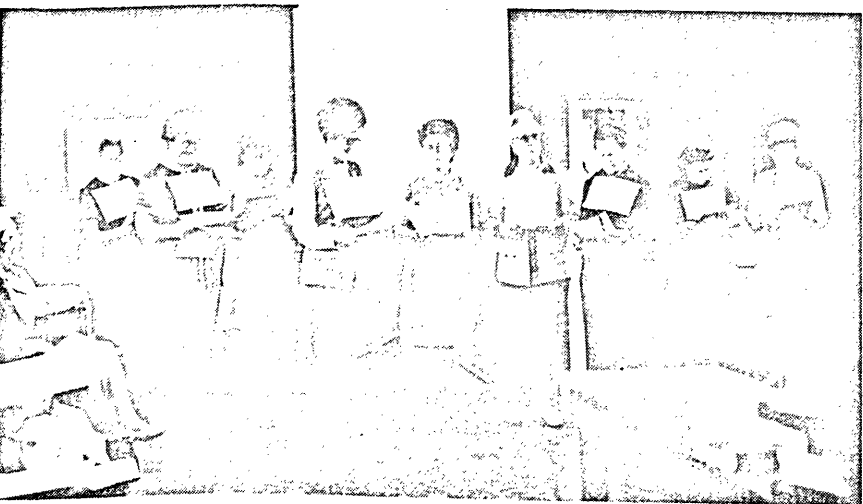
Leaders during the Annual Meeting of Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild included, from left: Miss Joan Clark from Dallas; Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, chairwoman, from Texarkana; and Miss Martha King of Rome, Ga.



In discussing the new structure for United Methodist Women, 175 Guild delegates and visitors huddled in buzz groups at Aldersgate Matkin Hall (above).

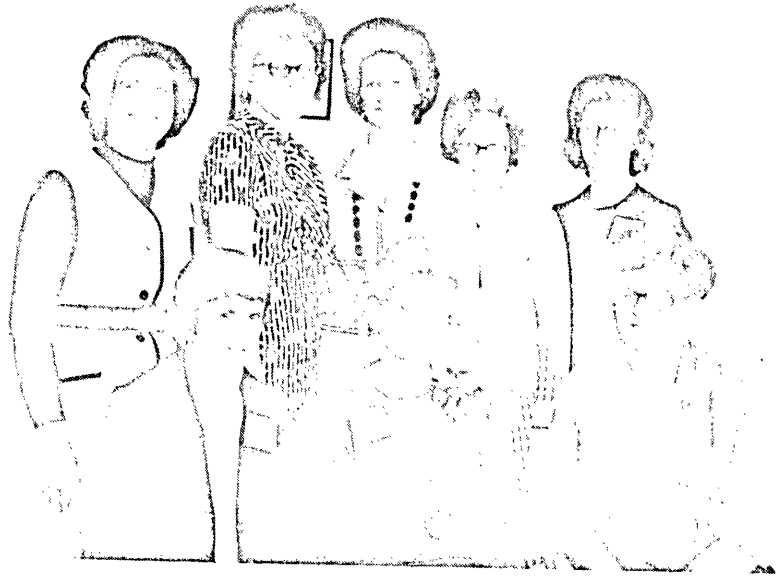
BELOW -

A beautiful fall day at Aldersgate Camp furnished the setting for a picnic lunch for Guilders of the Little Rock Conference, Oct. 1.



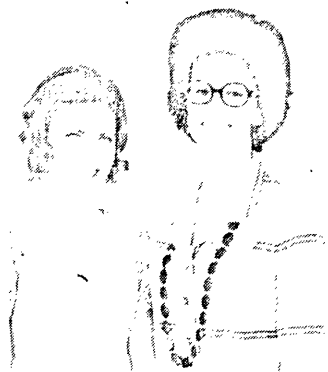
Presenting a skit on "Becoming United Methodist Women" were the following leaders: Floretta Skinner, Rubye Lee Jackson, Louise Pate, Gladys Icenhower, Virginia Christian, Hazel Dabney, Toots Davenport, Leah McNamara and Willie Arnold (named from left).

North Arkansas Conference



North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds were in session last Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8, at First Church North Little Rock. Executive committee members and guest speakers are shown above. Front row, left: Miss Joan Clark, regional director from Dallas; Mrs. Truman Stephens, conference chairman; Mrs. Glenn Hammond, recording secretary. Standing, from left: Miss Kathleen Sharp, missionary education; Miss Mildred Scott, chairman of nominations; Mrs. Helen Blaylock, program chairman; Mrs. C. S. Kirkendall, nominations comm.; and Mrs. James Nix, treasurer.

Three retired missionaries attending the Guild meeting are, from left: Miss Nellie Dyer, who served in Korea and the Philippines; Dr. Pearle McCain, China and Japan; and Miss Edith Martin, Africa.



Jan Fulton, at left, U.S.-2 short term missionary working in Spofford Home, Kansas City, who is a North Little Rock girl, is presented by Mrs. Blaylock, program chairman.

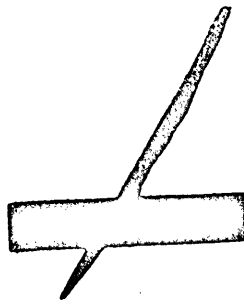


District Guild chairmen of North Arkansas: front row, left, Mrs. George Disinger, Mrs. Everett Wakefield and Mrs. R. E. Hartrnft; back row, Mrs. Dalton Henderson, Mrs. D. C. Neal, Mrs. Lillie Burgess and Miss Irene Forrest.

OCTOBER 12, 1972

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 22: The Racial Revolution

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:26-27; Luke 10:25-37; Ephesians 2:11-18; Colossians 3:1-11; James 2:1-9

MEMORY SELECTION: If you really fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help Christians mold their thoughts about and attitudes toward persons of other races in conformity to biblical precepts and practice.

As one seeks for a date for the beginning of the so-called "racial revolution" in our land there are two events which stand out above others—the 1954 Supreme Court Decision concerning "separate but equal" public schools and the non-violent demonstrations concerning bus seating in Montgomery, Ala. which brought the Rev. Martin Luther King into prominence at the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In less than two decades tremendous progress has been made in race relations and the United Methodist Church has been prominent in its leadership.

Without any evidence of triumphalism or any impression that all of our problems have been solved or that all of our prejudices have disappeared we should begin our lesson today by taking stock of how far we have come and at the same time honestly facing up to the distance we still have to travel. Today the racial revolution involves many groups in our society who have been encouraged by the progress by Negroes in the 1950's and 1960's. In the recent sessions of the General and Jurisdictional Conferences the need of Orientals, American Indians and Spanish speaking Americans received a great deal of consideration and all are represented on the Commission on Religion and Race.

During the 1968-72 Quadrennium The United Methodist Church directed a great deal of attention to the Fund for Reconciliation through which many worthwhile programs were initiated to help meet the needs of minority groups and other underprivileged groups. A real challenge will come to our church during the next quadrennium as we seek to sustain many of these programs without the emphasis of the Fund for Reconciliation.

In the four years just ahead our denomination will be accepting as one of its major goals the raising of six million dollars a year for the Black College Fund. This challenge came before the General Conference as deserving priority over other needs in human relations. Through this appeal we will have a chance to demonstrate just how much we have matured in this area. There will continue to be additional needs in this important accent of "The Changing World of Interpersonal Relations."

The fact that churches are still being divided by differences of opinion indicates a need for the continuing study of the Bible to determine its teachings on race relations. That the Bible has much to say on our subject is evident from the number of passages offered for study. All the selections suggested for class use are from the New Testament, thus focusing attention on the distinctively Christian aspects of our theme.

TRUE NEIGHBORLINESS

In Luke 10:25-37 we have the story of the Good Samaritan which is one of the great masterpieces of teaching in the relationships which should exist between persons.

Jesus was questioned by a lawyer who sought to know the pathway to eternal life. The Master Teacher led him to answer his own question stating that he should love God with all his power and his neighbor as himself. Then the man asked, "But who is my neighbor?" and the way was open for Jesus to give what many regard as his greatest parable.

A traveler going through the rough mountain country between Jerusalem and Jericho fell among thieves who stripped him of all he possessed and left him half dead. Three persons saw him in this condition of need—a priest, a prominent layman holding a high position in his church, and then a Samaritan who was a member of the group most despised by the Jews. In telling this story, the Master Teacher met the man's prejudice head on and steered him into answering his own question. He started him in a new direction in the area of true neighborliness.

The sharp barb which made this parable so effective was that the hero was one of the group hated by the Jews. When the ten northern tribes were carried off into Babylonian exile, the conquerors left a group of the inhabitants of Samaria whom they considered not worth taking back to sell in the slave markets of Babylonia. Some of them were even relocated in territory formerly owned by those taken into exile. Such a feeling of disrespect followed that the average Jew making a journey from north to south would not deign to pass through the land of the Samaritans. Instead, they would cross the Jordan River and go down on the east side of the stream so as not to be contaminated by these low people.

Through this story the name "Samaritan" became honored. The good Samaritan was the one man who in a situation of suffering made himself useful and provided every sustenance that could be given a stricken man. The lawyer who believed he could involve Jesus at least in an argument found himself backed, as it were, into a corner. He had to admit that the man who showed mercy on a stricken fellow was the real neighbor.

PETER'S STARTLING DISCOVERY

Another major New Testament source which should point our thinking away from racial prejudice is the story of Peter's vision on the housetop in Joppa found in the tenth chapter of Acts. In this episode the apostle is prepared from going to Caesarea to minister to the family of a Roman officer named Cornelius.

In the vision Peter saw a sheet let down from heaven in which were all kinds of foods that were forbidden the Jews. The voice of God came to him commanding him to eat all these foods and he protested that he could not because they were prohibited—were unclean. Then God told Peter not to call unclean anything that he had created.

This is perhaps the best illustration in the New Testament of a person's being changed by the Holy Spirit in his behavior toward people of another race. Peter was not easily convinced that he was wrong, nor was he able to make a swift break with his former pattern of conduct. But over a period of time he moved away from his traditional prejudice into a full appreciation of God's universal love and grace.

The firmness with which some people hold on to established opinions is indicated by the thrice-repeated vision that came on the housetop. The apostle seems to have forgotten the statement of Jesus, "There is nothing from without a man, that entering him can defile him" (Mark 7:15).

It was the arrival of the messengers from Cornelius that convinced Peter that God had been speaking to him through this vision. He acknowledged this when he explained why he had broken with the social customs of his people in entering Cornelius' home. He learned from his Joppa experience that the former requirements had no approval from God who "has no favorites, but . . . in every nation the man who is godfearing and does what is right is acceptable to him."

"THERE CAN BE NO GREEK AND JEW"

In Colossians 3:11 we read the great Christian declaration that "Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all."

In this admonition, Paul says we have made our choice. We died to our old way of life when we gave ourselves into Christ's hands. He tells the Colossians that it is necessary to abandon this habit of putting people into groups and looking down on some of them. He says that in the place of wrath, malice, blasphemy and filthy communication with the mouth we must put on "mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering."

The teaching for all of us is clear. We belong to Christ, and since this is so, we must try to be as much like Christ as we can. We shall stumble and fall. We shall have many things to discourage us. We know that nobody has ever found fidelity to the Christian gospel easy, but we have found that unless we have that devotion to our Lord and Master we do not get out of life the fullness God would have us enjoy. This certainly includes abolishing our inherited stereotypes concerning persons and seeing that all men are brothers because they are the creations of God.

PARTIALITY

Another of our background scriptures is James 2:1-9. The Epistle of James is a practical, down-to-earth book. The great emphasis here is that God does not favor one group of people. The key verse is: "But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors" (James 2:9).

Although this passage is not specifically related to the racial problem, the author is concerned about the partial treatment given in a church to a rich man in contrast with that accorded to a poor man. The writer says this partiality "does not fulfill the royal law", that is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

HELPING TO REMOVE BARRIERS

The last 20 years have seen great progress in breaking barriers down. Many of us have had the exciting opportunity of sharing in this period of history. This progress has not been made without times of severe testing on us all. When we have thought we were well down the road toward complete brotherhood we have been confronted with some next step which we discovered we were not ready to take. At each of these steps along the way we have had to depend on prayer and look afresh to the New Testament for its certain word to us.

We are just now moving toward maturity in our developments within the United Methodist Church toward a truly inclusive church. We are determined that Christ shall see that we are really his people and that we do not make distinctions nor show partiality toward any group and against any other.

Paul and Peter and millions since their time found the way to bridge the barriers which in Christ simply do not exist. Jew-gentile, free-slave, male-female, rich-poor, white-black — all were one in Christ. As Dr. Charles Laymon says so well in *International Lesson Annual*: "The only race with which Christ is concerned is the human race in its strength and weakness as well as in its glory and depravity. We all belong to him, and he shares himself with us."

Annual conference and local church support sought in 5-year program for strengthening colleges

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—Next steps in a multi-phase, five-year program to strengthen more than 100 colleges affiliated with the United Methodist Church were discussed by presidents of the schools, and other leaders, here Sept. 29—and the first year of the effort was reviewed.

"The strongest of our efforts, both nationally and locally, must now be turned to annual conferences and to individual United Methodists and other laymen," the Rev. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, Tenn., told the presidents in reviewing the past year. Dr. Wicke is general secretary of the Division of Higher Education in the denomination's Board of Education.

"We shall in every possible way take direct aim upon the pastor, other church leadership, and the potential students in our churches, not upon sectarian but upon educational grounds," the church executive said. "These are the only bases upon which an effective case can be built."

The unprecedented program was unanimously approved a year ago by representatives of some 104 senior and junior colleges to overcome the lack of understanding and financial security confronting church-related institutions of higher education.

"This world needs the kind of value-oriented education we do when we are at our best," Paul Hardin, III, Dallas, Texas, president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges, declared during discussion of the program. Dr. Hardin is president of Southern Methodist University.

There are three specific goals in the program—refocusing the educational mission of church-related schools on the development of human values and societal needs; the attraction of additional students whose aspirations coincide with the goal of a more human educational experience; and the raising of \$400,000,000 in new, unrestricted funds during the next five years.

"New Generations for New Days" is the program's theme.

The 1972 General Conference endorsed the program and a number of annual conferences have voted their backing, also.

Major activities in the past year initiating the drive have included advertisements in the New York Times and Time and Together magazines, a capital funds workshop at Duke University, Durham, N. C., in June, and the production of various pieces of interpretative literature.

At the session here, the college presidents previewed a new film produced for the program by its designers, the Barton-Gillet Co., Baltimore, Md., and radio and television spot announcements.

One of the projected key events for early in 1973 is a luncheon in Washington, D. C., at which it is hoped the President of the United States will deliver an address on the issue of independent higher education in the nation. Also discussed for the first half of 1973 are workshops on deferred giving, federal relations with education, and the recruitment and retention of

students.

In connection with the latter idea, concern was voiced at what was described as a growing emphasis on vocational and occupational education.

Dr. Wicke said that the program has cost about \$130,000 during 1972, one half coming from institutional contributions and the remainder from a variety of sources, including private contributions and Division of Higher Education special reserves.

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COCU "NOT DEAD" SAYS UNITED METHODISM'S TOP ECUMENICAL OFFICER

NEW YORK (UMI) — The eight-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU) is not dead "as eager morticians are still saying." Rather, COCU is "alive and serving."

That is the view of the United Methodist Church's chief ecumenical officer. Further, says the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Huston, feedback from local churches about COCU's draft plan of union indicates benefits have come from study of the plan. He describes the 1970 plan as a progress report and "never intended" as the church union instrument for the COCU denomination. Among benefits he cites from study of the plan are new life in congregations, personal growth in Christian understanding and "open possibilities for the future."

Dr. Huston's assessment of where COCU stands and of United Methodist reactions to study of the 1970 draft plan of union are found in an article by him scheduled for publication in the November-December issue of *The Interpreter*, United Methodism's program journal. Darrell R. Shamblin is editor. The magazine is published in Dayton, Ohio, by the Division of Interpretation.

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NAIS researches attitudes of church members

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Data from a massive nationwide research project seeking the attitude of church members toward their church, and their financial support of it, is being distributed widely to United Methodist pastors this autumn.

Developed by the National Council of Churches' Section on Stewardship and Benevolence, the North American Interchurch Study (NAIS) was carried out by 15 denominations, including the United Methodist Church. More than one-third of all 2,910 field interviews in the United States were with United Methodist pastors and members.

Punctured Preconceptions is the title of the just-published volume giving a popular report on the study. It is written by Douglas W. Johnson, director of research and information services at the National Council, and George W. Cornell, veteran religion writer for the Associated Press.

A copy of the 192-page paperback published by Friendship Press in New York is being sent to each United Methodist pastor, as well as bishops and district superintendents, this autumn by the Division of Interpretation of the denomination's Program Council.

In addition to the new volume covering the entire study, United Methodist data turned up in the research has been analyzed by the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning and is the subject of four just-released research bulletins.

Developed by the Rev. Alan K. Waltz, assistant general secretary and head of the Section of Research, the bulletins cover such topics as attitudes about the denomination held by United Methodists, giving to local churches, underwriting of their budgets, and programs of activity within them.

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Pending tax legislation cause for concern among churchmen

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—The potential effect on financial support of churches and their institutions by a bill now pending in Congress could be harsh, according to the general treasurer of the United Methodist Church.

"Long-range consequences are difficult at this moment to ascertain," said R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of the denomination's Council on Finance and Administration here, in a memorandum to bishops and district superintendents.

"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."

The proposed measure, known as the Mills-Mansfield Tax Policy Re-

view Bill, would repeal 54 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code during a three-year period beginning in 1974. Included in these provisions, Dr. Brawner said, is the income tax deduction now allowed for charitable gifts to non-profit institutions and service organizations, including churches.

Announced objective of the legislative proposal would be to force Congress to reconsider one by one the justification for 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.

Dr. Brawner, in the memo, urges church leaders interested in registering a point-of-view on the issue to communicate their opinions to members of Congress.



LONDON—Sidney Cole, curator of London's Wesley's Chapel, stands by one of the warning signs that have been posted in front of the "Mother Church of Methodism." The chapel, built by John Wesley in 1771, has been closed for at least three years to permit extensive renovating. A fall of coping stone from the roof forced the closure. Experts called in to examine the chapel reported that the damage was symptomatic of failure caused by the foundations settling in poor ground. 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." (RNS Photo by Roy Cook)

NCC agency
elects United
Methodist chairman

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — The Rev. Clifford B. Lott, an executive of the United Methodist Board of the Laity here, has been elected chairman of the Section on Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches (NCC).

Dr. Lott is scheduled to assume the chairmanship January 1 for a three-year term and will be the first United Methodist to hold the post. He is an associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of the Laity for the Division of Stewardship and Finance.

If restructure of the NCC is approved at the triennial assembly, the Section on Stewardship and Benevolence will be upgraded to a Commission on Stewardship. Some 32 groups in the United States and Canada are related to the unit which, among other things, conducts research in the stewardship field and develops themes and materials for annual visitation programs in local churches.

Dr. Lott will succeed the Rev. Sheldon Mackey of the United Church of Christ as chairman of the group.

Archives \ History Commission elects officers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The 35-member United Methodist Commission on Archives and History elected Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Tex., as chairman during its annual meeting here Oct. 3-5. Others elected to serve during the 1973-76 quadrennium were vice chairwoman, Miss Carroll Hart, Atlanta, Ga.; and recording secretary, Dr. Joseph Evers, Eldorado, Ill.

Dr. John Ness, Jr., is executive secretary and Mrs. Louise Queen is administrative and editorial assistant of the Commission which has offices at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

Among other actions, the Commission:

- Voted to request the World Methodist Historical Society to convene an American Methodist Historical Consultation involving all Methodist groups in America to consider common historical problems.

- Asked its publication committee to consider preparing new prints of church fathers Philip W. Otterbein, Jacob Albright, John and Charles Wesley and Francis Asbury.

- Voted to consider the feasibility of employing a full-time archivist.

- Asked a committee to continue study of possible locations for the Commission's offices and archives. Last year the former members of the Commission voted to move to Nashville but that decision was stalled because of major church restructuring and other financial considerations.

- Agreed to hold its 1973 annual meeting at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., in connection with the school's annual Rall Lectures. A two-day conference will be held following the lectures on the theme: "The

Whites in minority on Religion and Race Commission

CINCINNATI, OHIO (UMI) — The most ethnically diverse board in the nation's most ethnically pluralistic church has elected as president a "minority" member—a white, middle-aged minister.

Bishop D. Frederick Wertz of West Virginia will head the United Methodist Church's Commission on Religion and Race (CRR) for the next four years. Other officers elected here Sept. 28-29 are Bishop James S. Thomas, Iowa, vice chairman and chairman of the Funding Committee, and the Rev. Hector Navas, Tampa, Fla., secretary.

Whites, ordinarily a large majority on boards, total only 10 of the 44-member commission. There are 16 black persons, 7 Asian-Americans, 6 Hispanics and 5 Indians. Ministers total 18 (plus the two bishops), while lay women outnumber lay men 13 to 11. Only 10 were members during the previous quadrennium.

In the organization meeting at the start of the group's second quadrennium, CRR established new ethnic concerns committees to gain understanding and action proposals for work, with particular minorities but from diversified committees. Their chairmen are the Rev. Paul Hagiya, Denver, Colo., Asian; the Rev. Thomas Roughface, Oklahoma City, Indian; the Rev. Elias Galvan, Los Angeles, Hispanic; the Rev. Joseph Lowery, Atlanta, Ga., black.

The officers and chairmen constitute the executive committee along with Clenzo Fox, Columbus, Ohio, finance committee chairman; the Rev. J. Duncan Hunter, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Miss Thelma Merchant, Browning, Mont., and the Rev. Josue Gonzales, Austin, Texas.

The commission also elected the 12 at-large members (from four ethnic minorities) authorized by General Conference, to add to the basic six persons from each jurisdiction. They are Mrs. Mike C. (Thelma) Barnes, black, Greenville, Miss.; Dr. Lowery, Black pastor; Douglas Simpson, Detroit, Mich., black seminary student; Isaias Caps, Kent, Wash., Filipino; the Rev. Charles Song, San Francisco, Korean pastor; Mrs. Mamoru (Violet) Livingston, Calif., Japanese; Dr. Galvan, Chicano missionary executive; Ernesto Sanchez, Espanola, N.M., Chicano educator; the Rev. Guillermo Debrot, Chi-

cago, Ill., pastor, Guatemalan; Mrs. Albert (Betty) Mangum, Sioux City, Iowa; Mr. Roughface, and Miss Carol King, Wichita, Kans., youth (the latter three Indians).

The commission developed no specific program plans at this meeting but renewed its process of listening to concerns voiced by minorities. Several persons expressed the need for this because of the church's tendency to "have ethnics provide tea ceremonies or tribal dances" but fail to be aware of the persons or needs of ethnics.

In reviewing the group's mandate, the Rev. Woodie W. White, who was nominated to continue as executive secretary, said the General Conference had constituted the commission so diversely in order to help the church "out of many traditions, races, languages and cultures, respond more in unity and harmony than in discord and friction."

The commission also:

- *Relected as associate executive secretaries the Rev. Clayton Hammond, the Rev. James L. Jones and the Rev. Isabel Gomes.

- *Approved a fourth associate position, to be from the Asian or Indian community.

- *Named to represent it on other agencies, Dr. Lowery on Council on Ministries; Mr. Simpson on Council on Youth Ministries; the Rev. Hamilton Boswell of San Francisco and the Rev. James M. Shopshire of Evanston, Ill., on the Committee for Black Community Developers.

- *Established a committee for consultation in the impending merger of Mississippi's black and white annual conferences, including Dr. J. D. Huskins of Siloam Springs, Ark., Dr. Hunter and Dr. Lowery.

- *Appointed a committee to investigate charges of racism in the appointment process in Southern New England Conference, including Mr. Fox, the Rev. J. Irwin Trotter of Los Angeles and Gloster B. Current of Hollis, N.Y.

- *Detailed use of its \$250,000 annual budget.

- *Set its next meeting for Feb. 27-28, 1973.

- *Urged the Division of Interpretation to consider employment of a minority person with primary responsibility for promotion of the new Human Relations Day offering.

Hennepin Avenue gets new pastor

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A 39-year-old suburban clergyman, Dr. Jerald H. Jackson, has been appointed senior minister of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church here, effective Oct. 22. Dr. Jackson, pastor of Golden Valley United Methodist church for six years, will succeed Dr. Chester A. Pennington, who has been named professor of preaching and worship at Iliff Seminary, Denver.

Hennepin church, with some 3,600 members, is Minnesota's largest United Methodist congregation. The new

Americanizing of Methodism and the Methodizing of America: An Exercise in Cultural Interaction."

Hennepin minister is a graduate of Hamline University, St. Paul, and Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Northwestern University.

DEACONESS ASSOCIATION ELECTS CHAIRWOMAN

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Ms. Joyce Raye Patterson, St. Joseph, Mo., president of the South Central Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, was elected chairwoman for the United Methodist Committee on Deaconess-Home Missionary Service here October 5. Other persons elected for four-

Discipleship Board replaces former agency

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The United Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education (ICME) held its last meeting here Sept. 25-26, a few days before the organizational meeting of the new Board of Discipleship of which it will become a part.

The ICME, representing both the former Board of Missions and Board of Education, was one of several church agencies phased out by action of the 1972 United Methodist General Conference. Its functions will be picked up by the unit on local church education of the new Board of Discipleship although some residual functions will be cared for in collaboration with the new Board of Global Ministries.

It is expected that Dr. Thomas J. Van Loon, executive secretary of the ICME, and other staff members will become staff members of the Board of Discipleship's local church education unit.

Presiding over the final meeting of the Committee was retired Bishop Thomas M. Pryor who has headed the agency for the past four years.

The Committee voted to recommend to the new Board of Discipleship that provision be made for a "visible advocacy unit of missionary education in the Board" with continuing liaison with the Board of Global Ministries.

The Committee also recommended the continuation of the "Children's Fund for Christian Mission", a program to help children understand stewardship and mission. The fund has received around \$100,000 annually for certain selected mission projects.

The Committee also agreed to provide time and funds for Dr. Van Loon to make a 5½-week trip to Southeast Asia including stops in Australia and Fiji. From late November through early January he will be directing leadership schools and serving as a consultant for several other educational projects.

Guest speakers for the meeting included Dr. James Alexander, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church who recently returned from a round-the-world tour; Miss Ann Pitts, Birmingham, Ala., a participant in the 1972 ICME study seminar of India and Nepal; Gary Thomas, Dayton, Ohio, staff member of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries who spoke on the Council's third world priorities; and Dr. Lois Miller, New York, Board of Global Ministries staff member who spoke on the priorities of the World Council of Churches Central Committee of which she is a member.

year terms were vice chairwoman, Mrs. E. L. Ferris, Archer, Nebr.; and secretary, the Rev. Verne Klingman, Billings, Mont. The Committee is a unit of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries which has offices in New York. Executive Secretary for the Committee is Miss Allene M. Ford.

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Christian Herald announces changes in editorial staff

NEW YORK (RNS) — Gary A. Sledge has been named managing editor and Miss Elice Higginbotham assistant editor of Christian Herald magazine.

Mr. Sledge, a United Church of Christ minister, was formerly copy editor of the denomination's periodical, United Church Herald. Miss Higginbotham was formerly with the United Methodist Board of Missions, World Division. She is a 1971 Master of Divinity graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Commenting on the editorial changes at the non-denominational religious monthly, Sledge said: "We are taking a team approach to editing, and are trying new ways to involve and interact with our readers."

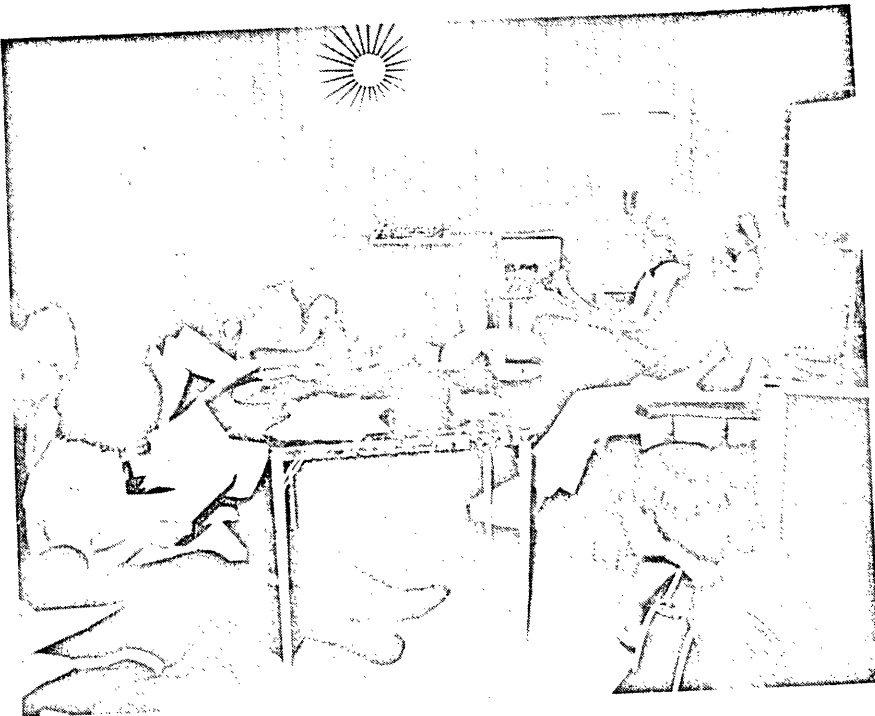
Miss Higginbotham emphasized the Herald's "continuing concern for persons, and our role in helping to sort through the confusion of contemporary life for our readers who are immersed in change and striving to understand it."

In addition to publishing the most widely circulated Christian monthly, the Christian Herald Association operates a book club, a children's home and a Bowery mission, and maintains conference centers in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

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AT LEFT: "Happy Event" — a part of recent Parent's Day Week-end held at the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech in Russellville, featured the singing of hymns and spiritual songs, games, and refreshments with background recorded music. The Rev. Muriel Peters is director of the Wesley Foundation at Tech.



Some of the twenty vacation church school boys and girls who attended the recent school at Wye United Methodist Church, located about 30 miles northwest from Little Rock. Mrs. Austin Harmon served as director; the Rev. Carroll Jackson is pastor.

In some developing countries, over 50% of the teachers have had no professional training. The United Nations Children's Fund is helping with teacher training grants.

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Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

It has been accurately noted that "all men desire peace, but few desire the things which make for peace".

Peace — The Unopened Package

Down through countless ages,
The world has longed for peace —
When man shall love his fellowman
And wars and strife shall cease.
When hate and greed shall be no more
And love may rule supreme,
'Twould be like heaven — here on earth —
Or is this just a dream?
He tells us in His precious book
That all who seek may find
Peace that passeth understanding
For heart and soul and mind.
'Tis our package yet unopened
And as we look at it we pray —
That somehow, sometime in the future —
God will open it, in His own way!

— by B. Wood

A Mystic Union With God's Plan

From whence the tumult of my mind
This throbbing, aching pull that's mine.
Is it alone one tear-streaked soul?
Or what is it that round me rolls?
Is it that every starving cry
Within the night within me lies:
That murder, sin and every pain
Are planted on my reeling brain?
Receiving light to do my part?
Can I ever be content
While the least no help is sent?
I know I'm made to deeply care
To bless the world with constant prayer
And through God's guidance find the way
To help our sin-sick world each day.
And God will bless my mind with peace
And fill my soul with all that's sweet.
For even as each pain is mine
In joys and triumphs I will find
A mystic union with God's plan:
In life eternal take my stand.

— by Mantha Caraway King

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