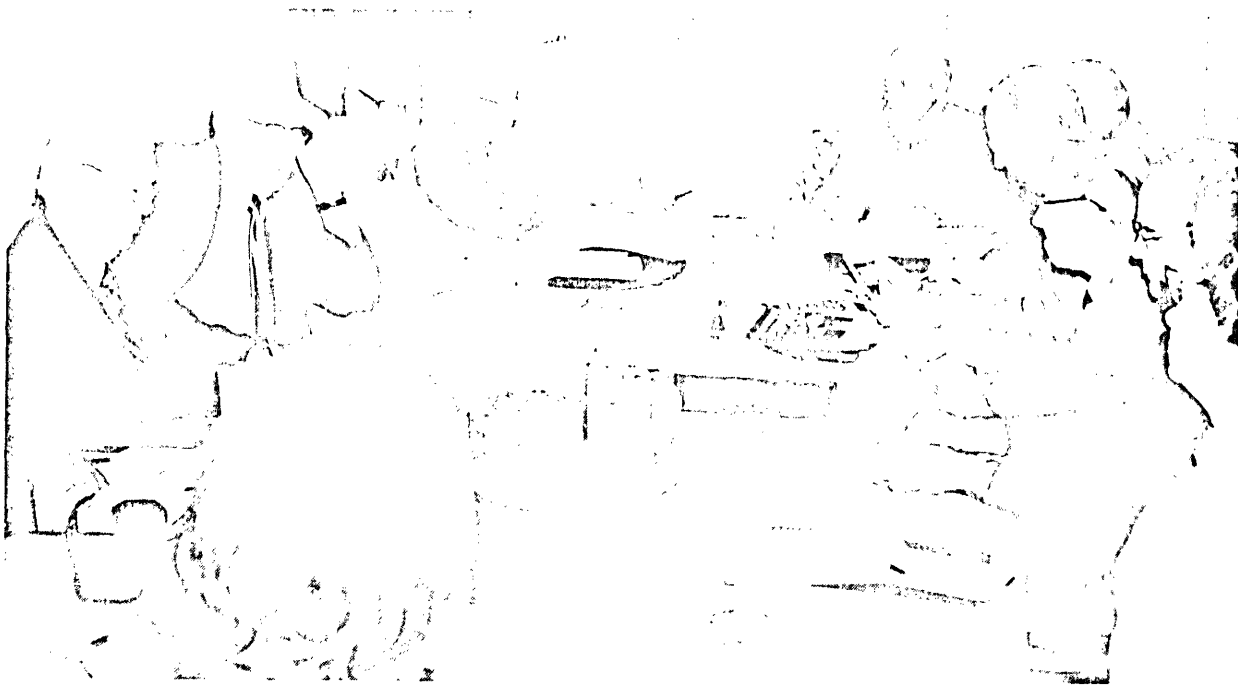


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Planning for the 1976 United Methodist General Conference is in the hands of a commission which has two men well-known in Arkansas in key posts. At left above is Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, a member of the Commission on the General Conference and chairman of its badges committee, and R. Bryan Brawner, Evanston, Ill., general treasurer of the denomination. Others in the picture include, clockwise from Dr. Brawner, William M. Beatty, Hopwood, Pa., vice-chairman for facilities; the Rev. Irving L. Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Rev. Gene E. Sease, Indianapolis, Ind., chairman; and J. Wesley Hole, San Clemente, Calif., secretary of the commission. (UMI Photo)

Hendrix College recipient of bequest, grant

Hendrix College announces the receipt of a bequest of \$15,957.69 from the estate of the late Mrs. Clara Wofford of Stuttgart.

The bequest was made to Hendrix to establish an endowment fund, the earnings from which will be used to enable needy students to attend Hendrix College.

Mrs. Wofford spent much of her life in Stuttgart and was a member of the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. She was in the insurance and real estate business.

The executor of Mrs. Wofford's estate was the Trust Officer of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Stuttgart.

SHARES IN KODAK'S 1972 EDUCATIONAL AID PROGRAM

Hendrix College has received an unrestricted direct grant of \$6,000 under Eastman Kodak Company's 1972 Educational Aid Program, according to an announcement by Dr. Roy B.

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Arkansans to serve in Jurisdiction Council on Ministries

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) — Officers for the new program and administrative units of the South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church were elected here October 16-17.

Elected to head the 46-member Council on Ministries was the Rev. Bruce Blake, Wichita, Kans., program director of the Kansas West Annual Conference. Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Tex., program director of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference, was elected vice-chairman and Mrs. Ruby Jones, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected secretary.

The 28-member Council on Finance and Administration will be headed by Dr. J. Wesley Hardt, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Tex. Pat Stroman, a layman from Waco, Tex., was elected vice-chairman and Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden, Ark., district superintendent of the Camden District, was named secretary.

Mr. T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan, Kans., is treasurer for the Jurisdiction and of the two units.

Both new units, created by the July 1972 Jurisdictional Conference to replace a larger number of boards and agencies, met at the St. Frances de Sales Center for Christian Renewal in Oklahoma City. Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, Oklahoma City, was convener for the Council on Finance and Administration and Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas, Tex., convened the Council on Ministries.

Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Oklahoma City, is the executive director of the eight-state Jurisdiction.

Each of the two units elected three members to a Joint Committee on Jurisdictional Staff which is headed by the Jurisdictional College of Bishops, chairman Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe. Members from the Council on Finance and Administration are Dr. Leighton Ferrell, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Paul Matthei, Hutchinson, Kans.; and Aubrey B. Speer, Kansas City, Mo. Members from the Council on Ministries are Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Shreveport, La., and Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Tex.

Williams to head Training Enterprises

Dr. Howard M. Ham, General Secretary, Division of the Local Church, United Methodist Board of Education, announced recently the appointment of Dr. T. Poe Williams to the position of Executive Director of the Section of Training Enterprises, Division of the Local Church. The position was vacant as a result of the recent retirement of the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham.

Dr. Williams' new responsibilities will include coordinating and administering the work of the division in national, regional, and special training enterprises, including cooperative relationships with other boards and agencies and consulting with jurisdictional committees on leadership education.

In addition to his new duties, Dr. Williams will continue his former responsibilities as Director of the Foundation for Local Church Education and assistant to the general secretary for financial development.

Both of these men are well known to Arkansas United Methodists. Dr. Williams is a native of Arkansas and a former member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference. Mr. Cunningham received his A.B. degree from the University of Arkansas and was at one time on the staff of Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock.

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Director named to head Arkansas based Heifer Project

The appointment of Edwin W. Geers as Executive Director of Heifer Project International has been announced by Thurl Metzger, the organization's International Director.

Geers is currently Associate Director of Agricultural Missions, Inc., in New York City, and Vice Chairman of the Heifer Project Board of Directors. He has been a member of the Heifer Project Board since 1969.

From its international headquarters in Little Rock, the Project conducts its animal distribution and training programs to benefit the poor peoples of many nations. Its 1200-acre Fourche River Ranch is located in neighboring Perry County.

Geers served in India from 1965 to 1968 as Director of the Karpur-Sipur Experimentation and Demonstration Farms in Khandwa, India; Manager of the Palia Leper Colony Farm in Indore, India; Director of the Khurda Valley Irrigation Scheme in Khurda, India; and Western region representative for the All India Association of Poultry Industries.

In 1968 Geers joined the New York staff of Agricultural Missions, Inc., a service agency to church missions engaged in worldwide rural development programs. On that staff he served as consultant to agricultural programs in Asia and Central America.

Born on a farm in Dyersville, Iowa, Geers received his B.S. degree in Ag-

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Campers attend Training Enterprise

Recently the Tri-State Section and Gulf Coast Sections of the American Camping Association held a joint leadership training enterprise at Kyle State Park, Sardis, Miss. Three ministers of the North Arkansas Conference, the Rev. W. M. Haltom, chairman of the Conference Camp Committee, the Rev. Allan Hilliard of the Frontier Directors of Camps in the Conference, and Dr. Harold Eggersperger, director of the Conference Council on Ministries attended and received accreditation in the course "Camp Crafter."

These three also completed the requirements for "Advanced Camp Crafter" and will receive this rating as soon as they complete a standard course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross. Further specialized training in this field will enable these persons to attain the rating of instructors. Having been helped by these leadership courses these three campers are seeking to make available other training enterprises for camp leaders of our Methodist Church. Better training for leaders of camping makes for **Quality Camping.**

Indian Singing group coming to Little Rock

The Kloudt Indian Family, singing group from Atlanta, Ga., will present a "Gospel Singing Concert" at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 4600 Baseline Road, Little Rock, on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The group started with Mom and Dad Kloudt in 1929 singing in log churches on the Indian Reservation in the Dakota Badlands. It now includes their four sons and a grandson, and the group travels an average of 75,000 miles a year.

Members of the family hold degrees from Emory, Oglethorpe, Lee, North-

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HENDRIX COLLEGE

Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix College.

Hendrix is one of 136 four-year privately supported colleges and universities to receive direct grants from the company this year. The grants are based on the number of graduates from these institutions who joined Kodak within five years after graduation and are presently completing their fifth year of company employment. Kodak contributes \$750 for each year of academic work completed by the employee at the undergraduate or graduate level at a privately supported, accredited school. This year, Kodak has contributed \$924,000 in unrestricted grants to four-year privately supported institutions.

Kodak's 1972 contribution to colleges and universities amounted to \$3.3 million. The company's support to higher education has exceeded \$30 million, benefiting nearly 500 educational institutions in the past decade.

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HEIFER PROJECT

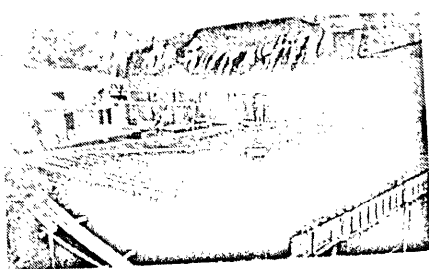
riculture from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1963. He is also a graduate of the Graham School for Cattlemen in Garnett, Kansas, and has done graduate studies in Industrial and Technical Trades and in Agriculture at the University of Northern Iowa and Pennsylvania State University.

ern State and the University of Georgia.

The church developed a special interest in helping the Indian people during a recent mission program and has established a "Second Mile" fund to help the Indians in Oklahoma. The pastor at St. Andrew church is the Rev. Charles Walthall.



Members of North Arkansas' Special Task Force shown with Arthur L. Harrison (seated from right), professional planner, as they study camp development possibilities for Myer's Ranch. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Charles McDonald, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, Dr. Harold Eggersperger, the Rev. Harould Scott, the Rev. William Haltom, the Rev. Wayne Clark, (Harrison), and F. E. Scott.



View of pediatric wing of "Hospital Metodista" under construction in La Paz, Bolivia with mountains in background.



Construction workers at site of La Paz' Methodist Hospital's pediatric wing due for completion around the first of the year.

Letter from La Paz

We share with our readers this letter which was recently received by Bishop Frank from Dr. Lindsay B. Smith, Director of the Methodist Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia:

September 12, 1972

Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Arkansas Area
723 Center Street
Little Rock, Arkansas U.S.A.

Dear Bishop Frank:

Welcome to the Arkansas area. As you probably know, the two Arkansas Conferences have raised \$25,000 in support of the construction of a pediatric section of the Methodist Hospital of La Paz, Bolivia. Included are some snapshots showing the progress of the wing which we hope to have concluded by the end of this year or during the first month of next year. If there is an Arkansas Methodist publication, perhaps one of these snapshots will serve to inform our many friends how their dollars are being used.

The bed occupancy in our hospital has increased remarkably during the last year and we hope with the additional service area with the pediatric wing we can increase our Christian witness and participation in Bolivia. At the moment things are going very well for us and we want to extend our appreciation and thanks to you, Bishop Galloway and again, our many friends in Arkansas Conferences.

Sincerely,

Lindsay B. Smith

Lindsay B. Smith, M.D.
Director

Red Letter Day in camping

by Dr. Harold Eggersperger

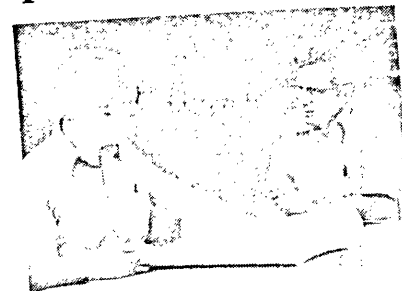
The North Arkansas Conference is having a RED LETTER DAY with reference to significant decisions which are to be made affecting not only the 1973 Conference and District camp programs, but also the future of church camping in the upper half of the state for the next 15 to 25 years.

The Conference Camp Committee will meet under the direction of the chairman, the Rev. William Haltom at the Headquarters Building, 715 Center, Little Rock, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The morning will be given over to an evaluation of the 1972 summer camping programs, a look at the kinds of experiences needed for a greater ministry to youth, and the selection of types, members and places for camps in 1973.

Thought during the morning will also be given to planning for adequate leadership training experiences to be held prior to the summer camp programs. Such training enterprises are the responsibility of the Camp Committee of the Conference.

After lunch the meeting will be under the direction of the Rev. Bob Ed-



Art Harrison confers with the Rev. Allan Hilliard concerning Myer's Ranch.

wards, chairman of the Task Force for the Development of Myer's Ranch. The Camping Committee will hear proposed suggestions concurring procedures necessary to develop a master plan for Myer's Ranch, how this plan will tie in with the existing four camps operated by the Districts of the North Arkansas Conference, and the cost of developing such a master plan.

This proposal will be presented in person by Arthur L. Harrison, president of Harrison Associates, Inc., a professional planning organization offering landscape architecture, site, and community consulting services to

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Editorial

Trying It On For Size

Within the last few days most of the meetings have been held which were scheduled for the organizational meetings of the new boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church. Not all of them were able to complete their business because of searches which are still underway for personnel to fill top executive positions called for in the new scheme.

As one reporter said in his news release from these meetings, we will now have an opportunity to see whether the General Conference of 1972 restructured the denomination in reality or just put some new names on some old groups. It is our feeling that the process now taking place is one of true restructure in keeping with the spirit of Atlanta. Of course, the test will come when something is opposed on the grounds that "we have always done it that way."

We would not want at this time to make any long-range judgments on the grounds of the releases which we have read from the organizational meetings. However, we have talked to a few people who attended some of these meetings, and if their evaluations are right, it will be a new church which emerges. Of course, it takes a while for implementation to be completed under such a far-reaching plan of reorganization. We must not expect a sound evaluation of what has happened overnight.

It would not be Christian to change everything so quickly that the human needs involved in the changing of programs and personnel would hurt a great number of people who have been giving themselves in service to boards and agencies. Some will be shouting for changes in staff from top to bottom, but this does not make sense, and we trust care will be given to such considerations.

The meetings to which we refer have spoken to us of the planning for restructure at the General and Jurisdictional levels of the church. Now we will be beginning the process of restudying the application of these changes on the annual conference, district and local church levels. Groups and terms with which we have grown very familiar will have to be carefully thought through. Because of all these changes this may well be one of the most confusing years we have known in the United Methodist Church, but at the end there will emerge a new and powerful vehicle for Christian witness.

In this connection, we had the privilege of preaching recently on a text from the Book of Ezra in which this same theme seemed to be coming through to us. It spoke of the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem after the Hebrews returned from the Exile with the blessing and resources which King Cyrus had shared with them. When the time came for the pouring of the foundations for the new Temple, we are told that "all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord . . . but many of the priests and Levites and heads of father's houses, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of the house being laid."

Those who shouted did so because they saw the new Temple as the vehicle for their witness in a new day following a period of great turmoil. Those who wept did so because they could only remember the former Temple and realized that things would never be the same in Jerusalem as they had been before. Our church will never be the same as it has been. One can affirm that it has never been so. New challenges face us, and new vehicles are being assembled for God's use in our time. Let us give serious consideration to the more effective witness which will be made through these new channels. Let us not be among those who weep because the foundations are not like they were.

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"THE FATHER OF THE BRIDE"

As some of you may know by now, we have been through the joyous experience of a wedding in our family. Our daughter Jean was married on Oct. 14 to Tommy Baker, a very fine young man whom we have been delighted to welcome into our family. They are so happy and we are so happy for them.

It was a small wedding in St. Paul Church in Little Rock, which we have attended since we moved here in 1960. Many of you have started out to have small weddings in your family, and they sometimes have gotten out of hand. I want to give credit to Imogene for keeping it small and planning a most delightful sit-down brunch in lieu of a reception.

Of course, the question came up, as it always does in a preacher's family, as to whether I would have a part in the ceremony or content myself with giving the bride away. Since Dr. Roy Bagley had accepted Jean's invitation to have the service, I was perfectly content to fill the role of the father of the bride and not have a part in the service. Roy and his family have always been very close to our family, and he honored us by making major changes in his plans for the day and coming to be with us. His daughter, Sarah Peterson, came from Houston to be Matron of Honor.

It was truly a proud moment, when I had the privilege of walking down the aisle with Jean and giving her finally into the hands of Tommy for the building of a new home. As I told the group at the brunch, a number of things were happening on Oct. 14, but we would remember the date for his beautiful, simple wedding in St. Paul Church, Little Rock.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Religious leaders along with famed entertainers and business executives gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York and the Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles to pay tribute to Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, the black Baptist clergyman who founded Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC), on the first National OIC Day. Under the theme, "Everybody Can Be Somebody," they took part in joint dinners beamed through a closed-circuit television hook-up by the Coca-Cola Corp. to some 40 other cities throughout the nation. During its eight-year history, OIC has given job training to more than 100,000 persons. Many of the agency's urban centers have achieved placement rates of 100 per cent, and retention of 80 per cent or better after placement.

The Second Vatican Council, held 10 years ago, is indirectly responsible for a "spiritual awakening" among many Roman Catholics and has helped evangelical Protestants develop a new view of Catholics, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of Christianity Today magazine. The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary professor believes one major effect of the Council has been to nurture "dynamic spiritual concerns" found today in Catholic Bible study and prayer groups, the charismatic movement and in some lay insistence that priests preach biblical sermons. Dr. Henry said that many priests and laymen have "acknowledged a different theological pattern. They used to think: Pope-Mary-Jesus; now it is Bible-Jesus-Holy Spirit."

Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church in Washington, has condemned bills offered in Congress that would reward couples for not having children and penalize parents having more than two children. In one instance, couples not having children would receive a deduction benefit in estimating their taxes; in the other, parents would be permitted to list only their first two children as dependents in estimating their taxes.

W. Cameron Townsend, founder of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, has been named "Benefactor of the Indian Peoples" by the Seventh Inter-American Indian Congress during its meeting in Brazilia, Brazil. The citation recognizes the director of the Summer Institute of Linguistics for "outstanding services rendered to the majority of the countries of the Americas and to many others in the world" and states that "thanks to those services, the monolingual forest peoples in general were able to communicate with other communities, thus achieving a growing integration among nations and beneficial relations with other peoples."

Visiting the headquarters of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Bishop S. K. Patro of the Church of North India said in Indianapolis that United Methodists in India are expected to unite with his Church by mid-1973. The Church of North India represents a merger of Anglicans, Baptists, Disciples, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Brethren. It was formed in 1970, but shortly before the inauguration the Methodist Church of East Asia (India) withdrew its earlier decision to enter the united denomination. United Methodists in India number about 600,000. All other constituting groups in the united Church total about 700,000. Bishop Patro said that after the United Methodists enter the Church of North India it will be a "mighty, gigantic river."

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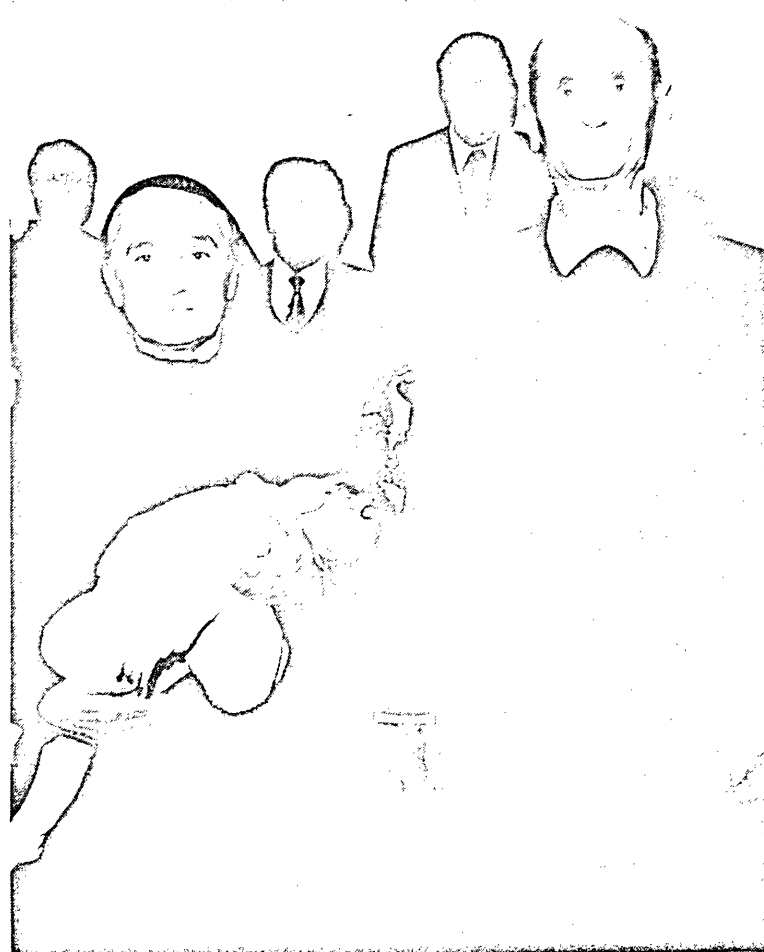
Addressing a "Respect Life Week" audience in the Archdiocese of Washington, D. C., Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle said: "I wish to remind you that quality of life is only properly understood in the context of the sanctity of life. And the sanctity of life derives from God's love for us and the redemptive acts of Jesus Christ." He declared that one factor in American society today that is "sapping the moral fiber of many of our people, especially the young, Catholics and non-Catholics alike, is 'the feeling, sometimes a conviction, that because something is declared legal, therefore it is morally right.'"

An institution devoted to the study of religion in the nation's public schools has been established at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, under the sponsorship of Religious Heritage of America. The new Public Education Religion Study Center at the university will seek to encourage and facilitate the teaching of religion in special courses such as "Bible as Literature." It will also concentrate on the study of religion within such regular curriculum offerings as art, history and geography. RHA President W. Clement Stone said the result will be a more accurate understanding of the role religion has played in the development of man.

"Mediathink", a home study course on communication for church leaders has been developed by four cooperating Protestant denominations. Utilizing cassette tapes, study guides, textbooks and various other audio-visuals and booklets, the 11-lesson course was developed by the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), the American Baptist Convention and the United Methodist Church.

The American Lutheran Church's biennial convention meeting in Minneapolis adopted almost unanimously a 2,000-word document, "Men and Women in Church and Society," which confessed the ALC's "failure to teach the whole of God's counsel concerning relationships between men and women." The statement said that women should be encouraged to study at theological seminaries, that seminaries should call women to their faculties and that congregations should be helped to show their acceptance of women as pastors.

(RNS Photo)



NEW YORK — Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millias and one of their 16 grandchildren arrive in New York to begin a new life. Refugees from Albania, Mr. and Mrs. Millias and 27 members of their family have found a new home on New York's Staten Island with the assistance of private organizations, church agencies and local churches. The Albanians escaped in August 1971, going by boat from their home in Himara, Albania, to the Greek island of Corfu. The World Council of Churches, Church World Service and the United Methodist Committee on Relief aided the family while on Corfu and with arrangements to settle in the U.S. An organization called the Free Albania Committee found a house for them, and the United Methodist churches on Staten Island have provided them with food, furniture and bedding.

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Program Directors to Local Churches

THE CHRISTIAN'S VOTING PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

We are fast approaching a critical national election with local, state, and national leaders to be chosen on Tuesday, November 7, 1972. What is the role of the church? Too many churches use the separation of Church and State as an excuse for doing NOTHING. This is not good stewardship and certainly not good Christian stewardship.

Our democratic form of government can and does work, but not automatically. The concerned church wants to help make it work. It is our responsibility, it is our challenge, and it is good Christian stewardship to see that it does work. Politics need not be a dirty thing. Politics belongs to the people and will be as good, or as bad, as we make it. What can we do??

Here are some ways in which the church—YOUR CHURCH—can play a significant and responsible role in the democratic process:

1. **Encourage people to Register and Vote.** New voters (18-21) especially need encouragement, and they need to know places, dates, and times of registration.

2. **Review the Issues.** This is important. The Church has expressed its voice on many issues — See "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church"—(your pastor has a copy or can secure one for you.)

3. **Know the Candidates' position on**

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CAMPING

clients in all sections of the United States.

Recently Harrison and some of the members of a special development task force visited Myers Ranch and walked over it looking at development possibilities.

Mr. Harrison was graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture, with a second major field of study in Earth and Sciences, and has been involved in additional academic work toward a Master's degree in the field of Environmental Psychology. He is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and numerous professional associations such as the American Camping Association, National Recreation and Parks Association, the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and the American Scientific Affiliation, Inc.

His work and present professional responsibility involves him intimately in program, land, facility and financial development for a wide range of clients, particularly in the design and creation of unique forms of recreational activities related to the environment, such as camping, outdoor education, environmental and leisure time recreation, and many speciality, small group programs requiring unique settings and equipment.

Issues: The League of Women Voters sends questionnaires to candidates for federal, state, and local offices and publishes their positions on major issues. Many newspaper editors render this service. If yours does not, call him and request it.

4. **Know the Candidates' Voting Record.** Various organizations publish the voting records of candidates on key issues. The June-July Newsletter of Common Cause has voting records of congresspersons. Single copies are available free by writing: COMMON CAUSE, c/o Margha McCarthy, 2100 Main Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037.

5. **Work for the Candidates of Your Choice.** Contribute to their campaigns. Call the candidates' headquarters and volunteer. Opportunities are available to help with voter registration drives, canvassing precincts, and clerical work.

6. **Help Get Out the Vote on Election Day.** Your candidates' headquarters need volunteers to drive people to the polls, telephone to remind persons to vote, and act as a poll watcher.

Some of the above suggestions can be carried out jointly with other churches. If we do not encourage Christians to participate in the democratic process and help them to become informed, we must assume responsibility for the erosion of civil liberties and the growing estrangement of the government from the people.

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His organization offers to all levels of public agencies a comprehensive site and community planning service based on more than 17 years of experience in areas of basic project research, site selection, master planning, detail design and supervision of projects ranging from the individual residential lot to comprehensive regional planning.

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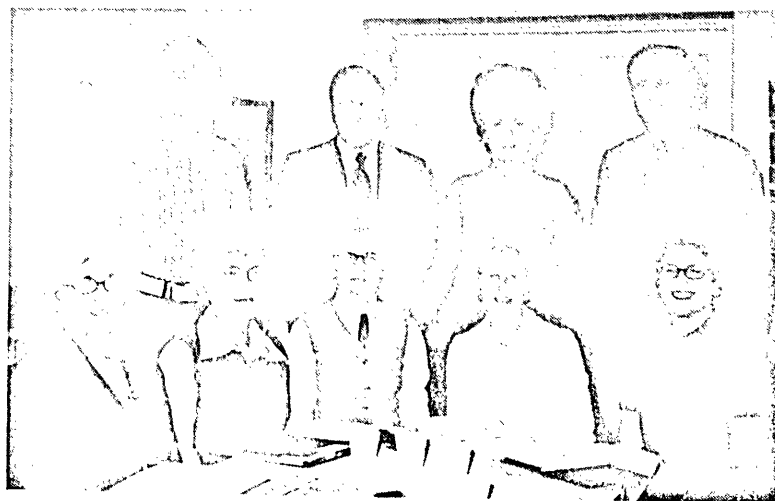
The North Arkansas Conference Camp Committee is composed of representatives of the Board of Education of which the Rev. William Wilder is chairman, the members of the North Arkansas Cabinet, the District Direc-

HENDRIX FRESHMEN ELECT PRESIDENT

Bob Jones of Little Rock has been elected president of the freshman class at Hendrix College. Jones defeated Max Denham of Stuttgart in a runoff by a margin of 96 to 95 votes.

Jones, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones of 2 Mockingbird Lane in Little Rock, was active at Hall High as a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, choir, band, and debate team.

Other candidates included Chip Hayes of Jacksonville, Florida, Frank Henry of Conway, Mark Johnson of Conway, Don Tyree of Lake Hamilton, and Randy Wood of Forrest City.



Choir directors in the Little Rock Conference, who met at Winfield United Methodist Church in Little Rock Oct. 17 to plan for the 1973 Children's Choir Festival which will be held April 29 at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Photographed by the Conference director of Children's Work, Mrs. John L. Tucker, were (left to right, seated): Mrs. Don Johnson, Hope; Mrs. Travis Tunnell, Mabelvale; Mrs. Harry Fite, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Ed Matthews Pine Bluff; Mrs. Felix Thompson, Little Rock; standing David McNeil, Hope; the Rev. Richard Hunter, Little Rock; Mrs. William Elmore, chairman, Little Rock; and Felix Thompson, Little Rock.

LAUBACH SEMINAR HELD AT ROGERS

Central United Methodist Church of Rogers, was the host church for the ecumenical Laubach Literacy Seminar Oct. 9-12. The course was taught by Mrs. J. W. Tisdale of Fayetteville and Mrs. Max Reid of Springdale. Thirty-five tutors were certified.

At the close of the seminar an or-

tors of Camping, the campsite managers, the Conference Age Level Coordinators and the staff members of the Conference Council on Ministries.

Under the guidance of these persons, this time of decisions should be a RED LETTER DAY for the North Arkansas Conference, and particularly the youth of this section of the state.

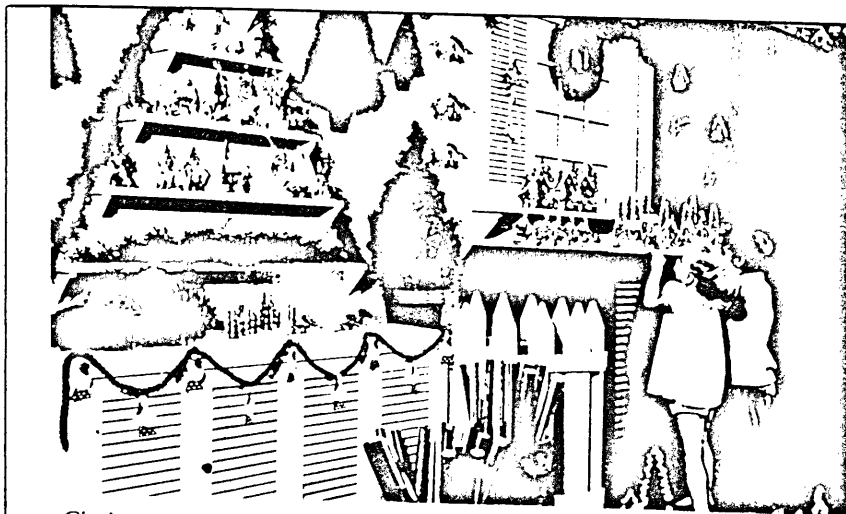
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ganizational meeting was held to choose a name and to elect a slate of officers. The name chosen was Beaver Lake Literacy Council, local NALA Chapter, (Using Laubach message).

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Robert Dubbell, president; Ben Stephens, vice president; Mrs. C. H. Berhenke, secretary; Mrs. William Sawyer, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Morgan, tutor-student co-ordinator. The Rev. W. P. "Bill" Connell is pastor.

Persons attending were from Lowell, Pea Ridge, Bentonville, Rogers and Maryville, Missouri, representing The Peace Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Presbyterian, Immanuel Baptist, St. Vincent de Paul Catholic, Methodist, Christian, Wesleyan, Little Flock Primitive Baptist, St. Andrew's Episcopal Rectory.



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NEWS and NOTES

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION was held recently in First Church, Harrison, for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tims who were giving up their jobs in that city and moving to Little Rock to become house parents for one of the cottages at the Arkansas Methodist Children's home. The pastor, the Rev. John M. McCormack, led the service.

BISHOP W. KENNETH POPE, recently retired from the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area and formerly of the Arkansas Area, was guest preacher in First United Methodist Church at Texarkana, Oct. 22. Host pastor was the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, superintendent of the Camden District, preached at the 10:50 service of worship in Fairview United Methodist Church, Camden, Oct. 22. The Rev. George Tanner is pastor.

VANTREASE CHURCH U.M.Y. officers elected for the coming year are: Nancy Huskey, president; Becky Jo Teague, vice-president; Debbie Rogers, secretary; Karen Mitchell, treasurer; Melinda Nesbitt, reporter; and Steve Rogers, representative to Sub-District. Mrs. John Neal, and John Smith are the youth counsellors, and the Rev. James H. Shaddox is minister of the Vantrease Church.

FRED WULFEKUEHLER, editor and publisher of the Paragould Daily Press and teacher of the Men's Bible Class in First Church, Paragould, was lay speaker in First Church, Walnut Ridge, Oct. 15. The Rev. James Meadors, pastor, was in Jackson, Mo., where he led a weekend course for senior high youth and their parents.

THE GREEN FOREST Women's Society is making a study of the Gospel of Matthew. Mrs. L. E. Dunn led the devotions and introduced the visiting teacher, the Rev. Bill Burris of the Assembly of God Church, at the Sept. 28 meeting. The next session will be Oct. 26 when the Green Forest Methodist minister, the Rev. S. Woodrow Woods will speak. Mrs. S. H. Carter is president of the group.

MISS BUCKI BEANE

The funeral service for Miss Bucki Beane, who died on Oct. 7 in Texarkana, was held Oct. 9 at East Funeral Home in that city by the Rev. Fred L. Arnold of Dumas and Dr. Edwin Dodson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana.

She is survived by two brothers, the Rev. Bruce Beane and Jesse Beane of Nashville and two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Wallis of Lockesburg and Mrs. Lucille Serrett of Texarkana.

Burial was in Center Point Cemetery where other members of her family have been buried.

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LAYMEN'S DAY SERVICES

W. W. CRANDALL OF ALMA was the speaker at Mountain View United Methodist Church on Lay Sunday. Frank Rye, lay leader, conducted the service. The Rev. O. Findley of Hartford was the guest speaker on Oct. 15. The Rev. J. T. Byrd is pastor.

JUNCTION CITY United Methodist Church had the largest attendance of the year on Lay Sunday. Bobby Green of Vidalia, La., was the speaker. The Olive Branch Church, on the same charge, has several laymen participating in lay service. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is the pastor.

DR. MATT L. ELLIS, Hendrix professor and former president, was the lay speaker in First Church, Harrison. F. G. Newman presided. Paul Alexander, Harrison lay leader, was the speaker in the Jasper Church.

MARIANNA UNITED Methodists had as guest lay speaker, Bennett F. Williams from Elaine. Mr. Williams also spoke during the Sunday morning breakfast for Methodist Men. The Rev. Leonard Byers is the pastor.

TWO SUNDAY MORNING worship services in First Church, Helena, featured laymen Oct. 8. The 8:45 service was led by George Gibson with Jim Gates bringing the message. E. L. Burks led the 10:55 worship and Harold Berry was the speaker. The Men's Choir presented special music. The Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.

JAMES MYOVER, lay leader of the Cotton Plant United Methodist Church had charge of Laymen's Day in his church. Don Cruce was the speaker. The choir was made up of men of the church. The Rev. Oliver Logan is their pastor.

LAYMAN'S DAY AT ST. ANDREW Church, Little Rock, was under the direction of Lay Leader Bob McCormack. Leadership included Ken Harrison, speaker at the morning service, and J. K. Williams, speaker at the evening worship. The Rev. Charles Walthall is pastor.

MANUEL A. CONYERS, executive vice-president of the Citizens Bank of Batesville and a member of Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Batesville, was the speaker for Laymen's Sunday in First United Methodist Church of Newport where his brother, the Rev. David Conyers, is pastor.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN HOLLY Grove United Methodist Church recently involved four area ministers. They are the Rev. George McGuire of the Clarendon Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Leon Gilliam, Clarendon United Methodist Church, the Rev. John Chapman, Brinkley United Methodist, and the Rev. Leonard Byers, Marianna United Methodist. The Rev. Lorne Peirce was host pastor.

THE PLUMERVILLE United Methodist Church is holding a revival this week, Oct. 22 through 26, at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Conway, is the evangelist. The Rev. Elbert Bruner, pastor, is directing the singing, and Mrs. Harold Hurley is in charge of special music.

THE DUMAS FIRST United Methodist Church held a revival Oct. 1-5 with the Rev. Ed Matthews of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, serving as preacher. The Rev. Richard Poss of Foreman was song leader. The Rev. Arnold Simpson is the Dumas pastor.

BLYTHEVILLE'S FIRST Church had as guest lay speaker the director of Lay Speaking for the North Arkansas Conference, Jim Wiseman of Searcy. Assisting in the service were Robert Stiles, David Emery, George R. Williams, D. B. Meador and Calvin Hollingsworth. The Rev. J. William Watson is pastor.

THE BRINKLEY CHURCH Lay Service had Dr. Max Denman of Stuttgart bringing the message. Laymen participating included Robert Ed McKnight, Bowdoin Smith, L. C. Dial, John Crow and Terry Cummings. The Rev. John Chapman is pastor.

BILL BURNETT, former Razorback football star who is now working on the staff of the National Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the speaker in his home church at Bentonville on Oct. 15. The Rev. Sam Teague is pastor.

BILL TOM BUNDY, lay leader of First Church, Benton, led the lay services in his church, Oct. 8. Robert Garrett, Administrative Board chairman, and Forrest Wisdom, Council on Ministries, chairman, participated in the service. Dr. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor, preached on "YOU are a MINISTER".

ROY CULLUM, LEVY Church lay leader, brought the Laymen's Day message in that church. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is the pastor.

CENTRAL CHURCH, ROGERS, had George Londagin as lay speaker. Ovetta Oakley assisted in the worship service. Special music was by a sextet: Dorothy Cardwell, Sara Luker, Betsey McCurdy, Dorothy McKeown and Charlene Nordsell. Leon Warren is organist. The Rev. Bill Connell is pastor.

CENTRAL UNITED Methodist Church of Lincoln is undergoing remodeling and redecorating. When finished, it will have a new bell tower and cross, and central heat and air conditioning. Clifford Pridemore and Wayne Pharr are in charge of planning. The Rev. Vann Hooker is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Oct. 29—Sunday	Matt. 28:16-20
Oct. 30	Luke 24:44-48
Oct. 31	Acts 1:7-11
Nov. 1	Heb. 12:1-6
Nov. 2	1 Pet. 1:10-21
Nov. 3	Rev. 1:1-8
Nov. 4	Rev. 5:9-14
Nov. 5—Sunday	Heb. 11:1-7

HOXIE CHURCH OBSERVES LAYMAN'S DAY

Layman's Day, Oct. 8, provided opportunities for a number of members in the Hoxie United Methodist Church to participate. Twenty members of the children's choir, directed by Mrs. Joe Belk, opened the Sunday School devotional. Lorraine Brand, a high school student, gave the devotional meditation.

A sixth grader, Jane Richardson, as pianist accompanied the regular organist, Mrs. S. L. Richardson, for the prelude for the morning worship service. Charge lay leader, Joe Belk, was in charge of the worship service. Richard Crider, a high school student, led the responsive reading. Mrs. Edgar Smith read the Scripture message and Mrs. James Green led the prayer. The chancel choir, directed by Mrs. John Allen, provided special music.

Three laymen presented phases of the chosen theme, "Who? Me?". A high school senior, Billy Tennison, defined Christian stewardship. A young teacher and mother, Mrs. General Guntharp, challenged the congregation to take time to be Christian. Joe Richardson, a father, farmer, and civic leader discussed the roles we fill in life.

The Rev. J. D. Lawrence is pastor of the Hoxie United Methodist Church.

P.K. KORNER

HERSCHEL H. MCCLURKIN, III, was born on Oct. 17 to the Rev. and Mrs. Herschel McClurkin. Mr. McClurkin is pastor of Wesley Church in Russellville, and of the London Church.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, Jr. was born on Oct. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thompson of West Memphis. He is the grandson of the late Rev. Orrie L. Thompson, and Mrs. Thompson who lives in Little Rock.

DOROTHY JEAN KNOX and Tommy Lee Baker were united in marriage Oct. 14 in St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Jean is the daughter of the Rev. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and Mrs. Knox. Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baker of Manila, Ark. Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden District superintendent, officiated. The couple will live in Little Rock. He is with the U.S. Army, stationed at Pine Bluff, and she is employed by Gwatney Chevrolet, Jacksonville.

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Mrs. Marie Watkins wears a native dress of Africa as she checks slides and articles to be shown during her lecture in Wesley Church; Little Rock, Oct. 29. She was a member of a tour group sent there last summer by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

VISIT TO AFRICA TO BE SHARED

Mrs. Marie Watkins is preparing to share her summer experiences in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, Africa with members of Wesley United Methodist Church and friends on Sunday, Oct. 29, at seven o'clock. Wesley Church is at 11th and State Streets, Little Rock.

Mrs. Watkins is a member of the Development Study Group sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions for the past three years. She is a former vice-president of the Wesley Church WSCS, and former president of the Little Rock District, Southwest Conference. She is a teacher in the Pulaski County School System.

She is willing to share her slides and exhibits with any church or civic group desiring to hear her. Call her at 375-5978, or write to 2203 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

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Mrs. J. N. Beakley, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Walnut Ridge, celebrated her 96th birthday in October. The women of the church in honoring her presented her with a money tree at the General Meeting of the WSCS on Oct. 3. Mrs. Beakley attends the Ladies Bible Class and morning worship every Sunday.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY TO BE OBSERVED NOV. 3

The annual World Community Day, sponsored by Church Women United, will be observed in most areas on Friday, Nov. 3. The theme of the meetings will be "Coming of Age".

The observance is one of three annual ecumenical celebrations, and was first held in 1942. The oldest observance is the World Day of Prayer, first held in 1887, and usually on the first Friday of March. May Fellowship Day has been an annual celebration since 1933.

THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS unit of Church Women United will hold the World Community Day service in St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley, Little Rock, with registration at 9:30 a.m. The Business Women's dinner meeting will be at First Christian Church, 2803 E. Kiehl, North Little Rock, at 6 p.m.

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Mrs. Fay T. Vann was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party on Monday, Oct. 2, at the monthly WSCS meeting at First United Methodist Church of Wynne. Her 95th birthday was Oct. 7. She is the oldest member of the church and is still active. After Mrs. Vann cut the cake, it was served by Mrs. Benton Burnett, Mrs. A. H. Cockrill, and Mrs. T. B. Murray, Jr. Each member of the WSCS brought a card for the honoree.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT ANNUAL WSCS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Batesville District Women's Societies will be held on Oct. 26 at First United Methodist Church in Heber Springs. The theme will be WOMEN'S CHALLENGE FOR THE SEVENTIES.

Mrs. Ann Pfisterer of Louisville, Ky. will be the featured speaker. Her talk will be entitled "Thanks and Yes", using as the basis of her talk the World Thanks Offering statement, "For all that has been, thanks—for all that will be, Yes."



Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Goodrum



Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Zemek

EUREKA SPRINGS COUPLES OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The First United Methodist Church at Eureka Springs celebrated a unique occasion on Sunday, September 24. During the morning worship service certificates of recognition were presented to four couples in the congregation who are celebrating Golden Wedding anniversaries within a few days time. Those included were Mr. and Mrs. Eagle Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Zemek, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Koclanes, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Goodrum.

OAKLEY CHAPEL MARKS 100th ANNIVERSARY

Oakley Chapel United Methodist Church was featured recently in the Rogers (Ark.) Sunday News. It is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. It is located on Highway 71, west of Rogers.

A centennial observance held Sunday, Sept. 24, brought an overflow

Mrs. Pfisterer is well known in Arkansas, where she has been one of the most popular teachers in Arkansas Schools of Christian Mission. She has served as a former Conference-Jurisdiction officer, and has served as a leader in many retreats and workshops.

Women of the local Heber Springs Women's Society will serve as hostesses for the District Meeting. Mrs. Patsy Hamilton is president. Mrs. Donald Moore, a popular folk singer of Mountain Home will be in charge of the music for the day. Mrs. Alta Lewis, district president will preside.



Mr. and Mrs. Eagle Thomas



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Koclanes

A gift of a public-address system for the church sanctuary is being given by all other members of the congregation to honor these four couples. It is planned to have this equipment installed in the immediate future.

The certificates were presented on behalf of the entire congregation by Mrs. Allison Westphal, president of United Methodist Women. Plans for the presentation and surprise ceremony were carried out by Mrs. Mary Waldman.

The Rev. DuBois Pettit is the pastor of First United Methodist Church.

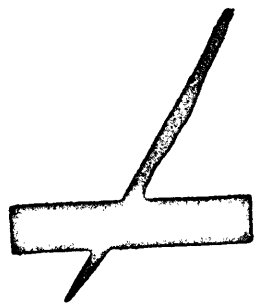
audience. The morning worship was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Sherman. A basket dinner was served at noon.

During the afternoon service, Centennial plates were presented to Mrs. Robert White of Goddard, Kan., who had traveled the farthest to attend; W. C. Russell of Rogers, the oldest person present; Mrs. Audra Rakes, who has been a member the longest; John Adams, song leader; Mrs. Willard Marlow, pianist; to former pastors, the Rev. Thomas Whidden of Springdale and the Rev. Kenneth Nesbitt of Bentonville; and to the present pastor, the Rev. Sherman.

Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bassett and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Britt. Mrs. Nancy Pinkley presided at the guest book and pinned name tags in the shape of the church on the guests. Old community and family pictures were displayed. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rakes of Prairie Village, Kan., gave each family a blue tote-bag with the emblem of the church and the centennial dates.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 5: The Church in the Secular State

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Daniel 6; Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 5:17-29

MEMORY SELECTION: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To refresh ourselves on what the Bible says about church-state relations, and to consider certain conflicts that arise between church and state.

In recent years the issue of church-state separation about which we previously thought we had such clearcut ideas has become extremely complex. We receive a great deal of propaganda material from groups that seem to have reduced the question to some very simple answers. However, we know that this is not an easy issue, and some persons who think they have all the problems solved indicate that they have not thought through all the implications.

Dr. Ronald Schlosser gives a clear picture of our dilemma in *International Lesson Annual*: "Religious and charitable groups have always enjoyed a special tax-exempt or tax-sheltered status in our country. Real estate, buildings, and other property owned by churches and church-related agencies are essentially tax-free holdings. Special exemptions, such as a housing allowance, are given members of the clergy on their income tax form. A local church can benefit from community services such as police and fire protection and yet not be required to pay for these services through taxes. Is the church and state really separate if the state grants special privileges to the church? What obligation, if any, does the church have to the state?"

Two important areas of consideration have brought this issue squarely before the public today. The first of these concerns efforts to assist parochial and independent schools with public funds. In recent weeks the federal courts have spoken several times to indicate that all such schemes are going to be thrown out as unconstitutional. The second of these relates to the whole question of taxation on real estate owned by churches. As we read the religious news dispatches that come across our desk daily we are aware that a number of states are involved in aggressive legislative and court actions to obtain some tax money from property that is held by the churches.

Because of these and other issues related just at this time to the general elections today's lesson should be one of real interest to us.

Christians do live under two sovereignties—loyalty to God and loyalty to the nation of which they are a part. One of these loyalties does not need to conflict with the other, but perhaps we need to refresh ourselves on the scripture which are at the heart of this lesson. We agree with one commentator who says: "We believe that there need be no conflict whatsoever—only a sincere confronting of facts and an attempt to be both a loyal follower of Jesus Christ and a law-abiding citizen of the State under which we happen to be living. This does not mean that bickering will not continue between those who emphasize the demands of religious faith and those who believe that the demands of good citizenship are paramount."

THE QUESTION CONCERNING THE TAX

The question concerning the tribute money which is raised in Matthew 22:15-18, was filled with explosive emotion. Dr. Martin Rist points out that it was not directly concerned with the church and the secular state, but rather with the Jews and the Roman Empire. What started out as a trap became the avenue of the most candid response of which

Jesus was capable. They asked if he thought they in Jewry, which the Jews regarded as a theocracy, should pay the Roman poll tax.

Dr. George A. Buttrick sketches the scene in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "If he said yes, the people would call him a traitor; if he said no, the Roman rulers would deal with him. By either alternative the Pharisees and the Herodians reckoned that they could break his power."

We too easily think that his answer divided all creation into the sacred and the secular, and this leads to the difficulties of many people today. Let us never forget that throughout the gospels we see that Jesus, in his whole teaching, taught the sovereignty of God in all things. God has made us; the heaven is his throne, and the earth his footstool. Christ cannot ever be construed as dividing the world into secular and sacred, or as allowing that any ruler has a realm of power independent of the Creator.

But he asked for a coin and then he did what he so often did, he gave an answer to a question by asking another question. He pointed to the picture and inscription on the coin: "Whose likeness and inscription?" There was a sombre face of the current edition of the Caesars.

WHAT WAS HIS MEANING FOR THEM AND FOR US?

What really did Jesus mean when he said in verse 21: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's?"

This was the reason the gospels related this incident. Where is the line drawn? What things are Caesar's and what things God's? If only we could have heard the tone of his voice and seen the expression of his face. Clearly he said that the tax should be paid. But he was not giving us a rule of thumb or a scientific formula by which to determine for all time the relationship of church and state. It was not his practice to lay down such guidelines. We study his teachings and then we arrive at some principles.

Instead of offering abstract truth, he brought heaven's light to bear day by day on earth's actual complexities, and left us to trace the implications for our time under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus he directly answered the Pharisees, who, despite their patriotism, had in certain ways invited the Romans. "You brought him, and must pay for him." Thus he spoke specifically to the actual situation of the Herodians, who had notoriously promised with Rome, even to giving half-consent to pagan temples: "Render unto God his due." He was speaking, not in abstractions, but to the issue that then confronted men.

He seemed to be saying: "It is his coinage. He has brought you some benefits. Revolution will only deepen darkness. Pay the tax. God has his own way of working deliverance."

In his essay on "Civil Disobedience," Thoreau commented on this passage. He said that Christ "left them no wiser than before as to which was which; they did not wish to know." Dr. Buttrick adds to this comment his own word: "It could be argued to this comment his own word: 'It could be argued that the chaos of the Jewish wars in the first century came because Jews did not take Christ's council.'"

Jesus was so involved with what the divine word was for mankind that even the burden of the Roman yoke was trivial for him. He was concerned with making the most effective frontal attack on the wickedness of the world and would not be trapped into lending his endorsement to one party or another: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He knew that God had his own way with empires. Dr. Buttrick says: "God has his own

way with empires. If the vertical line to God is established, the horizontal lines of human relations can then be fastened on it. In any building, in affairs of state or home, the plumb line is the thing. Rome collapsed because Rome had no vertical allegiance, and therefore no power 'coming down from God.'"

"WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN"

The big question confronting Christians in this matter is what happens when a person's duty to God comes into conflict with the demands of earthly authority? It was this kind of situation that the apostles faced in Acts 5. They had been arrested by the Temple rulers while in the midst of healing ministries. After being released from prison in a miraculous manner, they went back to the same place where they had been arrested and resumed their witness. Soldiers were sent to bring them again before the Sanhedrin, the religious court.

In Acts 4 we read that Peter and John were brought before the Temple authorities and commanded "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." Their reply on that occasion was, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." In Acts 5, Peter spoke for the group as he proclaimed: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

In his former answer to the Jewish religious leadership, Peter had appealed to their sense of what was right. They were students of the Old Testament and might be expected to exercise sound judgment and might be expected to exercise sound judgment on where a person's first loyalty lay. But on his second appearance he made no appeal to his listeners. This time he declared that the apostolic group was taking its stand on the side of uncompromising loyalty to the commandment of God. Faced with the alternatives of obeying men and obeying God, these dedicated men chose this latter—regardless.

It is easy for us to say that we stand wholeheartedly beside them and all who since that time have taken similar stands. Yet, when we hear persons today affirming that their consciences dictate that they must stand against certain laws—the draft laws, for example—we find it extremely hard to grant them that same privilege.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

When the Constitution of the United States was written, there were many bitter memories of injuries in European countries where an "establishment" of religion had driven many of the persons to migrate to the American continent.

The writers of this basic document were determined that a similar situation would never develop here. They thought they were writing a rather simple provision that Congress should never pass any legislation favoring an establishment of religion. This has been the part of the Constitution which has been before the federal courts again and again.

Presently most of the cases under consideration have to do with some form of federal aid to parochial education. This was until recently a point of cleavage between Catholics and Protestants, but it has become a wider issue than that with the proliferation of private schools established by many other church groups. The courts just now seem determined that such aid will not be granted under the Constitution.

CHURCH AND STATE TODAY

Whenever the church becomes the state or the state becomes the church, there is a great loss on both sides. We have only to recall how dissolute, worldly, and corrupt the Holy Roman Empire became to realize the truth of this statement. In this same vein, whenever the church becomes a state church supported by the government, it tends to lose its soul and voice and becomes subservient to the state rather than to God.

On the other hand, the church is not being disloyal to the state when it refuses to support some of the state's actions. Instead, because the church is interested in the highest ideals of government it cannot "rubber-stamp" every decision in Washington. If, as a church, we remain informed, dedicated, and vocal, our voice raised in support of better government for the well-being of all the people will be heard. But if we become subservient, complacent, and a silent majority, we not only will not be true to our calling but we will have missed our opportunity to contribute to the improvement of the nation.

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Black educator to head General Council on Ministries

by Arthur West

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—A black educator has been elected to head a top-level policy-making unit of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. John T. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, was chosen president of the denomination's General Council on Ministries (GCOM) at its organizational meeting here Oct. 18-19.

A major body in the church's restructured set-up for the new quadrennium, the GCOM has the responsibility to eliminate overlapping and duplicating programs, review general activities in their relationship to local congregations, and engage in research and planning for the denomination.

Some 120 persons are members of GCOM, with a representative from each of the annual conferences in the United States, designated delegates from overseas units, a bishop from each jurisdiction, and representatives from general program agencies.

Other officers elected for the quadrennium were: vice-president — the Rev. Dr. R. Jervis Cooke, Dover, Del.; and recording secretary—Mrs. W. T. Roberts, Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. Dr. Paul V. Church of Dayton, Ohio, was named general secretary for the calendar year 1973. Dr. Church has been the chief executive of the Program Council.

The Rev. William H. Jenkins, Dayton, was named acting treasurer through March, 1973.

The GCOM hopes to complete its staff assignments at its next meeting in Atlanta, Ga., March 15-17. Meanwhile, other elected staff members of the present Program Council's Division of Coordination Research and Planning were continued through March, 1973. They are the Rev. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, the Rev. Dr. Virgil W. Sexton, and the Rev. Dr. Alan K. Waltz, all of Dayton, Ohio.

Headquarters for the GCOM will be at Dayton, pending an in-depth study of all headquarters of general boards and agencies to be made by a joint committee of the GCOM and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Named to that committee from the GCOM were: Mrs. Thomas DeVaux, Greensburg, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. Edsel Ammons, Evanston, Ill.; Jack Cooke, Shreveport, La.; Miss Annette Hutchins, Atlanta, Ga.; and the Rev.

George Nishikawa, Oakland, Calif.

In other actions, the GCOM elected 15 members at large, named the Advance Committee, picked ten of its number to serve on the Joint Committee on Communications, elected three general secretaries nominated by their respective general agencies, and transacted other business in the jam-packed two-day meeting that also included some orientation for their newly-assigned task and the formation of temporary committees and task forces to operate until the March meeting.

Elected as members at large were: the Rev. Dr. Edsel Ammons, Evanston, Ill.; the Rev. Jane White Stevens, Black Earth, Wisc.; Miss Dee Dee Haines, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Richard Anderson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Wilfred Billey, Farmington, N. M.; the Hon. Mrs. Dorothy M. Taylor, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Hilda Fuster, Lakeland, Fla.; the Rev. Dr. Richard W. Cain, Phoenix, Ariz.; James Misajon, Honolulu, Hawaii; the Rev. George Nishikawa, Oakland, Calif.; Kazou Saito, Los Angeles, Calif.; Andy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas; Thomas Queen, Cherokee, N. C.

Three overseas representatives were elected to the GCOM in addition to Bishop C. Ernest Sommer of Frankfurt/Main, Germany. They are: Isaac S. Puno, a lawyer from the Philippines; the Rev. Hermann Sticher, a district superintendent from Germany; and Dr. Joseph N. Togba, a physician from Liberia.

The Advance Committee was elected as follows: Dr. Ernest W. Lee, Audubon, N. J.; Mrs. William J. Hampton, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. George Gundlach, Springville, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. Jamie G. Houston, Kosciusko, Miss.; Mrs. Thomas DeVaux, Greensburg, Pa.; Mark E. Hackshaw, Berlin, Md.; Andy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Mary Good, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb, Paris, Tenn.; Dr. R. Paul Sims, Carbondale, Ill.; Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Rye, N. Y.; Douglas Carstens, Tacoma, Wash.; James Misajon, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dr. Lawrence R. Taylor, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Joseph M. Togba, Liberia; the Rev. Charles L. Hutchinson, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. John T. King, Austin, Texas; Mrs. Marshall Smith, Vicksburg, Miss.; Bishop R. Marvin Stuart, San Francisco, Calif.; and Maurice K. Long, Fairfield, Iowa.

A new umbrella organization, the

Joint Committee on Communications (JCC) will be administratively related to the GCOM and will comprise ten members of that body, together with a like number from the General Council on Finance and Administration and ten members at large.

The ten members of the JCC chosen by the GCOM are: Mrs. Robert Daugherty, Lebanon, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. John E. Carrington, Rockville Center, N. Y.; Dr. Dolphus Whitten, Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Rev. Dr. John C. Montgomery, Mexico, Mo.; the Rev. George Nishikawa, Oakland, Calif.; the Rev. Roy D. Barton, San Antonio, Texas; Paul McFarland, Harrisonburg, Va.; Mrs. Dunn Toahy, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mrs. Robert E. Green, Fortville, Ind.; and the Rev. Richard Pittenger, Huron, S. D.

Members of the JCC have balloted on ten members at large, but those chosen will not be announced until they have been notified and have consented to serve. Organization meeting of JCC was set for Nashville, Tenn., November 30-December 1.

The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., of New York was elected secretary of the Board of Global Ministries following his nomination by that board. Likewise, the Rev. Dr. Dudley Ward of Washington, D. C., nominated for general secretary of the Board of Church and Society, was elected to that post. Both were confirmed for one-year terms.

The Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Nashville, Tenn., was elected interim general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry upon request from that agency, pending his previously-announced plans for retirement and the selection of his successor.

CEFs to attend "stylized" meeting in Boston, Nov. 7-11

BOSTON, Mass. (UMI)—The second "no conference conference" with do-it-yourself scheduling will be held for Christian educators at Boston November 7-11 under the sponsorship of the Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF) of the United Methodist Church.

Although advance promotion includes the names of no guest speakers and few special programs, the four day agenda is being packed with options for the expected 900 participants.

Only three total group activities are planned: an election night party, a special concert of the Boston Pops Orchestra, and a New England clam bake.

"Minimum structure and maximum freedom, the style used in our 1970 conference in San Francisco, will again be our approach," explained the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., United Methodist Board of Education staff member and CEF executive officer. "We will have many outstanding resource persons but we deliberately do not feature them because we want to emphasize that each participant is a guest resource person. Each individual has something unique to contribute."

Home base for the conference will be the Sheraton-Boston Hotel where a "Conference Commons", a Contact Center, and a closed circuit television studio (CEF-TV, Channel 9) will be located.

The daily programming will include

Dr. Leigh Roberts of Madison, Wisc., was named to represent the council on the Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples.

To fill a vacancy on the Methodist Corporation left by the election of the Rev. Dr. John Warman to the episcopacy, Mrs. George Gundlach, Springville, N. Y., was named as a representative from the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

Much of the council's work was transacted through temporary committees, pending the final internal structure to be settled later. These task forces dealt with such matters as evaluation and structure. A temporary committee on agenda brought forward reports and items of business.

The council voted to invite representation from the Board of Publication and the Council on Youth Ministries.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Texas, president of the Council of Bishops, convened the council and presided until the election of new officers at the final session. The Rev. Dr. J. Kenneth Shamblin, Houston, Texas, served as acting secretary.

In his opening address to the council, Bishop Slater said: "The Council on Ministries is in reality something new in life of our church, and we are called to fulfill in obedience the commission Christ has given us."

"We are living," Bishop Slater said, "in a time when trust is at a low level. We are called upon to be men and women of trust—having trust in one another and in God."

He called upon the council members to be willing to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit that "together we may move forward."

interviews with persons exploring key ideas, resources, and programs on the themes related to the future of the church, education, society, and life style. Highlights of daily activities will also be televised.

The Conference is scheduled to begin with registration at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, and will close the following Saturday, Nov. 11.

In former years, the CEF held traditional conferences for its members but in 1970 name tags, programs, and speakers were thrown out in favor of a new style of conference. "It requires twice as much work but we think it's worth the investment," observes the Rev. James H. Holmes, director of the Metropolitan Ministries for the Memphis (Tenn.) Conference and chairman of a six-member design team for the conference.

The CEF includes 954 members who have responsibility for local church education. Most are United Methodists although Roman Catholics, Jews, and educators from nine other Protestant denominations are included. CEF chairman is the Rev. Donald E. Barnes, Dallas, Tex.

Three categories of membership for CEF include full members who are certified by the United Methodist Church as ministers, directors and associates in Christian education; associate members who are professional workers in Christian education but who are not certified by the United Methodist Church; and student members.



WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Police Chief Rocky Pomerance of Miami Beach makes a point in discussion of "Politics, Protest and the Church" at the United Methodist Board of Church and Society meeting here Oct. 4. Watching him are other members of the panel, Dr. James Laue of St. Louis, Mo., moderator, and Jeff Nightbyrd of New York, spokesman for the Youth International Party. (UMI Photo)

World Service giving shows gain in third quarter

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A 2 per cent gain in giving to the basic United Methodist program fund and more than \$2,000,000 in two special relief appeals highlight the third-quarter financial report for the denomination.

According to figures released here October 11 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the United Methodist Church, support for the basic World Service fund totaled \$12,135,799 for the nine months ending September 30, an increase of 2.01 per cent from a year ago. Annual goal during the 1968-72 quadrennium is \$25,000,000.

The three-quarters gain was recorded despite a decrease of 16.72 per cent in the month of September compared with September of 1971.

The special appeals were for Bangladesh and floor relief in the U.S. For the first nine months of the year, a total of \$1,416,353 has been received for the Bangladesh fund, and \$754,028 for flood rehabilitation.

In a report as a whole for regular ongoing funds in the first three quarters of 1972, four funds showed increase above a year ago and 12 reported decreases ranging from 3 to 27 per cent.

The complete report for ongoing benevolence funds shows:

World Service — \$12,135,799, up 2.01 per cent

World Missions Advance Specials—\$4,385,594, down 8.36 per cent

National Missions Advance Specials—\$1,337,995, up 4.51 per cent

Overseas Relief Advance Specials—\$748,179 down 17.98 per cent

One Great Hour of Sharing—\$797,618, down 6.12 per cent

World Communion Offering — \$102,490, down 17.35 per cent

World Service Specials—\$37,651, down 27.10 per cent

Temporary General Aid—\$423,215, down 4.49 per cent

Fund for Reconciliation—\$564,418, down 27.28 per cent

Ministerial Education—\$2,413,878, down 2.99 per cent

Race Relations—\$748,024, up 3.72 per cent

Student Day — \$145,697, down 7.35 per cent

Youth Service Fund — \$110,789, down 19.65 per cent.

The report for three administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund — \$1,818,803, up 2.23 per cent

General Administration—\$794,714, down 7.11 per cent

Interdenominational Cooperation—\$333,659, down 3.49 per cent.

News in Brief

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — When the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was signed in the White House on Oct. 3, a United Methodist Church peace executive and long-time disarmament advocate was a witness.

Dr. Herman Will, associate general secretary for world peace in the Board of Church and Society, was one of only four religious, non-governmental organizations represented at the signing.

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General Conference Commissions lay groundwork for 1976 session

PORTLAND, Ore. (UMI) — The two commissions most responsible for the conduct of the United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly will work together between now and the 1976 session at efforts to streamline procedures of the body.

Meeting here Oct. 9-10, the Commission on the General Conference voted unanimously to name a committee to meet with a similar group from the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order to study ways in which the quadrennial sessions can be made more efficient.

In other business here, the Commission on the General Conference named a new vice-chairman to head its program committee, chose a director of facilities, and began preliminary planning for the session which will be held in the Portland Memorial Coliseum April 25-May 8, 1976.

The action on naming a committee to meet with the Rules of Order group came after Mrs. John Eby, Auburn, Wash., a member of the latter body, reported on preliminary work now under way in the unit headed by Leonard D. Slutz, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A major resource in the study is a questionnaire returned by more than 90 per cent of the 1,000 delegates to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. Suggestions for improvements in operations of the conference are being tabulated and evaluated for possible incorporation into recommendations for changes in rules and procedures.

One place where changes will be considered, for instance, is in the number and work responsibilities of the standing legislative committees. It was noted that the line-up traditionally used is no longer in harmony with the general program of the denomination after structure changes voted in 1972.

The Rev. Gene E. Sease, Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the Commission on the General Conference (formerly known as the Commission on Entertainment and Program) stressed that a central concern of the planning for 1976 will be economy. "I believe this will be a very cost-conscious commission," Dr. Sease, president of Indiana Central College, asserted.

R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination, told the commission that he believes the 1976 session will come close to \$1,250,000 in total cost.

Turning to completion of its own organization, the commission elected the Rev. W. Scott Bozeman, Clearwater, Fla., as a vice-chairman and head of the program committee. The post became vacant this summer when the Rev. Jack M. Tuell was elected to the episcopacy.

It was announced that the Rev. Arthur V. Thurman, San Francisco, Calif., has been named to the commission replacing Bishop Tuell. A vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Allen Larson, St. Paul, Minn., will be referred to the Council of Bishops.

The Rev. Norman L. Conard, Evanston, Ill., was named Director of Facilities for the commission. Dr. Conard, an associate general secretary of the Council on Finance and Administration, has functioned in this capacity since 1952. He will work with William M. Beatty, Hopwood, Pa., vice-chairman of the commission for facilities.

Bishop Tuell, who was assigned to the Portland Area after his election, met with the commission at one session here to discuss what would be needed in local organization. Personnel for these posts will be named later.

Commission members toured the Memorial Coliseum, a spacious, arena-type facility with more than 9,000 permanent seats and a wide variety of meeting rooms.

The commission also was told that the election of the Rev. J. B. Holt of Dallas, Texas, as secretary of the General Conference will become effective Jan. 1, 1973. Dr. Holt, on the faculty of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, succeeds J. Wesley Hole, San Clemente, Calif. Dr. Hole continues as secretary of the Commission on the General Conference.

Next meeting of the Commission on the General Conference has been set tentatively for Nov. 13-14, 1973, at a place to be determined later.

Bishop, District Superintendent roles under study

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—The Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt, president of Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., has been named chairman of a United Methodist Commission to Study the Offices of Bishop and District Superintendent.

Dr. Northfelt's election came at the organizational meeting of the 32-member group here October 9. Other officers include the Rev. Harold H. Fink, Richmond, Va., vice-chairman, and the Rev. James K. Sasaki, Monterey Park, Calif., secretary.

The commission was set up by the 1972 General Conference to study "the offices of bishop and district superintendent with particular reference to the method of their selection, tenure, assignment, (and) function. . . ." The group will report to the 1976 General Conference.

Dr. Northfelt said the study unit agreed "to lay carefully a groundwork of understanding of the theological and historical role of the episcopacy in Methodism before proceeding to more functional and pragmatic issues." Any person in the denomination wishing to contribute to this process is invited to send their statements and materials to the chairman.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder of Detroit, Mich., convened the commission for organization and was named a consultant to the group. Two other consultants also were named — the Rev. Gerald O. McCulloh, a staff executive of the denomination's Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and the Rev. Richard Pittenger, a district superintendent from Huron, S. D.

The commission will hold its next meeting Feb. 16-17 at a place to be determined later.

News in Brief

Two staff members of the United Methodist General Board of Pensions since 1960 retire this month. The Rev. Lyle A. Weed retired October 15. Laurence S. Bush will retire at the end of October.

DALLAS — Retiring United Methodist Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of the Dallas Area (center) is joined by lay leaders, conference presidents, women and youth representatives in the "passing of the staff" to his successor, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, during the latter's installation in Moody Coliseum at Dallas's Southern Methodist University. Bishop Stowe, former episcopal leader of the Church in the Kansas Area, has jurisdiction of 270,000 United Methodists in north and central Texas. (RNS Photo)



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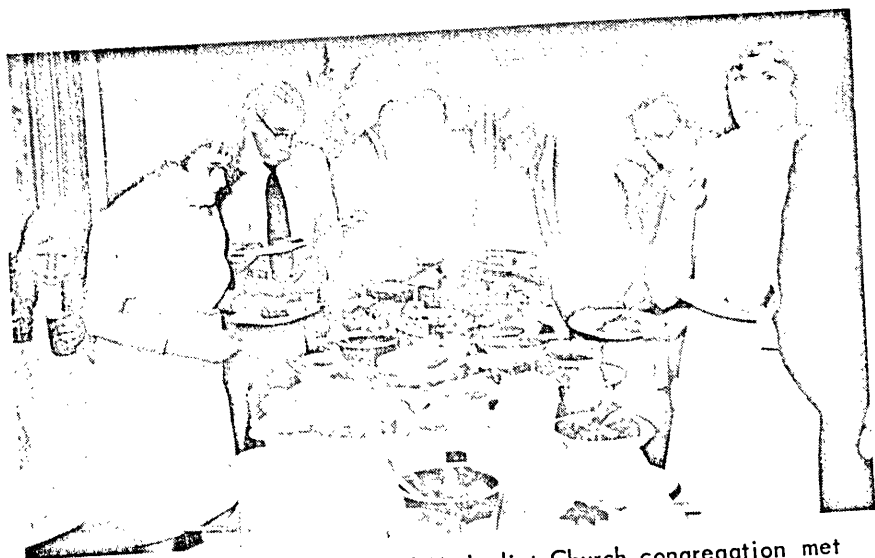
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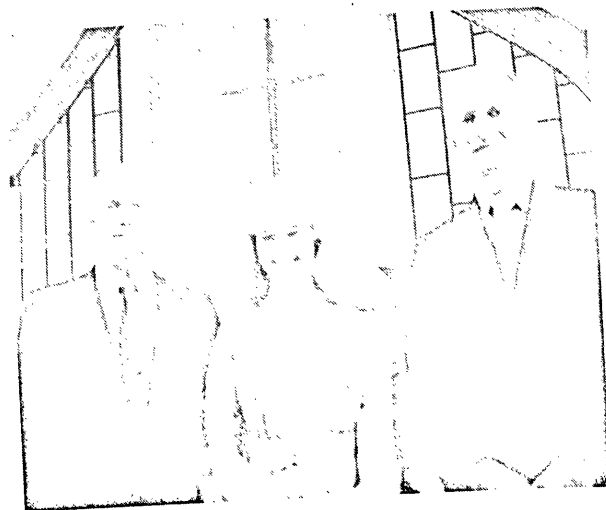
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Members of the Delight United Methodist Church congregation met for food and fellowship on Sunday evening, Oct. 15th preceding a special service which included inspirational music by "The Pathfinders," a meditation by Arkadelphia District Superintendent George W. Martin, and a Communion Service at which he officiated. The Rev. Frank Austin Williams is pastor.

Warren Blaylock (left) of Alma, Fort Smith District lay leader and an associate lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, was the "Laity Day" speaker at Wesley Church in Russellville on Oct. 8. Shown with him is his daughter, Lucinda, who accompanied him on the visit, and Roy Alford, lay leader at Wesley Church.



Abingdon Tax Guide for clergymen to be released Dec. 22

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A "Clergy's Federal Income Tax Guide" will be published late this year by Abingdon Press, book publishing department of the United Methodist Publishing House.

The 64-page, 1973 Edition is being prepared by the tax staff of Ernst & Ernst for 1972 income tax returns.

The paper-back book will sell for \$2.95.

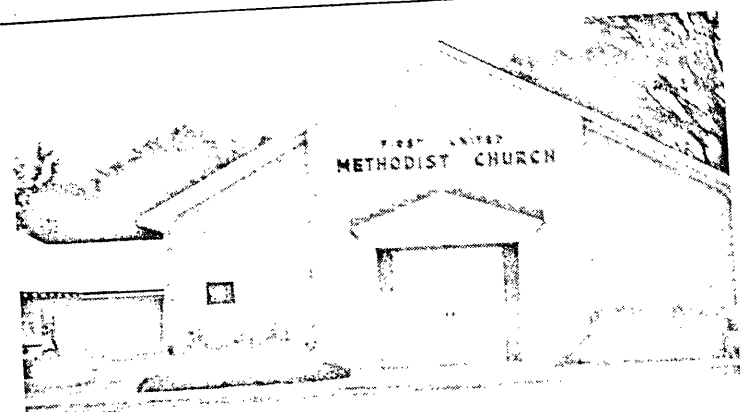
The tax guide and the pamphlet, which the Internal Revenue Service sends annually with the new tax forms, will give the minister, priest or rabbi the complete tax information necessary for filing his return. The guide will include a detailed analysis on such

topics as parsonage exclusions, self-employment tax, and withholding requirements on compensation. There will also be an appendix with sections on IRS regulations, Social Security for clergy and religious workers, and self-employment tax.

The various tax forms will be illustrated and instructions will be given on their preparation. References to major court decisions will be included although the full texts of those decisions

will not be printed in the book. According to Abingdon official Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke, the need for a tax guide for clergy has long been recognized. "We believe this will be a real service which Abingdon can render to ministers, pastors, priests, and rabbis."

Official release date has been set for Dec. 22, 1972.



When worshipers gathered at Horatio's United Methodist Church on Laymen's Sunday, they were greeted by the identifying "First United Methodist Church" sign shown in photo above. A committee headed by Chairwoman Mrs. George Henry, and including Pastor Guy J. Downing had charge of the project.

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Miss Othelma Shull, who has been active in the Horatio Church school for 60 years and has served as financial secretary for 19 years received special recognition recently. Shown with her is Weldon Farquhar, the new Superintendent of Study.



Robert (Bob) O. Nason, Jr. (left) was the morning worship speaker for Laymen's Day at Horatio Earl Young, Sr. (right) presented the message for the evening service.