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• Arkansas pastor, a Jackson Lecturer

SMU Ministers' Week scheduled Feb. 5-8

A specialist in the field of sociology and religion, and a professor of preaching will join three Perkins School of Theology alumni as lecturers for Southern Methodist University's 38th annual Ministers' Week, in Dallas, Tex., Feb. 5-8.

Several hundred ministers and other churchmen from throughout the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church are expected to participate in the four-day program.

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, professor of Sociology and Religion at Union Theological Seminary, N.Y., will deliver the Fondren Lectures. The four lectures will deal with the subject, "The Fourth Force: Black Religion in American Pluralism."

Dr. Ronald E. Sleeth, professor of Preaching at Perkins, will present the Peyton Lectures in a series of three discourses on the "Crises in Preaching."

The Jackson Lectures will include worship services in a variety of settings with sermons presented by three Perkins alumni who presently serve pastorates within the jurisdiction. These clergymen are Dr. Joe R. Phillips, pastor of St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark.; Dr. George T. Gardner, West Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kans., and Dr. Dan E. Solomon, St. John's United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.

The Church Music Workshop for

musicians and pastors, held each year immediately preceding Ministers' Week is scheduled for Feb. 4-8. The sessions will be under the direction of Dr. Carlton R. Young of the Perkins music faculty. Preaching and music workshops will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

The Fondren Lectures were established in 1919 by the late W. W. Fondren and Mrs. Fondren of Houston, Tex. The annual Peyton Lecture series was established in 1944 by Mrs. C. W. Hall of Austin, Tex. The Jackson Lectureship was introduced in 1945 by the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jackson.

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Hendrix College enrollment sets new high

Hendrix College has recently enrolled a record number of 1,016 students for its Winter term. The term runs from Jan. 4 through March 9.

According to Victor Hill, registrar, the enrollment of 1,016 compares favorably with the Winter term enrollments of 965 in 1972 and 958 in 1971.

"The figure includes 18 students who have transferred back to Hendrix after attending another school," said Mr. Hill.

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Dr. Virgil Morris to retire from South Central Jurisdiction post

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) —Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive director of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church since 1960, has announced that he will retire from the active ministry in June.

A ministerial member of the Louisiana Conference, Dr. Morris announced that as an approved missionary of the Division of Evangelism of the Board of Discipleship he plans to actively participate in Key 73 through its New Life Mission program with possible overseas service in the 1974-75 evangelism emphasis of the World

Methodist Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris are building a home at Ozarks Methodist Manor in Marionville, Mo.

Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas, Tex., is chairman of the Jurisdiction's personnel committee which will be arranging for a successor to Dr. Morris.

The Rev. Bruce P. Blake, Wichita, Kans., chairman of the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries praised Dr. Morris, particularly for his role in leadership training. "We are one of two jurisdictions in the church which have had executive secretaries and we are where we are today in leadership

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

We trust all of the churches will be actively involved in the 1973 Circulation Campaign by the time this issue reaches you. The first regular report of results will appear in the issue dated Feb. 1 and will include all reports received in our office through Friday, Jan. 26. We hope that a large number of you will get your initial subscription reports in the mail so that we may have them in time for our **Report No. 1.**

We appreciate all that you are doing in behalf of the Campaign.

—Alfred A. Knox,
Editor
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development much to the credit of Dr. Morris," he said. "Because of his eagerness and persistence we have been able to assist annual conference effectively with their leadership training and development."

Dr. John Wesley Hardt, Beaumont, Tex., chairman of the Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration, echoed Mr. Blake's praise of Dr. Morris.

"All of us who have had the privilege of working with Dr. Morris appreciate the spirit of cooperation and real dedication he has exhibited through the years," he said. "I have worked closely with him for the past eight years and have found him always to be concerned for what is best for the church."

Dr. Hardt also expressed appreciation for Mrs. Morris. "They have truly been a team in this work."

Next meeting of the Council on Ministries is scheduled for February 19-20 in Oklahoma City. The Council on Finance and Administration does not have a meeting scheduled.

Dr. Morris, 65, was born in Little Rock, Ark., and received his BA. degree from Hendrix College, Conway. He has a BD. degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and a DD. degree from Centenary College, Shreveport, La. He has also studied at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, and at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

He served pastorates in Douglasville and Geyer Springs in Arkansas and Tioga and Gunther in Texas be-

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. Ben F. Jordan, chairman of the Council on Finance and Administration of the North Arkansas Conference, has announced that voluntary offerings are being received through the office of Mr. Grafton Thomas, Area Treasurer, for the earthquake disaster in Managua, Nicaragua.

Participating churches will be cooperating with the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Church World Service in the national appeal for \$500,000.

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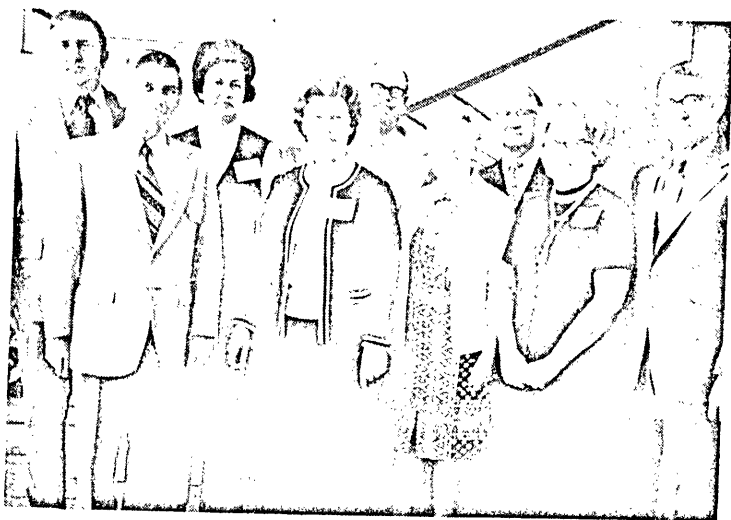


Leslie M. Stratton, III, president of Methodist Hospital's (Memphis) Board of Trustees, at microphone, flanked by various dignitaries and officers of the hospital's Medical Staff at Jan. 7 Open House held at new Methodist South-John R. Flippin Memorial Hospital. More than 1,000 persons braved the snow, ice and cold to attend the festivities. Because of the tremendous response, in spite of inclement weather, hospital officials expect to hold a second Open House sometime in February. The hospital opened its doors for business on Monday morning, January 8.

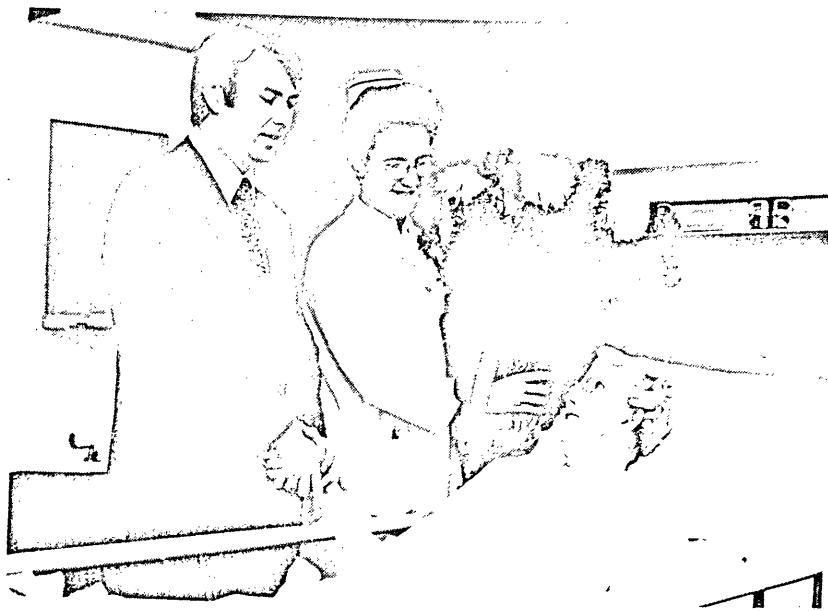
1973 Jurisdiction Mid-Winter Conference for Lay Men and Women



Attending the Jan. 12-14 Mid-Winter Conference for Lay Men and Women from Little Rock Conference were Eugene and Ruth Cobb of Ashdown (at left) and William and Edna Earl Shepherd (right). The South Central Jurisdiction event was held at St. Francis de Sales Center for Christian Renewal in Oklahoma City.



North Arkansas lay persons attending the conference in Oklahoma City included (back row, left to right) Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gaither, Batesville; Charles Mabrey, Batesville; Austin Brockway, Fayetteville; (front, left to right) Bob Mobley, Fort Smith; Mrs. Charles Mabrey, Batesville; Mrs. Austin Brockway, Fayetteville; Mrs. H. H. Fulbright and Mr. Fulbright, Searcy. The theme for the conference, sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Council on Ministries, was "Key 73: The Word Alive For You and Me."



Mrs. Hannah Garrison, the first patient at Memphis' new Methodist South-John R. Flippin Memorial Hospital, is greeted with a warm handshake by David Rae Flynn, administrator, and Miss Margaret Jenkins, director of Nursing Service. Eighteen patients were admitted and 28 emergency cases were seen in the emergency room on the first day of operation of the 174-bed general hospital.

APPOINTMENT CHANGES

Bishop Eugene M. Frank has announced the following appointment changes in the Little Rock Conference:

Rowell Circuit	A. J. Lightfoot
Traskwood	Ed McCulloch
Galloway Memorial	Irl Bridenthal

THE REV. ALBERT N. STOREY

The Rev. Albert N. Storey, 77, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died Dec. 31, 1972, at St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro.

He had served as superintendent of the Paragould, Searcy, and Jonesboro Districts during his career, and was also at one time director of the Town and Country Commission, with headquarters in Conway.

A native of Arkansas, he attended Hendrix College and began his ministry on the Weldon-Tupelo Charge. Other churches he pastored included DeView, Plainview, Leslie, Trumann, Leachville-Monette, Holly Grove-Marvell, Ozark, East Side (now Griffin Memorial) in Paragould, Augusta, Marion, and Washington Avenue in North Little Rock.

He retired in 1965 after serving the Jonesboro District, and had been living in Jonesboro most of the time since then. He was associate pastor of First Church part of the time.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alma Storey of the home; a son, William Lane Storey of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of Newport, and Mrs. Mary Louise Freeman of Louisville, Ky.; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The family requests that contributions be made to the A. N. Storey Memorial Fund at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 3 in the chapel of First Church, Jonesboro. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers, Osceola pastor who served in the Cabinet with Mr. Storey, brought the message. He was assisted in the service by Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District Superintendent, and the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor of First Methodist in Jonesboro. Burial was in Jonesboro Memorial Park.

"Winter Weekend with Others" planned

A "Winter Weekend with Others" is to be held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, on Jan. 27 and 28. Sponsored by the Young Adults of the Little Rock Conference, the weekend of fellowship and spiritual revitalization is also open to North Arkansas Conference churches.

The Young Adult Conference Camp (YACC) was last held in August at Camp Tanako. This mid-year camp will use the facilities of Aldersgate, since it is winterized.

The YACC has changed its name to JOY, according to Marquis E. Jones, conference president, who is an insurance underwriter at Stuttgart. The acronym is based on the three-fold philosophy of "Jesus - Others - Yourself."

All ages, single and married, are invited. The camp begins at one o'clock Saturday and concludes with the worship service Sunday. The program will include singing, small group experiences, testimonials, Sunday school and Sunday worship service.

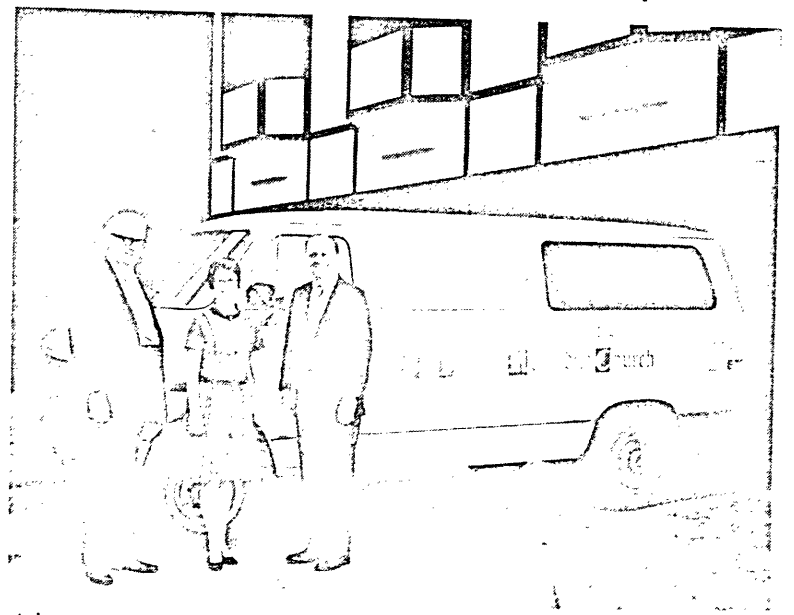
There will be no charge. No meals will be served and those attending should bring sandwiches and snacks, as well as bed rolls, toilet articles, and a Bible. No baby sitter will be provided, but children are welcome.

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DR. MORRIS

fore going to Louisiana in 1931. In Louisiana he served the Delta Circuit, Columbia, First Church in Lafayette, Homer, Alexandria, Trinity Church in Ruston, Istrouma Church in Baton Rouge and was superintendent of the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts.

Dr. Morris has travelled widely, served on numerous church agencies and institutional boards, and has been a delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the church.



Admiring an unexpected gift presented to the Ministry of Music of St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, are Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., pastor (left), and Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr., directors of the music program. The 12-passenger Chevrolet Sports Van was the gift of a friend and member of the church.

Recently we have featured a series of editorials prepared by various clergymen in the Arkansas area for publication in both the ARKANSAS METHODIST and THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. This week we present the following timely statement relating to current "restructuring" procedures and attendant concerns within the Louisiana Conference. We believe this statement prepared by the Rev. Harvey G. Williamson, Chairman of the Cabinet of the Louisiana Annual Conference, merits consideration by other United Methodist conferences likewise involved in the restructuring process.

The other day I was reading Dr. R. H. Harper's book, *Louisiana Methodism*. It is a fascinating and exciting history of our religious ancestors whose spirit, fortitude, vision and dedication enabled us to reap the rewards of their labors and to be proud that we are Methodists. It goes without saying that we cannot dwell on the records and achievements of the past but must look towards the future and the countless opportunities it affords us as a church today.

In looking ahead the 1972 Louisiana Annual Conference appointed a special "Structure Study Committee" with the responsibility of reporting its findings to the 1973 session of the Annual Conference. This committee is made up of clergy and laity, black and white, youth and adults who represent a cross-section of the membership of this conference.

Two distinct assignments were handed the committee. It was first asked to consider the "interlocking roles, purposes and structure of the Conference and District administrative set-up so that future decisions regarding it may be made in light of the distinctive functions each is expected to perform." Secondly, the committee was asked to recommend changes in "the structure and operation of the boards and agencies on the conference level in light of the legislation adopted by the 1972 General Conference."

This committee, of which I am a member, has been meeting earnestly and regularly to fulfill its responsibilities and achieve its goals. In the very beginning it was decided that the needs of the local churches in our conference should have "top priority." The committee wanted to hear from the "grass roots" and decided to send out a questionnaire to all pastors and selected lay persons throughout the conference. The response to this questionnaire has been most gratifying and has at the same time indicated the interest of both clergy and laity alike regarding the future of this conference.

To make sure that everyone has an opportunity to voice his "feelings" regarding the activities, policies and operation of the conference, the committee has arranged for two "open-hearings" to be conducted in the coming weeks. One is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th at the Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge and the other will be held February 10th at the Trinity Church in Ruston. These hearings will give United Methodists in the Louisiana Conference a chance to bring their ideas, opinions, criticisms and suggestions to the attention of the committee for consideration and implementation.

It seems to me that these two "hearings" can be the most productive meetings ever held in the Louisiana Conference. There is no doubt but what we are long

overdue some changes in the operation of our conference and the suggestions and recommendations received by the Structure Study Committee will enable them to better accomplish the task assigned by the Annual Conference.

As one begins to look closely into the restructuring of our conference many questions come to mind relative to its operation and function. These questions incorporate various groups, boards and agencies which are a vital part of the life of any conference and need our consideration and study. One must assume then that the Structure Study Committee will evaluate many matters of concern in the coming months.

1. Perhaps one of the most crucial questions facing us is simply "what is the business of the church in Louisiana?" This question has often been pressed by those who are unhappy with the traditional structure and the function of today's church and hope for a more relevant system. Nevertheless, it is a question that must be faced and answered.
2. One often wonders if our existing conference structure is efficient and effective. Can we really say that our district and conference agencies exist primarily to help the local churches? Is there need for more staff

on a district level and less on a conference level?

3. Are the conference and district staffs under our present arrangement considered as a "linkage group" between the local churches and the general program agencies of Methodism?
4. What real value do our various conference boards perform in terms of resourcing and servicing the local church? If these were eliminated would we feel or notice any loss?

I would not presume to suggest that these are the only questions that need to be answered by the Structure Study Committee. Certainly, there are many more . . . but this is where you come in . . . the clergy and laity of the Louisiana Conference. I would hope that every concerned Methodist will give serious study and thought to the restructuring of our conference. History will be made as a result of the findings and recommendations of this group. You can have a part in this exciting task by sharing your thoughts and ideas with the committee. I would strongly urge you to attend one of these "open-hearings" and speak up . . . for the future of Methodism in this conference depends on it!

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Living Church, independent Episcopal weekly published in Milwaukee, went on record as being opposed to what it described as "De-Sexing Deity in New York." Noting a service of ordination held at St. Clement's Church in New York City recently, the editorial commented that "an effort was made to eliminate all pronominal and other references to Deity in which God is a he rather than a she or an it. Changes listed included the replacing of 'Father, Son, and Holy Spirit' with 'Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,' and of 'God's Kingdom' with 'God's Realm.'" "It is noteworthy," the editorial said, "that the overwriters did not make it read 'Creatrix, Redemptrix, and Sanctrifix, or 'God's Queendom'."

A number of religious groups affiliated with the Assn. of American Colleges (AAC) met in San Francisco Jan. 14-16 in conjunction with the AAC annual meeting. Denominations represented by their divisions of higher education included American Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Seventh-day Adventist, Lutheran, United Methodist and United Presbyterian.

Following a recent visit in the Soviet Union, the Rev. Roland G. Metzger, regional representative for Africa and Europe of the American Baptist Bd. of International Ministries, said, "I have heard that only older people went to church, but in every church in the cities I visited there were young people—younger than 25 and even children—in some of the services. In one church, more than half of the congregation were under 25." Dr. Metzger cautioned Americans to have a "balanced" view of what it is like to be a Christian in the Soviet Union. Despite the restrictions, he said, Russian Baptist worship services are evangelical and often result in decisions for Christ.

A new baptismal liturgy, stressing the use of more water than would be involved in "sprinkling," has been issued for study by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU). In issuing the liturgy to its eight member denominations, the Executive Committee pointed out that such issues as infant baptism, quantity of water used, and whether to follow baptism with Communion, have divided Christians since the 16th Century. A background paper accompanying the liturgy suggests that "whatever mode is to be used and whatever the age of the candidate may be, the intrinsic symbolism of baptism should encourage the use of enough water for it to be seen, heard, and felt as a forceful material sign of God's active power."

Commenting on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding a ban against compulsory chapel attendance at U.S. military academies, the Rev. J. Elliott Corbett, executive in charge of church-state affairs for the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, said: "Very few religious enthusiasts have been generated as a result of 'forced' attendance at church . . . The real challenge to religious leadership has always been to make worship an enticing spiritual experience and not a pain." The court decision reflects a position taken by the 1968 General Conference when it held that standards for government chaplaincies should include one that "participation in religious activities must be on a purely voluntary basis; there must be no penalties for non-participation, nor should there be any rewards for participation."

Dr. James E. Wood, Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, an agency maintained by nine Baptist denominations, called the U.S. Supreme Court's decision which ruled compulsory chapel attendance at military academies unconstitutional, "gratifying and reassuring." He added, "Compulsory chapel attendance at institutions supported by public funds is incompatible with the First Amendment and the American traditions of religious liberty and the separation of church and state. Dr. Wood continued that the action "should be viewed as a significant one in protecting not only the free exercise of religion but also the prohibition of the government's use of religion to serve secular ends."

A new law, which makes parents responsible for the delinquent acts of their children, has become effective in Camden, N.J. Terms of the ordinance provide that parents of offending children—after the first "warning"—could be jailed for 90 days and fined \$500. The new law, said to be the "strongest of its kind" in New Jersey, covers such offenses as curfew violations, vandalism, breaking and entering, mugging, loitering and illegal drinking. These offenses are reportedly the "biggest problems experienced with juveniles."

Evangelist Billy Graham has issued a public statement from Montreat, N.C. describing his position on the Vietnam war, and other issues. Concerning the war, he said, "I have regretted that this war has gone on so long and been such a divisive force in America. I hope and pray that there will be an early armistice." In addition to deploring war, Graham said, "I also deplore the violence everywhere throughout the world that evidences man's inhumanity to man. I am therefore praying for every responsible effort which seeks true peace in our time."

Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of religion at Temple University in Philadelphia, is planning a study leave next year to work on a project on "The Churches and the Holocaust." The United Methodist clergyman will be working in Israel and Germany during the Spring and Summer with both Christian and Jewish scholars. Dr. Littell was the chief Protestant adviser to the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany in the years immediately after World War II. In recent years, he said, German and Dutch scholars have shown a growing awareness of the connection of recent events in Jewish history with the experience of "those Christians who in spite of temptation and pressure stayed faithful during the Nazi Third Reich."

A vast distribution facility with more than four acres of space under its roof, and stacks of supplies 14 feet high, has been dedicated at Salt Lake City by top officials of the Latter-day Saint (Mormon) Church. The center has the responsibility for distribution of church supplies to all English-speaking areas, including servicemen, except for Great Britain which is served from the Manchester center, and Australia and New Zealand area which is served by the Auckland, N.Z. distribution center. A large wall map shows the locations of nine other Mormon distribution centers.

It is not only "proper" for a secular or public college or university to concern itself with the religious life of its members, it is "particularly important" to do so, according to an eight-page statement issued by the Commission on Religion in Higher Education of the American Assn. of Colleges. Endorsed by the ACC's board of directors, the statement says this is especially true "at a time in which professional and disciplinary demands are strong among us . . . Many students and faculty are demanding an educational context which is more than purely intellectual and technical."

"I'd fight to keep sanctuaries and educational buildings tax exempt, but the rest should pay tax just like any other business," said North Carolina's State Sen. Robert D. Combs. The Catawba County Democrat is pastor of Sweetwater Presbyterian church in Hickory, a Southern Presbyterian congregation, and is a member of the State Commission for the Study of Property Tax Exemptions. His congregation operates a profit-making day care center, for which it pays taxes.

American University officials (Washington, D.C.) are seriously considering elimination of 11½ faculty positions and 30 other university jobs and raising tuition and dormitory rates in an attempt to keep its budget balanced. A proposal involving the United Methodist-related school calls for a reduction for the 1973-74 budget of \$147,000 from the university's current budget of \$25.7 million. A spokesman said retirements and other attrition would account "hopefully" for most of the vacancies. The cutback is subject to university senate and board of trustees approval.

A 1973 Christian Youth Witness Program is being planned in connection with Key 73 by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. "Young People—Come to Church" will be the theme of colorful poster panels displayed in January and February. The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized Feb. 2, 1881, in Portland, Maine, by the Rev. Francis E. Clark, a Congregational minister.

Youth from Lutheran, Roman Catholic and other Christian churches in Silver Bay, Minn. comprise an unusual ecumenical senior high outreach team called God's J.O.Y. ("Jesus first, others second, yourself last"). Membership varies from 35 to 50 and is self-perpetuating as young people are confirmed and others graduate. They meet three times weekly in various homes and participating churches. Originated in 1970 as an outgrowth of a Summer youth ministry, the group has traveled extensively in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.



MINNEAPOLIS — Dr. David Preus, 50, pastor of the University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis, has assumed the duties of the presidency of the American Lutheran Church for an interim period. The move was brought about by the serious illness of Dr. Kent S. Knutson, president of the denomination. Dr. Preus is vice-president, and will retain that title while serving as chief executive. Since late October, Dr. Knutson has been a patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., under the care of Mayo Clinic physicians. He is suffering from what doctors describe as an "unusual disorder of the central nervous system" for which there is "no known treatment."

Methodists named to take part in Oxford Institute

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A group of 35 United Methodists from the United States—including ten women—has been chosen to participate in the fifth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies July 23-August 2 at Lincoln College, Oxford, England.

The institutes have been held at three or four years intervals since 1958 under the auspices of the World Methodist Council as a living memorial to John Wesley's connections with Oxford University. All have been held at Lincoln College.

According to the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, pastor of First United Methodist Church here and a co-chairman of the institute, the theme for this year's study is "The Holy Spirit." Other themes have included "Methodist Doctrine and Biblical Theology," "The Doctrine of the Church," "The Finality of Christ," and "The Living God."

The entire membership of the institute will total 100 with approximately one-third from Great Britain, one-third from the U.S., and one-third from the remainder of the Methodist world.

The U. S. delegation will include eight bishops and pastors; six college professors; one graduate student; 13 seminary professors; and seven staff members of general boards and agencies. The selections were made from former institute members and nominations from United Methodist-related colleges and seminaries.

A paper on the theme will be presented each day and discussed by the participants. Persons already chosen to give the papers include Prof. E. Bolaji Idowu of Nigeria; Dr. S. J. Samartha of the World Council of Churches staff; Prof. Richard Tholin of Naperville, Ill.; Prof. M. F. Wiles of Oxford; Dr. Andre Pieters of Belgium; Dean Thomas Langford of Durham, N. C.; the Rev. W. Peter Stephens of England; and Prof. W. J. Hollenweger of England.

Bible study will be led by Prof. Peder Borgen of Scandinavia. Warden for the institute is Prof. Jose Miguez-Bonino of Argentina.

Members of the U.S. committee for the institute include Bishops William R. Cannon, Atlanta, Ga.; Wayne Clymer, Minneapolis, Minn.; and James M. Ault, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Rev. Gerald O. McCulloh of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; Dean Thomas Trotter of the School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.); President Oswald P. Bronson of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; Dean Thomas Langford of Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Prof. John Satterwhite of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D. C.; the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr. and the Rev. Robert W. Huston of the Board of Global Ministries staff; Prof. Albert Outler of Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas; and the Rev. Lee Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, N. C., general secretary of the World Methodist Council.

The United Methodist participants include:

Bishop Ault; Miss Peggy Billings of

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The eight manuals sell for 65 cents each. The complete set with vinyl binder sells for \$4.95. These may be ordered from the Service Department, Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN NICARAGUA

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, along with other church and secular agencies, is moving forward on relief and rehabilitation work in earthquake-stricken MANAGUA, NICARAGUA. It is expected the churches' efforts will be in high gear by January 15, said the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR associate general secretary.

Through Church World Service, interdenominational Protestant relief agency, an initial \$50,000 has been provided for immediate relief, of which UMCOR provided one-fourth.

Funds for UMCOR NICARAGUA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF from your church may be sent to our Area Treasurer, clearly marked for UMCOR NICARAGUA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

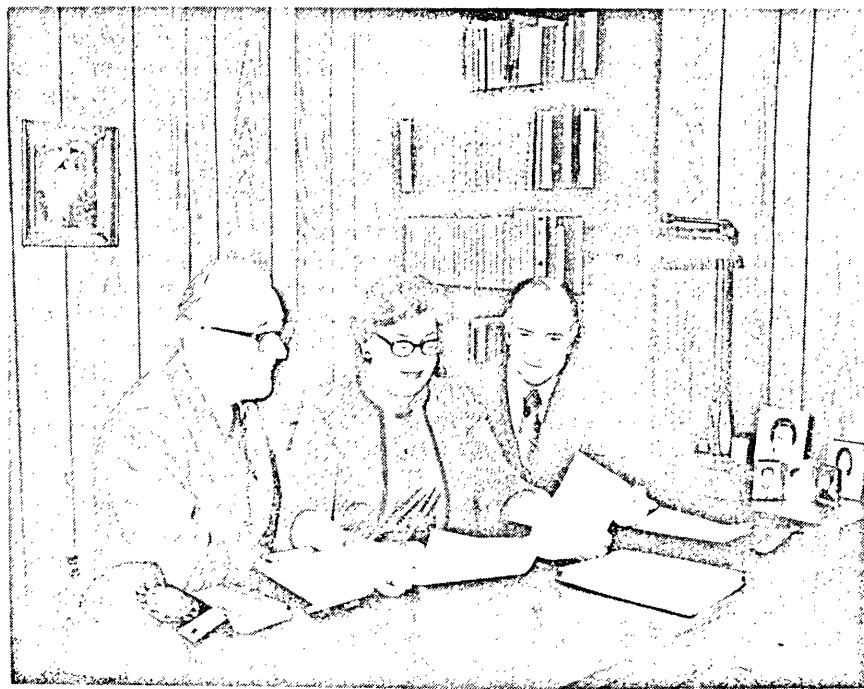
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Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas, Texas; Prof. Hycel Taylor, Garrett Theological Seminary; Prof. J. Alton Templin of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.; Dr. Tholin; Dean Trotter; the Rev. Barbara Troxel, Palo Alto, Calif.; Miss Mary Lou Van Buren of the Board of Global Ministries staff; the Rev. A. Dudley Ward and Miss Phyllis Wayman of the Board of Church and Society; and Prof. L. Elbert Wethington of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.



FROM LEFT: the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries, Miss Aileen Sanborn, of the Section on Local Church Education of the Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor of First Church in North Little Rock, photographed by Dr. Harold Eggensperger, director of the Conference Council on Ministries. The occasion was a Jan. 9 planning session at Arkansas' United Methodist Headquarters Building in Little Rock, held in preparation for a series of Council on Ministries/Administrative Board laboratory-type training sessions to be conducted at St. Paul's Church in Fort Smith in April and May, under the leadership of Miss Sanborn and the Rev. Alvin T. Murray, also of the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. As many as 20 churches in the Fort Smith District will be represented in the study by a team of four persons chosen to represent each church.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. J. LEON WILSON, pastor of First United Methodist Church at Earle, will speak at Des Arc on Sunday night, Jan. 21. He will show films of his recent trip to Russia. A pot-luck supper will precede the program at 6 p.m. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is the Des Arc minister.

PARTICIPANTS IN STUDENT Recognition Services in First Church, Searcy, included Steve Lightle, Jeanine Mallett, Ellen Shira, Tim Walker, Lee Elizabeth Walker, Donald Bacon and Bill Jackson. Dr. Charles Richards is their pastor.

MARK MILLER was the Student Recognition Day speaker in the Augusta United Methodist Church of which the Rev. Lowell Eaton is pastor.

OAKLAWN UNITED METHODIST MEN met with Boy Scouts of Troop 12 for the January supper meeting. Dudley Blanche presented a slide program on a Scouting adventure in Canada which he made with some of the Scouts. The Rev. William A. Stewart is the Oaklawn pastor.

PARAGOULDS FIRST UNITED Methodist Church had three young men who are planning to enter the ministry, on the Student Day program. Larry Spears brought the evening message, Terry Boxx offered the prayer, and Jeff Hoffman read the scripture. The Rev. Harold H. Spence is pastor.

THE REV. FERRIS NORTON led a ten-day seminar at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas early this month. In his absence the Crossett pulpit had as guest speaker the Rev. Ralph Sewell, retired minister now living in Parkdale.

THE FORT SMITH "KEY 73" Launch Service was sponsored by the Fort Smith Ministerial Association. A rally was held in the City Auditorium, Dec. 31. The speaker was Dr. John L. Knight, director of the Division of Evangelism for the Church of the Nazarene.

P. K. KORNER

CAPTAIN CLYDE T. PARSONS, Jr. received his Master's degree in Computer Science with emphasis on Analysis and Research from the University of Missouri at Rolla, Mo., on Dec. 17. He and his wife and two daughters are moving to San Antonio, Tex., where he is stationed at Randolph Air Base. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde T. Parsons, First Church, Morrilton.

NATHASHA ELIZABETH TERRY, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Terry of Fairbanks, Alaska, was baptized in the Mabelvale United Methodist Church, Jan. 7. Dr. Arthur A. Terry, her grandfather, officiated. Dr. Terry's retirement and move to Camden is announced in this issue.

GARDNER MEMORIAL United Methodist Church of North Little Rock is sponsoring a "Saturday Night for Christ," to be held Jan. 20. Bill Burnett, former Razorback football quarterback who is presently heading the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Arkansas, will be the speaker. Young people are especially urged to attend, and the invitation is extended to all churches of the area, according to the Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor.

THE CABOT UNITED Methodist Church observed Student Recognition Day with the following students participating in the morning service: Lewis Sec, Jr., leader; Elizabeth Sec, music director; Stanley Evans, prayer; William Feland, scripture; Carol Longbotham, message; and Connie Magie, benediction. The Youth Choir replaced the Adult Choir and was accompanied by Kathy Barnwell, pianist. Guest organist was Mrs. Ann Barnwell Rye. Jerry L. Ridgway is director of music and youth at Cabot. The Rev. Braska Savage is pastor.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS YOUTH of Fort Smith report an active December. A fish-fry on Dec. 9 raised \$75 toward their summer trip. The young people presented a contemporary Christmas celebration on Dec. 10, entitled "For Unto You This Day" based on a work by Jim Lawrence. Following the service, they held Open House to show their department and new youth kitchen. The UMY members sponsored a community party for children who live in the neighborhood, Dec. 16. The young people decorated the sanctuary for Advent, as well as their own department, and the Christmas tree. They also made a banner for the New Year's Eve Key 73 service held at the Municipal Auditorium. Bruce Vick is their director. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

MRS. BENNIE G. RUTH, wife of the Methodist minister at Des Arc, is scheduled for major surgery at the Stuttgart Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 17, and solicits the prayers which have sustained her through previous operations.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Grafton Thomas, wife of the conference treasurer, in the recent death of her brother, J. Norris Moon of Blytheville.

THE HOT SPRINGS area churches held the second planning meeting for KEY 73 on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, in the Haven United Methodist Church. Plans for Phase II, "Calling Our Continent to the Word of God," were considered.

CORNING METHODIST MEN have elected Strick Smith to serve as president in 1973, Louie Holland, vice-president; and Earl Polk, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Wayne Clark is their pastor.

MRS. FRANK (LIZ) FOWLKES has been added to the staff of First Church, North Little Rock, as part-time director of children's work. She will be working with the Rev. Earl Carter, pastor.

YOUTH OF SYLVAN HILLS United Methodist Church in North Little Rock plan a revival for Jan. 21-23. Dr. John Miles, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, will be their speaker. The Rev. James Keith is their pastor.

A SCHOOL OF MISSIONS in First Church, Malvern, is being conducted over a period of six weeks. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is leading a study on Paul's Letter to the Romans. The series is sponsored by the Commission on Missions, Saxon Arnold, chairman.

NEWPORT'S FIRST United Methodist Church plans a four-day revival to begin on Sunday, Jan. 21. Guest evangelist will be Dr. Poe Williams, former Arkansan now with the United Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. David Conyers is the Newport minister.

GORDON BETENBAUGH, minister of music in First Church, El Dorado, as chairman of Area VI of American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, represented the Area at a meeting of the Congress of the Guild held in Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 9-11.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY Life Conference will be held in Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church of North Little Rock the weekend of Jan. 19 and 20. Dr. John M. Vayhinger, chairman of the Department of Psychology and Pastoral Care, The School of Theology, Anderson College, Anderson, Ind., will lead the conference. Dr. Vayhinger is a United Methodist minister as well as a clinical psychologist. The Rev. James Keith is the Sylvan Hills pastor.

"FOUR DAYS FOR GOD" being held in First Church, Springdale, Jan. 14-17, had Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, bringing the sermons. Bill Bennett is song leader and the Rev. Clinton Atcheley is host pastor.

SKIING AND ICE SKATING was the attraction and Gatlinburg, Tenn., was the destination for a busload of young people from St. Paul United Methodist Church of Little Rock and First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock during the recent holidays. The Rev. John Dill, then associate pastor at St. Paul but who has since been appointed to Maryville, accompanied the group.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE who participated in the morning Student Recognition service on Dec. 24 in Vantrease United Methodist Church were Alan Avery, Becky Teague, Charlie Huskey, Nancy Huskey, Russell Novack and Charnell Pittman. The Youth Choir was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Mitchell. Children and adults presented the Christmas program in scripture, narration and song under the direction of Mrs. Bynum Blackmon. Mrs. Paul Novack presented "The Christmas Story" in flannelgraph. Soloist was John Smith. After the services, all were invited to fellowship hall where the Youth Department and Methodist Men were hosts. The Rev. James H. Shaddox is the Vantrease pastor in El Dorado.

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.

Jan. 21—SundayMatt. 6:8-15
Jan. 22Acts 12:1-17
Jan. 23James 1:5-8
Jan. 241 John 5:10-15
Jan. 251 Tim. 2:1-6
Jan. 26Psa. 66:1-12
Jan. 27Psa. 66:13-20
Jan. 28—SundayGen. 1:1-19

A TRAINING SCHOOL for workers with children is scheduled to be held in First Church, Texarkana, Jan. 21-23. Sessions will be at 2:30 Sunday, and at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton of Conway will lead the section for workers with younger children. Elementary class teachers will be Mrs. Marie Tucker, Mrs. Robert W. Robertson and Mrs. V. B. Story, all of Little Rock. The Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is the pastor.

GARY WATTS has been elected president of United Methodist Men in First Church, Helena. Pat McCarty, Jr., is vice-president, and Don Gentry is secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.

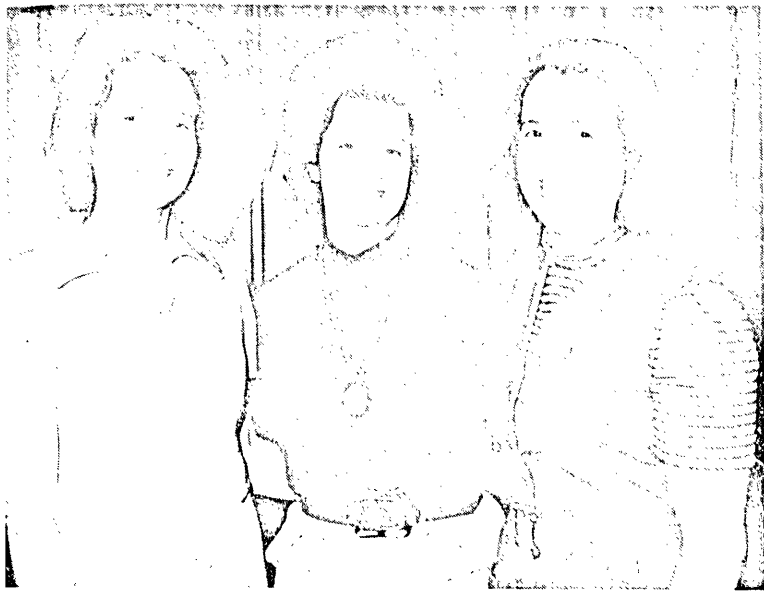
MS. JOAN CLARK of Dallas, regional director for the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, was the guest speaker in Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday morning, Jan. 7. The Rev. Waymon Hollis was host pastor.

THE SEMINARY SINGERS from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, gave a concert in Central Avenue United Methodist Church at Batesville, Jan. 15. The group is under the direction of Dr. Carleton Young, editor of the Methodist Hymnal. Dr. Charles Casteel is the Central Church pastor.

WIGGINS MEMORIAL CHURCH members in Fayetteville are having a four Sunday night series on India and Faith and Justice. Wilbur Bhagat, a native of India who is a university student and attends Wiggins Church, is serving as a resource person. The Rev. Allan Hilliard is the pastor.

"OLD FASHIONED DAY" is scheduled in the Cavanaugh United Methodist Church of Fort Smith, Jan. 21. Planned by the local KEY 73 committee, a pot-luck lunch will follow the morning sermon by the Rev. Larry D. Powell, pastor. Afternoon singing will be led by Bill Bennett of Clarks-ville, with specials by the Disciples Quartet. A period of games will be followed by a snack supper. The evening service will feature the Mallalieu Church Choir, and a message by Bob Gladd of Fort Gibson, Okla. Mrs. Phylis Hamby is chairman.

THE CONCORD United Methodist Church, Batesville District, honored Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Clark recently upon their 65th wedding anniversary. The Rev. Felix Holland is their pastor.



Pulaski Heights WSCS President Bobbye Dennis, center, stands with Carloyn Henslee and Mary Ann McGinnis, who were presented Special Membership pins recently in recognition of their dedicated leadership in the Women's Society and in the church.

News in Brief

Enrollment at United Methodist's Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., is now at an all-time high of 213, according to the Rev. William N. Burton, director of admissions.

A group of 32 United Methodist-related colleges are among those receiving grants from the National Science Foundation to help them sustain their science programs. Grants range from \$1,090 to \$47,409.

Financial Statement

WOMENS SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE & WESLEYAN
SERVICE GUILD NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
January 1, 1972 - December 31, 1972

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	
Pledge to Missions	\$77,836.21	\$20,904.49	
Special Memberships	3,987.00	2,300.00	
In Remembrance	1,374.72	70.25	
World Thank Offering	3,037.51	956.33	
TOTAL RECEIVED ON PLEDGE	86,235.44	24,231.07	\$110,466.51
Supplemental	345.42	70.68	
Call to Prayer	4,717.78	1,439.08	
Magazine & Picture Fund	-0-	77.00	
School of Mission	525.00	306.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	519.30	127.50	
Town & Country Special Fund	1,101.18	439.47	
Annual Meeting Offerings	250.00	249.50	
Miscellaneous (Inc. Interest)	337.00	10.06	
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	7,795.68	2,719.29	10,514.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$120,981.48
Balance, January 1, 1972			7,626.29
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			\$134,607.77
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pledge to Missions	73,365.20	20,049.85	
Special memberships	4,512.00	2,525.00	
In Remembrance	1,374.72	70.25	
World Thank Offering	3,037.51	956.33	
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	82,289.43	23,601.43	\$105,890.86
Supplemental	345.42	70.68	
Call to Prayer	4,717.78	1,439.08	
Magazine & Picture Fund	-0-	77.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	519.30	127.50	
Town & Country Special Fund	431.88	96.77	
District Cultivation	2,640.00	860.00	
School of Missions	1,200.00	250.00	
Jurisdiction Society	566.00	-0-	
Miscellaneous	7.00	79.00	
Conference Cultivation	3,001.72	1,287.78	
TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	13,429.10	4,287.81	17,716.91
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$123,607.77
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Balance, December 31, 1972			5,000.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR			\$134,607.77

Mrs. James E. Nix, Treasurer

McCRORY GROUP SPONSORS CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SALE

A "Share Group" in First United Methodist Church of McCrory is sponsoring an inter-denominational, non-profit shop for the sale of Christian books and materials. The shop is located in downtown McCrory, and is named "The Carpenter Shop."

Five churches — Baptist, Catholic, Church of God, Methodist, and Nazarene—are cooperating in the operation of the firm. In addition, three other churches — Baptist of Fair Oaks, Baptist of Morton, and Jesus Name Church of Wiville — are furnishing workers, but are not responsible for management.

J. N. Lawhon is leader of the sponsoring Share Group.

The Rev. Lon Brewer is the McCrory minister.

A SET OF 25 SCHULMERICH Handbells has been presented to First United Methodist Church in Texarkana by Miss Lucille Jolley in memory of her sister, Mrs. Pauline J. Addison. Pam Alagood will direct the handbell choirs now being organized. The Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is pastor.

THE SHARE SINGERS of First Church, Camden, directed by David Glaze, presented a program during Sunday evening worship in St. Andrew United Methodist Church at Arkadelphia, Jan. 14. The Rev. David Prothro, former associate pastor at Camden, is pastor of the St. Andrew congregation.

CONWAY DISTRICT MINISTERS are holding a retreat at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 18 and 19. Dr. Ralph Clayton is district superintendent.

THE PULPIT of First Church, Forrest City, was occupied on Jan. 7 by Michael Hughes, ministerial student at Hendrix College, while his father, Dr. Earl Hughes, the pastor, was conducting a tour group to the Holy Land.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of First Church, West Memphis, had as guest speaker at the Jan. 9 meeting, David M. Evans of Batesville, who is a retired Navy Commander. Joe Wilson was in charge of the program. Dick Williford is president of the group. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

THE DES ARC CHURCH held a Service of Holy Communion at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On New Year's Eve, special services began at 6 p.m., followed with recreation, fellowship and food until 11:30 when those attending gathered in the sanctuary for worship and altar prayer. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is the Des Arc pastor.

THE SALADO United Methodist Church has organized a youth group. President of the UMYF is Sue Webb. Other officers are Peggy Webb, vice-president, and Dorothy McBride, secretary-treasurer. Counselors are Mrs. Veda Miller and Mrs. Mary Lee Huff. The Rev. Felix Holland is the pastor.

HORSESHOE BEND CHURCH TO ORGANIZE MEN

Fifteen men of the Horseshoe Bend community responded to the invitation to discuss the organization of a unit of United Methodist Men, Jan. 4. Ed Randell, church lay leader, called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was by the Rev. Denzel E. Stokes, pastor.

Marvin Gaither of Batesville, district lay leader, was present to give guidance to the group. A nominating committee was named to report to the next meeting.

DON'T FORGET response (the magazine, that is)

The January issue of response magazine (for United Methodist Women) should be of special interest to Arkansas readers, not only for the articles it carries, but also because the writers are well known in the state.

The subject "Mission Then, and Now" is treated in a two-page story written by Dr. Negail R. Riley, who lived in Little Rock, serving the Wesley Methodist Church and teaching at Philander Smith College, before assuming his present position as executive secretary in urban ministries for the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

The monthly article on Christian Social Relations is usually written by Peggy Billings of the Global Ministries staff. She is a Mississippian, but has spoken in Arkansas at numerous meetings. Her January three-page article gives "Highlights of the Year That Was."

The back of the cover page of response prints "Responsively Yours", the monthly message of Theresa Hoover, executive secretary of the Woman's Division. Miss Hoover grew up in Fayetteville and worked in Little Rock for the District Board of Missions before going on to the New York Board of Missions office. She frequently returns to Arkansas for visits and speeches. Her January article deals with the fourth birthday of response magazine, summarizing the changes it has witnessed.

The January issue is invaluable to anyone who has a file of the magazine, since it prints the index of articles for the preceding year.

News in Brief

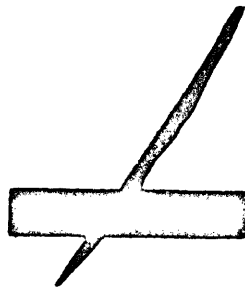
An interview with the Rev. Philip Potter, a Methodist who is general secretary of the World Council of Churches, is scheduled to be shown on NBC-TV at 12 noon (EST) February 18.

The Rev. Taro Goto, former superintendent of the Pacific Japanese Provisional Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, died December 18 in Lodi, Calif.

Retired United Methodist Bishop Dionisio Deista Alejandro, 79, first Filipino elected to the Methodist episcopacy, died November 18 in the Philippines. He was named a bishop of the Philippines Central Conference in 1944 and headed all Methodist work in the islands until 1948. He was re-elected in 1956 and served until he retired in 1964.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JANUARY 28: No Alibis With God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18

MEMORY SELECTION: Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. (Ezekiel 18:27)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To study the individual in his relation to God, even when he sins, and how that relation may be enhanced in his attitude of repentance.

We often played games in childhood which on occasion introduced the strategem of the "King's X". So long as this special rule was in effect one's status in the game was suspended. By a simple sign with the uplifted hand he could indicate to his playmates that he was temporarily withdrawing and was then immune to capture or being tagged out. But once the sign was cancelled, he was again fair game. By resorting to the sign he could catch his breath a bit and as a non-participant for a brief time he could plan his game and time his resumption of play to the benefit of his team. So it was possible to stand aside from the action and risk nothing while his friends continued the youthful contest.

Not so in the "game" of life! We cannot turn away from the many claims on our abilities, time, and commitment. We cannot give the "King's X" and bow out of our responsibilities. We are active participants even though we may occasionally prefer not to be. We are not spectators watching an event, but we are involved in the continuing contest which living is. We are, and as Christians we know that we must be, in the thick of the action. This is what the "gospel" of Christian responsibility is all about.

ESCAPE FROM OR TO GOD?

Is one stronger and freer for disbelieving in God? Some loose thinking does indeed suggest that to include a supreme being in one's scheme of things is to rely on a "crutch" which interferes with the development of one's ability to stand and walk by himself. Marxist principles state that religion is addictive like opium—it is unnecessary unless one becomes a "user" and then is ever necessary.

To live by the rule that God is not, sets one free to make his own decisions and to test them by what happens to him as a result. One learns by living—by being alert, energetic, determined. At its best, this view is perhaps character-building; in its average application, it is debilitating and deteriorative. Man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package! Further, if man is the supreme fact in the universe, this makes him God—not equal to, but God.

It is supremely difficult to square these points with the scriptures. The prophet asserts: The soul that sins shall die." (Ezek. 18:4) Sinning is God's to judge: "I will judge every man of you on his deeds." (verse 30) Paul states that "Sin pays a wage, and the wage is death." (Rom. 6:23) He also says: "For no one of us lives, and equally no one of us dies, for himself." (Rom. 14:7) Again, the prophet urges his countrymen to "throw off the load of your past misdeeds; get yourself a new heart and a new spirit." (Ezek. 18:31) This, by the way, provides the basis for the theme of next week's lesson.

The struggling, self-dependent "free" one is the

most "disadvantaged" person on this earth, for he all but escapes the strength of God's love. There is tremendous potential in the experience, rather, of seeking God, for "he rewards those who search for him." (Heb. 11:6)

We can avoid God for a time, perhaps, but we cannot escape him any more than we can escape our next breath.

THE HUMAN CYCLE

In classical Greek literature the hero is often depicted as a handsome, beloved young man of high estate who possesses, unfortunately, a tragic flaw in his character. He tries with his full energy and ingenuity to counteract the effects of that flaw but inevitably with humiliating results. After years of trying to overcome the flaw, he falls into the quicksands of self-pity. When, finally, in desperation he stops to look honestly and deeply within himself and acknowledges that flaw and the guilt associated with it, he is cleansed or purged. Confession neutralizes guilt. Then—and only then—he begins renewal and revitalization of great inner character forces. These experiences at the ethical level epitomize something of the dynamics of spiritual renewal.

This is an illustration of the spiritual cycle which includes sin, guilt, cleansing, and renewal. All of us have experienced the pain of sin and the agony of guilt resulting from it. If the guilt is relieved through positive attitude and effort, then we feel the fresh, clean air of freedom from that sense of guilt. The climactic stage is renewal. We go ahead with our living, stronger and surer than before. Our faith is revived, our purpose for living is seen in a new light. We have "a new heart and a new spirit." There is particular meaning in the thought that this good result was initiated in the act of recognizing and acknowledging guilt. This stage in the process toward "recovery" is not merely self-humiliating, but first self-revealing. One looks at what he actually is. This is what Ezekiel was saying to his people. They could not see their true selves so long as they were blaming the earlier generations for their troubles. Whatever had happened before their time, their sins were their sins. They were therefore personally accountable for their refusal of God's love.

TO TRY OR TO ALIBI?

Many today think that the generation of their parents precipitated the crises currently upon them. This same accusation has been common through history, it appears. Cicero, the Roman public figure of the last century before Christ, referred to it. Ancient Egyptians wrote on the same topic. Ezekiel protests the way the exiles were blaming their problems on others. He sternly rebukes them for this glaring instance of their disinclination to stand up to the requirements of their individual responsibilities. They must not blame earlier generations for their own refusal to be holy in their living. After all, goodness isn't inherited; it is cultivated. A parent doesn't transplant a seed of righteousness from his being into the life of his child. He can only provide the "soil" and help nurture the "seed" that is divinely imbedded in the new life. (What an awesome privilege and obligation that is!) As the infant develops physically and mentally, he or she assumes an ever larger role in the unfolding of the spiritual nature as well. In the final analysis, then, the individual of

accountable age is responsible for his own soul's wellbeing. God permits no alibis. This is the crux of the prophet's teaching in Chapter 18.

THE PAST . . . TODAY . . . TOMORROW

We are not wholly slaves of the past. There is today in which things can be shaped and re-shaped for tomorrow. Today is always the day of new beginning if one so designs it. So if we trust the inner strivings to prompt us to right decisions today, tomorrow will be better and we will look toward it in hope and confidence. The converse also is true. If our trust is shaky, if our decisions today are of questionable quality, tomorrow holds not promise but penalty.

Of course in one vital sense we cannot escape the past. There is a fact of living which is both sobering and exciting: Each succeeding day of the past has a cumulative effect, in both good and evil done; but also a good is compounded as certainly as an evil. Several weeks ago we observed that the only way to eradicate evil was by being and doing good! The Christian principle is secure: "When anyone is united in Christ, there is a new world; the old order is gone, and a new order has already begun." (2 Cor. 5:17)

Also, the past serves as an anchor for our living today. The Lord's word to the ancient Hebrews, against the perspective of their travailings from Egypt to Palestine, is emblematic: "You must remember all that road by which the Lord your God has led you." (Deut. 8:2) It is in recalling the painful memory of his earlier gross sin to Christ that Paul, much later and in the midst of a fruitful, impassioned ministry in behalf of that same Christ, exclaimed, "I did not disobey the heavenly vision." (Acts 26:19) So the past may be used as a benchmark for determining whether one has gone higher or lower in his living since that point.

WHO IS UNJUST?

An intriguing feature in Chapter 18 is the representation of two opposing views and powers, almost as is an athletic contest. The people's view of God's justice marks him as an unreasonable, exacting tyrant who doesn't understand mere man's problems. God "has it made," they feel, while they have to struggle and suffer in slavery. Why? It is, they say, because the way the Lord deals with them is unjust (verse 25). He charges them with sins which actually their forefathers committed. He expects them to live dutifully despite the extreme hardships and temptations he has subjected them to. He refuses to recognize that they are, after all, people who are striving to keep going in the face of inhuman odds. He should pity and not punish them. He should be patient and not demanding. He expects them to live faithfully among pagans. Isn't fair!

In God's part of the dialogue described by the prophet comes the response: "Is it not your ways that are not just?" (verses 25, 29) They justify their wickedness by pointing accusing fingers at their fathers, by asserting that God's brand of goodness is beyond their capabilities. Their ways of evaluating standards in men are faulty. This is reminiscent of God's words to Samuel when the Lord was selecting a successor to King Saul: "The Lord does not see as man sees; men judge by appearance, but the Lord judges by the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7)

To try to shift the blame to God for man's problems is the ultimate cynicism. God IS good. His goodness is the foundation for his sense of justice; out of his goodness comes his ability to treat men fairly. His goodness is also the source of his abhorrence of evil, so judgment is an extension of his goodness. This the people didn't understand. This is the reason for the ministry of Ezekiel.

A PARABLE

Recently a dozen or two starlings were searching in the snow-blanketed grass for food. Their search area was near a flowerbed. Food was scarce there. Had they looked up and understood, they would have seen a feeder hanging above the fence and newly supplied with food for them! Our living is busy and scrambled as we pursue our presumed happiness. A God-ward sense and urge is sufficient—the unfailing source of strength and purpose.

'Potential and dilemma of cable TV' explored by church/industry leaders

GALVESTON, TEX.—The nation's largest cable television system and New York University joined forces with the South Central Jurisdiction's Communication Committee and TRAFCO to sponsor the first joint church-industry event to train churchmen in the use of Cable TV.

"This is the first time that the Cable TV industry has been involved in the planning and training of churchmen in the technique of Cable TV production," said Bob Robertson, chairman of the jurisdictional communications committee.

Teams from 12 annual conferences in two jurisdictions of the church were "exposed to the potential and dilemma of Cable TV, as well as to new understandings about the exploding world of communications technology," according to the communications chairman.

Sessions for the Dec. 27-29 meeting were held at Teleprompter's Channel 6 studios in this island city.

"Cable TV may be our hope to maintain some local control over programming regulations," said Professor George C. Stoney of New York University's Alternate Media Center. "The right to public access (cable television) may be a weak reed now, but we need to hold on to it. It may be needed more in ten years than it is now."

Hugh H. Flaherty, vice-president of the Teleprompter Corporation, congratulated the church on becoming involved in the early stages of Cable TV. Fewer than eight per cent of the homes in the nation now have cable.

"People need to be aware of the effect of cable on the life style of the world. The church must understand

what it will do to a community," said Mr. Flaherty.

Professor Stoney, a specialist in community access, said cable must not be taken for granted but the community must ask if cable is worth the time, effort and whether "it will hurt the community."

"The churches are in a position to help determine and influence the use of cable," said the professor.

Nelson Price, director of broadcasting for the United Methodist Church's TRAFCO, echoed the concern expressed by Mr. Flaherty regarding the involvement of the church with Cable TV.

Price said the church is concerned because it is interested in people realizing their full human potential and cable has the possibility of breaking down long standing barriers that have separated people. He noted that cable has the danger of making people more isolated if proper care is not exercised.

While some participants in the workshop expressed concern about the "big brother" use of cable as outlined in George Orwell's "1984," none of the workshop leaders were worried about this possibility. Flaherty said: "Our democratic processes in this country will prevent that happening."

Stoney said church and other community groups must realize that public access to cable will be available in the top 100 market areas in the United States by 1977 and that now is the time to plan utilization, and financing such utilization, of these channels.

The Rev. Tom Strother, Pecos pastor, was the director of the workshop.



Communications personnel representing church and industry photographed during press conference at Galveston — Nelson Price of TRAFCO, Hugh Flaherty of Teleprompter, and George Stoney of New York University.

Church agencies work together to alleviate Managua suffering

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), along with other church and secular agencies, is moving forward on relief and rehabilitation work in earthquake-stricken Managua, Nicaragua. It was expected the churches' efforts would be in high gear by Jan. 15, according to the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR associate general secretary.

Through Church World Service, interdenominational Protestant relief agency, an initial \$50,000 has been provided for immediate relief, of which UMCOR provided one-fourth.

In cooperation with the newly-organized Protestant relief council in Nicaragua (comprising Episcopal, Baptist, Assemblies of God and other churches), CWS has assigned three relief and rehabilitation workers to Nicaragua, one a coordinator who has served in refugee work in Vietnam and in rehabilitation after the 1970 Peru earthquake. The three are assigned for six months to work with the Nicaragua committee headed by Dr. Gustavo Parejon of Managua's Baptist Hospital.

Neighboring Costa Rica has become a principal evacuation point for refugees, with supplies being airlifted to the Clinica Biblica and other evacuation points for refugees. About 600 injured are in the hospital, and as many as 9,000 refugees are expected in Costa Rica.

Bishop Federico Pagura of the Panama and Costa Rica United Methodist Churches is working with an interdenominational aid committee. Dr. Haines will go to Costa Rica January 17 to confer with Bishop Pagura about rehabilitation, and then on to Managua.

Emphasizing as he did earlier the crucial nature of "middle relief" or "second wave" rehabilitation that follows immediate relief, Dr. Haines said that already plans are being made for rebuilding. He added that for homes and other buildings UMCOR and CWS will make maximum use of low-cost "Stack-Sack" houses of bagged concrete that reportedly are earthquake-proof and 1,000 of which are being built in the Peru quake area.

Goodwill Industries director named

NEW YORK (UMI)—A new national executive director has been named for Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., succeeding a retired United Methodist executive who had been serving on an interim basis.

Dean Phillips, manager of public affairs for the Columbus (Ohio) Division of the North American Rockwell company and a former national vice-president of the Goodwill board of directors, has been appointed national executive director. The appointment became effective Jan. 2. He succeeds George Hergesheimer, Philadelphia.

Phillips has been with North American Rockwell for more than 20 years and has been active in the health and rehabilitation fields including association with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., is the national office for a network of more than 150 Goodwill facilities in the U.S. and 20 other countries. It has

programs of rehabilitation, sheltered workshops and other services for the physically, mentally, economically and socially handicapped. International headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hergesheimer will continue as national Goodwill treasurer, and H. Conwell Snook, Philadelphia, also a former Board of Missions treasurer, continues as chairman of the board of Goodwill.

Dr. Robert E. Watkins, former national executive director, continues as national executive vice-president, in which post since last summer he has worked among industrial, governmental and rehabilitation leaders, acquainting them with Goodwill's services and seeking their support.

Originated in Boston in 1902 by a Methodist minister, the Rev. Edgar J. Helms, the Goodwill program continues to be related to the United Methodist Church through the Goodwill Industries Office of the National Division, Board of Global Ministries.

Appalachia plight discussed in 3-day assembly at Scarritt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Described as America's "longest slum" and "last bastion of colonialism," Appalachia was the focus of a three-day assembly of United Methodist workers here at Scarritt College January 4-6.

Colonialism in Appalachia emerged as a major concern among the 120 participants representing church and community programs, colleges and universities, elementary and secondary schools, and other church projects in the region.

"Accepting the Challenge of Responsibility" was the theme of the three-day assembly held prior to a brief meeting of the United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee (ADC).

Dr. Earl Brewer, a professor at Emory University and participant in the assembly, from Atlanta, Ga., said:

"Christian and national forces must devise prophetic, yet practical strategies to utilize the region's resources more for the welfare of its people than for the profits of exploiting companies and to make substantial repayments and reparations for past blunders."

While ADC is the United Methodist arena for Appalachian concerns, the Council on Religion in Appalachia (CORA) is the ecumenical agency

through which United Methodists work with sixteen other denominations in Appalachia.

Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va., closed the assembly with his summary of the meeting and a challenge for the church to "bring the promise of liberty and life to all people." "The people in the pew must understand that it is not only the down and outs who need liberation but the ups and ins too," he said.

The United Methodist Church has from 75 to 100 nationally funded mission projects in Appalachia in addition to many annual conference supported projects and programs. Three jurisdictions of the United Methodist Church overlap Appalachia with its 18 million inhabitants. All or part of 18 episcopal areas, 24 annual conferences and 9,000 United Methodist congregations are within the region.

News in Brief

Protestant-Jewish relations is the subject of major articles in the January issue of *new/World Outlook*, published by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in cooperation with the United Presbyterian Church.

These speak for Human Relations Day

by Harold H. Hazenfield

A day of opportunity for United Methodists is Jan. 28, 1973, Human Relations Day. It is a day that offers opportunities for Christians to express their concern for one another through mutual sharing. A number of persons representing the programs to be funded and some of the ethnic groups have been asked to share their opinions.

Bishop Wilbur Choy, the first Asian American bishop in the United Methodist Church, says: "Human Relations Day should help us realize that we have in the United Methodist Church a rich variety of human groups. The Asians have become a forgotten part of our church because they are few in numbers compared to other groups. We will have training needs different from those of other groups."

"For example, leaders from the Orient and leaders born here need training to acquaint them with the community and those who need language help to work with the Asians from the Orient."

When asked to give a specific example to illustrate an effective community developer project, the Rev. John W. Coleman, executive secretary of the Office of Community Developers of the Board of Global Ministries replied: "It is difficult to select one example because so many things have happened in so many places."

"For example, the program that we have in Seattle, Wash. with its Operation Emergency is a 24 hour house that operates to assist people in need, whatever that need may be. This may be need for some counseling; it may be a need for help for someone suffering under drug addiction; it may be just the need for food, since the SST contract was lost and Boeing cut down leaving people in tremendous need of food."

The Rev. Homer Noley, an American Indian and a field representative on the staff of the Board of Global Ministries, states: "The Human Relations Day offering will make it possible for us to share in the Community Developers Program and an educational program. The first will deal in issues related to the needs and concerns of the American Indians. The second will involve in-service training and scholarship grants."

The Rev. Leo Nieto, a Hispanic

American and a field representative on the Board of Global Ministries, says: "We have come to a point in history where all of the various groups in our nation are having to come closer and closer together. It may be a symptom of the fact that the world is shrinking and I think this Human Relations Day has to do with that fact. We must live together and Human Relations Day is a relevant matter for us as Christians. One of the principal needs in the Hispanic American communities is the need for scholarships for young people."

The Rev. Randle B. Dew, executive secretary of the Office of Voluntary Service, says of Human Relations Day: "It is exceedingly important to the church because it will provide dollars for the operation of some very creative programs on the edge of mission. Also it has the approach to working with minorities and the humanism of society which is really the great hope for us all."

Mr. Dew states that the Voluntary Service Program involves a large number of persons and many projects. He anticipates that during the quadrennium of 1973-76 training support for volunteers will be increased and there will probably be a corps of volunteers of 250-300 persons each year. In September, 1972, there were 55 volunteers in Minneapolis and St. Paul alone.

The number of projects fluctuates because some are phased out and new ones come into existence. Also some receive outside support and staff people are placed on salaries rather than subsistence basis. For example, the Freedom House in Birmingham, Ala. which did an unusual piece of work with drug counseling and services, received a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health and all the people who had been on subsistence for more than two years began receiving salaries.

The Rev. Woodie White, executive secretary of the Commission on Religion and Race, stated: "We have a tremendous reservoir of cultures and histories among the ethnic groups. Perhaps during Human Relations Day observances we can call attention to this pluralism and see if we can determine how it can enrich our lives as

United Methodists. One of the important aspects of the offering on Human Relations Day will be that it will enable United Methodists who are among the ethnic minorities to minister more effectively to their communities and their constituencies."

The Rev. John P. Adams, director of Police-Community Relations Program, Board of Church and Society, speaks of the values that have come from these projects. Among these values has been a unique police organization—the national association of police community relations officers. The churches have given strong support to this organization. In a number of cities guidance has been given to help citizens and law enforcement officers enter into dialog and come to a better understanding of each other.

Speaking of the St. John's Bakery in Milwaukee, Wisc., the Rev. Raymond Kihl, pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church, states: "Without the initial funding we received from the Fund for Reconciliation, I doubt that these many persons would be employed today in a church project called St. John's Bakery. Today we operate two bakeries and three retail stores. Each operates as a training facility for the residents of the community in which the plant is located. These are full-line bakeries—baking everything in the line of quality baked goods, at lower prices. Most of our workers were either welfare recipients or unemployable due to handicaps, physical and mental. The projects operate at a loss, but, with the help of God and the hard work of many of our church workers, we have managed to build a training school that is providing society with productive citizens."

Rev. Herbert Palmer, pastor of Haven United Methodist Church in Phil-

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adelphia says of Mr. Bernard Horsey, community developer, "People know Mr. Horsey is in the community and come to him for information and leadership on working at various problems. He can help or direct them to help. The people are glad to know that there is someone like him who cares enough to be among them, to hear their aches and pains, gripes and problems."

Mrs. Kitty K. Barton of Lumberton, N. C. who Mrs. Matilda Hocker, volunteer worker, helped when she had been deserted by her husband, left with two children and no money for food, said: "The people at the center began to help me. I knew then that somebody cared . . . I would be in prison now had it not been for the love of the church at Robeson County Church and Community Center and the sympathy of the church . . . I have now started to a church. I am looking the world in the eye, and have a different outlook on life. I can never say in words the appreciation I feel in my heart for what the people at the Center have done for me and my children."

"What can you do when a mother cries and says, 'I have no food and my baby is crying for milk?' You will get it." These were the words of Mrs. Matilda Hocker, volunteer worker in the Robeson County Church and Community Center as she wrote of one of many cases with which she has worked. Through assisting in hours of special need these volunteer workers have been able to bring hope to people in need and a new vision of helping themselves.

Your liberal offering on Human Relations Day, Jan. 28, 1973 will make it possible for United Methodist to reach out in mutual sharing.

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Last of minority empowerment grants announced

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — More than a half-million dollars in grants for minority empowerment were announced here Jan. 3, the last portion of a special United Methodist Church fund created in 1970.

The money will go to 44 agencies for special projects in community organization, child care and development, consumer and voter education, rehabilitation, communication, job and business training, farming and marketing. These were selected from among 92 requests to the church's Commission on Religion and Race, according to Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Funding Committee.

The latest grants of \$503,000 bring the 1972 total to \$1,390,000, related

to all ethnic minority groups. Those just announced, with none for more than \$25,000, include:

Community and cultural development in Phoenix, Ariz. (Mexican); Tampa, Fla. (black); Wichita, Kans. (black); San Antonio, Tex. (Mexican); Tucson, Ariz. (Mexican); Brownsville, Tex. (Mexican); Scottsbluff, Nebr. (Chicano); Chicago, Ill. (Indian); Mobile, Ala. (black).

Child care and development in Camden, Ark. (black); Buffalo, N.Y. (black); St. Paul, Minn. (Mexican); Brooklyn, N.Y. (black); Franklinton, La. (black).

Youth development in Atlanta, Ga.; Canton, Ohio; Richmond, Va.; Dayton, Ohio (all black).

Rehabilitation for drug addicts in

Brooklyn, N. Y. (Spanish and black); New York, N. Y. (black).

Services to prisoners and ex-offenders in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (black) and Chicago, Ill. (black and Hispanic.)

Aid to a bilingual (English-Spanish) educational FM radio station in Healdsburg, Calif., and to a black magazine in New York.

Job and skill training in San Francisco, Calif. (Mexican) and Providence, R. I. (black and Indian).

Legal services in Norman, Okla. (Indian) and Keene, Calif. (black, Hispanic, Indian).

Farming and marketing development in Ashby, Mass. (Puerto Rican); Vieques, P. R. (Puerto Rican); Chinle, Navaho Nation (Indian) and Norman,

Okla. (Indian).

There also are grants for civil rights efforts in Tuscaloosa, Ala. (black); for communication against Indian-white racism in Belcourt, N. D.; for social service center in Dover, Dela. (black); for a school, sewing, food and leadership training program in Jackson, Miss. (black); for development of Indian projects in Albuquerque, N. M.; for self-help community services in San Francisco, Calif. (black, Samoan, Filipino); for cultural and economic programs in Baltimore (Indian); for advancement of Indian rights in Scottsbluff, Nebr.; for educational and information programs in Shreveport, La. (black); for business training and a nursing home in High Point, N. C. (black).

Connectional system undergoing test in Kentucky Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee (ADC), has temporarily avoided a direct "states rights" confrontation with officials of the Kentucky Annual Conference over a strike of workers at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Ky.

The Committee, with 28 members present at its Jan. 6 meeting in Nashville, heard a report from Dr. Shirley E. Greene, ADC liaison from the Board of Global Ministries National Division. Dr. Greene explained that a fact-finding committee established following October action of ADC had not visited Pikeville because of pressure from United Methodist officials in Kentucky.

More than 212 non-professional workers at the hospital went on strike last June. Represented by the Communications Workers of America, the striking workers have charged management with harassment, harsh and unnecessary supervision, no seniority rights, no job security, no promotion rights, low pay, discrimination, few holidays, excessive work loads and unjust discipline, including discharges without proper cause.

The hospital board is elected by the Kentucky Annual Conference upon nomination of the Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Dr. Greene said the Union welcomed the "fact-finding" ADC com-

mittee but that Kentucky church officials and the Board members said the "outside" committee should not "inter-vene" into internal matters of the Conference.

Following the report the Committee agreed to communicate with Louisville Area Bishop Frank L. Robertson their concern and support as he seeks to bring the issue to a solution. Dr. Norman Klump, ADC chairman, said Bishop Robertson had assured him that he was doing everything in his power to find a solution to the problem by the end of January. The Committee asked that Bishop Robertson grant an appointment with the ADC executive committee shortly after the first of February to share with them the progress being made.

The Committee also voted to convey their concern over the Pikeville situation to the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops which was to have met in Nashville January 8-10.

The Rev. H. H. Green, Lexington, Ky., Louisville Area staff member, said more than the hospital strike was at stake. "The real issue here is the connectional system of United Methodism," he declared. "I have tried to assure Kentucky officials that ADC is not an 'outside' group, but the issue remains as to how connectionalism and the principles of General Conference can operate locally."

RETIRING MISSIONARIES ARE HONORED

STONY POINT, N. Y. (UMI) — About 160 United Methodist missionaries and mission executives paid honor to five of their colleagues in Christian world mission who retire in 1973 with a total of 160½ years of service in seven countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The retirement service for the missionaries was a high point of the semi-annual United Methodist Conference here January 4-9. Each retiree received a pin and certificate of appreciation and recognition, presented in behalf of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries by one of its members, Mrs. Lowell H. Sohl of Colorado Springs, Colo. The service, which included a poem composed by one young missionary and read by another, was led by the Rev. Dr. Paul McCleary of New York, Board assistant general secretary for Latin America.

The retiring missionaries, their hometowns, and years and places of service:

Miss Mabel Michel, Tipton, Ind. — 44 years of service in Mozambique;

Dr. Mary C. Kennedy, Elizabeth, N. J., a college teacher for many years in the U.S. — 10 years of service in Peru;

Miss Agnes Malloy, Valdosta, Ga. — 34½ years of service in Cuba and Peru;

Karis and Frank (the Rev. Dr. and Mrs.) Manton, East Liverpool, Ohio — 36 years each in China, India, Burma and Taiwan.

The Missionary Conference was sponsored by the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

ART BY DUTCH PAINTRESS ON EXHIBIT AT HENDRIX

Thirty-two paintings by Dutch painteress Marta Maria Milivojevic will be on exhibit at Hendrix College through Jan. 26. The exhibit will be held in Trieschmann Fine Arts Building.

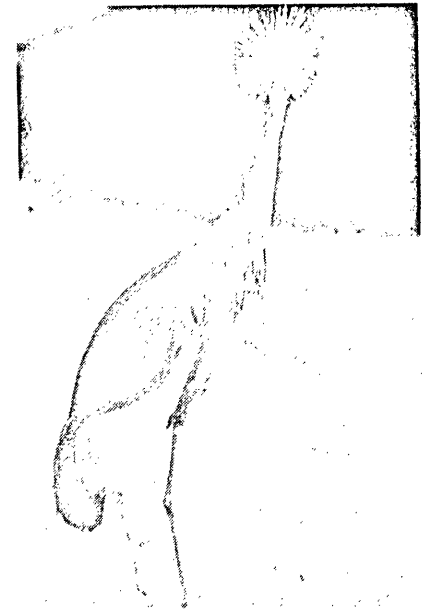
Ms. Milivojevic, 35, whose specialization is folklore and symbolism, has participated in over 20 exhibitions all over the world. She has studied in seven art schools and has supervised workshops in Spain and Mexico.

Max Levine, a San Francisco art critic, characterizes her work as "Impressive, an artistic creation which would in a short time be praised on both sides of the American and European continents."

She is the wife of Dr. Dragan Milivojevic, professor of Russian at Oklahoma University and a friend of Dr. Robert Shoemaker, chairman of the department of philosophy at Hendrix.

Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



The bigger your halo, the harder it is to keep it on straight.

HENDRIX COLLEGE MATH DEPARTMENT KEEPS BUSY DURING JANUARY

Dr. Cecil McDermott, chairman of the mathematics department at Hendrix College, participated in a National Science Foundation sponsored conference on mathematics curriculum, Jan. 12-13, at the Sam Peck Hotel in Little Rock.

McDermott discussed "Classroom Instructional Patterns" in the Saturday morning program.

Dr. Temple Fay and Dr. Tommy Teague will make scholarly presentations at the 79th annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society Jan. 25-29 in Dallas.

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Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

John Banister Tabb, describing Nature, wrote... "It is His garment; and to them who touch in faith its utmost hem, He, turning, says again, 'I see that virtue has gone out of me'."

Through Him

Arise!
Stand erect before the advancing dawn.
Face the sun...
As it dances on the horizon.
Meet the new day,
and sweet earth,
in thankful devotion
To the Almighty Father
who dwells in all places.

For it is through Him
...that we live.

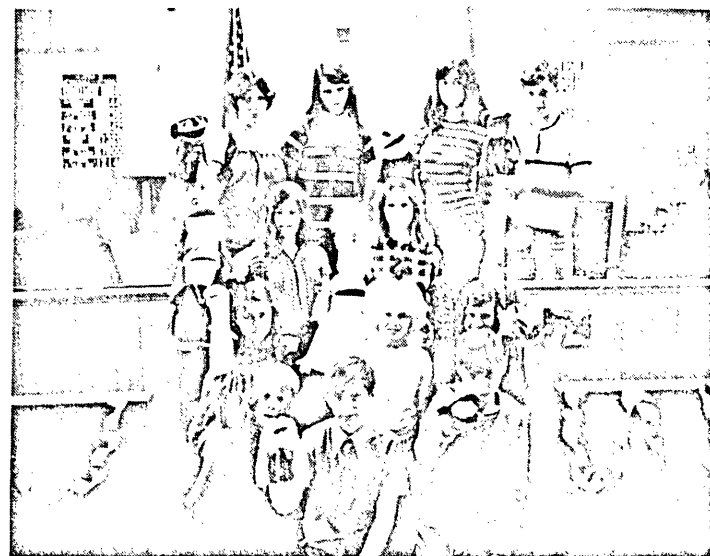
-by Tom J. Love

Etching In White

Snow is falling white and soft,
White and soft as down.
And it drifts on house and tree -
Blanketing the town.
On this magic wonderland,
Let us gaze together,
For when jealous Sol arrives,
It will leave forever.
Catch this moment, hold it tight -
Fairly and of white delight.

-by Celestine Houston

Members of the UMY at Leola United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff District shown with muppets which they used in the production of "The Grinch that Stole Christmas," one of two dramas presented at a pre-Christmas program, under the direction of the Rev. Fred W. Hunter, pastor of the Leola-Moore's Chapel-New Hope Charge. Moore's Chapel celebrated Christmas with a program on Dec. 20th; the New Hope congregation presented their pastor with an old-fashioned "pounding."



On Dec. 20th UMY members of Welcome United Methodist Church in Camden District (shown at right) presented the Christmas play, "I Gave Him Myrrh" for their congregation, and repeated the performance at Taylor Nursing Home the following evening. The Rev. Veo E. Green is pastor.



Ecumenical group suggests courses of action for religious community to deal with alcohol problem

A leading interfaith professional organization, dedicated for the past 17 years to aiding alcoholics and other drug users, has completed a report for potential use by pastoral and lay ministry groups concerned with the drinking-driving problem.

The study, "New Hope—New Possibilities," was made by North Conway Institute, of Boston, Mass., an ecumenical action group, under contract with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe received a formal presentation of the report from the leaders of three major religious faiths, Mrs. Cynthia Wedel, former president, National Council of Churches of the U.S.; the Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, assistant general secretary, National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the U.S.; and Rabbi Bernard H. Mehlman, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In accepting the report to the nation's religious community on the work of Federally funded Alcohol Safety Action Projects (ASAP), Secretary Volpe emphasized the need for greater

citizen interest in the problem of alcohol-related highway deaths and injuries.

"We welcome the religious community's consideration of the social and safety implications thrust upon each of us by the driver whose abusive drinking is related to half of the nation's highway fatalities, and nearly a million traffic injuries each year," Secretary Volpe said.

He observed that the organization's membership comprises a broad spectrum of business and professional organizations, including Federal and State government, whose objective is to modernize the treatment of the chronic alcoholic.

"It doesn't matter if one holds a dry ethical position, a wet ethical position, or no ethical position," say the authors, the Revs. John Soleau and David A. Works. "Atheists and non-believers are as subject to this menace as believers.

"Alcohol problems, especially in relation to driving, have been alibied around, swept under the rug, avoided, hushed up.

"The nation is dealing with a drinking-driving problem the dimensions of which are much greater than non-experts ever realized."

Citing the ASAP program, for which the Federal Government has provided \$82-million for a three and-a-half year period, as an attempt to prevent alcohol-driving situations, the report views this approach as being universally applicable in communities across the nation.

Four courses of action are suggested to the religious community in considering the menace of the relationship of beverage alcohol and the operations of high-speed motor vehicles on the highway.

The recommendations include non-specific prevention through adherence to fundamental religious teachings; specific prevention that utilizes public action and widespread discussion; direct pastoral involvement in the care and support of the convicted drinker-driver and his family, and informed constructive criticism of public policy toward the problem.

Although taking cognizance that religious organizations are constrained from lobbying for or against legislation, the authors assert that each person as an individual citizen can acquaint himself with the issues involved. The study may be obtained at cost of \$3.00 a copy from National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Va.

COURT DECISION HAILED

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A Supreme Court ruling against compulsory chapel attendance at U. S. military academies was welcomed here by several United Methodist leaders related to the situation. The decision supports a General Conference position taken in 1968.

The court refused on December 18 to review a lower court decision that compulsory attendance is an "establishment of religion" contrary to the Constitution's First Amendment. Exactly what effect the ruling will have, except to cancel the mandatory aspects of chapel services, was not certain; however, the Army, Navy and Air Force schools already have somewhat modified their chapel regulations since the suit was brought in 1970 by some cadets and midshipmen.

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News in Brief

The South African Department of Prisons has terminated the chaplaincy work of four Methodist clergymen, including the president of the denomination, without giving a reason.

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Walter R. Hoefflin, Jr., executive vice-president of Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Arcadia, has been named president-elect of the American Protestant Hospital Association and is scheduled to assume presidency of the group March 12 in Atlanta, Ga.