



Bishop Frank to address Coaching Conference

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the inspirational speaker for the dinner meeting of the Little Rock Conference Coaching Conference to be held at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, March 6-7. The Rev. Richard Hunter, minister of Music and Education at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock will sing selected numbers, accompanied by Mrs. J. Edward Dunlap.

Others participating in the dinner meeting will be the Rev. Alf A. Eason, director of the conference Council on Ministries; the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, associate director; Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, host minister, and Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent.

The theme for the Coaching Conference will be: "Fellow Workers for God." The various Age Levels will be staffed by: Mrs. Roy I. Bagley, Camden, Nursery; Mrs. N. J. Garrett, Crossett, Kindergarten; Mrs. Kelly Oliver, Arkadelphia, Elementary I-II; Mrs. Edward Matthews, Pine Bluff, Elementary III-IV; the Rev. Dan George, Mineral Springs, Elementary V-VI.

Each of the six districts within the Little Rock Conference will be represented by teams to receive leadership training for workshops in the respective districts.

The dates and coordinators for these workshops follow:

April 9 — Monticello District — Mrs. N. J. Garrett

April 10 — Pine Bluff District — Mrs. T. Nichols Evans

April 11 — Camden District — Mrs. John Ross

April 12 — Little Rock District — Mrs. Charles Jones

April 13 — Arkadelphia District — Mrs. Kelly Oliver

April 14 — Hope District — Mrs. John Prothro.

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Dallas pastor named to head Saint Paul School of Theology

Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Paul School of Theology, has announced from Kansas City the election of Dr. William K. McElvaney to the presidency of that institution.

Dr. McElvaney, 44, is a native of Dallas, Tex. and is currently the pastor of Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas. He has been there since 1967. Dr. McElvaney is an honors graduate of Southern Methodist University where he took a B.B.A. degree in banking and finance and an M.B.A. in business management. He holds a bachelor of divinity degree with honors from Perkins School of Theology. He has done graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary. Southwestern University conferred a doctor of divinity degree upon him in 1972.

Upon graduation from Southern Methodist University Dr. McElvaney spent three years in the field of banking and in the oil industry before deciding to enter the ministry. Since 1957, when he completed his work at Perkins School of Theology, he has been a member of the North Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. In addition to his present pastorate, Dr. McElvaney also has served United Methodist churches in Justin and Mesquite, Tex.

Dr. McElvaney is the author of "The Saving Possibility" which was published in 1971 and "Celebrations on Coming Alive" which will be published in April of this year. He is co-author of "Christ's Suburban Body." Three different national journals have had feature articles on his ministry. A number of his articles have appeared in national publications.

Dr. McElvaney serves on the boards of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches, the Texas Foundation, and the Texas Self-Development Fund of the Texas Conference of Churches, as well as having been a member of the Wesley Foundation boards at the University of Texas and East Texas State University. He was the Willson lecturer at Southern Methodist University in 1968 and the Slover lecturer at Southwestern University in 1971.

McElvaney was selected for the presidency of Saint Paul by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of its Selection Committee under the leadership of Dr. Clare Hayes. The Committee was made up of seven trustees, two faculty members, two students and two alumni. He comes with the unanimous recommendation of the

Selection Committee and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. He became the second president of Saint Paul immediately upon his election, and will take up his duties on a full-time basis on April 2, 1973. He succeeds Dr. Don W. Holter, the first president of Saint Paul, who was elected a Bishop of The United Methodist Church last July and assigned to the Nebraska Area.

Dr. McElvaney brings both professional business and pastoral experience to the presidency of Saint Paul. His record at each of his appointments indicates strong executive ability coupled with deep commitment to the local church and its mission.

The new Saint Paul president is married to Frances Owens. The McElvaney's have two children, a daughter Shannon, age 8, and a son John, age 5.

Saint Paul School of Theology is a three-year graduate school of The United Methodist Church responsible for preparing persons for the practice of ministry. It has a student enrollment of 145 persons representing 10 different denominations. There are 21 full-time faculty members. Saint Paul has graduated 450 persons who now serve throughout the continental United States and abroad. More than 65 percent of its alumni are currently serving congregations in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

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Six thousand expected at Little Rock Conference Key 73 Rally

One of America's outstanding ecumenical leaders in the field of church renewal will be the principal speaker for the Little Rock Annual Conference Key '73 Rally planned for the Convention Center, Hot Springs, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Special music for the rally will be furnished by The Sound Generation from Brown University, Siloam Springs, and an attendance goal of 6,000 has been set by the Steering Committee headed by the Rev. Fred H. Arnold.

Dr. Bruce Larson is president of Faith at Work which has its national headquarters at Columbia, Md. He is a Presbyterian minister who majored in psychology before preparing for the ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary.

World Service giving shows increase in 1972

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A record \$47,217,241 was given by United Methodists in the United States during 1972 to support 16 worldwide benevolence and administrative programs of their church and two special offerings, according to a report released here January 24.

R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, said the 1972 figure is an increase of \$1,848,810, or 4 per cent, above the 1971 total and about \$1,400,000 above the previous record set in 1970. Not included in this report is some \$796,000,000 given for church administration, salaries and benevolences on the local and annual conference levels.

Largest single item in the report is \$21,956,797 for World Service, the denomination's basic program fund. This is 2.36 per cent above the 1971 figure and the first time in recent years that the fund has reported an increase in the final year of a quadrennium. Annual goal has been \$25,000,000.

In the report as a whole, six funds showed increases and ten decreases. Special offerings during the year included \$1,441,893 for Bangladesh and \$1,301,861 for relief in the U.S. flood disasters.

"It is encouraging," said Dr. Brawner, "that World Service showed an increase in the final year of the 1968-72 quadrennium. Historically, there has been a decrease in the final year but the movement is in the opposite direction this time."

"Obviously," he continued, we are concerned with decreases in some of the other funds, but the increase in the total compared with 1971 is a hopeful sign."

Largest increase was in the Race Relations offering used to support educational institutions historically operated for black persons. This fund totaled \$887,411 for 1972, up 6.34 per cent.

Biggest drop was in the Fund for Reconciliation with \$813,834 received at the national level, a decline of 41

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Dr. Larson defines the organization with which he is identified as "an ecumenical movement for spiritual growth and church renewal."

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will also be one of the speakers for the rally.

Mr. Arnold in his call for the rally said: "Our goal is to fill the Hot Springs Auditorium to its capacity and 'to call Arkansas to Christ' with a spirit of Christian enthusiasm. The rally is not limited to Methodists, but is opened to the public. It is hoped that Christians of other denominations will join with us in this great endeavor for Christ."

A seminar for pastors will be led by Dr. Larson from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs.



The Rev. Bob Edwards (above), pastor of First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, is serving as chaplain of the Arkansas State Senate during its 1973 session. The Senate Chaplain has the responsibility of opening each of the sessions with prayer and serves as pastor to the senators during the sessions. Lt. Gov. Bob Riley described the position as the "conscience of the Senate." At each of the bi-annual sessions the Efficiency Committee nominates and the Senate elects the chaplain for that session.

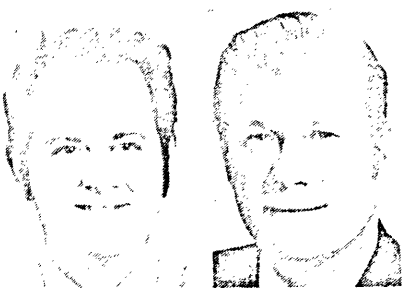
DR. J. MANNING POTTS

TAMPA, Fla. (UMI) — The Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, 77, world evangelist and former editor of *The Upper Room*, died at a hospital here Jan. 31 following a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3 at the Oakliffe United Methodist Church, Chesapeake, Va., where Dr. Potts' son Reginald is pastor. Delivering the eulogy was Dr. Harry Denman, his long-time coworker in evangelism who retired as general secretary of the former Methodist Board of Evangelism in 1965.

Also participating in the service were his two brothers, Dr. Edgar Potts, Lynchburg, Va., and Dr. Alpheus W. Potts, Staunton, Va., both United Methodist ministers.

A member of the Virginia Conference, Dr. Potts was born in North Carolina. He served several pastorates in Virginia and was superintendent of the Richmond District.



An evangelistic crusade will be held in Hamburg, Feb. 18-25, under joint sponsorship of the United Methodist Churches of Extra, Fountain Hill, Waller's Chapel and Hamburg. The Rev. Ed Robb (right), a member of the Northwest Texas Conference and a full-time evangelist with headquarters in Abilene, Tex., will be the preacher, Gene Moore (left), a member of the same evangelistic staff, will lead the singing. The Rev. Virgil Bell will be host pastor.

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Batesville District youth schedule Mid-Winter Retreat

The youth of Batesville District will meet at First United Methodist Church in Batesville for a Mid-Winter Retreat and Lock-In, Feb. 24-25. The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 and will continue until noon on the following day, under the direction of Don Hurley, director of the Batesville District youth work, according to the Rev. Arvill Brannon, associate director of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries office.

Following the theme, "Me, You and Us," the retreat is intended to "improve Christian relationships between persons." Some of the questions which will be discussed include: Who Am I? Do I trust you? Who are you? What do others think of me? Does anybody know I'm a Christian?

The event is for youth who are in grades seven through 12. The \$3 cost includes meals and a movie on Saturday night. Those attending are requested to take the following items: Sleeping bags or bed rolls, Bible, school clothes, sack lunch for Saturday Noon.

Participating youth groups are requested to send \$1 per person before Feb. 16 to: Don Hurley, First United Methodist Church, Batesville, Ark. 72501.

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per cent from 1971. Counting funds retained at the local level, the total given toward a 1968-72 goal of \$20,000,000 is about \$13,600,000.

The Fund for Reconciliation was established by the 1968 Uniting Conference for the denomination as a response to minority needs. Although the goal for support by the denomination has not been met, leaders in the program say that the money contributed by the church members has generated about \$20,000,000 from governmental and private sources for Fund projects.

The report for continuing benevolences for 1972 and their comparison with 1971 shows:

World Service — \$21,956,797, up 2.36 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials — \$5,736,414, down 8.15 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials — \$1,698,818, up .55 per cent; United Methodist Committee on Relief — \$971,274, down 18.56 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing — \$898,247 down 5.75 per cent; World Communion — \$806,283, up 1.87 per cent; World Service Specials — \$58,597, down 30.21 per cent; Temporary General Aid — \$711,587, down 7.56 per cent; Fund for Reconciliation — \$813,834, down 41.41 per cent.

Ministerial Education — \$4,454,821, up .50 per cent; Race Relations — \$887,411, up 6.34 per cent; Student Day — \$205,231, down 9.25 per cent; Youth Service Fund — \$216,319, down 14.78 per cent.

The report for administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund — \$3,081,873, up 1.89 per cent; General Administration — \$1,395,354, down 2.91 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation — \$580,621, down 2.26 per cent.

Bishops and campus ministers to hold consultations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A series of regional consultations to provide dialogue between church officials and campus ministers has been initiated by the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Proposed by the board's section of campus ministry, the "Bishop's Consultations on Ministry in Higher Education," were approved by the 95-member board at its meeting here Jan. 24-26.

Dr. Eugene A. Ransom, director of the section, said the consultations are planned to include bishops, selected cabinet members, conference and area program staff related to higher education, chair persons of conference or area committees or commissions on campus ministry, campus ministers, and area or regional secretaries of United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE). UMHE is the ecumenical campus ministry through which United Methodists cooperate with nine other denominations.

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FATHER EDWIN W. GEERS, executive director of Heifer Project International, which is now based in Arkansas, was the speaker at the Family Night program in Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Jan. 31. The event was sponsored by the Work Area on Missions, co-chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wimberly.

CONCERNING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

With the Sunday School lesson printed in this week's issue, we are completing a series of thirteen written for us by Dr. Harold I. Woolard, chairman of the Division of Humanities at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Dr. Woolard, whose wife is our associate editor, insisted that he did not want a by-line. However, I am taking the liberty of expressing our appreciation for the excellent lessons which Dr. Woolard has written for us.

Next week, we will have the privilege of beginning a new series of lessons, which will be written for us by Bishop William C. Martin.

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New Link Forged With Japan

NEW YORK (UMI) — A new link, designed to symbolize an emerging "church-to-church" relationship in mission, came into being here Jan. 17-18 between two churches in Japan and eight North American church groups, including the United Methodist Church.

The unit, which succeeds the 25-year-old Interboard Committee for Christian Work in Japan, is called the Japan-North American Commission on Cooperative Mission (J-NAC). Instead of one church (Kyodan) in one country (Japan) relating to mission boards in two other countries (Canada and U.S.), J-NAC is designed so churches in three countries are related.

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A scene from the Hendrix College theater arts production, "Playboy of the Western World," is now being presented in Staples Auditorium on the Hendrix campus. The play which has its setting in Ireland (1906) was written by John Millington Synge, and is under the direction of Gordon Bolar. Presentations, which began on Feb. 13 will continue nightly at 8 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. To arrange for reservations, interested persons may call 329-6811. Admission is free.

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The God Of Every Day

by Dr. J. Edward Dunlap
Superintendent,
Little Rock District

If called upon to give a formal expression of our faith in God, most of us could make a reasonable statement. It might not satisfy all theologians, but it would be a meaningful expression. The difficulty is that life does not call on us very often to give a formal expression of our faith in God, but rather it is in response to experiences of every day living that we reveal our concept of God. Now this is altogether natural and I believe usually good.

We do not need to invoke God in some artificial manner when we seek to relate our lives to Him. He is an integral part of every life and the strength we draw from God comes as naturally into life as the strength we draw from our daily meals.

When we take food the body transforms it into energy and strength for living. I like to think of God as being so much a part of everyday life that we draw strength from Him in this manner. It is good to make God so much a part of the flow of everyday life that his strength is always available as needed, but there is another side of the picture.

The response that faith makes to the challenge of daily living sometimes reveals deep inadequacies in our understanding of God. We need to look at our lives and our relationship to God with the thought that as we respond to life it should be in keeping with our best understanding of God.

Statements made naturally and normally in response to daily experience give the truest key to a person's understanding of God. I have selected four such statements from the language of every day which we use in response to various experiences of life. Let us look at the God which they reveal and test Him by our deepest understanding of God. Our hope is that the God of every day and the Living God may be one and the same.

In the first instance, here is a person who is exceedingly happy and in the midst of his happiness says, "I am so happy that I feel sinful." You have heard that statement, haven't you? You even may have said it. Do we mean by it that God is the enemy of our happiness? Is the little boy's description of God—as the kind of person who is always lurking in the shadows, hiding and spying on us to see if anyone is having any fun so He can put a stop to it—the idea we have of God?

Now our deepest understanding of God and our relationship with Him is not that holiness is opposed to happiness. There is a form of so-called happiness which God would stop because of its fleeting nature; it is an illusion which we create through excitement, thrill, and indulgence. This kind of happiness leads to disappointment and frustration, but as we say in one of our modern creeds, "God's will toward us is always good." Jesus said, "I have come that you might have

life, and that you might have it more abundantly."

God is concerned with human happiness. As we relate ourselves to Him in the day to day situations of life it should pour purpose, strength, and meaning into our living, reminding us that our God wants his children to be happy.

Some other experiences and the idea of God which they draw from us are more difficult than this concerning our happiness. How many times have we heard the statement when a person has been delivered from peril or danger, "God was with me." Now on the surface this sounds like the most wonderful thing that we could say, and if rightly understood perhaps it is, but there are some questions which must be faced.

I read the other day of a man who had survived an airplane crash while most passengers had perished; in an interview he said, "God was with me." Good, we covet such faith in God's care, but where was God in relationship to the other passengers on that plane all of whom perished?

Consider also this man who said to me, "Preacher, I was out in the field one day when I saw a cyclone heading for my home; I dropped on my knees and asked God to save my family. God was with me, the funnel lifted and passed over my house and didn't strike for another mile." How fortunate, how good, but what about the family down the road another mile who had no warning of the approaching storm and whose house was destroyed and loved ones injured? Was God any less with this family?

I had a friend whose life was lost on his second tour of duty in South Vietnam. On his first tour he had participated in a number of dangerous missions, but he came home without injury. When greeted by his friends who spoke of their gladness over his safe return, his remark usually was, "God was with me." When my friend returned to Vietnam for a second tour of duty, he was killed in an accident before reaching combat.

Where was God on this second tour? Is God some capricious being who one day extends His favor and the next day withdraws it? We must see that God is with us in a deeper sense than any of these every day experiences and the responses to them indicate.

The psalmist thanked God for His presence when he walked through the valley of the shadow of death. I yearn for the sense of God's presence in my life and in every life, but not just in the time of deliverance but in every experience. I think a truer understanding of having God with us in the day-to-day situations of life, is to accept life with its mysteries and riddles; the fact that the rain falls on the just and the unjust, and that in some way God permits accidents in His world.

The mystery of why the good suffer and the bad sometimes prosper is never fully understood,

but neither is the mystery of God's grace and goodness and an abiding presence with us when we are delivered from danger and when we are called to suffer. God should be the companion of every day—the bad days as well as the good days.

Then there is another expression we hear quite often; this one also coming when life is very happy for us, or we have experienced some sudden and unexpected good fortune, or we have been delivered from some particular threat against our well-being. We say, "Thank our lucky stars." Now what the stars and luck have to do with life has always intrigued man. I have never been able to see, however, how a rational person could get hooked with the stars and planets as controlling influences in a person's life; my apologies to Jean Dixon at this point. I sometimes read her horoscope in the paper, and if you take her advice, nine times out of ten you will be better off regardless of under which sign you were born. It is simply good sense to do most of the things she recommends. I am not talking about this so much as I am the feeling behind the expression, "Thank your lucky stars." It reflects a sense of deep need from within our innermost being to express gratitude.

What a transforming experience it can be to let gratitude flow out of our hearts in response to living in God's world and in response to His goodness and love for us.

Our text, if we want to call it such, says we ought to give thanks to God in all circumstances. We ought to give Him thanks when the sun is shining and we are happy and good fortune crowns our days, but we should also give thanks for His presence and strength in the darkest hours of life.

Gratitude — one of the most purifying and ennobling of our emotions — but why try to express it with "Thank your lucky stars," when, "Thanks be to God," is most appropriate, if there is any goodness in this life, and there is; if there are blessings to be enjoyed, and they are abundant; if there is any strength and undergirding power to keep us in our times of need, and it is there — it all must come from God; whether we give Him credit

or not, whether we recognize His hand or not, our gratitude belongs to God.

A fourth pressure of everyday life that comes in one fashion or another—if not today then tomorrow or the next day—is the knowledge that life is too much for our hands. We come to a time when we need real help and whether we have availed ourselves of God's help in the past or not makes little difference in the direction our spirits take in search of assistance.

When the pressure of need is great, most of us will cry, "Father, help me!" A man said to me one day, "I hadn't prayed in years, but when I saw my car was about to crash I instinctively cried, 'God help me!'"

I was visiting in a hospital one day and a lady who was a total stranger to me stopped me in the hall and asked if I were a minister. I introduced myself and she said, "My husband is here and he is critically ill; we are church people—that is we belong to a church, but we haven't attended in a long time, but the time has come when we need God, and we need Him desperately."

"Yes, this something within us whether we have thought about it or planned it, just comes to the surface under pressure of real need and says 'God, will you help me?' You know the wonderful thing about our God is that he never turns away even this occasional plea; he sends help in one form or another, but I am thinking about life not in terms of emergency situations when we send out an S.O.S. and say 'God, step in now; I can't manage my life; you will have to help.'"

What I am thinking about is a reliance upon God every day. So that he is a normal part of our lives; a God who is not only there for emergency situations but in every situation—the God who comes to bring us happiness and joy and who introduces us into the abundant life; the God who is there when we need Him, who is with us not only in our joys but in our sorrows—the God to whom our gratitude flows out continually because He is the source of our life and the strength of our living; the God who helps us every day in every experience.

Give thanks unto Him in all circumstances; let Him be the God of every day.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A draft Code of Business Ethics is being distributed among British businessmen by the Christian Assn. of Business Executives, a group committed to applying Christian social principles to modern business life. The proposed code is being distributed to ascertain the reactions of business readers to the idea of such a code and possible enforcement measures. It is believed that the code, compiled by industrial sociologist Simon Webley, "would help executives make decisions more in accordance with their consciences, and would improve the image of the business world, now tarnished in the eyes of the younger generation," according to an announcement concerning the Consultative Document.

American Baptist congregations have been urged to sponsor a local Vietnam war veteran in an educational institution. "The rehabilitation of our returned Vietnam veterans is a primary concern of our churches for the 1970s," said Chaplain Herman N. Benner, director of military chaplains and related services of the American Baptist department of chaplaincy services. In order to sponsor a veteran, a non-profit organization must provide \$600 support money to secure \$1,200 work-study funds from the government.

In a statement on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on abortion, the leadership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has charged that "abortion must be considered one of the most revolting and sinful practices in this day" "The Mormon Church opposes abortion" the statement says, "and counsels its members not to submit to or to perform an abortion, except in the rare cases where — in the opinion of competent medical counsel — the life or good health of the mother is seriously endangered and where the pregnancy was caused by rape and produces serious trauma in the mother."

Only four of 168 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia reported in a diocesan survey that they want to continue using the new trial worship services proposed for experimentation by the denomination. Nearly all favor returning to the 1928 version of their Book of Common Prayer, the poll showed. The denomination expects to decide by 1975 or 1976 on a final form for the revised book of liturgies, based on the reactions to the trial services by parishes and dioceses.

A growing problem for society is "peripheral dishonesty," typified by the attitude, "Why work when you can rip off the public purse?" a United Church of Canada clergyman told his Toronto congregation. Dr. A. Leonard Griffith told worshippers, "most people are appalled by outright thievery, yet they believe that certain things are fair game." Such people believe that the man who "rips off" something from the government, or his employer, or big business without being caught, isn't dishonest, "he's just being smart."

Peace in the world will come not through force or legislation "but by following the course of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ," Harold B. Lee, leader of the world's three million Mormons, told participants in a national prayer breakfast observance at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah. Lee said peace starts with "righteousness in the heart" which brings "love in the home" and "harmony in the nation . . ."

President Nixon, in his budget for the next fiscal year, has proposed tax credits that would benefit parents of non-public school students. During the first year, if the plan were approved, the federal income tax credit program aiding all private and parochial school parents — mostly Roman Catholic — would cost the federal government about \$300 million in income tax deductions. If fully implemented, it could run about \$600 million a year, according to analysts. The proposal, which would apply to half the cost of tuition and fees up to \$200 a year per student, is similar to a bill proposed by Rep. Wilbur Mills (Ark.) and Rep. Hugh Carey (N.Y.) and passed last Sept. by the House Ways and Means Committee.

Seemingly overnight, words such as "zen," "yoga," "transcendental meditation," have become a familiar part of the American vocabulary — even though very few people really know what they mean, wrote Tanuny Tanaka of Religious News Service. Following interviews with philosophers and clergymen, she said many expressed the feeling that America would be getting — and would greatly benefit from "a good shot of Eastern philosophy that would instill in Americans the values of quiet and contemplation. Noted were indications that devotees of Eastern religions do not continue the practice very long. The underlying theme which ran through all the comments, however, was that the current interest in Eastern religions was only one of the symptoms of a greater, and worldwide, spiritual awakening — the "breakthrough" of a new spiritual consciousness.

Many "Old First Churches" in central city business districts will "not survive the decade of the Seventies," according to the conclusions of Dr. Ezra E. Jones of the United Methodist Bd. of Global Ministries staff, and Dr. Robert L. Wilson, who is affiliated with Duke University's Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development. Following a three-year study of 150 such churches in 130 cities, the team said: "A loyal supporting membership base that can provide leadership for the church's program is essential." As downtown areas decline in importance as retail or residential centers, they said, churches find it difficult to recruit members. "Second Churches" just outside central-city areas have all the problems and few of the assets of "Old First Churches," the report stated.

A movement to get the Genesis story of creation back in Alberta (Canada) school curricula is drawing considerable public support, according to the Rev. Neil Unruh, a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church pastor who is chairman of the Committee for a True Education — formed last year. He said capacity audiences attended two public rallies covering the issue and nine more rallies are planned. Impetus for the movement, Unruh said, came from a 7th grade girl who brought home a social studies textbook that shocked him with its inaccuracies."

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (Ore.) warned some 3,000 persons attending the Nat'l. Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. that "events such as this prayer breakfast contain the real danger of misplaced allegiance if not outright idolatry to the extent that they fail to distinguish between the god of civil religions and the God who reveals himself in the Holy Scriptures and in Jesus Christ." The senator said, "If we as leaders appeal to the god of civil religion, then our faith is in a small and exclusive deity, a loyal spiritual Advisor to power and prestige, a Defender of only the American nation, the object of a national folk religion devoid of moral content."

The Minnesota 4-H Club organization and the Minnesota Council of Churches have joined to sponsor a program of exchange visits between urban and rural and Indian young people. The Friendship Visits program will be administered under the direction of Daniel Lindsey, a University of Minnesota professor and Youth development staff member of the Agricultural Extension Service.

Some 250,000 Scripture portions were produced for the Rumanian Orthodox Church during 1968-72, more than three times the number going to that Communist country in 1945-68, according to a report by United Bible Societies in London. This phenomenal growth is considered a "breakthrough" for Scripture production in the country whose president, Nicolae Ceausecu, has frequently stressed a need to "increase and intensify atheistic propaganda."

Benjamin L. Hooks, a member of the Federal Communications Commission, was introduced at the 30th annual convention of Nat'l. Religious Broadcasters at the Washington Hilton, by FCC chairman Dean Burch as "first an attorney, then an ordained minister, and then a black man." Hooks, the newest member of the seven-member FCC, addressing the broadcasters, said: "When patriotism is on the decline in this country and many are afraid to speak out for God, you (broadcasters of religious programs) are called on to proclaim this glorious message of salvation. If you feel you have something unique, different and valuable to offer, then you have an obligation to proclaim it, and you ought not be afraid to do so."

"Peace does not just happen," said Dr. David W. Preus, acting president of the American Lutheran Church, "It requires thoughtful, compassionate, self-effacing, sacrificial effort from all persons of goodwill. The unbridled pursuit of personal privilege will never bring peace to the human family." Dr. Preus, quoting President Nixon's statement that "ending the war is only the first step toward building the peace," urged all American people "to put as much energy into winning the peace as we did waging war."



WACO, Texas — When UCLA made college basketball history by defeating Notre Dame and thus winning its 61st straight victory, coach John Wooden was probably clutching a little cross in his hand. He has done this at all of the UCLA games since he became its coach. That cross is more than a "good-luck charm" for the Disciples of Christ layman. It symbolizes something that is more important to him than any basketball championship. "There is only one kind of a life that truly wins, and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior," Wooden says in his autobiography, *They Call Me Coach*, published by Word Books in Waco, Tex. Written in collaboration with Jack Tobin, Los Angeles correspondent for *Sports Illustrated*, the book contains a wealth of information on the private thoughts and beliefs of one of the winningest coaches in basketball, or indeed, sports history. (RNS photo)

Council Directors to Local Churches

KEY 73

"FAITH IN ACTION" TELECAST BREAKS ALL RECORDS! Virgil Megill, director of the Key 73 Mass Media Office, announces that the 30-minute television launch event for Key 73, "Faith in Action" was seen by approximately 75 million people in the United States and Canada. The color film, carried on 667 stations throughout the United States and Canada, is scheduled to be shown to another 100 stations overseas over the Armed Forces Network. Most stations in the top 100 markets carried the telecast in prime time on Saturday, Jan. 6, ushering in the year-long Key 73 evangelistic thrust among 150 religious bodies representing 95 per cent of all Christians in North America.

KEY 73 MARCH SEMINARS PLANNED TO BUILD MOMENTUM! In executive session Key 73 leadership recently announced a series of Key 73 Strategy Seminars to build momentum for the Key 73 movement as it progresses and develop greater grassroots awareness of its program objectives. The seminar for our area will be conducted at the Holiday Inn, North Little Rock, March 21.

The seminar schedule follows: Registration, coffee, displays at 9:00 a.m.; Seminar and Luncheon at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Optional planning groups at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional information may be secured from the Chairman or Conference Secretary of your Board of Evangelism.

AREA DUTCH TREAT LUNCHEON

There will be an Area Dutch Treat Luncheon at First United Methodist

Church, 8th and Center Streets, Little Rock, on Feb. 21, at 12 noon. The program will be a panel on "Parish Development." Any interested person is invited. Tickets are \$2. Your check to your Council Director will bring a ticket to you by return mail. This luncheon will be a delightful event you will want to attend!

THE ADULT TEACHER'S FELLOWSHIP

A new subscription service is being offered by the Section on Local Church Education of the Board of Discipleship. It is called THE ADULT TEACHER'S FELLOWSHIP. The annual membership fee is \$15. The fellowship is planned for teachers of adult classes, leaders of adult study groups, or any leader in adult education in the church.

The service provides: a quarterly packet of new and useful resources for teachers and leaders of adult study; a direct linkage with other adult teachers; a support system for helping improve skills; and a direct contact with national staff persons. Any person may enroll by sending \$15.00 to Service Department, Local Church Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

TOGETHER

The March, 1973 issue of TOGETHER Magazine features a special eight-page highlight on "Discipleship." Notable examples of discipleship include housewife and mother, the Rev. John P. Adams, John Wesley, Poet Jane Merchant, and others. Some of the most attractive features are the statements of personal witness from each professing disciple.



Members of the Chancel Choir of Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff, are shown above following the dedication of new robes which are green and have reversible stoles featuring all four liturgical colors. Purchase of the robes was funded by a special offering and contributions to the church memorial fund. Mrs. Myra June Vinson is the director, and Don Taylor, organist. The Rev. Herman G. Bonds is pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

FIRST CHURCH, WYNNE, will be host to an area training school, Feb. 26-28. Courses and instructors are: Romans—the Rev. David Conyers of Newport; Teaching Groups in the Church — Dr. Charles Richards, Searcy; Faith and Justice—Miss Mildred Osment, Jonesboro; Worship and Sacraments — Dr. Joe Taylor, Little Rock. The Rev. William Wilder will be host pastor.

AT DARDANELLE, Tom Anderson will be presented his license to preach on Sunday, Feb. 18, during the morning worship service. Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent, will bring the message and present the license. The Rev. Clyde Crozier is the Dardanelle pastor.

CROSSETT MEN had as guest speaker at the Jan. 29 supper meeting, the Rev. Larry Robertson, pastor of the Mer Rouge, La., United Methodist Church. Mr. Robertson told of his experiences during a pastorate in the inner-city of New Orleans. Winston Purifoy is president of Crossett men. The Rev. Ferris Norton is pastor.

YOUTH OF THE CHEROKEE Village United Methodist Church are making plans for a summer trip to an Indian Mission in Oklahoma. To pay expenses, a number of projects have been undertaken, including the selling of greeting cards and note paper, and gathering old papers and magazines to sell. The Rev. Roy E. Poyner is their pastor.

"**MRS. LUCY RAGON DAY**" was observed at Des Arc United Methodist Church on Sunday, Jan. 21. "Mrs. Lucy" recently resigned after serving over 28 years as church school secretary and treasurer. More than 100 persons attended the supper in her honor. She received gifts from several classes, and the Sunday School Department is placing a pew in her honor in the new chapel. She will continue to serve as church membership secretary, working with the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth.

AT THE RECENT NEW SALEM Church Family Nite supper, Sgt. Bobby Mitchell showed slides of his military tour in Thailand. Sgt. Mitchell is stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base, Jacksonville, and is scheduled to return to Thailand in April. He offered to be a receiving station for toys, used clothing, and items to be distributed among needy children. The Rev. Robert E. Woody states that the congregations of New Salem and Gardner Churches, Hot Springs, plan to respond to the challenge.

WHEN JONESBORO First Church observed Student Recognition Day on Jan. 19, Vicki Jo Givens conducted the service. Students speaking on "What my Christian Faith means to Me" were Mike Glidewell, Marc Metzler, Steve Brizzi, Claudia McRaven and Candy Wimberley. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

MARLIN JACKSON, bank president and lay preacher, Paragould, was the speaker for Rector United Methodist men on Sunday evening, Jan. 21. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis is pastor.

THE BLYTHEVILLE AREA Ministers' Association sponsored the appearance of "The New Californians," a group of college age young people from a Baptist church who served as summer replacements on the CBS television network. The group presented several programs in various places of the Blytheville area.

THE JUNIOR HIGHS of First Church, Hot Springs, held a retreat at Camp Ferncliff on the weekend of Jan. 28. The group was accompanied by the John Trieschmann and the Gary Meek families. Mrs. Harry Bischof is director of Christian Education at First Church, and Dr. George F. Ivey is pastor.

HARDY UNITED METHODIST Men entertained their wives at a steak dinner in the fellowship hall on Monday, Feb. 5. The affair had been postponed from January, due to snow and icy roads. Ralph Johnson, choir director, led the 49 persons in group singing. Local forest rangers showed a film on conservation. George Hurst is president of the men's group. The Rev. Andy M. Hall is the Hardy pastor.

THE REV. J. D. Lawrence, pastor of the Hoxie United Methodist Church, served as chairman of the Hoxie-Walnut Ridge Ministerial Alliance project of sponsoring the showing of the family film, "Time To Run" which drew 3,000 viewers to the Sharum Theater in Walnut Ridge. During the course of the eight showings of the film, 64 persons met counselors and ministers at the front of the theater to make public professions of the Christian faith.

THE BAY UNITED Methodist Church had an overflow crowd at the fellowship singing Sunday night, Jan. 28. The quarterly activity is sponsored by United Methodist Men, Billy Joe Gammill, president. Buford Edwards was master of ceremonies. Participants were from Jonesboro, Trumann, Memphis, and Bay. A group from the Bay Church who have turned professional are Gary Wiles, Larry Wiles, Jim Ladd, and Joe Ewing. The Rev. Jack Skelton is pastor.

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New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total				New Renew Not Due Total					
ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT				LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT				Whitehall-Redfield:Lea					
Amity:Hemund	2	23	25	Austin Ct:Bailey	7	37	1	45	Wesley:Regnier	1	25	33	
Arkadelphia-First:Miles	4	44	9	57	Benton-First:Hollenbeck	1	1	1	Rison-Mt. Carmel: Haake	4	30	1	
St. Andrews-Hollywood:Prothro	7	8	15	28	Parkview:Grogan	28	28	28	Roe Ct:Richert	2	31	33**	
Bismarck-Friendship:Dunaway	1	11	12	9	New Hope-Mt. Carmel:Poss	9	18	27	Rowell Ct:Lightfoot	2	2	4	
Dalark:Edwards	1	35	36**	6	Carlisle:Martin	6	22	28	Sheridan:Wilson	16	41	57	
Glenwood:Smith		33	33	10	Des Arc-New Bethel:Ruth	10	33	1	44**	Sherril-Tomberlin-Tucker:			
Grant's Chapel:Protsman		4	4	1	Hamilton:Martin	1	8	9	Ratekin	4	21	25**	
Gurdon-Mt. Zion:Wilson	8	34	42		Little Rock-Western Hills:				St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Eagle	3	21	24	
Hot Springs-First:Ivey	8	22	1	31	Robertson	2	26	28	Stuttgart-First:Beck	8	115	123**	
Grand Ave:Hale	3	30	33		Geyer Spgs:Diffie	9	26	35	Grand Ave:Mulkey	39	95	134**	
Gardner-New Salem:Woody	11	16	27		St. James:Phillips	61	104	165****	Totals	208	995	5	
Tigert Mem-Morn.Star:Caldwell		1	1		Asbury:Arnold	11	71	82					
Fountain Lake:Hoover		5	5		Capitol View:Nation	2	22	24					
Okolona Ct:Trieschmann	2	23	25		First:Bearden		1116	1116****					
Piney Grove:Botteron	2	3	1	6	St. Paul:Scott	4	22	26	Batesville-Asbury Ct:Cleary	12	27	1	
Gum Spgs-Mt. Pine		2	2*		Highland:Stephens	11	47	58	Central:Casteel	1	1	2	
Malvern-Keith-Butterfield:Mash-					Hunter:Kerr	4	27	1	First:Kennedy	33	90	123**	
burn	6	16	22		Galloway:Bridenthal		4	1	5	Antioch Ct:Jones	6	9	1
St. Paul Parish:Graham	10	30	40		Oak Forest:Hankins	1		1	Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell:				
First:Ashcraft	16	100	4	120	Pulaski Hts:Argue	18	56	1	75	Anderson	5	15	1
Mt. Ida-Oden:Bailey	28	23	1	52****	St. Luke:DeBlack	10	37	3	50	Beebe:Cook	38	35	1
Totals	109	463	16	588	Trinity:Taylor	10	20	2	32	Bradford Ct-Pl. Plains:Holland	5	34	39**
					St. Andrew:Haustein	16	19	35	Cabot:Savage	5	38	4	
					Winfield:Hozendorf	28	92	3	123	Calico Rock:Southerland	3	7	10
					Markham:Workman	8	26	34	Clinton:Scott	6	39	2	
					Hazen:Hale	45	28	2	75**	Quitman:Strayhorn	4	12	1
					DeValls Bluff:Hale	6	7	1	14*	Concord Ct:Woodall	2	10	12
					Lonoke:Clayton	11	31	1	43	Denard-Shirley:Shell		4	4
					Mablevale:Fincher	13	23	36	Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	3	17	1	
					Primrose:Kilgore		1	1		Desha Ct:Holland	10	12	22
					Pride Valley:Hart		10	1	11*	Griffithville Ct:Matthews		30	30
					Salem-Congo:Perry		12	12		Heber Springs:Womack	2	45	3
					Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	4	21	2	27	Judsonia:Hunter	5	19	24
					Traskwood-Ebenezer:McCulloch	14	14	14	Holiday Hills:Cowan	3	32	35****	
					Woodlawn Ct:Holland	5	13	1	19	Kensett-McRae:Daniel	3	27	30
					L.R.-Wesley:Bass	2		2	Moorefield-Southside:Strayhorn	4	27	31**	
					Totals	313	2022	21	2356	Moorefield Ct:			
									A:Wilson		9	9	
									B:Thomas	8	29	37****	
									Melbourne Parish:Kelly/Mason	4	26	30	
									Mt. Home:Carter		1	1	
									Mt. View:Bruner	7	16	23	
									Newark:Brent	10	22	32**	
									Marshall-Leslie:Jackson	4	24	2	
									Salem-Viola:McCammon	9	32	1	
									Searcy-First:Richards	45	94	139**	
									Grace:Ernest	7	33	1	
									Horseshoe Bend-Ash Flat:Stokes	6	12	18	
									Totals	250	828	19	
												1097	

HOXIE METHODISTS
INITIATE NEW PROJECT

"After-the-game fellowship" is the most recent project of Hoxie United Methodists' efforts to minister to youth of the Hoxie community. Students from grades 7-12 in the Hoxie School were invited to fellowship hall of the church to enjoy wholesome recreation, refreshments, and fellowship following home football and basketball games.

Students provide their own entertainment in visiting and sharing musical talents. Members of United Methodist Women, Methodist Men's Club, United Methodist Youth, and interested parents volunteered to provide the refreshments.

The project was initiated and sponsored by the youth of the church led by UMY president Jim Crider, a senior Hoxie School. Youth counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and Mr.

CALENDAR
UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN

SATURDAY, Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m.
LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
will meet at First United
Methodist Church in Benton
(note: this is a week earlier
than originally announced)

SATURDAY, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.
NORTH ARKANSAS CONF.
will meet at First United
Methodist Church in Conway

and Mrs. Mike Oldham. The Rev. J. D. Lawrence is pastor of the Hoxie Church.



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.			
Feb. 18—Sunday	Ex. 20:1-17		
Feb. 19	Matt. 5:1-12		
Feb. 20	Matt. 5:17-37		
Feb. 21	Matt. 7:1-12		
Feb. 22	Luke 10:29-37		
Feb. 23	Prov. 3:27-35		
Feb. 24	Rom. 13:1-14		
Feb. 25—Sunday	John 1:1-14		

Pam Mooney (at left), a senior music major at Hendrix college, presented her senior organ recital Feb. 12, at First United Methodist Church in Conway. Her program included works of D'Aquin, Bach, Karg-Elert, and Vierne. Pam is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Von D. Mooney of Conway.

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT				
Bentonville:Teague		8		8
Berryville:Nixon	10	47	2	59*
Brightwater Parish:Hazelwood		8		8
Elkins Community:Cate		5		5
Decatur-Centerton:Lee	3	20		23
Elm Springs-Harmon:Fisher	6	15		21
Farmington-Sequoyah:Ames		4		4
Fayetteville-Central:Cooper	31	58	2	91
Trinity:Dark	4	9	2	15
Gentry Parish:Moose	4	22		26
Goshen:Good		5	1	6
Gravette-Sulphur Spgs:Waters	5	19	1	25
Green Forest-Alpena:Woods	1	58		59
Harrison-First:McCormick	3	42		45
Harrison-St. Paul's:Whitfield	3	28		31
Lincoln-Morrow:Hooker	30	17		47
Jasper-Valley Spgs:Blackshear	1	14		15
Prairie Gr-Viney Gr:Paysinger	7	8		15
Siloam Spgs:Johnson	18	51	2	71
Springdale-Wesley-Mt. Hebron:				
Fiser	6	21		27
St. Joe-Everton:Beck		3		3
Winslow:Thrasher		5		5
Yellville:Hestwood	3	18		21
Totals	135	485	10	630

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
FORREST CITY DISTRICT				
Brinkley-Brasfield:Chapman	13	63	2	78**
Aubrey:Halton	2	13		15**
Clarendon-Shiloh: Gilliam	2	19		21
Cherry Valley:Price	6	50	2	58**
Colt Ct:Davis	1	8		9
Cotton Plant-Hunter:Logan	7	34	2	43
Earle:Wilson	1	26		27
Elaine:Breezeale		9		9
Forrest City-First:Hughes		249		249
Forrest Hills:Robison		7		7
Helena-First:Beal	2	30		32
Holly Grove:Piercey	3	12		15
Hughes:Johnson	2	18	1	21
Marianna-Haynes-LaGrange:				
Byers	9	39	1	49
Marvell:Moyers	4	18		22
McCrory-Fakes-Patterson:				
Brewer	35	60	3	98**
Parkin:Rainwater	11	11	2	24
Tupelo:Couchman	3	5		8**
Vandale:Sellers	2	29		31
West Helena:Halton	4	24	1	29
West Memphis-First:Hines	19	91		110
Rosewood:Linam		3		3
Wheatley-Salem:Nance	3	19		22
Widener-Round Pond:Reed		3		3
Wynne:Wilder	20	63	1	84
Totals	149	903	15	1067

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
FORT SMITH DISTRICT				
Altus:Lancaster	2	10	1	13
Alma-Bethel:Nichols	5	12		17
Charleston-Branch:Hawkins	4	31		35
Ft. Smith-First:Nader	11	49	3	63
Goddard:Boyd	9	98	1	108

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
JONESBORO DISTRICT				
Bay-Lunsford:Skelton	3	26		29
Blytheville-First:Watson	17	185		202
Lake Street:Reed	13	14	1	28
Dell-Christ Church:Wilkerson	2	8		10
Bono Parish:Spurlock	7	22		29
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley:Weir	7	64	1	72*
Hickory Ridge-Tilton:Barton	3	22		25
Joiner-Turrell:Feagan	5	36		41
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	80	536		616****
Huntington Ave:Chandler	18	44	1	63
Fisher-Pl. Grove:Holifield	6	38		44
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:Canada	3	11	2	16
Lake City-Lake View:Bailey	3	17		20
Leachville:Weatherford	6	24		30
Lepanto-Garden Pt-Dyess:				
Van Cleve	3	23		26
Luxora:Dorman		8		8
Keiser:Dorman	1	4		5
Manila-Comm.Dorman	9	27		36
Marked Tree:Orr	13	61		74*
Monette-Macy:Hays	1	25		26
Osceola:Conyers	9	57	1	67
Trumana:Thompson	1	20		21
Tyroneza-Centerview:Yarbrough	2	27		29
Wilson:Linam	3	17		20
Weiner:Bruner	2	11	1	14
Fisher:Bruner	5	18		23**
Promised Land:Kirkland		9		9
Pl. Valley-Wesley:Randle		6		6
Totals	222	1360	7	1589

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
PARAGOULD DISTRICT				
Corning:Clark	6	30	1	37
Hardy-Corinth-Liberty Hill:				
Hall		14	2	16
Hoxie-Clover Bend:Lawrence	13	17		30
Imboden-Smithville:Stahl	1	26		27
Eli Lindsey:Hance		2	1	3
Mammoth Spring:Jackson	2	5		7
Marmaduke:Bounds	4	26		30
Maynard:Craig	1	13		14
Newport-Umsted:English	3	31		34

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
PARAGOULD-First:Spence				
Griffin:Gatlin	18	124	6	148**
Paragould Parish #3:Southard	11	39		50
Paragould Parish #1:		8		8
4	29			33
Pocahontas-Biggers-Reyno:				
McKelvey	13	48	2	63
Piggott:Harris	5	32		37
Rector-First:Jarvis	2	21	1	24
Rector Ct:Thompson	2	8		10
Pl. Grove-Warren's:Southard		4		4
Sedgwick:Stegall	2	9		11
St. Francis Ct:Scrum		11		11
Swift-on-Alicia:Luter	5	31	1	37*
Tuckerman-Hope:LeGrand	4	22		26
Walnut Ridge-First:Meadors	10	25		35
Cherokee Village:Poynor	8	6		14
Walnut Ridge Ct:Hance		8		8*
Totals	114	589	14	717

- * Reached Quota
- ** Exceeded Quota
- *** Doubled Quota
- **** Every Family

Recapitulation

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN
REPORT NO. 3

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

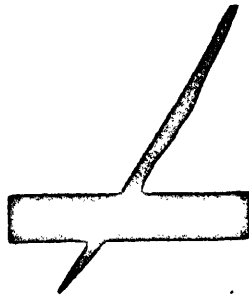
	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
ARKADELPHIA	109	463	16	588
CAMDEN	209	914	20	1143
HOPE	95	436	5	536
LITTLE ROCK	313	2022	21	2356
MONTICELLO	117	602	3	722
PINE BLUFF	208	995	5	1208
TOTALS	1051	5432	70	6553

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
BATESVILLE	250	828	19	1097
CONWAY	180	849	26	1055
FAYETTEVILLE	135	485	10	630
FORREST CITY	149	903	15	1067
FORT SMITH	100	507	11	618
JONESBORO	222	1360	7	1589
PARAGOULD	114	589	14	717
TOTALS	1150	5521	102	6773

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 25: The Shape Of Things To Come

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND: Zechariah 8; 13; 14:9

MEMORY SELECTION: They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "They are my people"; and they will say, "The Lord is my God." Zech. 13:9

AIM OF THE LESSON: Despite our warrings and our personal confusions, the prophets' message clearly is that there is hope for the future.

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Did you happen to read the "Beetle Bailey" comic strip a few weeks ago which depicted Beetle sitting on the ground and leaning back against a tree? His mood was a mixture of thoughtful observation and ecstatic relaxation. As he sat there he saw many small ants nearby, which were busily gathering food from a morsel he had dropped. In contemplation of the scene he said: "Look at those poor ants working their heads off. And what's it all for? Why, I could squash them with one blow . . . And then all their work would be for nothing. They should take it easy like me."

Here was a goof-off, as our young people might say, whose thoughts from contemplation to reverie had a punch to them! Behind his observation are several fundamental questions, which he probably wasn't considering, that readily occur to us as we study the meaning of our lesson. His words become virtually a parable for us to ponder.

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ARE WE MEN OR MICE?

The ages-old query of Job still causes questions in many minds: "What is man, that thou dost make so much of him, and that thou dost set thy mind upon him?" (Job 7:17) In these words he reproached his presumed friends who were criticizing his utter reliance upon the Lord. The thought is echoed in Psalms 8:4 and in Hebrews 2:6. Job, in the throes of deep and complex troubles, realized that faith in God didn't betray him, and that forgetting God could do much mischief.

The ancient writer points to the basis for that faith when he records the Lord's words: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (Gen. 1:26) The Psalmist, perhaps recalling such thoughts, advises, "The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." (Ps. 103:17)

We today must make a bold adjustment to the progressive understandings of our physical universe. What is our response to the fabulous views of the earth itself each of us has experienced through the eyes of astronauts on the moon's surface and through the television camera lens which shows our globe as an insignificant pebble in the vastness of space?

We can respond with a feeling that man, after all, is a minute creature whose history and destiny are largely meaningless in the overall cosmic view. Or we can respond with a vitalized appreciation for the majesty and power of God whose love is extended "to usward," as Ephesians 1:19 puts it.

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WORK . . . FOR WHAT?

Are we partners with God or pawns in a gigantic chess game? Jesus said, "My Father is working still,

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and I am working." (John 5:17) Paul said that "We are fellow workmen for God." (1 Cor. 3:4) Zechariah tells the people, "Fear not, but let your hands be strong." (8:13)

Laboring in God's world and in his name among his people is God-blessed, and one is blest as he so works. He can make our actions an extension of his own creativity and power. The words of an old hymn speak of the incentive Christians have for their laboring: "Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift: We have hard work to do and loads to lift; shun not the struggle: face it—'tis God's gift. Be strong!" Paul, once again, translates the meaning for followers of Christ: "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Cor. 16:13).

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. . . LIKE GRASS?

A distinction as fundamental as most must be made between the fact that a human's life-span is indeed brief, and the perspective that this is only the beginning. When the Psalmist states, "As for man, his days are like grass . . ." (Ps. 103:15) he is referring to the life-span, not to a negative attitude toward the doctrine of immortality. Grass dies and becomes an organic mulch for sustenance of other growing things. Man's destiny is not merely earthbound. Even the pre-Christian intellectual, Plato, believed that the soul of man persisted after death of the body. There are reflections of that view, by the way, in some of the early efforts of Christian theologians.

To disbelieve in the soul's immortality, from the Christian standpoint as set forth in the New Testament, is to deny the eternity of God. It is not reasonable to hold to his permanence but to disallow eternity of man's soul made in God's own image. We are not like Beetle Bailey's ants. We are of God.

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FATE OR FAITH?

Man is not to be thought of as being at the mercy of some blind, purposeless "fate" unless one also believes that "God" is merely the working of that "fate." In such a view the continuing pattern of physical laws and their effects is all there is that "controls" things and man. An equally cynical view holds that man has no genuine choices; he is only a puppet being pulled this way and turned that way by forces which whimsically move him.

There is one certain antidote for these poisonous attitudes: to think through to God. An earnest spiritual guide is necessary, and the way through is sure. The person who prides himself in believing only what he can "prove," as well as the one of simple cynicism, cannot know whether God or "fate" controls human destiny if he has not thoughtfully and prayerfully searched for God! Perhaps he doesn't even have to believe in the efficacy of prayer to get to God, but his quest must be an honest one.

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THE PEACE OF GOD

The prophet writes that in a glorious future, "There shall be a sowing of peace." (Zech. 8:12) This offers a tantalizing hope to all generations! In *Triumph and Tragedy*, one of the volumes in his *History of the Second World War*, Winston Churchill described certain events and discussions at the 1945 Yalta Conference. There, final Allied military strategy was evolved and consideration was given to broad outlines of the structure of peace which was

imminent. He wrote back to London: "People cry out for peace and joy. Will the families be re-united? Will the warriors come home? . . . Before us lies the realization of the dream of the poor—that they shall live in peace, protected by our invincible power from aggression and evil."

One senses here the pathos of nations weary of war with its terrible waste of human and natural resources, and the wish for speedy return of the comfortable ways of living which people cherish. Zechariah's view, partially parallel to this, looked to the era of faithfulness when the city is secure so the elderly may sit in the streets and children may play there. While the British prime minister didn't specifically refer to the will and working of the Lord in bringing these happy circumstances to pass, the prophet did so in the words of the memory selection: "They are my people." The Lord will undertake for them.

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"LET IT HAPPEN"

Engaging in peace is as demanding of human dedication as is engaging in war. To "let" peace come is to make it unattainable. To help it come makes it a possibility. Resolving the issues which delay peace is not accomplished by doing nothing or by non-involvement in the process. There must be bold, steady, sure actions by us all. We must not wait afar off for peace to come to others in the expectation that we then automatically "possess" it. No, the level of labor brings fatigue, but "in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart." (Gal. 6:9) If we do not lose heart!

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FOUR ANCIENT VOICES

This lesson is a fitting conclusion to the series of studies of the prophetic message of judgment and hope, which we began in December. In them we have pondered the varying circumstances of the Jews. First, Jeremiah issued a sharp warning that they must repent or their nation would fall and they would be a subject people. Ezekiel was among them during their misery and anguish in Babylonia. Haggai was on the scene as some of them returned to Judah, and insisted that they should rebuild the temple as evidence of their faithfulness to God. And Zechariah urged them to undertake the temple's reconstruction and spoke hopefully of the future—"of the shape of things to come."

Zechariah spoke of a confident, hope-filled future. There would be prosperity and peace for the people. God would see to this. His active love would give them a sense of well being such as they had not known before. What a word of hope this is! To follow a long series of national and personal tragedies with this message must have given them a strong resurgence of confidence in the future!

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THE STARTING POINT

What shall we base our hope for the future on? A traditional affirmation of faith begins with the words, "I believe in God the Father Almighty . . ." That is where we begin to build our faith in the future. God is, and hope is of him. Also, God does something continuously about humanity and our human setting on this planet. Not only did he create but he continues to create. This is much of the point of both Testaments. And God empowers, suggested by the Genesis statement: "And man became a living soul." From the initial enervation to the present moment's realization of his strength, we his children are "powered" by him.

With the presence and power of such a One, one's destiny is secure! This is, after all, the major point in the method and result of redemption within the Christian framework.

The foundations of our faith are the theme of next quarter's lessons. They will inter-relate selected Old and New Testament teachings and the great Christian affirmations. Man in his new environment is first studied in terms of the world God created, man as a responsible moral creature, and man's waywardness. The nature of Christian redemption is next considered. Finally, the last several lessons of the series identify the fruits and glories of the Christian's experiences.

FEBRUARY 15, 1973

Jurisdiction Council of Evangelism elects officers

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) — Dr. Leroy Sewell, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, has been elected president of a new fellowship of evangelism leaders of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction.

Before the elimination of individual boards and agencies of the jurisdiction last year, Dr. Escamilla said the executive committee of the jurisdiction's Board of Evangelism had requested that the General Board of Evangelism convene leaders of evangelism in the jurisdiction to organize an association to pursue specific evangelistic concerns and events.

Subsequently the jurisdictional boards were abolished in favor of a Council on Ministries and the General Board of Evangelism was merged into a new Board of Discipleship.

At a recent meeting of the national Council of Evangelism, an auxiliary of the Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship, a resolution was passed recommending the organization of jurisdictional councils of evangelism.

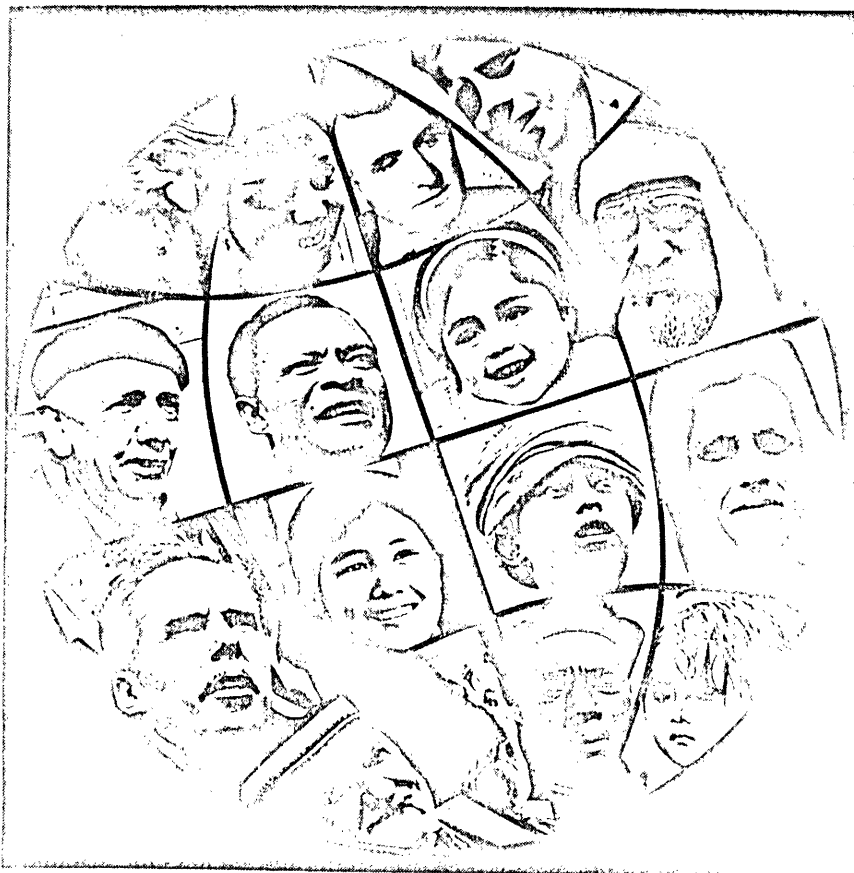
Dr. Escamilla said about 90 of the 300 persons invited attended the organizational meeting in Oklahoma City.

Other officers elected were: the Rev. C. Jarrett Gray, Sr., Kansas City, Mo., first vice president; Marvin McReynolds, Woodston, Kans., second vice president; the Rev. Richard Jenkins, Ft. Worth, Tex., secretary; and Homer Fulbright, Searcy, Ark., treasurer.

The new association asked its executive committee to revise the constitution of the national Council of Evangelism, adapting it to the needs of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Dr. Escamilla also said the committee is expected to nominate additional members to insure representation from every area and/or annual conference in the jurisdiction.

He said it is the intention of the Council to serve as an auxiliary organization to the jurisdictional Council on Ministries and the Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship.



The above photographic artistry was created to suggest "The Family of Man" theme for Brotherhood Week, which occurs Feb. 18-24. (RNS photo)

Book of Resolutions available to United Methodists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Penal reform, Jewish-Christian dialogue, school busing, and use of reclaimed paper are the subjects of but a few resolutions approved by the 1972 United Methodist General Conference which are now available in book form.

The **Book of Resolutions** includes 19 major resolutions approved at the Atlanta Conference as well as several study documents. The 124-page paperback book is available through Cokesbury Book Stores and Regional Service Centers at \$1.25 a copy.

Continuing a policy initiated by the 1968 General Conference, resolutions which are not a part of legislation are included in **The Book of Resolutions**. All legislation of the conference will be contained in **The Book of Discipline** which is expected to be available in April.

The Statement of Social Principles approved by the 1972 General Conference will appear in **The Book of Discipline**.

The **Book of Resolutions** contains some resolutions not approved by the Conference, but voted for inclusion as study documents. These include such topics as amnesty and reconciliation, environmental stewardship, and the Israeli-Palestinian struggle.

Most of the resolutions are related to issues of social concern. The documents for study carry the record of the number of committee members present, the number voting yes and no, and the number of persons abstaining. These documents are not to be considered as official statements of the United Methodist Church, but are included for study by local churches.

The **Book of Resolutions** was edited by the Program Council (predecessor to the Council on Ministries) and published by The United Methodist Publishing House.

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Advance program director nominated

EVANSTON, ILL. (UMI) — The Rev. Joe W. Walker, New York, has been nominated director of one of the United Methodist Church's major programs for raising funds to support missions activities.

Known as The Advance, the program provides a channel through which local churches, individuals and groups can give support to specific missions projects after the basic World Service fund apportionments have been accepted. During 1972 some \$8,400,000 was raised through this means, the second largest such income in the denomination.

Mr. Walker's selection to head The Advance came during a meeting of the 20-member committee here January 29. The new director, a member of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, will continue on the staff of the Board

of Global Ministries' Division of Education and Cultivation, a post he has held since 1969.

The nomination now will go to the General Council on Ministries for final election.

Although he has been giving a major portion of his time to the missions funding program, Mr. Walker becomes the first Advance director since the organization of the group was changed by the 1972 General Conference as part of a restructuring of the church's general boards and agencies. As now constituted, the committee is amenable to the new General Council on Ministries and its membership comes from the GCOM.

In other business during its meeting here, the Advance Committee discussed its relationship with other agencies and set up procedures for accept-

ing projects to be listed in the group's "catalog." Some 5,000 to 6,000 individual opportunities for support are included in this compilation.

The Rev. Howard Greenwalt, an associate executive secretary of the Joint Committee on Communications for Interpretation, cautioned the committee that while the total Advance income was a substantial figure in 1972, it actually represented a decrease of some \$700,000 from the 1971 total and thus continued a pattern that has existed for the past several years.

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Rye, N. Y., is chairman of the Advance Committee. Other officers include Mrs. George K. Gundlach, Springville, N. Y., and the Rev. Jamie G. Houston, Kosciusko, Miss. The group will hold its next session in connection with the General Council on Ministries meeting March 15-16 in Atlanta, Ga.

Liberian bishop dies

MONROVIA (RNS) — United Methodist Bishop Stephen Troven Nagbe of Liberia died here Feb. 3 at the age of 39.

One of the youngest episcopal leaders in the denomination, he was stricken last September while attending a meeting of his Church's Council of Bishops in Ohio. After spending several weeks in a Chillicothe, Ohio, hospital, he returned to Monrovia in late October.

The bishop was born in Betu, Liberia, on Oct. 23, 1933. He was educated in Methodist schools in his homeland and at institutions in Atlanta and Boston.

When he was first elected to the episcopacy in 1965 he was the youngest bishop in the United Methodist Church. He was also the first native Liberian named to the post.

Bishop Nagbe is survived by his wife, Melvena, and three children.

LAY AND ASSOCIATE PASTORS MEET

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Nearly 100 participants in an annual meeting of the National Association of Lay and Associate Pastors were told here that today is a "God Happening Time" in the world.

Dr. Ira Gallaway, secretary of evangelism in the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, said after a period of more than 10 years when it appeared God had withdrawn his spirit from the church, persons are once again turning to God. Dr. Gallaway gave the keynote address for the meeting held January 23-25.

Declaring that God is bringing into being a new humanity, Dr. Gallaway urged the pastors to recognize their importance in the Christian ministry. "You are where things are happening. If it's not happening where you are it's not happening."

Coordinating the meeting was Dr. Roberto Escamilla.

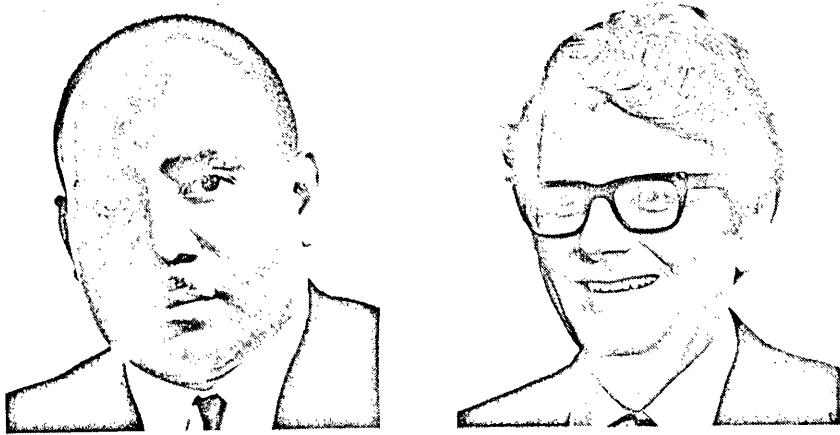
CURRIC-U-PHONE HAS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

A telephone company error in assignment of numbers has resulted in the need to assign a new number to CURRIC-U-PHONE.

The new number is: 1-800-251-8417.

This is the number to be used by persons in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and all states east except Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire. Tennessee residents may call 1-615-749-6482, collect.

Other staff members participating in the program included the Rev. Joe Hale who spoke on "The Key 73 Story"; Dr. George Morris who spoke on the "New Life Mission" program; and the Rev. Ross Whetstone who spoke on the "Lay Witness Mission" program.



Dr. Melvin G. Talbert (left), a native of Louisiana, has been nominated to head United Methodism's Board of Discipleship, and Dr. F. Thomas Trotter (right), has been nominated as general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Dr. Talbert, a graduate from Southern University, Baton Rouge, holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., and an honorary doctorate from Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex. He has served as pastor at St. John's, Wesley, and Hamilton United Methodist churches in Los Angeles, and was associate general secretary of the Southern California-Arizona Conference prior to his appointment as superintendent of the Long Beach District in 1968. (UMI photo)

Nominations made for heads of two major agencies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Two Californians — a seminary dean and a district superintendent — are being nominated to head major Methodist program agencies headquartered here.

Dr. F. Thomas Trotter, dean and professor of religion and arts at the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif., is being nominated as general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and Dr. Melvin G. Talbert, Lakewood, Calif., superintendent of the Long Beach District of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, is being nominated to head the Board of Discipleship.

Dr. Trotter's nomination was approved by the 95-member Board of Higher Education at the close of its meeting here Jan. 26. Chairman of the Board is Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Topeka, Kans.

The nomination of Dr. Talbert was announced Jan. 25 by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond, Va., president of the Board of Discipleship. As chairman of the board's "search committee", Bishop Goodson said the unanimous nomination of Dr. Talbert would go to the entire 95-member Board of Discipleship when it meets in Nashville Feb. 20-23.

According to new United Methodist policy adopted last year, nominations for general secretaries made by the boards must be approved by the Church's General Council on Ministries. The Council's next meeting is scheduled for Atlanta March 15-16.

Other staff elections were made by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry during its meeting in Nashville Jan. 24-26. The Rev. DePriest W. Whye, Dayton, Ohio, an associate executive secretary of the Church's 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis, was named to direct the Black College Fund program of the Division of Higher Education; Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh was named associate general secretary of the Division of Ordained Ministry; the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, was named associate general secretary of the Division of Lay Ministries; and Chaplain Edwin S. Jones, was elected to the staff

of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.

The Board of Higher Education and Ministry also approved a recommendation that budget be allocated in 1974 for the employment of a woman to work with United Ministries in Higher Education, an ecumenical campus effort in which United Methodists cooperate.

When elected by the Council on Ministries, Dr. Talbert will become the first black person ever to serve in the top staff position of a major program board of the church. Dr. Talbert will begin work in Nashville in early summer and Dr. Trotter Aug. 1.

The two Nashville-based boards, along with the Board of Global Ministries and Board of Church and Society and other smaller agencies were created last April when the United Methodist General Conference approved a sweeping restructuring plan.

The Board of Higher Education and Ministries includes an office of personnel and four divisions: Higher Education, Ordained Ministry, Lay Ministries, and Chaplains and Related Ministries. The Board of Discipleship includes three divisions: Education, Lay Life and Work, and Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship. All units are located in Nashville except the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries which is in Washington, D.C.

The next meeting of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry is scheduled for Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1973.

At an earlier meeting of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry Dr. Fred E. Harris was elected associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education; Dr. A. Purnell Bailey was elected associate general secretary of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries; and Dr. Richard A. Bauer was named to direct the Office of Personnel.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke will continue as acting general secretary of the Board until Dr. Trotter assumes his responsibilities Aug. 1.

Association of Health and Welfare Ministries to meet March 13-14

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — "Which Way Tomorrow" will be theme of the 32nd annual convention of the National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church March 13-14 in Atlanta, Ga.

About 600 administrators and other persons related to agencies and other services of the denomination in this field are expected to attend the sessions to be held at the Regency Hyatt House. Edgar O. Mansfield, administrator of Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, is president of the sponsoring association.

The United Methodist health care leaders will be participating also in the Protestant Health and Welfare Assembly which is being held concurrently in Atlanta. Some 12 denominations and religious groups make up this body.

Included in these joint sessions will be a banquet on March 12, an assembly on March 14 and a number of special interest groupings. Dr. Noah N. Langdale, president of Georgia State College in Atlanta, will address the March 12 banquet, and Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, former president of Morehouse College in Atlanta and president of the city's Board of Educators, will speak at the March 14 assembly.

Speakers for the United Methodist sessions will include Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, Ill., who will address the opening plenary session on March 13, and James C. McGilvray, Geneva, Switzerland, who will speak at the honors banquet March 14. Bishop Washburn is president of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and Mr. McGilvray is director of the Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches.

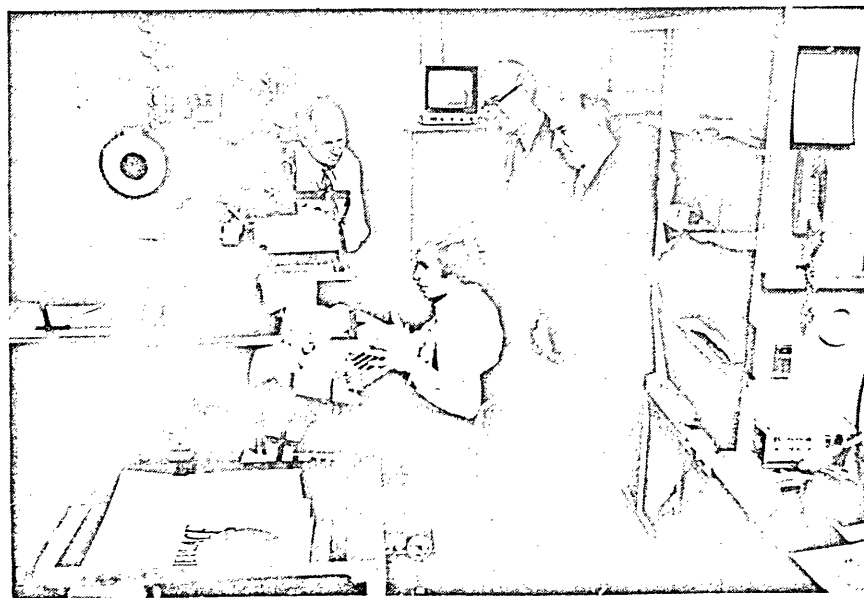
Also on the schedule of both the United Methodist convention and the Protestant Health and Welfare Assembly is Dr. William Glasser, Los Angeles, Calif., noted psychiatrist and president and founder of the Institute for Reality Therapy.

In addition to providing resources for the special interest sections of the association's convention, a number of United Methodist leaders will appear on the program of the Protestant assembly.

These include Roger Burgess, Evanston, associate general secretary of the Board of Global Ministries for the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries; the Rev. Robert Pitzer, Atlanta, director of services to the mentally retarded in the Southeastern Jurisdiction; Jack A. L. Hahn, president of the Methodist Hospital of (Indianapolis) Indiana; Mrs. Campbell Keith, administrator of the Walker residence and health center in Minneapolis, Minn.; and James Marshall, director of public relations at the Madison, Wisc., Methodist Hospital.

One of the unique features of this year's United Methodist convention is dinner in various Atlanta homes for participants on the evening of March 13. The local arrangements committee under the direction of J. Scott Houston, executive director of Wesley Homes, Inc., is arranging this part of the program. A reception under Mr. Pitzer's direction will precede the dinner.

Director of the convention is the Rev. Wendell C. Bassett, a staff executive of the Division of Health and Welfare Ministries. †



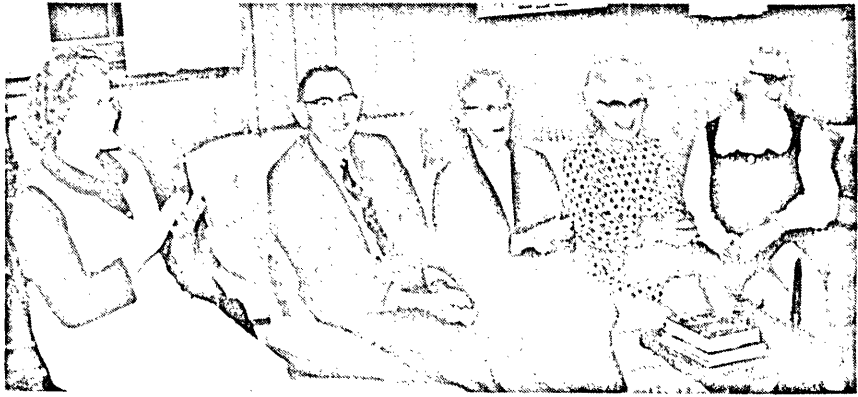
Nashville, Tenn. — A computer-video system has been hooked up with an Oxberry animation stand by the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communications (TRAFCO) of the Joint Committee on Communications (JCC). The new system will permit TRAFCO to make animated motion pictures using still art or slides in minutes, rather than hours, thus cutting costs of productions for the church. This computer-video system is thought to be one of three similar operations located in the Southeast U.S. Tony Pilversack (left), TRAFCO technical services director, and Wayne Smith (seated), cinematographer, demonstrate the system to Dr. Paul Church, acting executive director of the JCC and Dr. Harry C. Spencer (right), head of TRAFCO.

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A group of senior members of First Church, Jonesboro, are seen in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Peeler, following a bus tour to see decorated homes during the holidays. From left, are Mrs. Ella Patty, the Rev. George McGhehey, retired, and Mrs. McGhehey, Mrs. Crane Cole and a Mrs. Brown.

The Rev. and Mrs. John T. Bolding were honored at a reception at St. Paul Church, El Dorado, on their 60th wedding anniversary. Shown in the receiving line, from left to right, are: the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, St. Paul pastor, Mrs. Perry Bolding and Mr. Bolding, honor guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Bolding. Their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Jr., of Texas City, Tex., was unable to be present. A third son, John W. Bolding, died several years ago. The Rev. Bolding is pastor emeritus of St. Paul, is chairman of the visitation committee and teaches a church school class. A WSCS Circle was recently named in honor of Mrs. Bolding.



HERMAN CLAUD

Herman Claud, 84, a life-long resident of Yell County and Belleville, died in a Danville hospital, Jan. 31, 1973. The funeral service was conducted from the Belleville United Methodist Church where he had been a faithful member since youth, and where he had served as Sunday School superintendent for 27 years. The Rev. Joe A. Hutton, pastor of the Belleville church, assisted by the Rev. Gary Smith of the Danville Nazarene Church, officiated. Burial was at the Belleville cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Willie Kirkes Claud; two sons, Hughie and Winford; two brothers, the Rev. I. L. Claud of Morrilton and Ewing Claud of Los Angeles, and two grandsons.

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Poetry Panorama

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The same author unknown who called learning to wait life's hardest lesson, and hope's slow fruition, wrote... "Faint not, though the way seems long; There is joy in each condition; Hearts through suffering may grow strong. Thus a soul untouched by sorrow, aims not at a higher state; Joy seeks not a brighter morrow; Only sad hearts, learn to wait."

"...through Christ
who strengtheneth me."

I can live; I can die -
I can smile; I can sigh;
I can take whatever comes
When I know He's there.

Things are hot; things are cold -
I feel young; I feel old;
In a way it's all the same
When I know He's there.

Real trouble comes to me
When my way things must be;
But if I surrender all,
Then I know He's there.

-by Marie Thomas

Dependence

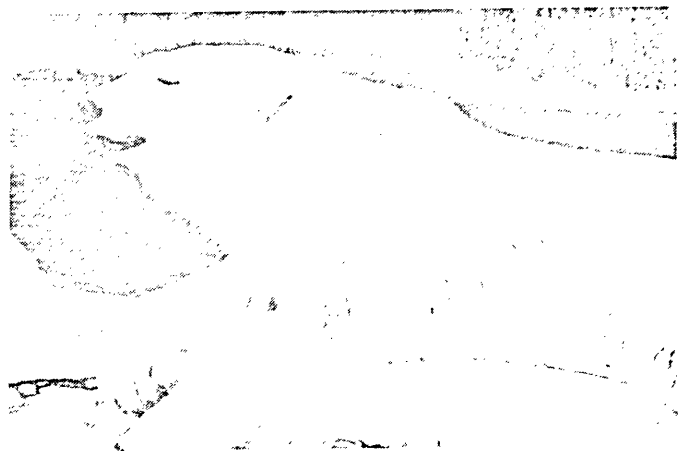
Broken promises and shattered dreams
Are a way of life, it seems.
I must have faith, and from faith, hope...
And in the darkness no longer grope.

"Let there be light", and there is light
In my heart and in my soul.
Then, from the depths of darkness,
In faith, God's love unfolds.

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How can anyone complain
about being at ease in Zion?

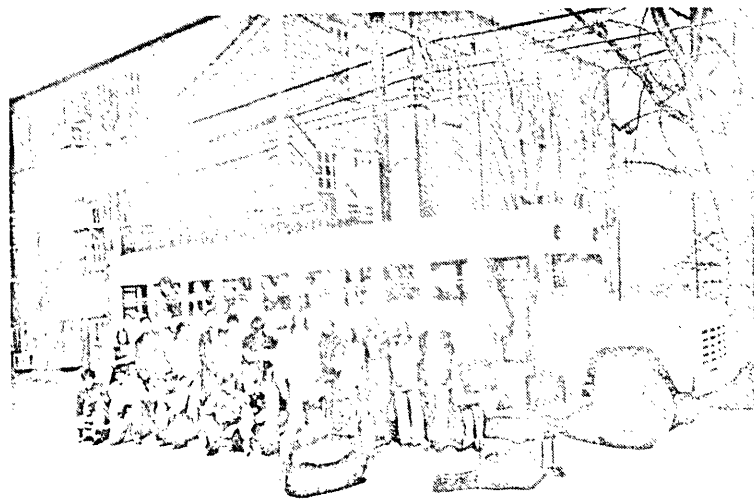
NEWS IN BRIEF

HARRY WHEELER is editor and John Paul Moory assistant editor for the monthly newsletter for youth to be published by the UMY of Jacksonville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Bob Edwards is their pastor.

PARKIN UNITED METHODIST Men elected W. R. Rucker to serve as president in 1973. Malcolm Burnett is vice-president, and Irvin Sisk, Jr. is secretary-treasurer. The venison steak dinner, Jan. 17, was prepared and served by Ralph Crook and H. P. Sisk. The Rev. Gerald Rainwater is their pastor.

PRIMROSE UNITED METHODIST Church had an informal snack supper on Sunday evening, Jan. 28, preceding three guest speakers. Clyde Jensen, Bob Politzer and Rodney Sullivan of United Men of Faith, Little Rock, spoke concerning the new Crisis Center, located at 2401 Louisiana, Little Rock. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is the Primrose minister.

The Rev. K. James Stein, dean of United Methodism's Evangelical Theological Seminary at Naperville, Ill., has been elected to the presidency of the school succeeding Bishop Wayne K. Clymer. Dr. Stein joined the faculty in 1960 as professor of church history.



The new 52-passenger blue and white bus shown above was dedicated at First Church, Harrison during the Feb. 4 morning worship service, with the Rev. John M. McCormack, pastor officiating. The vehicle was purchased with Memorial Fund and Trustee Fund monies. On the afternoon of the dedication 38 young persons and their counselors made a trip to First Church, Mountain Home to share with 45 youth and counselors there in a service of witnessing and music. On March 18 the Mountain Home UMYF will make an exchange visit to First Church, Harrison. The Rev. Norman Carter is their pastor. Mrs. Sally Jo Gibson directs and Mrs. Margie Riddle is organist for the Harrison group.



The group at right includes staff persons for "workshop" held at First Church, Texarkana, Feb. 21-23 for Children's Division personnel. They are pictured in the parsonage home of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Dodson, pastor and wife. (Left to right) Mrs. V. B. Story and Mrs. Bob Robertson, both of Little Rock; Miss Pam Alagood, education assistant at First Church, Texarkana; Dr. and Mrs. Dodson; Mrs. Marie Tucker, Little Rock Conference director of Children's Work, and Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway. LOWER RIGHT: Elementary II workers in session.

