

## Christian Civic Foundation appeals for voter support

Voters of Arkansas are being challenged to immediately communicate with their State Senators and Representatives concerning two pieces of legislation in which the Christian Civic Foundation has a real interest.

In his most recent Legislative Bulletin, the Rev. Edward W. Harris, asked for immediate communications to go concerning opposition to legislation which would allow 18-year olds to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Harris said in his Newsletter, "Our influence on the house floor will depend entirely on whether the individual members have heard from you in opposition to giving liquor to 18-year olds. The majority of them say that they have heard nothing on either side from their constituents, and do not believe there is any interest. If you feel such legislation should not pass, now is the time to let them know."

House Bill 568 was introduced by Rep. Joel Ledbetter. This bill proposes to authorize the ABC Board to grant wine permits to grocery stores without the necessity of having a beer or liquor permit. This legislation grows out of the Safeway Wine Permit fight which we won last summer before the Board.

Mr. Harris says of this legislation: "Our position still is that: (Sale of wine does not belong with food; family groups purchasing groceries should not be offered these alcoholic products; and (3) By definition of the bill, the alcoholic content of wine is 21% which qualifies it for a liquor store."

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the speaker for the annual meeting of the Christian Civic Foundation, March 19, at a noon luncheon at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock.

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## "Calling Arkansas to Christ" theme of Key 73 Rally

The Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church is sponsoring a rally, called "Key 73", in Hot Springs, March 8, at 7:30 p.m., in Hot Springs Civic Center.

Featured speaker at the rally will be Bruce Larson, director of Faith at Work, Inc., Columbia, Md. A musical program will be provided by the Sound Generation, a group of youngsters from John Brown University, in Siloam Springs. Bishop Eugene Frank, of the Arkansas Area will also appear on the program.

The rally is planned to "motivate Methodists in Arkansas to come alive evangelistically." The theme of the rally is "Calling Arkansas to Christ." Coordination of the rally is being handled by the Board of Evangelism of the Little Rock Conference.

Larson will lead a discussion group at the First United Methodist Church,

Hot Springs, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m., on the afternoon of the rally. The discussion will be especially for pastors.

The rally is open to the public, and Arkansans of all religious denominations are invited to attend.

Bruce Larson, a Presbyterian clergyman and president of Faith at Work, is on a two-year research project, funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. He is the author of six books on Christian relationships.

The Sound Generation was formed in the fall of 1967, and has appeared in more than 1,500 concerts. They have appeared on national television, at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Performing Arts Center, Disneyland, the Hollywood Bowl, and have worked with many greats in the entertainment field.

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Dr. Bruce Larson

## TV specials on 'Africa' and 'Amnesty' during March

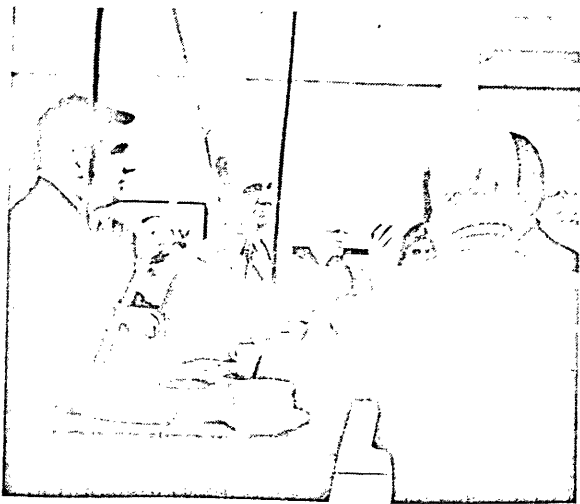
A series of four special programs on the rise of Christianity in Africa will be televised by the CBS network on Sundays—March 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. (Central Standard Time) The "Look Up—And Live" series, filmed by a CBS camera crew which spent two months in Africa, will be a report on religion in five countries: Kenya, Ghana, Zaire, Tan-

zania, and Ethiopia.

The above series and a special on amnesty will be presented by the NBC-TV network on March 11 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (CST) in cooperation with The United Methodist Church through the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. The screenplay for "Duty Bound" is by award winner

Viewers should check local listings to verify time of showing. For viewers in the central Arkansas area, the Africa series will be shown on KTHV, Channel 11, and "Duty Bound" will be televised from KARK, Channel 4. Allan Sloane. It depicts the trial of a draft evader and deals with the moral dilemma of conscience.

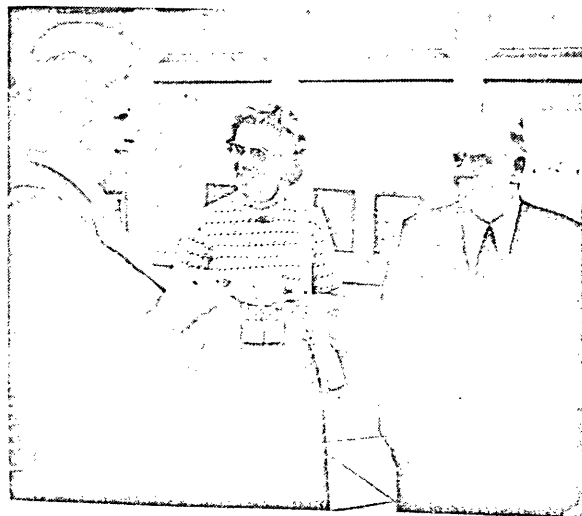
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The Rev. Jim Beal (left), pastor of First Church in Helena, and Mr. Ed Lester of Little Rock, both members of the Hendrix College Board of Trustees, engage in friendly conversation with two unidentified trustees at recent meeting of the Board.

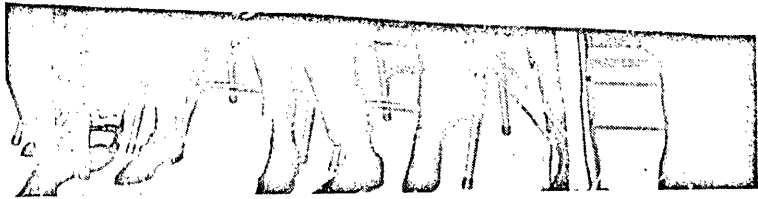


Dr. Joel Cooper (left), pastor of Central Church in Fayetteville, chats with Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First Church in Little Rock, at spring meeting of Hendrix College Board of Trustees. At that meeting Dr. Bearden was made a life member of the Board.

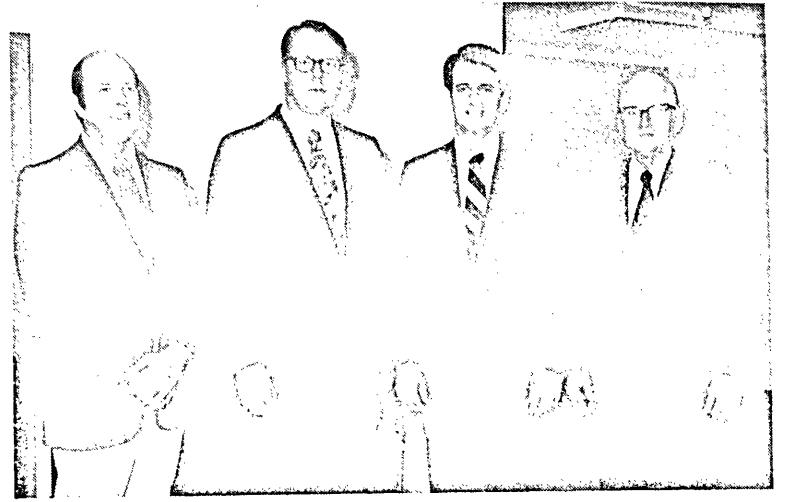


Mrs. Burvin C. Alread, wife of the treasurer and vice-president of Hendrix College, renews acquaintance with Dr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Hillis of Jonesboro at Feb. 16 meeting of Hendrix Board of Trustees.

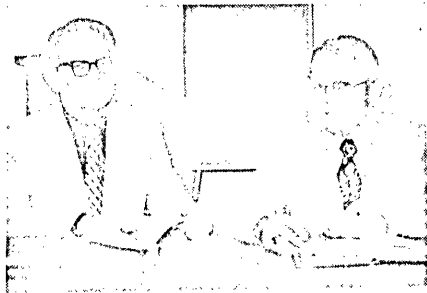
## Mid-year Board and Agency meetings



Seated at head table during Area Luncheon at First Church, Little Rock (left to right) Dr. Harold Eggensperger, North Arkansas Council on Ministries director, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, the Rev. Alf Eason, Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries director, and Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, former Arkansas pastor and recently retired episcopal leader of the Louisiana Area of United Methodism.



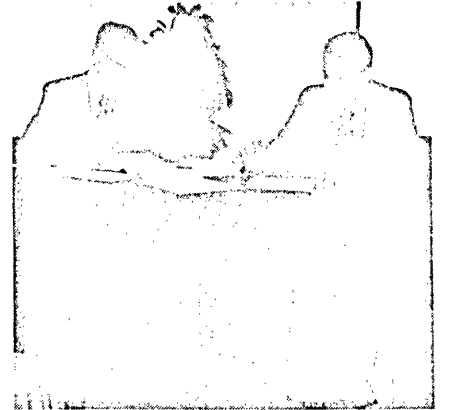
Representing North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences were these members of panel which presented program on "Parish Development" at Area Luncheon at First Church, Little Rock. (Left to right) the Rev. Thomas Abney, Wilmar Circuit (Monticello District) pastor, and Wesley Foundation director; the Rev. Wendell Dorman, Manilla-Community pastor; the Rev. Edward Matthews, Lakeside, Pine Bluff pastor, and the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District superintendent.



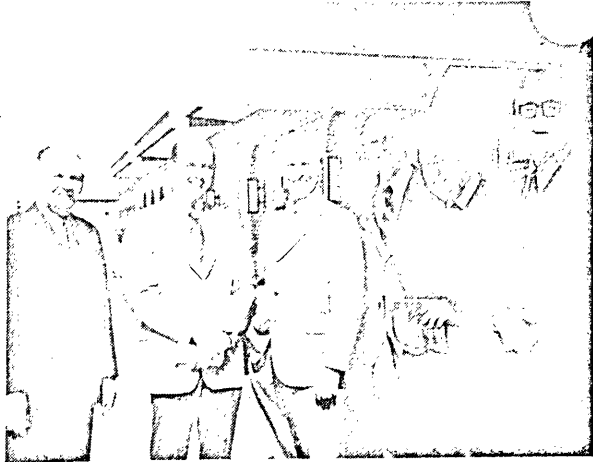
The Rev. R. O. Beck (left), pastor of First Church in Stuttgart, chairs the Little Rock Conference Board of Ministry session; the Rev. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul's in El Dorado, serves as registrar.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank (center) served as chairman for the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries meeting; Homer Winstead (left), Little Rock layman, secretary; the Rev. Alf Eason (right), is Conference Ministries director.



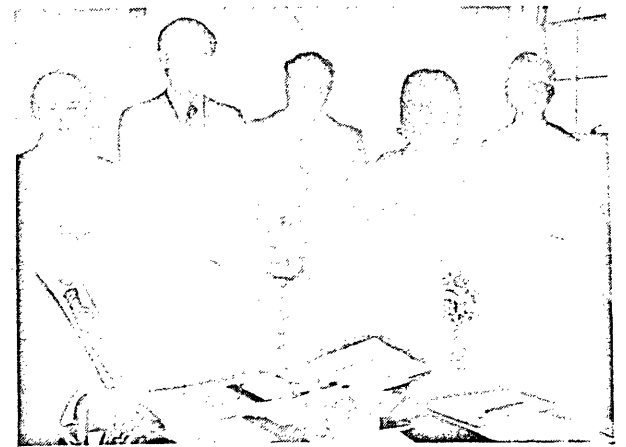
The Rev. Charles Ashcraft (right), Malvern pastor presides over Little Rock Conference Board of Education session; the Rev. Virgil Bell, Hamburg pastor records minutes of meeting.



Group of participants in mid-year meetings photographed in front of United Methodist Headquarters Building with host pastor, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden (third from right). Others (left to right) are the Rev. Harold Bailey, Mt. Ida-Oden Charge, William Teeter, layman of Tillar, the Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, (Dr. Bearden), the Rev. Arnold Simpson, Dumas, and Dr. George Ivy, First Church, Hot Springs.



ABOVE: Shown in foreground at Little Rock Conference Christian Social Concerns session (left to right) the Rev. Louis Mulkey of Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, vice chairman; Mr. Winstead, co-chairman; Mrs. Jennings Shaw of Magnolia, secretary; the Rev. Ferris W. Norton, Jr., of Crossett, chairman.



Mrs. Grafton Thomas (seated, second from left), chairperson, meets with Advisory Committee on Church and Community Work.

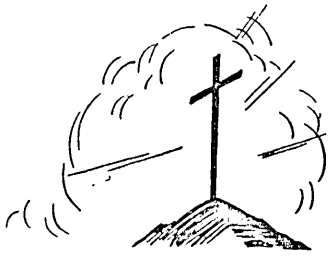
Photos by Mrs. John L. Tucker  
Director of Children's Ministry,  
Little Rock Conference

The Little Rock Conference Board of Missions at meeting with Dr. Joe Phillips (third from left), chairman.



# Why Lent

by Dr. Joseph E. Taylor  
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Every now and then someone puts together a sentence, or a phrase, or an idea, that captures the imagination of the American people. Considering how many words are hurled at us, and by us, such a phrase is indeed a rare one. But for some reason, which no one can really predetermine, one combination of words in a hundred-million clicks and it becomes a household phrase.

"... I can't believe I ate the whole thing!"

It would be hard to imagine an American to whom these are not the most familiar words.

The movie "Love Story" contained one line which almost everybody knows even if they do not remember its source. You've already thought of it — right?

"Love is never having to say you're sorry."

No one seems to know why this simple sentence has received such near-universal acceptance. It is not a startling new insight. It is hardly a new key to human relationships, but when you hear something repeated often enough you tend to think there must be some truth to it.

Is this true? Is love never having to say you're sorry? Is this a concept that squares with the best we know?

The implication as I understand it, is that when two people are really in love they ought to be able to accept each other as they actually are, warts and all. No apology is ever needed since one has only been himself, either at his best or at his worst. But one may wonder if this isn't car-

rying the "no fault" idea a little too far.

There are a couple of alternatives we have all seen which may be worse though.

For instance, nobody really respects or appreciates the person who is perpetually apologizing for his very existence. We can agree that such a man/woman has not developed any sort of a healthy self-image. Love certainly is **not** a continual apology.

Nor would we likely find any more validity in the person who thinks an apology is his Carte Blanche Card to do whatever he pleases. Nobody is especially fond of the child who goes around socking others in the stomach and then says, "But I told him I was sorry!"

At least the "Love Story" approach may be better than either of these. But it has some serious shortcomings too.

Who of us ever acts out of love in every instance in any relationship? Perhaps it is true that no one need ever apologize for an act of love even if it turns out badly. But what about the things we do and say in anger and jealousy? What about the times

when revenge is our prime motive? Or injured pride? Or simple conceit?

Do we have no need to say, "I'm sorry" when we have intentionally hurt someone we love?

The Mills Brothers in an earlier era, rode to fame on a record which said, "You always hurt the one you love, the one you shouldn't hurt at all..." A part of the nature of human love is opening oneself to another person in a vulnerable, unprotected way. To love means being exposed to being hurt.

What then when we do hurt someone we love? And, worse yet, what if we can't even say it was unintentional? Is there still no place for feeling sorry? Or is it better to feel it and not say it?

We have in the Church calendar a season called Lent. Historically it is a time for us to confess our sins and to be sorry for them. Not that we should save up our confessing and repenting for a year and get it all done at once, the way we sometimes try to make up for months of neglect in a binge of Christmas spending. But Lent is a special time when we are called to remember...

to remember the love that has been given to us —  
to remember the commitments we have accepted —  
to remember the highest vision of life we ever had.

And when we remember we will necessarily come face to face with our own record of broken promises, wilful sins, and poor performance. To say to God and to those with whom we share love, "I remember — and I'm honestly sorry," is an awfully good way to bridge widening chasms, to restore out-of-joint relationships, to redirect one's best efforts toward the accomplishment of the best we have envisioned instead of the mediocrity we have accepted.

"Love is being able to say I'm sorry — and mean it."



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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A corps of nine Air Force chaplains was supplemented by Army, Navy and Marine chaplains as American prisoners of the Vietnam war began arriving at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines from Hanoi by jet transport. Col. Kenneth Israel, Protestant chief of chaplains at the base some 70 miles north of Manila, said "We have heard that for many (POWs) prison years have led to a spiritual finding of themselves."

Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark, who wrote the Court's decision on prayer and Bible-reading in public schools, said the schools and courts cannot be blamed for the lack of religious training of children. Addressing the 25th anniversary conference of Americans United for Separation of Church and State in St. Louis, Justice Clark said: "A child who prepares and gives grace at the family dinner receives more benefit from those few words of his own than all the prayers that others write and he chants in school."

An in-depth study to determine the "relative cost effectiveness" of using tax dollars to finance social efforts now funded by private (including church-related) charitable organizations has been recommended by Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (Utah). The senator said such a study "with hard facts, would go far in immunizing the public policy favoring private philanthropy from attack by those who believe government can best utilize tax dollars by undertaking activities now carried on by private charity." The Utah lawmaker said that during hearings on the 1969 Tax Reform Act, the Senate Finance Committee heard many witnesses testify that the private charity dollar "pays for social efforts which would otherwise be a burden to the federal, state or local governments, and for considerably less cost." The senator emphasized that this was opinion testimony and "there were no hard facts."

Reportedly hundreds of Israeli students in Jerusalem have been attending Protestant "messianic assemblies," which have been strengthened by a group of "Jews for Jesus" activists from the U.S. In recent weeks, Orthodox Jewish circles in Israel have been urging anti-missionary legislation, noting that such a bill was pigeonholed in the Knesset (Parliament) at the request of the Interior Committee on Foreign Ministry.

A leading Roman Catholic moral theologian emphasized during a Vatican Radio interview that abortion is a "true crime" and is "no solution to a social problem caused by society's failure to promote mature sexual behavior." A Vatican Radio broadcast which preceded the interview observed that in the U.S. the number of abortions in one year far exceeded the number of American lives lost in all its wars over a period of almost 200 years.

Lay persons will begin distributing Communion to Roman Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York this Spring in churches where such extraordinary services are needed. Bishop James P. Mahoney, Vicar General of the Archdiocese, explained in a letter sent to all priests in the area that the need for such extraordinary ministers will be based on such factors as great number of communicants, unavailability of priests, deacons or acolytes, and the consequent overly prolonged Communion Rite. Candidates will include men and women at least 21 years of age.

A letter received by the Rt. Rev. John Hines, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, would seem to indicate that not all members of the denomination are responding warmly to proposed changes in that church's orders of worship. The letter reads: "My dear Presiding Bishop, If Jesus Christ knew what you are doing to our Book of Common Worship with your devilish new liturgy (under study for use in the Episcopal Church)—He would turn over in His grave."

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Woodbridge, Va. has inaugurated a training program for lay assistants called the "Undershepherd Ministry." Trainees must commit themselves to regular prayer and worship during a period of evening instruction sessions conducted by their minister. The training period will culminate in a "lay ordination" service at which trainees will make "public witness to commitment in a service of the Church," involving a minimum of one year of being in charge of a "fold" of up to 20 families. The Rev. Rodney Caulkins, rector, said "The value of the Undershepherd Ministry will be shown by its fruits: by a more Christ-centered, believing, sharing, rejoicing, loving community. This strengthened body of Christ is the goal of the lay ministry of undershepherds."

Britain has long been known for its Good Food Guide, the Good Hotel Guide, and many other "Good Guides." Now the Roman Catholics have published the Good Church Guide on an experimental basis. What it means is that churches "where Mass is almost inaudible" or "where the liturgy is slipshod" face the prospect of public exposure by anonymous inspectors similar to those who visit hotels and restaurants to rate their services.

The Permanent Theological Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. has taken steps to allow baptized children to take communion and says it finds no theological reason why an ordained PCUS minister cannot be confirmed in another denomination. The denomination is the only major denomination in the U.S. which does not permit baptized children to participate in communion services, the committee said. A person now must be confirmed before taking communion in the church.

A historic Plan of Union for "The Church of Christ in Canada" has been unveiled in Toronto by executives of the Anglican and United Churches, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) — resulting from five years' work by the General Commission on Church Union. The 81-page document, tries to cover every conceivable question relative to the very delicate unification of the episcopal-style Anglicans with the two Reform Churches. It will now go through the legislative processes of the respective denominations.

The administrative chief of the Zulu people, addressing an ecumenical luncheon at the Interchurch Center in New York, expressed doubts that the World Council of Churches' grants to "liberation movements" in southern Africa help the cause of blacks ruled by the white minority in his country, South Africa. Chief M. Gatsha Buthelezi is the political leader of 4 million Zulus and is considered the most powerful tribal figure there. An Anglican layman, he is a strong critic of the white dominated government and its apartheid (racial separation) policy in his homeland. He said it was not made clear that the WCC grants — first allocated three years ago — were for humanitarian purposes and not for the purchase of arms, and called this lack of clarity "unfortunate."

Religious groups opposed to insurance would be exempt from paying Social Security employment tax on wages under a bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Richard S. Schweiker (Pa.). "Forcing people such as the Amish to pay a tax which is a form of insurance, directly opposed by the tenets of their faith," Schweiker said, "is an impingement on the religious rights of any group, no matter how small."

Southern Baptist Staff Chaplain Merle Strickland at the Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., has composed a stanza for women to be sung with the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save." The lyrics, published in Navy Chief of Chaplains Offices' monthly Memorandum for Navy Chaplains reads: "O God protect the women too — who proudly wear the Navy blue; O guide devoted hands of skill — And bless their work within Thy will; Inspire their lives that they may be—Examples fair on land and sea."

A television series on Churches in Africa and a "Special" on amnesty are scheduled to be shown on four consecutive Sundays in March according to an announcement by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the Nat'l. Council of Churches. The BFC has cooperated with CBS-TV on the "Look Up and Live" series, which will depict African Christianity as seen through African eyes and a drama dealing with amnesty entitled "Duty Bound."

An elaborate electronic system, covering four miles of Vatican museum corridors and St. Peter's Basilica, has been installed to protect the Vatican's priceless art treasures. The system includes closed-circuit television, loud speakers, laser beams, microwave-controlled sirens and magnetos. Some 25 TV cameras scan tourists who pass through the museums, paying particular attention to entrances and other points where large crowds tend to gather.

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SOMEBODY CARED!

CLARK AIR FORCE BASE, Philippines — Navy Capt. Howard Rutledge of Tulsa finds that over and above "family" some Americans cared for him during his imprisonment by North Vietnam. Among the first to greet him was a Navy nurse, Capt. Ronalin Thomson, an Air Force nurse at Clark Air Force Base. On her wrist, declaring her hopes and prayers for a POW, was the name, "Capt. Howard Rutledge." The Navy officer was released on Feb. 12. (RNS photo)

MARCH 1, 1973



# Recapitulation 1973 ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

## LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

|             | New  | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|-------------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| ARKADELPHIA | 173  | 551   | 17      | 741   |
| CAMDEN      | 220  | 1002  | 20      | 1242  |
| HOPE        | 151  | 720   | 8       | 879   |
| LITTLE ROCK | 372  | 2256  | 32      | 2660  |
| MONTICELLO  | 146  | 754   | 6       | 906   |
| PINE BLUFF  | 222  | 1091  | 5       | 1318  |
| TOTALS      | 1284 | 6374  | 88      | 7746  |

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

|              | New  | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|--------------|------|-------|---------|-------|
| BATESVILLE   | 281  | 915   | 21      | 1217  |
| CONWAY       | 223  | 943   | 27      | 1193  |
| FAYETTEVILLE | 184  | 702   | 21      | 907   |
| FORREST CITY | 196  | 1095  | 15      | 1306  |
| FT. SMITH    | 118  | 651   | 16      | 785   |
| JONESBORO    | 254  | 1407  | 8       | 1669  |
| PARAGOULD    | 125  | 619   | 15      | 759   |
| TOTALS       | 1381 | 6332  | 123     | 7836  |

## WYNNE-FORREST CITY AREA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' SCHOOL

Churches in the Wynne-Forrest City sub-district area participated in a Christian Workers' School, Feb. 26, 27, and 28, with nightly classes from 7 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Wynne.

The courses were staffed by the following resource persons: "Faith and

Justice," Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro; "Romans," the Rev. David P. Conyers of First Church, Newport; "Teaching Groups in the Church," Dr. Charles Richards of First Church, Searcy, and "Worship and the Sacraments," Dr. Joseph Taylor, pastor of Trinity Church, Little Rock. The Rev. William M. Wilder, host pastor, was dean of the school.



Planning group for Little Rock District Arts and Crafts Festival Showing scheduled for May 20th, 2-4:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock. (Seated, left to right) Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf, Mrs. Clinton Porterfield, Mrs. Harold Clem, Arkadelphia District chairwoman, who attended as a guest, Mrs. Cecil Morrow, Little Rock District co-chairwoman; (Standing, left to right) Mrs. Mary Alice Hood, Mrs. Jerry V. Conatser, the other district co-chairwoman; Mrs. Thomas L. Dodson. (Photography by Mrs. Marie Tucker, conference coordinator Children's Ministry.) The district festival will be preceded by local church festivals involving families.

Dr. Fred R. Harrison of Malvern, retired member of the Little Rock Conference is serving as chaplain of the House of Representatives during the 69th session of the Arkansas State Legislature. Dr. Harrison was appointed to the post by Speaker of the House, G. W. "Buddy" Turner. Each session is opened with roll call followed by a brief prayer, before the work of the day is begun. The Rev. Ed Matthews, pastor of Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff where Speaker Turner is a member, gave the opening prayer on the first day of this year's session.



## Council Directors to Local Churches . . . . .

### NEW RESOURCES

No other church has such fine curriculum resources as the United Methodist Church. One of the problems faced by workers in our churches and church schools is that of becoming acquainted with these new resources. Did you know about the following?:

#### I. THE COORDINATOR AT WORK IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In late January the Section on Local Church Education, United Methodist Board of Discipleship, released **The Coordinator at Work in Children's Ministries**, a new manual written by LaDonna Bogardus, Director of Ministries with Late Elementary Boys and Girls at the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Miss Bogardus says the 48-page book grew out of "a Conference Coordinator's expressing a real need for something brief and concise." Accordingly Miss Bogardus has employed a terse style which makes the manual easy to read and to understand, and the text is supplemented with cartoon characters to bring home the major points.

"This manual is intended as concrete and practical guidance for the local church coordinator," says Miss

Bogardus. "We have tried to avoid slipping into vague generalities and goals, although they serve an important function, and have steered toward real, step-by-step instruction in developing an effective ministry for children."

The contents of the book include studying the needs of the age group, studying the goals of the congregation's ministry, coordinating planning and implementation, reaching out to children, and cues for the coordinator. The entire manual is based on the guidelines set forth in **The Book of Discipline, 1968**.

To order **The Coordinator at Work in Children's Ministries** (\$1 per copy) write the Service Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

#### II. WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

The role of women in the church and the struggle to realize their full potential is the theme of a new color, motion picture to be released in summer, 1973. Filmed near Plainfield, N. J., and at Drew University in mid-January, the documentary is written, directed, filmed and produced by women.

The film will center around three women. One is a young woman who is studying for the ministry. Another is a woman who, after raising her fam-

ily, has devoted much of her time and energy to working for increasing women's roles in the decision-making processes of the Church. The other woman featured in the film is a retired professor of Drew University, who is active in the women's movement and is particularly engaged in researching and breaking through the distortions of women's history in the church—beginning with early translations of the Bible and continuing to present-day versions, as well as books on Church history.

Financed by TRAFICO, the film is being developed in consultation with the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries and is projected as a resource for the study on women in the church for United Methodist women in the summer of 1973. Ellen Kirby, Beverly Chain and others are consultants for the Board of Global Ministries.

#### III. OUR LIVING BIBLE SERIES

WHAT IS IT? A three-year comprehensive systematic study of the entire Bible for adults.

WHEN DOES IT BEGIN? First unit will be in the Fall Quarter—September 1973.

WHY? It grew out of a grass roots request for this type of Church School curriculum. It was designed to provide a responsible overview of the entire Bible.

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#### HOW ABOUT THE CONTENT?

A. Covers the books of the Bible.  
B. Deals with questions of the Bible rather than questions about the Bible.

C. Comes to grips with the meaning, message, and values of the Bible.

D. The twelve units (undated, issued quarterly): Unit 1—Channels of the Spirit acts; Unit 2—Creation and liberation; Unit 3—A Distinct People; Unit 4—The Lord and His Anointed; Unit 5—God's unwilling people; Unit 6—People of the Law; Units 7-12—Titles not yet announced.

DOES IT REPLACE OTHER MATERIALS? It was created as a new option in curriculum. Other present resources will continue.

ANY SAMPLE COPIES? Available first for April-May 1973 Workshops. Local churches should order material when they place orders for the 1973 fall quarter of the Church School.

WHEN BETTER RESOURCE MATERIALS ARE CREATED, THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE DOING IT!

# NEWS and NOTES

THE BATESVILLE AREA of United Methodist Men's Clubs will hold a dinner meeting on March 13 in First United Methodist Church in Batesville, at 7 p.m. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be guest speaker. Ladies will be guests.

THE MARCH "SUNDAY AT SIX" services in First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, will have the Key 73 study of Luke. The four sessions, beginning March 4, will be led by Dr. William F. Andrews, Memphis surgeon who has been on the staff of Baptist Hospital for 23 years and who teaches a young adult Sunday school class and a mid-week Bible class. He is a member of the First Evangelical Church in Memphis. The Rev. Worth Gibson will be host pastor.

PAUL R. RAMSEY, educational director of the Arkansas Christian Foundation, was guest speaker in Griffin Memorial Church at Paragould on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is the Griffin minister.

THE BULLETIN of First Church, North Little Rock, Jan. 28 issue, congratulated Mrs. C. J. Baker on her 100th birthday, and Mrs. Ruth Anderson and Ned Dumas for being recipients of Good Citizenship Awards at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The Rev. Earl Carter is their pastor.

THE SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH at First Methodist Church, Little Rock conducted the entire Service of Worship on Sunday morning, Jan. 28, assisted by the Children's Choir. The Youth provided the organist, guitarists, ushers, and the speakers for the Service. They also prepared the Order of Worship. Mrs. Pat Wyatt leads the Children's Choir. Mrs. Vicki Allen is director of Christian Education.

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor of First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock, in the recent loss of his mother, Mrs. E. T. Carter of Altus.

To Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, in the loss of his mother, Mrs. M. G. dePencier of Muskogee, Okla.

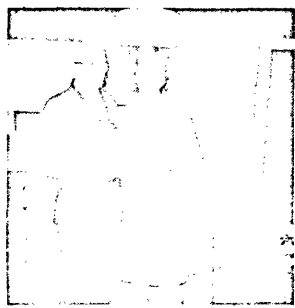
THE EUREKA SPRINGS United Methodist Church has begun a church wide Bible study as a part of their participation in KEY 73. Six small groups have been started in an effort to involve a wide spectrum of the congregation in the study. These groups are meeting in the homes of the participants. The pastor of the Eureka Springs church is the Rev. DuBois Pettit.

THE REV. AND MRS. CARROLL D. Jackson represented the Batesville District at the Mid-Winter Conference for Ministers and Wives, at the School for Christian Renewal Center in Oklahoma City, Jan. 16-19. Mr. Jackson is pastor of the Marshall-Leslie Charge.

AT A CALLED SESSION of the Charge Conference of the Marshall United Methodist Church, Feb. 4, a resolution was passed unanimously to authorize the trustees to purchase three acres of land for the purpose of relocating the church. Plans are for construction to begin soon. The Rev. Carroll D. Jackson is pastor.

MRS. E. R. BOGAN has had the Luxora United Methodist Church re-finished inside and outside in loving memory of her husband, Dr. E. R. Bogan. This work included repainting the church, inside and outside, and the installation of new gutters. Dr. Bogan was the church treasurer for many years and at the time of his death last May was Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Rev. Raymond Dorman is the Luxora pastor.

THE CONGREGATION OF LAKE Street United Methodist Church in Blytheville welcomed their new pastor and said goodbye to their organist at a churchwide cooperative meal recently. The Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Reed were honored with a "pounding" and Sergeant and Mrs. Richard Moore were the recipients of a monetary gift. The Moores are leaving for a new assignment in Taiwan. Vickie has been the organist during her husband's training at the Air Base. The Reeds moved to Lake Street January 1. The event was jointly sponsored by the Women's Society and the Young Adult Sunday School Class.



The Junior Choir in Hoxie United Methodist Church prepares for action.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT WOMEN MEET MARCH 3

The Cherokee Village United Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Church of Hardy, are co-hosting the District of Paragould's "Celebration of the United Methodist Women" on March 3. Mrs. C. M. Woodworth, president of the Cherokee Village UMW and Mrs. Jack Carmon, president of the Hardy UMW, with the help of Circle members, will be in charge with a coffee at 10 a.m., lunch at 11:30 a.m. and the reception in the late afternoon.

Afternoon session will begin at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Cherokee Village Church with the combined Chancel Choirs taking part. Bishop Eugene Frank will be the featured speaker of the day and all Paragould District folks are invited to attend.

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET AT WESLEY, SPRINGDALE

The Wesley United Methodist Church, Springdale, held their first annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Springdale on Feb. 8, sponsored by the Grace Helen Circle of the Women's Society.

Mrs. Claude Harris served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the 69 persons attending. The program included scripture by Mrs. Ralph Orr, poems by Mrs. Roy Peter, and special music by the Central Junior High Chorus. Mrs. Ray Duell of Prairie Grove was guest speaker, and shared her personal Christian testimony.

CARR MEMORIAL CHURCH of Pine Bluff held the annual Valentine banquet on Thursday, Feb. 15. Based on the theme "Memories," the decorations included a white "memory tree" covered with memory provoking items. The program included a reading by Mrs. Minnie Eaves, "I'm Lookin' Fer a Feller"; Frank Hartsfield's reading on differences of word usage, yesterday and today; Sonny Butler and Janet Puckett entertaining with music. Dr. Leon Francis was the featured speaker. The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is pastor.

## CORRECTION

In last week's Arkansas Methodist we stated that Dr. Alfredo Nanez is superintendent of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Tex. We have since learned that he has been succeeded by the Rev. Noc Gonzales.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young were honored at a "Going away party" at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Dover Charge. The Youngs have now moved to Searcy.

UMYF members of First Church, Monticello, made valentines to be distributed to the patients in the Monticello Hospital. The Rev. Bill Elliott is their pastor.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

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| Mar. 4—Sunday  | Mark 6:45-52  |
| Mar. 5         | Mark 11:12-20 |
| Mar. 6         | Luke 8:22-25  |
| Mar. 7         | Mark 14:3-9   |
| Mar. 8         | Luke 5:1-11   |
| Mar. 9         | Luke 9:10-17  |
| Mar. 10        | Luke 23:39-45 |
| Mar. 11—Sunday | John 4:16-54  |

## MRS. PEARL MCKENZIE

Final rites for Mrs. Pearl McKenzie, 72, of Searcy, who died Jan. 26, 1973, were conducted at Grace United Methodist Church in Searcy by the Rev. Lewis Ernest. The church choir sang, accompanied by Mrs. Pam Lyles. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Adult Sunday School Class.

Mrs. McKenzie was a charter member of Grace United Methodist Church and of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

She was born March 15, 1900 in Selmer, Tenn. Survivors include a son, Milburn McKenzie of Searcy; a daughter, Mrs. Grady Howerton of Searcy; two brothers, John and Joe Alexander, both of Tennessee; three sisters, Mrs. Cora Hollingsworth and Mrs. Medie Walker and Mrs. Dewey Clark, all of Tennessee; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

## P. K. KORNER

BECKY MANN, a senior at Hope High School has been notified that she is to be featured in the Seventh Annual Edition of "Who's Who among American High School Students," 1972-73. Less than 2% of the junior and senior class students nationwide are awarded this recognition. Becky is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. Mouzon Mann. Dr. Mann is superintendent of the Hope District, United Methodist Church.

DOYLE BRANDON SCROGGIN, son of the Rev. and Mrs. David D. Scroggin of St. John's United Methodist Church, Van Buren, was dedicated in infant baptism Sunday, Feb. 4, by Dr. Charles McDonald, superintendent of the Fort Smith District. Present for the ceremony were grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Evans of Crossett and Mrs. Emma Scroggin of Morrilton; aunts, Mrs. Mary Jo Harrod of Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Doylene Fuqua of Bentonville; and godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gossett of Mayflower. Unable to attend were godparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ford of Acworth, Ga.

## "Services of Celebration" launch United Methodist Women

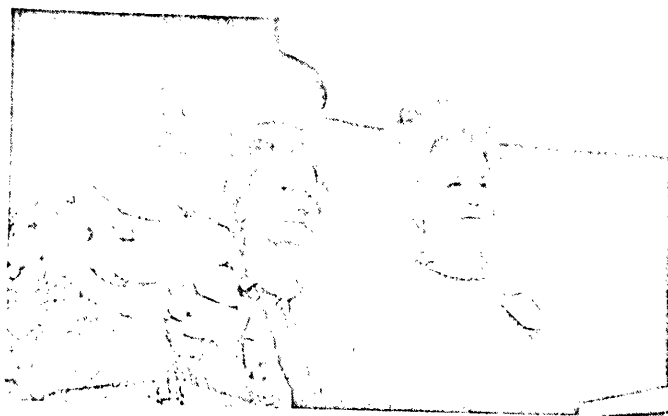
Women of the United Methodist Church have assumed a new name and a new style. The new name is "United Methodist Women" and the organization combines the former Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Members of the two Arkansas conferences held formal ceremonies to mark the occasion on two recent Saturdays, Feb. 17 and 24. Bishop Eugene M. Frank was the featured speaker at both meetings. He spoke in Benton at the First United Methodist Church when women of the Little Rock Conference met there Feb. 17, and at Conway in the First United Methodist Church, Feb. 24 to members of the North Arkansas Conference. The combined attendance was more than 1200 persons.

These women represented 596 local societies and guilds in Arkansas with a membership of 22,640, and they belong to the national organization of 36,000 societies with a total membership of more than one and one-half million women.

Another feature of both meetings was the merger with women of the former Southwest Conference (comprised of Black churches). Presiding officers were presidents of the Southwest Conference, the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. James Nix of Lonoke was installed as president of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Zenobia Waters, formerly of the Southwest Conference, is vice-president. North Arkansas women elected Mrs. Harold Womack of North Little Rock as president, and Mrs. James Chandler as vice-president.

The Little Rock Conference slate of officers was presented by Mrs. Louise Pate, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Louise Fish was elected secretary, Mrs. Hubert Blakley, treasurer, and Mrs. James T. Young, associate treasurer. Coordinators are: Mrs. W. C. Patton, Christian Personhood; Mrs. Charles McNamara, Supportive Community; Mrs. Robert Prator, Christian Social Involvement; and Mrs. Marie Watkins, Global Concerns. Mrs. Idabel Mitchell is chairman of Program Resources, Mrs. Barnett Miles of Membership, and Mrs. Erna Rudi of Nominations. Also elected to the Nominating Committee were Mrs. C. B. Stone, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Raymond Tweedle,



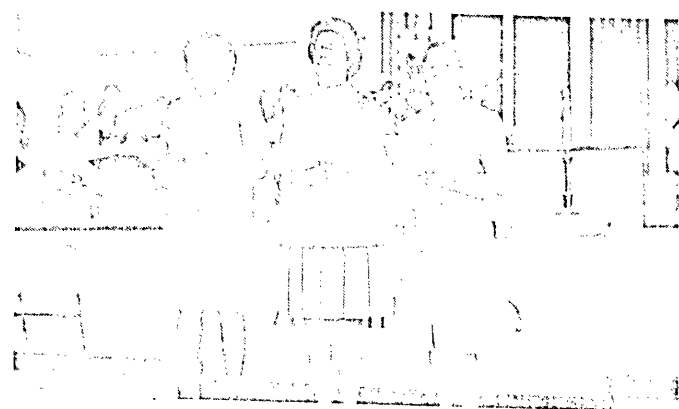
Retiring heads of the three merging groups presided at a special merger service conducted in each meeting. The North Arkansas service included Mrs. Alice Preston (Southwest Conference), Mrs. Truman Stephens (WSG chairman), and Mrs. Joe Crumbler (WSCS president).

Mrs. Gene Rateken and Mrs. John Arnn.

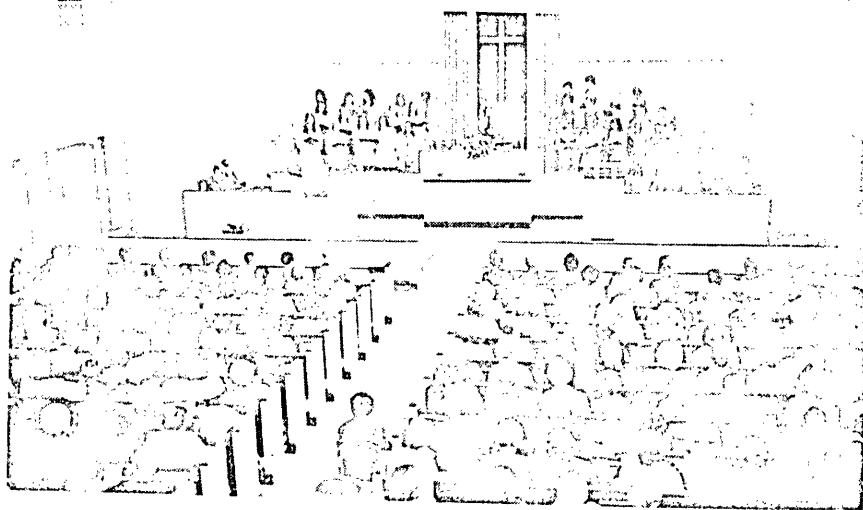
North Arkansas officers elected, after the slate was presented by Miss Mildred Scott, Mrs. Truman Stephens, secretary and Mrs. James R. Lloyd, treasurer. Coordinators are Mrs. D. C. Neal, Christian Personhood; Mrs. Cecil E. Holman, Supportive Community; Mrs. Earl Hughes, Christian Social Involvement; and Miss Kathleen Sharp, Global Concerns. Chairmen include Mrs. Emma Burns, Program Resources; Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson, Membership; and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Nominations.



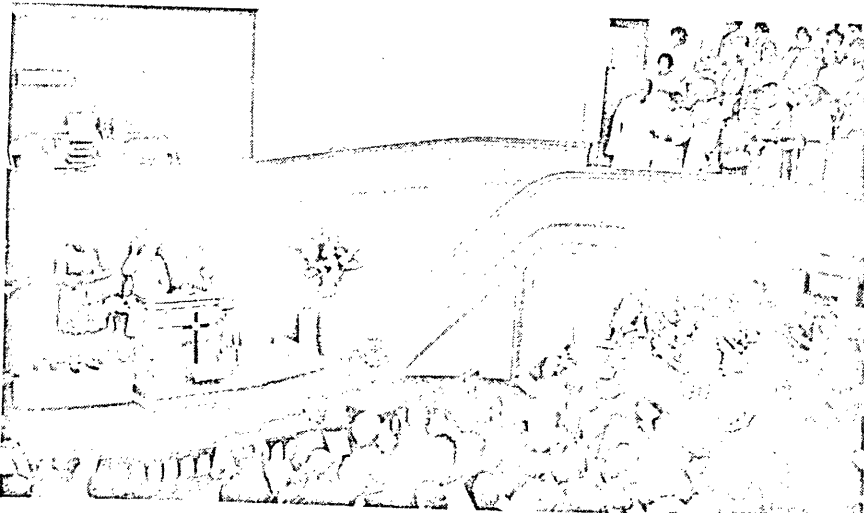
Mrs. Harold D. Womack, North Little Rock, was elected to serve as president of North Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women. Mrs. James Nix, new Little Rock Conference president, was shown with other officers on page one of the last issue, but the names were reversed.



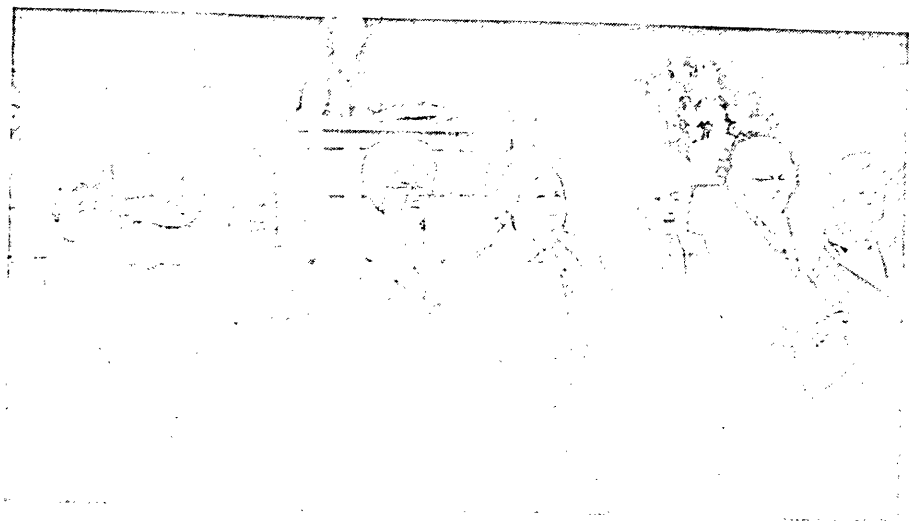
Presiding at the Little Rock Conference merging service were Mrs. Alice Preston (Southwest Conference, which covered all of Arkansas and Oklahoma), Mrs. Ruby Lee Jackson (standing in for Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, WSG chairman), and Mrs. E. T. Davenport (WSCS president).



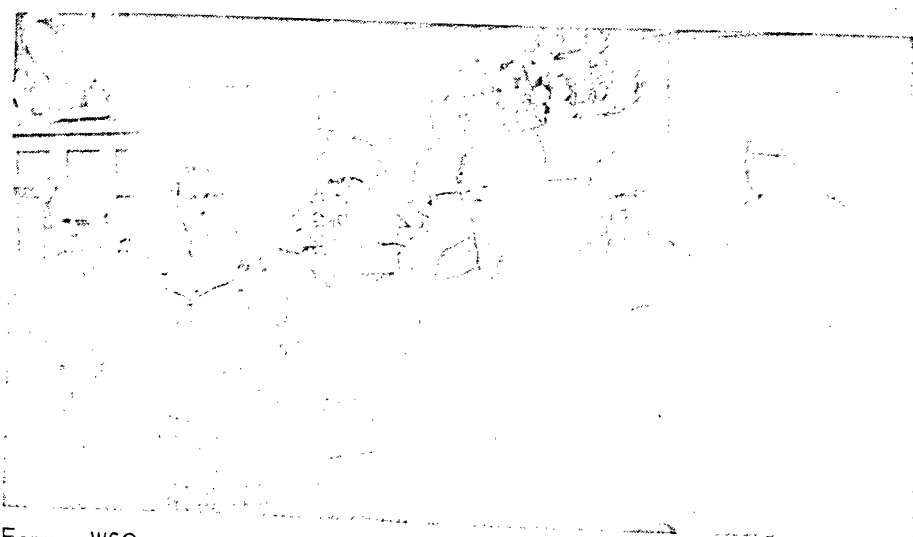
This balcony view of the meeting in Benton shows the "NOW Singers", youthful group who furnished special music. A reception in fellowship hall followed the afternoon meeting.



A portion of the crowd packing the Conway church are shown above. The 10:30-2:30 meeting had a one and one-half hour break for lunch and fellowship.



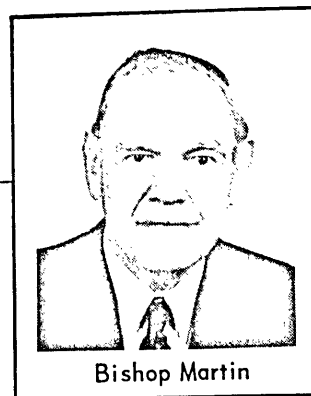
Former WSCS presidents attending at Conway included Mrs. Howard Johnson, at left, who served from 1968-71; Mrs. R. K. Bent, 65-68; Mrs. Harold Womack, 64-65, (who was elected president of the new organization); Miss Mildred Osment, 60-64; Mrs. Jessie Gilstrap, 56-60; Mrs. E. G. Kaetzell, 53-56; and Mrs. A. W. (Johnnie McClure) Martin, 49-53.



Former WSG secretaries included Miss Myrtle Charles, at left, the first conference secretary after organizing in 1940; Mrs. James T. Burkett, 47-48; Miss Gertie Stiles, 48-51, who then became jurisdiction secretary; Mrs. John R. Parks, 62-65; Mrs. Julian Vogel, 53-57; and Miss Mildred Scott, 65-68.

# The Sunday School Lesson

(We are indebted to Bishop William C. Martin for the weekly Sunday School Lessons for the third quarter — March, April and May — under the general topic: "Affirmations of Our Faith.")



Bishop Martin

## LESSON FOR MARCH 11: Man Is A Responsible Being

**SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND:** Genesis 1:27-30; 4:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 14:10-12

**MEMORY SELECTION:** "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To discover more fully what it means to be a responsible Christian.

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Have you ever tried to answer the question as to what is the unifying power that holds the social order together, with a reasonable degree of reliability, in spite of all of the divisive forces that threaten to tear it apart? Some might answer that it is respect for or fear of the strong hand of the law. This is a partial answer, but only a moment's consideration will show that if this were the chief source of restraint it would require almost as many policemen as private citizens and then who would govern them? There is something deeper than this and I think we find it in the central word of our lesson today. It is the sense of responsibility with which God the Creator endowed each of his children. This word "responsibility" comes from two Latin words. The first is the syllable "re" meaning "back" and the second is "spondere" meaning "to answer;" a promise to yield to the power of an urgent call. So, responsibility is the recognition in our lives that we belong to a reality that is exerting a compelling force upon us and we yield ourselves to it. It is a strong cable that is made up of three different strands.

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### FINDING OUR TRUE SELVES

I can best illustrate what I have in mind by taking three statements out of the Gospels that relate to the life of our Lord. The first of them is: "He was there alone." (Matt. 14:23) Jesus had been with the crowds all day and now he had sent them away. Even the disciples had gone into a boat and had started to cross the lake. Jesus went, as he often did, into the hill country and was there alone. The first strand of this cable of responsibility is the individual's responsibility to himself. No matter how much we may prefer to have it otherwise, no matter how much we may enjoy the stimulation of the crowd or seek to avoid coming into direct communication with ourselves, we cannot escape it. There always comes a time when every man stands face to face with himself and knows deep within him whether he is really a man or a mockery, a make-believe, a sham. Years ago in this country there was a poet by the name of Eddie Guest. I suppose he did not take high rank as an artist, but he dealt with some very simple and meaningful facts of life. I remember a few lines out of a poem which he called "Myself."

"I have to live with myself and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know.  
I want to be able as the days go by  
Always to look myself straight in the eye:  
I don't want to stand in the setting sun  
And hate myself for the things I've done.  
And in this struggle for fame and pelf  
I want to be able to like myself."

He was dealing with that strand of responsibility that we are discussing today. One man was telling his Christian experience and when he was speaking of what Christ had done for him he said, "He gave me back my sense of self-respect."

Someone may say, "I thought that, as Christians, we had been taught that we must deny ourselves." There is a sense in which this is true, but it is based upon the fact that in a real sense there are two selves, a higher self and a lower self. Paul said "The things I want to do I don't do. The things that I don't want to do—these are the things that I do. I find the law written in myself that reaches up to the things that are high, but I find another law written in my body that is pulling me down to the things that are low." We are to deny the lower self in order that the higher self, the real self, may come into control. Some of you may remember an old hymn we used to sing, one line of which was "All of self and none of Thee;" and then there was another line that ran "Some of self and some of Thee;" and then the final line was "None of self and all of Thee." This is not sound teaching. It is not the will of our heavenly Father that we should cease to be ourselves. To be a person is why he gave to each of us a self. We would do well to recall the word of Shakespeare, "And this above all to thine own self be true and it must follow as the day the night, Thou canst not then be false to any man." The first strand in this cable of responsibility is one's responsibility to himself.

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### "FOR THEIR SAKES"

"For their sakes I consecrate myself." (John 17:19) You will recognize this as a part of the prayer which Jesus prayed. It represents the responsibility that each of us has for others. This is the second strand in this cable of responsibility. He was saying that he was not thinking of himself, but of his disciples, those near at hand, those far away. I suspect that he was looking down through the years and was thinking of all those who would bear his name and take his cross. For their sakes he was consecrating himself. This should be a strong pull in the life of each of us. We owe so much to other people. Think, for example, how much we owe to our families. Every individual is standing at the apex of a pyramid—a pyramid that reaches back and back through the past, and all the lines have converged upon each one of us. What do we not owe to parent and grandparents one generation after another and to all relatives who have loved us and have helped us to be what we are. You may have heard someone say, "Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if we could choose our ancestors?" Well, in a sense, we can. Each one of us can choose out of our ancestors the traits and qualities that appeal most to us. I suspect that all of us have a higher regard for some of our ancestors than we do for others. Some of them have made real sacrifices for us and if it had not been for their love and sustaining devotion we would not be where we are today. For their sakes we consecrate ourselves.

And then, there is a great company of friends—more than we can number. How much we owe to our friends, people who have walked by our sides and have seen better things in us than we have seen in ourselves, people who have laid a hand of encouragement on our shoulders when we were disposed to be hopeless and despondent. We can never fully express our indebtedness to friends like these. And, so we say "For their sakes I must not let them

down. I must not betray their confidence in me. For their sakes I consecrate myself."

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### THE WIDER CIRCLE

And then, there is that wider circle. You know people who are not members of your family nor members of your circle of friends—people who are friendless and homeless. We owe something to them, do we not? Who is going to let them know that somebody really cares? The noblest people you have ever known are people who have been sensitive to the needs of others. Little children, older people, people of another race, people of another faith, but all of them in need. Something within us says I must do what I can for their sakes. I think of a gifted English lawyer by the name of David Barnado. He had been inviting a group of poorly dressed boys from the streets of London to his club once a week for some refreshments and games. One night after the party was over, he was going home with one of the boys. When they had gone down one dark street after another they turned into an alley and the boy pointed to a dry goods box against the wall with some dirty bedding in it and said, "This is my home." David Barnado returned to his room but not to sleep. The next day he told the story to some friends and together they established the first Barnado Home. As you probably know, there are Barnado Homes in all parts of the former British Empire. And it all came about because, for their sakes, one man consecrated himself. Our sense of responsibility for the welfare of others is a strong strand in the cable of responsibility.

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### THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

"I always do what is pleasing to him." (John 8:29) Jesus was speaking here of his relationship with his Father. His words lead us directly into an awareness of our own responsibility to God. This is not an experience that is limited to Christ our Lord or to a few gifted people. God has a plan and a pattern for every life. He expects certain things of us and our responsibility to him is one of the things that holds us close to him and helps us to grow into Christian maturity. All of us are aware that the progress which the race has made in the realm of morals is to be credited to the fact that some person had strength enough, commitment enough, a sense of responsibility to God that enabled him to stand even when he was compelled to stand alone. This was true of the courageous leader Joshua when many of his people were turning toward idols. He had the fidelity to say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This responsibility accounts for a man like Martin Luther who said, "Here I stand, God helping me, I can do no other." When Peter and John were called before the Sanhedrin and were strictly warned to cease preaching about Jesus, they said, "We must obey God rather than men." I admire the courage of a man like Governor Nichols in post-Civil War Louisiana. The legislature had passed an iniquitous lottery bill and sent it by a committee for the governor's signature. He stood to his feet and said, "Gentlemen, my left arm lies buried on the battlefield of Seven Pines, but I would rather this right arm were buried by its side than to sign that bill." And they could not pass it over his veto. He felt that he must obey God rather than men.

God, our Father, has created us as responsible persons: responsible to ourselves, to others, and to Himself. There are other good things in our lesson today, but I believe this to be its central truth.



## Costa Rica Methodists elect president

NEW YORK (UMI)—A 31-year-old pastor has been elected head of the newly autonomous Methodist Church of Costa Rica, according to reports to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Permission for autonomy was granted by the 1972 United Methodist General Conference. Early this year the executive committee of the newly-formed United Methodist Committee on Central Conference Affairs said the church had met the requirements for autonomy. Bishop Paul Washburn, Chicago, is Committee chairman; other members of the executive committee are Bishops Eugene Frank, Little Rock, Ark.; Joel McDavid, Lakeland, Fla.; Marvin Stuart, San Francisco, and James K. Mathews, Washington.

The Rev. Luis Fernando Palomo, pastor of Redentor Methodist Church in San Jose, Costa Rica's capital, was elected president of the new church during the church's Constituting Assembly and General Assembly Feb. 11-14.

Rather than use the title of bishop for head of the church, the Costa Rica church chose a president. One other Latin American Methodist church, the Methodist Church of Uruguay, also calls its top leader president.

The Costa Rica church is small, having 985 members in 18 congregations. Methodist evangelists visited the country in 1886, but permanent Methodist work did not begin until 1918. The church is related to a theological school, a secondary school, a student hostel, a bookstore, and a rural center as well as local churches.

## Advance Special assistance sought for Alaska Methodist University

NEW YORK (UMI) — Alaska Methodist University, which two years ago was fighting for survival, has increased its enrollment in the 1972-73 academic year by 20 per cent and reports a record high number of Native Alaskan students.

Dr. John O. Picton, AMU president, said in a letter to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries that 181 Eskimos, Indians and Aleuts are among the university's 502 full-time students this year, an increase of 30 per cent over 1971-72.

Most of the native students and many others are being assisted by \$1,400 yearly tuition grants available to Alaska residents attending private colleges under a new law passed by the Alaska legislature, he wrote. A prorata amount also is available for part-time resident students. AMU this year has 403 part-time students.

AMU, opened in 1960, is related to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

Even though there is some financial assistance, Dr. Picton said there were more than 300 native students who were known to have applied for admission to college last year and could not attend for lack of sufficient funds, particularly under the Bureau

of Indian Affairs.

"The typical native student receives Bureau of Indian Affairs, state tuition grant, Economic Opportunity grant, work-study and institutional scholarship aid," the AMU president stated. "We obviously have insufficient institutional scholarship funds to even begin to meet the need at this crucial time in the development of the natives of the State of Alaska."

In other developments, Dr. Picton reported a consortium arrangement between AMU and the University of Alaska in which a student registered full-time at one institution could take up to half of his work at the other school with no additional fees. Both institutions have campuses in Anchorage.

Ninety-three early admission AMU students spent the first part of the 1972 fall semester studying in Spain and were to return to the Alaska campus early this year to continue as regularly enrolled students. The AMU students made such an impression in Spain that Generalissimo Franco "declared an 'Alaska Week in Madrid' and invited about 900 dignitaries to a special event in honor of our students," Dr. Picton stated. "Most of the students in this program are Native and come

from smaller communities scattered across the state," he added. Future plans include development of AMU programs in health sciences, environment and a Center for Native Studies, he added.

Because of financial difficulties, there were reports early in 1971 that AMU might not reopen that year. The proposed state tuition grants (approved in 1972) and the possibility of joint programs with the University of Alaska, however, prompted the board of trustees to move ahead and seek cash to eliminate outstanding debts.

Those efforts resulted in the sale of 197.5 acres of the AMU campus to the University of Alaska for \$1,950,000, making AMU operationally debt-free. There also is an intensified fund-raising campaign among foundations, corporations and individuals by AMU's new consultants, University Associates Inc., Washington, D.C.

The national Division, which founded AMU, continues to seek aid for the university through General Advance Special (special missionary) gifts. The Division discontinued an annual appropriation to the school's operating budget in 1970.

### WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION MEETS

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UMI) — Intense political struggles over leadership marked the 26th General Assembly of the World Student Christian Federation here early this year, according to a dispatch prepared for Religious News Service by a United Methodist minister, the Rev. Allan Burry.

At the root of maneuvering were differing ideological frames of reference among the constituency of the organization, and efforts of Asian, African and Latin American delegates to assert leadership, according to Mr. Burry who is a campus chaplain at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. The assembly, attended by more than 140 delegates during the ten-day session, expressed desire for a more collegial operation on the international level, moving away from "hierarchical" patterns.

### 'Great Relief' Voiced at Vietnam Pact

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Achievement of a cease-fire in Vietnam has brought from United Methodist leaders an expression of "great relief," a plea for judgment, repentance and reconciliation, and a call for new priorities to meet human needs.

The statement was issued by five bishops and four other national leaders, including top officials from the Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Church and Society. It includes reminders of the actions taken by the General Conference of 1972 and appends the 1968 General Conference statement calling for an end to hostilities and for efforts for development and reconciliation.

### New Methodist congregation in ESSR

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Methodists of Russia are in the news again. After reporting in 1972 the existence of an apparently heretofore unknown (at least in the West) Methodist community at Uzhgorod in the Ukraine, the center of Soviet Methodism, Estonia, has a new congregation. The new church is in Kohtla-Jarve, described as the center of the oil industry in the Estonian Socialist Soviet Republic.

According to a report from the Rev. Alexander Kuum, superintendent of Estonian Methodism, the new congregation comprises Estonian Methodists, Russian Christians and German Mennonites who fled their country in the time of Czarina Katarina (Catherine) of Russia and have kept their traditions. The church holds services in Estonian, German and Russian, and there are choirs in each language. The group meets in a room seating almost 150 and also uses a house for

church events.

Mr. Kuum called the new congregation "an especial event in the life of our church." In his report, he also hailed the August, 1972, election of Methodist Dr. Philip Rotter as World Council of Churches general secretary, saying it "has called forth a lively response in the United Methodist Church, and he has been greeted heartily from all sides. We also wish him grace and wisdom from above!"

Mr. Kuum wrote of the new church in a Christmas letter to the Rev. Dr. John F. Schaefer, associate general secretary of the United Methodist World Division:

"An especial event in the life of our church was the new congregation in Kohtla-Jarve that has come into being. Kohtla-Jarve is the great center of oil-shale mines and industry in the ESSR (Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic). Here people of many nations are working, among them German Mennonites. At the time of the Czarina Katarina they settled in Russia; they had fled from their own country because of the persecutions. During centuries they have kept their nation, language and religion.

"More than 80 Mennonites and about 50 believers of the Russian nation and Estonian Methodists who are living in this district are formed into a fellowship. They hold services in Estonian, Russian and German languages. The young Presbyter Laine is leading them. They have a room with nearly 150 seats and a house where they can come together. The choirs in Estonian, Russian and German languages are formed. Once weekly they have a joint service, and a joint choir sings."

### Former Methodist Heads New 'South Seas' Church

NEW YORK (UMI)—A young former Methodist leader in that part of the globe sometimes referred to romantically as "the South Seas" is the first national to head one of the world's newer churches.

Bishop Leslie Boseto, 39, was recently named moderator of the United Church of Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. It is a church of about 200,000 members formed a few years ago by union of Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Methodists, the latter part of the Methodist Church of Australasia.



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## Offices of bishop and district superintendent to undergo four-year study

DALLAS, Texas (UMI) — Procedures for conducting a four-year study of United Methodist bishops and district superintendents were developed here February 16-17.

The first phase of the study will be detailed data-gathering, said the 30-member commission established by the 1972 General Conference. Included will be information obtained from bishops, district superintendents, pastors and lay persons.

Data-gathering will include both opinion samplings and personal interviews. Comments are also invited from any person in the church wishing to be heard on the subject.

"We will be trying to deal historically, theologically, biblically, philosophically and ideally with the episcopacy and district superintendency," said the Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the study

commission. Dr. Northfelt, president of the denomination's Garrett Theological Seminary, was elected chairman of the group at its organizational meeting October 9.

Forming a foundation for the commission's work will be a series of four "hypotheses" and eight "assumptions" adopted here.

Among the latter is the assertion that "we approach our study with the understanding that these offices (bishop and district superintendent) are to be continued unless our findings compel us to consider alternatives."

"While these offices have served, and continue to serve, the church effectively," the document says, "over the years difficulties have arisen, mainly on the level of the proper functioning of (these) offices. . . . We suspect that the difficulties at hand reflect a lack of clarity in the theological con-

ceptions and functional roles."

In addition to data-gathering within the United Methodist Church, the commissioners said they would review pertinent material from other denominations, ecumenical bodies and secular society. An extensive bibliography has been prepared of writings and research in the area.

Assistance in the group's work will be provided by both a historical theologian and a sociologist.

The study grows out of a number of petitions submitted to the 1972 General Conference.

While the legislation calls "for the study of the offices of Bishop and District Superintendent with particular reference to the method of their selection, tenure, assignment, (and) function . . .," the commission said that in order to deal with these concerns adequately, it was "decided to dig

deeper and consider the theological context and implications."

Commissioners were elected in the 1972 jurisdictional conferences. In addition to the voting members, several consultants will take part in the deliberations, including Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., retired Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Ft. Myers, Fla., the Rev. Richard D. Pittenger, a district superintendent from Huron, S. D., and the Rev. Gerald O. McCulloh, a staff executive of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Officers, in addition to Dr. Northfelt, include the Rev. Harold H. Fink, Richmond, Va., vice chairman, and the Rev. James K. Sasaki, Monterey, Park, Calif., secretary. The next session of the commission was set tentatively for November 16-17 at a place to be determined later.

### BOTSWANA MISSION WORK REACHES MILESTONE

NEW YORK (UMI) — What missionaries consider a milestone was marked recently in development of United Methodist work in Botswana, the first "foreign mission field" to be opened by the United Methodists of central and southern Africa and the 55th country where United Methodism is at work.

The event is the graduation of the first class, about 70, from the Maun Secondary School, a major project started by United Methodists at the rural outpost of Maun. There is an enrollment of about 200 in three grades of high school, the only such serving a wide area of Botswana in southern Africa.

Work was undertaken in 1968-69 on initiative of the Africa Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. Comprising members in Angola, Mozambique, Zaire, Rhodesia and a few in South Africa, the Central Conference administers United Methodist work in Botswana. The work was begun and continues in cooperation with the United Congregational Church in Southern Africa and the Christian Council of Botswana.

### CHILEANS ELECT BISHOP

NEW YORK (UMI) — A new bishop has joined the ranks of Latin American Methodist leaders.

The 8,000-member Methodist Church of Chile, holding its first General Conference since becoming autonomous in 1969, elected the Rev. Juan Vasquez, a 42-year-old district superintendent, according to reports to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries here. He was chosen on the eighth ballot Jan. 31 at conference sessions at the large Methodist agricultural center at El Vergel.

Bishop Vasquez succeeds the Rev. Raimundo A. Valenzuela, who had been elected to a four-year episcopal term in 1969. Dr. and Mrs. Valenzuela have been reinstated as missionaries of the World Division, Board of Global Ministries, in Chile, where they have served about 30 years.

The new bishop was born in Arica, Chile, and was graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1962 with a master's degree in theology.

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## Global Ministries Board withdraws resolution

NEW YORK (UMI) — The World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries has withdrawn one of two resolutions it had filed with corporations asking them to disclose information about their involvement in the Republic of South Africa.

Texaco, Inc., has agreed to undertake to provide the World Division and Texaco stockholders with a report about the company's South African interests, said Harry Greenberg, New York, Division associate treasurer. The Division holds 24,574 shares of Texaco stock valued at about \$940,000.

The resolution filed with Texaco was one of 12 similar disclosure resolutions filed by six Protestant church groups with 12 corporations and announced January 16. The groups are part of the Church Projects on U.S. Investments in Southern Africa — 1973. The requested information includes details of corporate involvement in the Republic of South Africa including the history, comparative statistics on numbers of workers, wages paid, trade union contracts with workers of different racial backgrounds, compliance with apartheid laws and any efforts the corporation may be making to have the government modify the laws.

Mr. Greenberg said, plans are proceeding to follow through on a disclosure resolution filed by the World Division with the Eastman Kodak Company. The Division owns 19,496 shares of Eastman Kodak valued at \$2,875,000.

The Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries has filed a similar disclosure resolution on South Africa with the Caterpillar Tractor Company. The Division owns 8,000 shares of Caterpillar stock valued at about \$544,000.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

John D. Rockefeller, IV, has been named president of United Methodist-related West Virginia Wesleyan College succeeding Dr. Stanley H. Martin.

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## Problems and possibilities for downtown churches researched

NEW YORK (UMI) — Contrary to beliefs of many, financial resources alone will not keep downtown, center-city churches in business, but it will take "a loyal supporting membership base that can provide leadership for the church's program," said two United Methodist research experts at a seminar January 23-25 at Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Disclosing some findings from a study of 150 center-city churches in 130 cities across the nation, Drs. Ezra Earl Jones and Robert L. Wilson said that while few of what they call "Old First Churches" have actually died, many are "past the point of no return. Many will not survive the decade of the Seventies."

Drs. Wilson and Jones, who are completing a book on not only "Old First Churches" but also "Second Churches" just outside the central business district, led the first of three seminars on "Downtown Church: Possibilities/Programs." The seminar drew about 50 pastors and denominational executives from five denominations. Sponsoring the seminar, the later ones to be held in Pittsburgh and Oklahoma

City, is the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC), a New York-based coalition of national mission agencies of several Protestant denominations.

The seminars are an outgrowth of the three-year study of churches in the central business district—what is happening to them and what may be ahead for them. The study is a joint undertaking of Dr. Jones of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' Office of Research and Survey, and Dr. Wilson of Duke University's J.M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development.

The leaders said that the Duke seminar, initially aimed to attract key persons involved with the downtown church in southeastern cities, also had registrants from as far away as Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and California.

Participants collaborated on their experiences and focused discussion on ways in which their congregations have responded to the changing downtown environment, considering in their plans strategies for the future of the downtown church.

### African Leader's Death Deplored

NEW YORK (UMI) — The death of Dr. Amilcar Cabral, African independence leader, January 20, was deplored in a statement issued by two executives of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries here.

Dr. Cabral was shot to death in front of his home in Conakry, Guinea. For about ten years he had been head of the African party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC), which has been struggling against Portuguese rule in the small west African country.

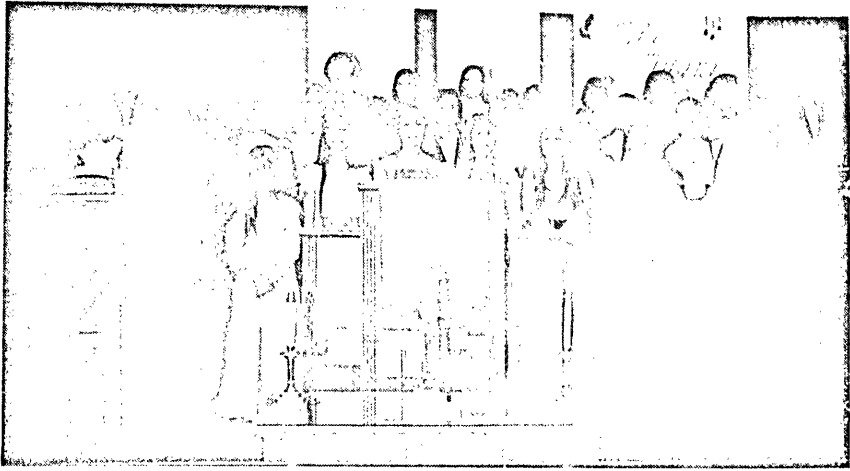
A statement on Dr. Cabral's death was issued by Mrs. Carolyn Wilhelm, secretary for racial justice in the Women's Division of the Board, and the Rev. Isaac Bivens, assistant general secretary for African Affairs of the board's World Division. They said: "We mourn the death of this kind,

### Lesson Annual is 'Best Seller'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The International Lesson Annual, 1972-73, topped the list of the ten best selling books produced during 1972 by Abingdon Press, book publishing department of the United Methodist Publishing House.

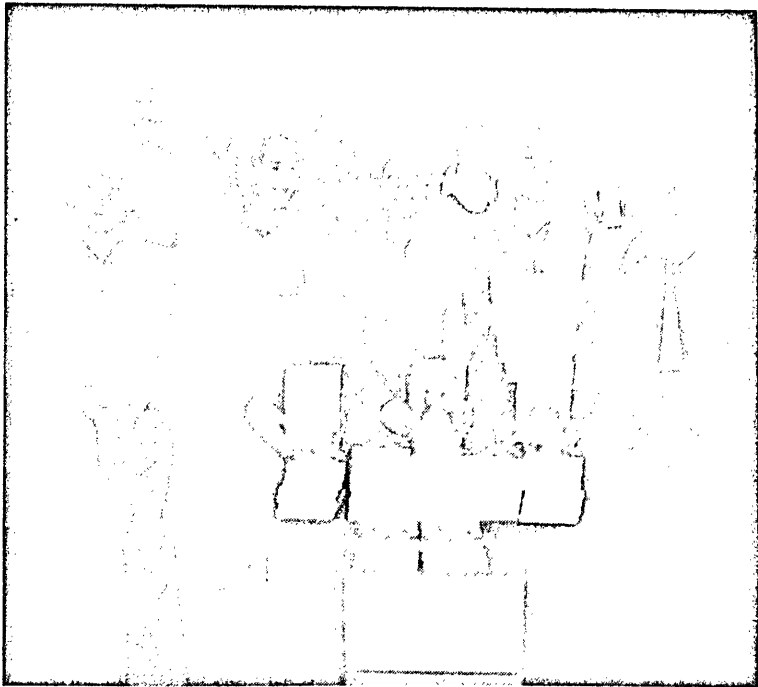
A comprehensive commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, the 18th edition of the Lesson Annual sold 41,000 copies during 1972. Second on the list of top-ten sellers in 1972 was *Key to Luke, Part I*, a resource prepared in connection with *Key 73*, a North American evangelism movement. The study guide to Luke sold 35,900 copies.

soft-spoken and gentle man. His objectives were noble, his methods were sufficient to achieve the goal of liberation for his people."



The Nicene Creed Choir of Ashdown presented a concert at Horatio United Methodist Church, Sunday night, Feb. 18, following a "tacos" snack supper. One hundred and fifty-three persons attended the concert. The Rev. Guy Downing is minister.

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Shown here are some of the United Methodist and Presbyterian youth at Holly Grove who have chosen as a project for Key 73 the placing of copies of the Living Bible New Testament in the homes of their community. The testaments were dedicated at the Feb. 18 Sunday evening service following a showing of the film, "Pat Boone and the New Revolution." The Rev. Lorne F. Piercey, pastor of the United Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Donald White of the Presbyterian Church led in the service of dedication.

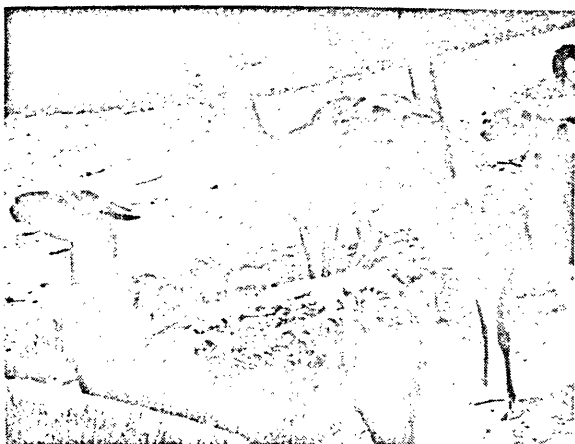
CAMDEN DISTRICT ministers and wives had a pot-luck lunch at the Smackover Church on Saturday, Feb. 10. Guests of honor were Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, who were introduced by Camden District Superintendent, Dr. Roy Bagley.

THE OSCEOLA United Methodist Church will be host to the Jonesboro District pastors and their wives at a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 14. Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank will be present. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers will be host pastor.

## Arkeology

by Gene Herrington

Talk about a sermon that really pins back your ears!



## Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

Henry W. Longfellow said, "See some good picture — in nature if possible, or on a canvass — hear a page of the best music, or read a great poem every day."

### Unfettered My Soul

I would like to live on a low green hill  
With a road sloping down the to sea,  
Where brassy clouds, idling, spill  
Living gold from the heavens on me.

Where the scent of ocean-green moss  
Drifts in from the glass-surfaced bay  
And waves with their white breakers toss  
On the rocks, quickly turning away.

I would be free to follow the tide  
Till my vagabond soul, in its glee,  
Could slip its fastenings and glide  
As a bird from bondage free.

I would go where winds sweep me  
Like the swallow with moon-loaned eyes  
And pierce beyond the tumultuous sea,  
Peaceful, star-rent veils of skies...  
Star-rent veils of skies.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris

### Whenever

Whenever...  
In the course of my daily labors,  
I come upon a scene  
That is strikingly beautiful or sublime —  
the magnificent pageant  
of a thunderstorm!  
The rainbow's glowing arch  
above the world!  
A radiant sunset,  
holding massed clouds  
in silent explosion!

I pause an instant,  
in the attitude of worship  
to declare an unspoken orison.

-by Tom J. Love

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Mrs. James White, member of Gardner Church, Hot Springs, is with her twin sister from Oklahoma City and Robbie Woody, grandson of the Rev. Robert Woody, Gardner pastor, at the birthday table when the Gardner Friendly Club met at the church recently.

#### GARDNER CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS HOSTS SENIOR CITIZENS

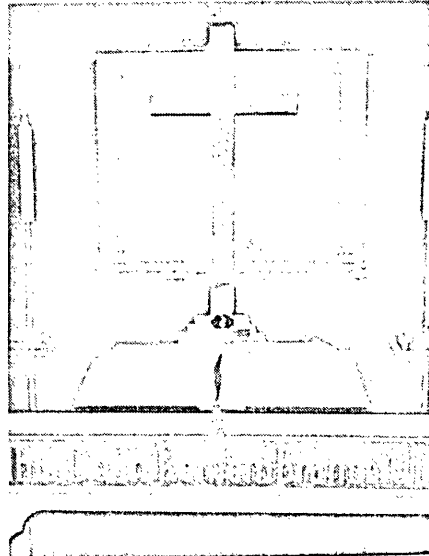
The Gardner United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, opened its doors to the Gardner Friendly Club, which was recently organized by the Gardner Extension Homemakers Club for senior citizens.

The club meets at 11 a.m. on the

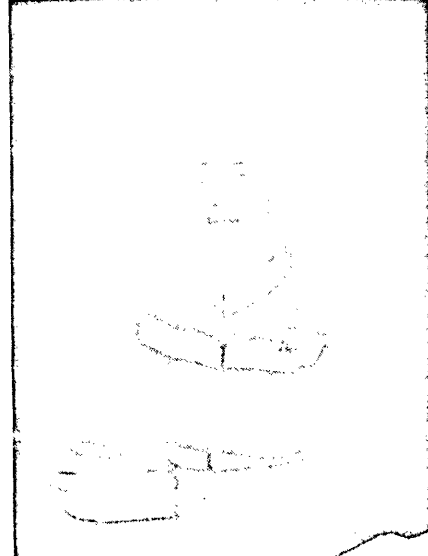
fourth Wednesday of each month to have fellowship, pot-luck lunch, and project sharing time. The oldest person at the first meeting was 87 years of age and one couple had been married 65 years.

Mrs. Chester Bartlow, recently elected as president, is a member of the Gardner United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert E. Woody is the host pastor.

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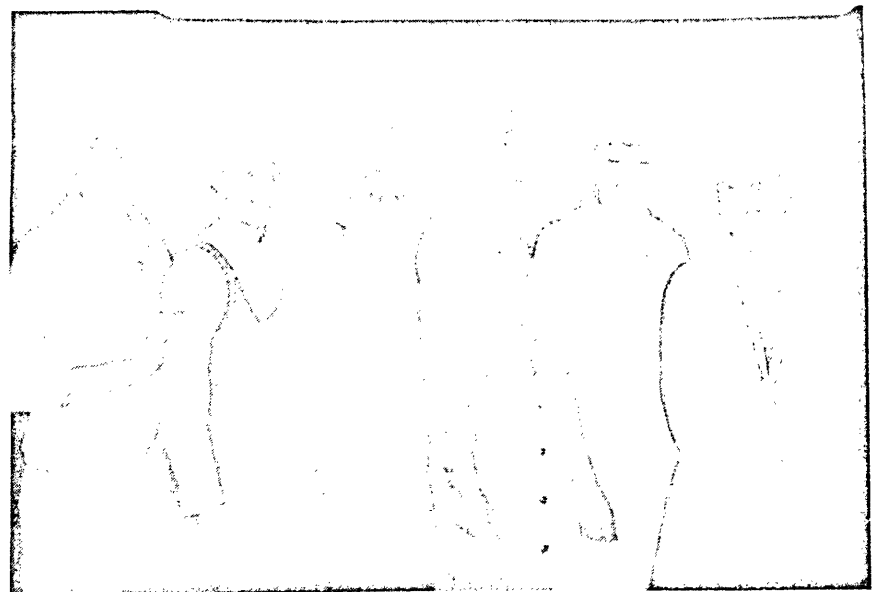
The Bradford United Methodist Church was recently the recipient of the altar set shown above. The gift was presented by the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Pearce in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. At the presentation, 57 members of the family were present. Their children are: Mrs. J. P. Hanson, Loves Park, Ill.; G. H. Pearce, San Pedro, Calif.; Mrs. S. W. House, Stevensville, Mich.; Mrs. J. F. Lawson, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Walter Livingston, Dowagiac, Mich.; A. J. Pearce, Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. F. E. Cornelison, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. R. R. Johnson, and Mrs. Doyle Wells, both of Bradford. The Rev. J. T. Holland is pastor of the church.



Miss Dorothy Croom was recently elected Chairman of the Administrative Board at First United Methodist Church in Crossett, the first woman to serve in this capacity in the 71 year history of the church. Miss Croom has been secretary of the Board for nine years. Always active in the WSCS, she has been circle leader many times. She is Manager of the Crossett Water Commission, is a past president of Crossett Business and Professional Women and is now on the B. and P.W. State Board. She is secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Waterworks and Pollution Control Association.



New Officers of United Methodist Women in First Church in Hot Springs: Seated, from left: Mrs. Prentiss Adams, vice-president; Mrs. W. A. Goodrum, president. Standing, are Mrs. George Whitlock, secretary; and Mrs. Elza Housley, treasurer.



Shown at the Hoxie Service of Celebration are, left to right: Mrs. J. D. Lawrence, Mrs. David Kapales, Mrs. Nellie Madsen, Mrs. Bill Tennison, Mrs. James Green and Mrs. Sherman Ragsdell.

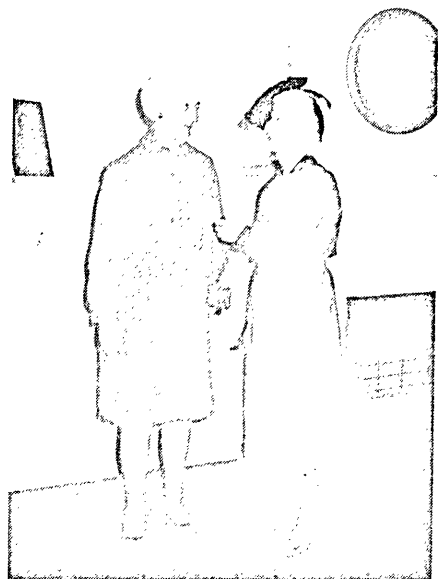
#### "JOYFUL CELEBRATION" for Hot Springs women

United Methodist Women became a reality at First Church, Hot Springs, Feb. 6, when a "Joyful Celebration" was observed with music, prayer, and dedication. Mrs. Jack Wright gave the devotional message. New officers elected and then installed by Mrs. H. King Wade, included:

Mrs. W. A. Goodrum, president; Mrs. Prestiss Adams, vice-president; Mrs. George W. Whitlock, secretary; Mrs. Elza Housley, treasurer; Mrs. Joe Kaufman, nominations; Mrs. James R. Campbell, membership; and Mrs. Billy E. Wilson, program resources. Mission coordinators are Mrs. James H. French, Miss Lela Nichols, Mrs. William A. Elliott and Mrs. William C. Southard.

The newly installed officers then led in the service. Special music was provided by Mrs. William Springer, Mrs. W. A. Goodrum, Jr., Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. William C. Southard and Mrs. Leland Hull. Mrs. James R. Eastburn created special posters for the program.

In the absence of Miss Gertrude Mann, retiring president, who had ill-



Mrs. Elza Housley, left, and Mrs. Henry Murphy discuss the historical display they arranged to depict activities of women in First Church since the turn of the century. For the occasion, Mrs. Murphy dressed in a black satin she had worn for "best" in the early 1900s.

#### HOXIE WOMEN CONDUCT CELEBRATION SERVICE

Hoxie United Methodist women conducted a special Service of Celebration at the morning worship hour at Hoxie United Methodist Church on Feb. 11. The service was conducted to present to the church the role of Methodist women in the newly orga-

nized unit of United Methodist Women. Officers in the organization, led by Mrs. Sherman Ragsdell, outgoing president of Women's Society of Christian Service, used a special ritual in which the expanded concept of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church was explained. The twenty-voice Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. James Green and Mrs. Joe Belk, gave the anthem. Preceding the morning message, the Rev. J. D. Lawrence, pastor, installed the following officers who will lead the year's activities as United Methodist Women: Mrs. James Green, president; Mrs. Bill Tennison, vice-president; Mrs. Nellie Madsen, treasurer; Mrs. David Kapales, secretary; and Mrs. J. D. Lawrence, spiritual life leader.

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