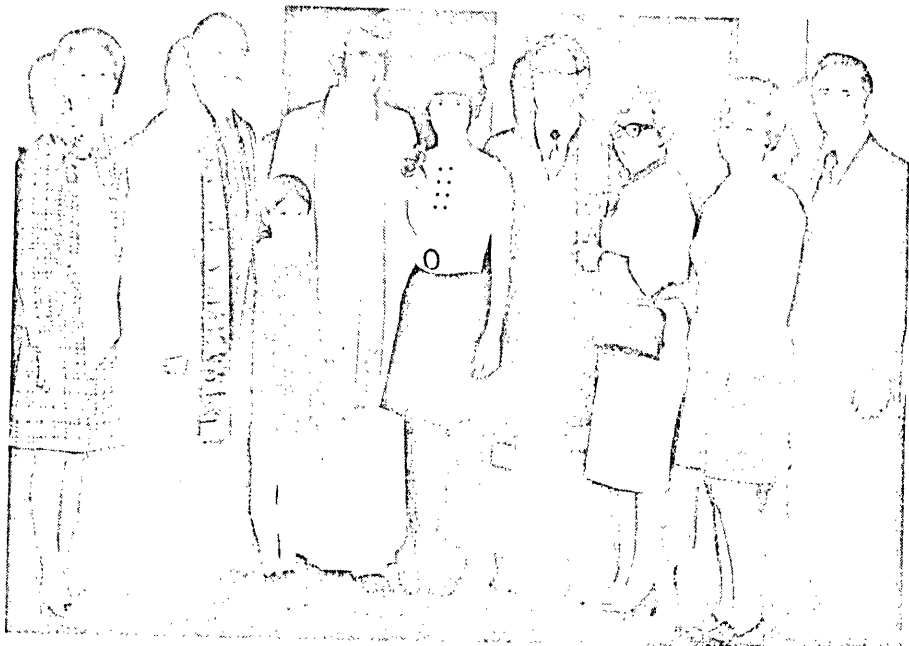


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Participants in Feb. 25 dedication of the United Methodist Church at Berryville (left to right): Mrs. Eugene Frank, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Aubrey Kaye Nixon, pastor's daughter, the Rev. Vic Nixon, pastor, Mrs. Nixon, Dr. Raymond Franks, Fayetteville District superintendent, Mrs. Franks, Mrs. Denzel Stokes and the Rev. Denzel Stokes, former pastor. The Madrigal Singers of Hendrix College, directed by Robert McGill, presented a concert during dedication activities. The church building, consecrated in Oct., 1967, is valued at \$140,000. The debt was retired in less than six years. Plans are underway for a fellowship hall and a parsonage. The Berryville church became a preaching point in the 1840s on what was then the Carrollton Circuit which comprised all of the territory "between Crooked Creek and the King's River."

Howard Hanger trio to highlight Little Rock Conference Youth Rally

Howard Hanger and his trio, better known as the Howard Hanger Trio, will provide program leadership for the Little Rock Conference summer Youth Rally scheduled for July 28 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, according to the Rev. Joe Arnold, conference director of youth work.

Hanger, manager and director of the group, is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. Since its organization in 1965 the trio has engaged in an experimental type of program with audience involvement, in an attempt to break down the performer/spectator roles by establishing a sense of community and providing opportunities for individual expression in experiences of joy and celebration.

Arnold recently previewed the musical group when they appeared at the Oklahoma Conference Youth Festival. He said they are "outstanding in their performance ability and re-

pertoire . . . This group does not present a Saturday night 'Rock and Roll' concert, but rather a refreshingly unique total experience. And the music

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Cabot church to build education facility

Construction of a two-story education building at Cabot United Methodist Church was approved at a charge conference held Sunday, Feb. 25th. The facility, which will include 17 classrooms, three offices, a kitchen and a fellowship hall, will contain 15,000 square feet of floor space, and will cost an estimated \$200,000. The Rev. Braska Savage is pastor.

Members of the congregation serving on the building committee are: Howard Harmon, Henry Miller, Mrs. Joe Park, J. M. Park, Willie Ray, H. A. Whitley, Jr. and Jeff Wood. The architect is D. M. Lewis.

Key 73 Strategy Conference for Arkansas, March 21

A Strategy Conference for pastors and church and community Key 73 committees for Arkansas is scheduled to be held at Holiday Inn No. 2 in North Little Rock on March 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will be one of 36 regional all-day seminars, scheduled nationally during March, under sponsorship of the Key 73 Continental Central Committee.

Coming to Arkansas to provide leadership for the conference, designed to build momentum for the Key 73 movement as it progresses and develop greater grassroots awareness of its program objectives, are three specialists. They are Mr. Robert L. Hart, chairman of Key 73's Phase Five and the Rev. John De Vries, Phase Two chairman, in addition to Dr. Ted Raedcke, the executive director.

The seminar schedule calls for registration and coffee at 9 a.m. with an opportunity for participants to acquaint themselves with available action resource materials which will be on display. A seminar will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. including a luncheon period. Optional planning groups will meet from 3 to 5:00 p.m.

The registration fee of \$10 per person is payable to: "Key 73 Seminar" and may be mailed to 418 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. 63102. Local groups are encouraged to sponsor participants from their churches. Luncheon is not included when registration is mailed less than 10 days prior to seminar. Reservations should therefore, be mailed by March 11.

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Aldersgate Country Fair chairperson named

The Aldersgate Board of Directors named Mrs. Ed (Marion) Dunlap, general chairman of the Country Fair at a recent Board meeting.

The "Country Fair", to be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Camp on Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th will offer a variety of entertainment as well as an assortment of articles for sale. Activities will be conducted from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Entertainment will be by performing groups. There will be opportunities for fishing, boating, swimming and hiking. A festival atmosphere will prevail throughout the camp. Concession booths will provide "goodies", meals may be purchased at the camp dining rooms, or groups may cookout.

Free camping privileges for the weekend are available to those with campers or tents. Cabins may be reserved free of charge. Reservations for camping and cabins should be made by May 1st.

Items for sale will be offered in the Auction, Rummage sale, Book Nook, Plant Stand, Arts and Crafts and Country Store. The push is on now for articles to stock the booths.

Individuals are urged to earmark saleable items as closets are cleaned during Spring housecleaning. Churches

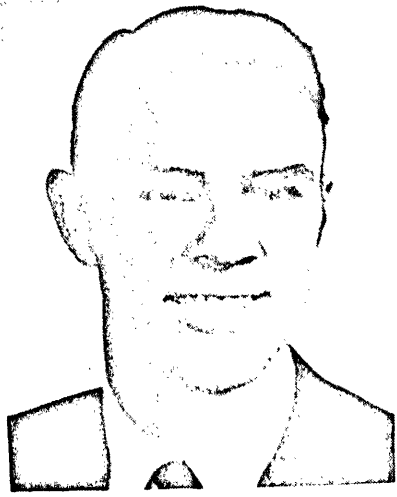
are encouraged to select a chairman for the Aldersgate Fair with whom contact may be made to collect the gifts. Ask your church secretary for the name of your Aldersgate Chairman.

Rev. John S. Workman is chairman of the Aldersgate Board of Directors. C. Ray Tribble, ACSW, director of the camp, states that the proceeds of the Fair are needed to go toward programs at the camp.

For more information contact Mrs. Marion Dunlap at 663-7286 or the camp office at 225-1444.



Mrs. Dunlap



The Rev. Frank M. New

Trinity plans New Life Mission

The Rev. Frank M. New, minister at Wesley United Methodist Church, Bradley, Ill., will be the speaker for the New Life Mission to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church at Evergreen and Mississippi in Little Rock, Monday, March 12 through Thursday, March 15. The special series will begin on Sunday evening, March 11 with Dr. Joe Taylor, pastor, preaching.

The nightly services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Morning periods of Bible study and meditation are planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. daily.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will preach for both morning worship services on Sunday, March 18 as the New Life Mission concludes.

A member of the Central Illinois Conference, Mr. New graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, received his seminary training at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and additional pastoral clinical training at Mendota State Hospital, Madison, Wisc. He has been actively involved in youth work from the local to the conference level, and serves on major conference boards

Texarkana Comm sponsoring Passion Play

Val Balfour and his talented wife, Ann Kelley Balfour, both descended from a long line of Passion Players, will be cast in the key roles of Jesus and Mary Magdalene respectively, when the Oberammergau version of the Passion Play is presented at Texarkana College Auditorium in Texarkana, Tex., on March 14, 15, and 16. The performances are under sponsorship of The Texarkana Religious Emphasis Committee.

Performances are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:15 p.m.. Tickets may be obtained from the Passion Play Ticket Office: 120 West Third, Texarkana, Tex. or reservations may be made by telephoning 792-3106. Orchestra seats are \$4 and Dress Circle seats are \$3.50 (50c will be deducted from \$4 and \$3.50 seats purchased in advance); balcony seats (sold at door only) are \$2.50, and special student matinees scheduled for 1 p.m. each day are \$1.00.

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St. Louis pastor Religious Emphasis speaker at Philander Smith

The annual spring convocation at Philander Smith College in Little Rock began Monday, March 5 with an 11:00 a.m. service at Wesley United Methodist Church. Dr. John Nelson Doggett, pastor of Union Memorial Church in St. Louis, is the featured speaker for the week's events, which are to include a Religious Emphasis Week and Campus Revival, a Fine Arts Festival, and other special features, according to Dr. Walter R.

WYE JONQUILS TO BLOOM ABOUT MARCH 11

The seven acres of jonquils at Wye United Methodist Church, near Bigelow, are expected to be ready for market by March 11th and to remain in bloom for three to four weeks. The Wye congregation urges Arkansans to take advantage of this spectacular display of beauty.

This former Evangelical United Brethren congregation, the only one in Arkansas, has continued this unusual project for many years. Receipts from the sale of the variety of jonquils are used for maintenance of the church property, located on Highway 113, six miles north of Lake Maumelle, between Highway 10 and Bigelow, Ark. on Wye Mountain.

and agencies. He has led several New Life Missions.

The New Life Mission to be held at Trinity is believed to be one of the first in the Arkansas area.

Council Directors to Local Churches

One Great Hour of Sharing - 1973

The theme for 1973 is "One Way to Help a Broken World." Certainly one way is your attendance on Sunday, April 1 and your generous gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

When we were younger, studying world history, places such as the Sudan and Indochina conjured up romantic images. For the Sudan it was the African stereotype with black people in rural villages — the men mostly hunters and warriors, the women tending small gardens, and their children. Indochina brought mental pictures of jungle, ornate temples and hot, humid weather.

Recent events have changed the pictures we must have of these places — and many others.

In real life, the Sudan has suffered from 17 years of warfare. Hundreds of thousands were killed or died and hundreds of villages have been wiped out. There are more than 1 million refugees in this African land, and more than 200,000 have fled to neighboring countries during the war.

Now peace has come. The church has begun work with those who fled

Hazzard, president of the college.

"The Prima of the Universe," an art film, will be shown at 1 p.m. Thursday and a drama, "Kumba," will be presented at 2 p.m. Thursday. The College Jazz Ensemble directed by Rochell Guinn, will perform at 3 p.m. Thursday at the North Patio, and an original production will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Thursday at the auditorium, with Earl Billings of the Arkansas Arts Center and Mrs. Gwendolyn Boles, English instructor, directing.

Academic departments will conduct "teach-ins," at various times and places on the campus on Friday.

Ozell Sutton, an alumnus and now regional director of community relations for the Department of Justice at Atlanta, will speak at Founder's Day ceremonies at 11 a.m. Saturday. Sev-



New parsonage under construction at First United Methodist Church, Wynne. Arthur Weeden is the contractor; Ken McClanahan is chairman of the Building Committee. The Rev. William M. Wilder is pastor.

and is now prepared with a massive aid program, especially in the three southern provinces of the Sudan. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, working with the World Council of Churches and the All-African Conference of Churches, will use a part of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for this emergency relief work.

Aid to refugees is a major effort of UMCOR. Our denomination has been at work in Vietnam for years. Now we are expanding into Cambodia and Laos. No one can really set a total for the people needing help in Indochina. We do know that the number will far exceed those who can be helped by funds presently available. Add the refugees in the Middle East and the more than 10 million persons returning to rebuild their lives in Bangladesh, and the staggering picture begins to come clear.

The United Methodist Church does not operate alone in these situations. Through cooperative efforts with other churches and national governments, every dollar is made to stretch to the limit. More than 300 pounds of food can be delivered for each dollar given. Extensive medical help can be given for each contributed dollar. The combined dollars allow whole villages to

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presented ranges all the way from polytonal Gregorian chants to Bach inventions to Beatles to Country/Western to Bluegrass to progressive Jazz-Rock. . . . The group presents total music communication, the sound of joy and movement."

Instruments employed in the trio's innovative concerts include piano, drums, bass guitar, and one young man plays guitar, saxophone, banjo, and harmonica.

The Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries office urges all youth between grades seven through 12 in the Little Rock Conference to place this coming event on their calendars NOW as a must.

eral alumni activities are planned for that day.

Potential fall freshmen have been invited to participate in the Saturday activities

rebuild, with the seeds and tools to help people help themselves to a new life. This is what the One Great Hour of Sharing does in just the area of refugee work.

UMCOR is also involved in answering calls for emergency relief from natural or man-made disasters, in rehabilitation, and in helping to devise programs which lead people toward a renewal of life. All of these efforts add up to one more way we, as United Methodists, can help mend a broken world.

Let every church respond to this challenge! The need is great! Let every work area and every age-level sound the call! Let every Council on Ministries and every Administrative Board support this program! Give generously on April 1!

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Power in the Church

by Thomas H. Matheny

(Mr. Matheny, Hammond, La. attorney, is Lay Leader for the Louisiana Conference, and since the 1972 General Conference has been one of nine members of United Methodism's Judicial Council. In addition to numerous other leadership responsibilities, he is secretary of the U.S. Advisory Committee of the Audenshaw Foundation, an independent British-based non-profit organization which specializes in laity education. We share with our readers the following article written by Mr. Matheny and published in the January issue of AUDENSHAW PAPERS).

Churchpeople fall into three categories:

1. People who have power and know it.
2. People who don't have power and want it.
3. People who are contemptuous of the whole idea of power in the Church — and show it.

Insofar as the laity are concerned, when we talk about power in the Church, we are talking about a concept which is alien to many if not most. They do not trust the concept of power. Some of them feel this way because the very thought of power in the Church as an institution is strange to them. They do not think of the Church in terms of power, and they don't want to. Many of the laity think of power only in terms of the Holy Spirit. They think that this is the only kind of power the Church ought to be concerned with.

We must, however, consider whether power plays a part in the life of the Church. We must ask: Is there a theology of power? Where is the power in the churches? Where ought it to be? And let me be blunt: There is a power concept about the Church — good or bad. There are power struggles. There is church power politics. These things exist. These things go on. It's the name of the game. I speak as one who is involved in it. I am also deeply involved in power struggles in business, academic life, and secular politics. And often they do not compare in intensity with those in the Church.

Many of the laity feel that the Church is or ought to be above all that kind of thing. They even pretend that in their church lives they are above power politics, even when they are deeply involved in such matters. They certainly maintain that ministers and district superintendents, and bishops and leading church laity ought to be above it all.

Participatory democracy

We are living in a time when participatory democracy is asserting itself. It is a natural result of the emerging world culture fostered by the communications revolution. There is more information about the Church as an institution available now, just as there is more information about everything available to everybody. The average lay person knows more about what goes on behind the scenes, and understands more about what he sees and hears about the institutional Church. And this applies not only to the local church, but at conference (or diocesan) and international levels. This means that there is now a greater de-

sire on the part of many individuals and groups among the laity for more part and power in decision-making in the Church. There is a resurgence of a sense of personal responsibility, and an unwillingness to be pushed around by anybody. As the Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Antonio said way back in 1968: "We are headed for a more democratic Church, one that belongs to the people."

We are in a vast field of contradictions. We are living in a world and in a time when the laity mistrust the concept of power in the Church. At the same time, they are showing a greater feeling of responsibility for their role in the Church, and more power and more participation in the very decision-making process which they do not trust.

The silent majority

In fact, many laymen—and clergy too—feel hopeless in the present situation, because they feel powerless. They feel that they are not listened to as church decisions are made on pronouncements, programmes, and the commitment of funds. They feel completely ignored. As Dr. Virgil Wesley Sexton writes in his study of American Methodists, Listening to the Church, (which we haven't done), "The laity are tired of being 'in but not of' the Church. They demand more involvement in basic decision-making and threaten to use the power of the dollar to get it . . . and church groups say 'We are weary of being planned for.' The laity are saying to the Church—not just to the local church but to the Church at large—'You'd better listen, you'd better give us meaning in our lives in the Church, or we are going to take away the dollar that allows you to wear the collar!' And church authorities are now admitting 'Motivation of the laity is an absolute must.'"

Many American laity don't understand church power: they just feel left out of power. They feel left out of the system of church appointments. They feel that the wrong people get on important committees because they are people top clergy know. They fear that far too often real potential leaders are repelled by a combination of apathy, tedium and routine.

Within the local church some people have power as a natural characteristic of their personalities. Some of these have what we like to call "charisma". Their very personalities, or perhaps their speaking abilities, enable them to influence others far beyond the normal individual. But sometimes it is not a matter of charisma. Sometimes it is a matter of trust; and if we

fail to consider this we fail to consider an important part of the working mechanism of the local church. A minister really places himself in jeopardy when he comes to a local church if he does not seek out those laity who make things move, or who keep things from moving. Some of them he's not going to get along with, and he will have to find a way to work around them. But some of them will be invaluable to him. They will be individual laity whom people trust.

Other laity, as individuals, have church power because they seek it. These are the "churchly" laity, the people who make the cogs go round, the people who get things done. Sometimes power is their conscious goal, sometimes it comes to them because they are just good organisation people. But power comes to them, and it broadens them, and sometimes corrupts.

The power of the purse

There is also another type of individual power in the Church; and this is financial. It is held by those who give, or who can raise money. And this is one of the most frequently misused areas of power in church life. We all too often give or grant veto power on church programmes or pronouncements on the basis of who contributes money to the Church. In most American churches ultimate power is often found in the givers of money. If they in the local church revolt, then ministers move, attendances go down, programmes grind to a stop. There are those who think that this is the way it ought to be, because, as they say, "The only real vote the layman has is money." But let me quote against this a comment by a thoughtful local preacher: "Admittedly money is the source for a great deal of power, if you believe that the Church ought to be run by a majority vote. It certainly keeps things in line, so that when a church programme swings too far in one direction, or when it does not produce desirable results, it simply goes without support. And yet, the understanding of stewardship from which I stand is that I do not give with 'strings attached.' That is not stewardship, but manipulation. A person gives his money, not to dictate how it will be used; but because something innate within him in the order of things demands it."

Organisational power

Outside individuals, where is power located? Very largely in the church organisation itself. An almost religious

fervour for organisation is part of the power of Methodism. We constantly review our power structure in order to find the best ways of getting the job done for the mission of the Church. Of course, many people complain that we are over-organised. However, I think that merely we are honest. Our church organisation is—or ought to be—a structure that has power in the local community, as a forum and a place with an ability to speak out on issues. And nationally, too, the Church is one of the most organised institutions in America today. It can make things move, or keep things from moving, or just sit on its hands.

I think power necessarily exists in the Church. I think the Church ought to have an influence on what is going on in our country and in the world, and it ought to recognize its own position as a major institution in our society. I am really talking here about our theology of the Church. Our Methodist Church has consistently taken certain positions on important subjects — race, peace and war, the death penalty, woman's rights, and so on. But all we have done is to make pronouncements. The young people of this country are being driven away from the churches in droves, because they do not feel that the Church, as an institution, has properly exercised its power and its influence. It is one thing to have a yo-yo dialogue about the Vietnam war in a church school class. To have all the power that is invested in our ten million Methodist church members, and the best church organisation on the face of the globe, and to find that power is unused, is something else. It is a matter held in contempt by the young people of our nation.

There are other necessary areas of church power. For instance the area of world mission. When our United Methodist Church ignores what is going on in South Africa, or in Czechoslovakia, we are not really accepting our mission.

A true leader is not one who can con people into doing what is best because of his charismatic personality, but one who can lead the people to discover for themselves what is best. And if we are talking about what ought to be, then we have to make a judgement about our American Methodist Church, and about the Church as a whole, and say that we are all still lagging behind other institutions in involving more of the rank and file members in the decision-making process. And if the laity are treated any

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Christian evangelism in the U.S. has gone through two phases in the last 20 years and is now entering a third, Professor Gabriel J. Fracke of Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Springfield, Mass. said. In the 1960's, Dr. Fracke said, the emphasis was on social activism, while the 1950s were marked by a ministry of "peace of mind." Addressing the 38th annual Pastor's Study Conference sponsored by the division of evangelism of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Fracke said the 1970s, promise to be a decade in which deeds of social action are no less important but there will be growing awareness that deeds alone are not enough. Christians need roots, so the challenge of telling the gospel story is once again gripping leaders of the Churches, he said.

Victims of the worst famine ever to hit India, affecting two-thirds of that vast country, are being aided by the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service (CROP). CROP has purchased and shipped 1,500,000 pounds of wheat, valued at \$89,000 for the benefit of 100,000 Indians on the verge of starvation. The wheat will be rationed at the rate of 10 pounds per person per month. Church World Service is the inter-denominational agency through which major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions carry on cooperative, world-wide programs of service to the hungry, homeless and disaster-stricken.

The provision of a bus for use by a Belfast community center was one practical way a Methodist Church in Bristol, England, found to help relieve the situation in Northern Ireland. The Methodist Recorder, British Methodist weekly newspaper, reports the Victoria Road Methodist Church in Clifton raised about \$3,200, bought a 17-passenger minibus and gave it to a Belfast church and community center to use in taking people away from the troubled city and especially children and youth to summer camp. Pastor T. Mervyn Willshaw said other churches should be asking, "What can we do to help Northern Ireland?"

Government officials would gain increased respect if they applied eternal principles to legislation, the executive director of the Nat'l. Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission told Texas Conference of Churches representatives. Dr. Jorge Lara-Braud, a layman of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, suggested that legislators consider themselves "ministers" of God. "Can you imagine what a different State this would be if legislators were gripped by the stuff of the eternal as they dealt with lobbies, hearings, writing of bills, committee deliberations, floor debates, and accountability to their constituencies?" he asked. "The least possible gain," the NCC executive added, "would be a vastly increased respect for governmental authority."

Climaxing week-long Christian unity observances in Dublin, top-level Anglican and Roman Catholic churchmen appealed in Belfast for aid to a two-year-old School of Irish Ecumenics to train specialists in religious reconciliation for all of Ireland. The ultimate aim of the school is to produce trained ecumenists, who in promoting ecumenism at all levels, would develop inter-religious understanding among contending factions, especially in Northern Ireland.

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"Community, Celebration and Our World" is the theme of the Nat'l. Interfaith Conference on Religion and Architecture to be held in Minneapolis June 4-6. For more than 30 years, annual conferences on religious architecture have been held under various auspices. This year's conference, according to a spokesman, represents a joint effort by the organizations involved in the Interfaith Research Center to provide an interfaith, interdenominational and interdisciplinary program of significance to the professional and religious communities.

The year 1973 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of Nicholas Copernicus who challenged a general assumption that the earth formed the central point of the universe, and sowed the seeds of an upheaval in human thought that came to be known as the Copernican Revolution by proposing that the earth moves around the sun. To underscore the importance of the event, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council of Scientific Union (ICSU) have declared 1973 the Year of Copernicus. Born Feb. 19, 1473 in the West Prussian town of Torun, then under Polish rule, some historians believe that Copernicus might have remained totally obscure had it not been for the efforts of a young German Lutheran mathematician, known as Rheticus, and the editorial work of Andreas Osiander, a Lutheran theologian.

Some of America's best-known sports figures will be featured in "The Athletes," a new television series produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission with the cooperation of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). John Stevens, who will produce and direct the 15-minute color segments, said: "We plan to film each subject at home with his family, show his hobbies and recreational activities, and listen to him discuss his spiritual involvement. That way the public can view him as a multi-dimensional personality." Featured athletes "will represent all faiths," Stevens commented.

Archbishop L. W. Scott, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, criticized censorship laws saying, "You can't legislate moral behavior." Addressing 500 persons who attended a forum on movie censorship convened by the Toronto Star, the 54-year-old prelate said: "I personally would opt for a society of maximum personal freedom . . . and open context with a sense of responsibility." "What can you achieve by censorship?" he asked, "A wall to protect people? If you can get them to face a closed wall, you haven't trained them to live with reality."

Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Va.—the only church building now standing there which was erected during the Colonial period and of which George Washington was an active member—observed its 200th anniversary Feb. 25. Washington became a regular worshiper at Christ Church after its present structure opened in 1773. He purchased pew No. 60 for 36 pounds, 10 shillings, the highest price paid for any of the pews. Since the congregation was organized in 1765, 25 clergymen have served as its rector. It has a current membership of more than 1,000.

The president of the Nat'l. Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) has charged that the dramatic rise of alcoholism among resident veterans in Veteran Administration hospitals has occurred because of "public apathy." Citing statistics issued by the Nat'l. Institute of Mental Health, which showed alcoholism among VA hospital veterans rose from 3.2 per cent in 1959 to 14.2 per cent in 1970, Mrs. Fred J. Tooze held that this was due to "public apathy and acceptance of the alcoholic beverage as a 'way of life.'" She said the report showed alcohol and drug disorders comprised nearly 25 per cent of the conditions in government hospitals.

Ireland's Churches have failed to bring home the love of Christ, the Anglican Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. Alan Buchanan, told a group. He charged that the views and deeds of extremists are given enormous coverage by the media while the voice of moderation is submerged. "Do you realize," he asked, "that tongues and pens can murder?"

The World Council of Churches has issued an appeal to 263 Protestant and Orthodox member Churches for \$5 million for the first stage of an "expanding program" of reconstruction and reconciliation in Indo-China. In addition, the Council said \$1.5 million would be needed annually for three years to support existing service programs in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and to provide medical assistance to North Vietnam.

A U.S. Army hospital in Saigon has been leased to the Saigon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital for use starting March 28. A one-year lease contract has been signed and will be renewable until a new Adventist hospital, now under construction, is completed. When it is taken over by the Adventists, the Army facility will be a general-care facility for the Vietnamese people in Saigon and a medical facility for Americans remaining in the city.

A joint resolution designating the first Sunday of October annually as "National Choir Recognition Day" has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Thaddeus Dulski (N.Y.). Designed primarily to honor church choirs and the volunteer services of their members, the resolution would also recognize choirs at colleges and seminaries.

Buddhist scholars from around the world will be asked to participate in the publication (target date, July 4, 1976) of the world's first multi-lingual Buddhist dictionary. To be compiled with the aid of computers, the first volume of the work will be designed primarily for the aid of English-speaking scholars, serving as a practical reference book to aid translators and students.

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TOLEDO, Ohio — A cartoon atop the front page of the Catholic Chronicle of Toledo, Ohio, indicates that diocese's respect for Key 73, the evangelistic program which has seen Catholic groups join evangelical Protestants in a year-long campaign. The art work was produced by Nancy Strausbaugh, a fourth grader at St. Bernard School, Toledo. An indication of the drawing power of Key 73 is the fact that the Catholic diocesan newsweekly regards it as a "big plus" in its campaign for subscriptions. (RNS Photo)

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				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Total Members Reported at Close of Last Year	Received This Year on Confession of Faith or Restored	Received from Other United Methodist Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Charge Conference Action or Withdrawn	Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches	Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	Removed by Death	Total Members at Close of This Year	Average Attendance at the Principal Weekly Worship Service(s)	Number of Persons Baptized This Year (all ages)	Preparatory Members Now on Roll (all baptized children under 16)	Number of Leaders	Children (birth through sixth grade) in All Classes and Groups	Youth	Adults	Total Church School Membership	Average Attendance	Number of Ongoing Classes and Groups for Learning	Number of Short-term Classes and Groups for Learning	Membership of Society (including Wesleyan Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Church and Community Work	United Methodist Men Group	Value of Church, Land, Buildings and Equipment	Value of Church Owned Parsonages and Furniture	Value of Other Assets (cash, bonds, other property, etc.)	Unpaid Balance on Indebtedness on Items 24, 25, 26	Balance of Other Indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
1	Arkadelphia		George W. Martin	10940	140	316	81	113	247	37	147	10933	4182	139	743	589	1207	1010	3164	5970	3355	342	70	1378	16191	12	4669806	585900	291500	175347	16811
2	Camden		Roy L. Bagley	15354	140	229	60	100	308	159	194	15022	4696	166	865	831	1314	1064	3827	7036	4191	494	190	1515	9427	13	5921437	823950	127456	455141	2100
3	Hope		R. Houston Mann	11364	191	260	99	85	128	459	10367	3558	165	541	676	1476	1062	3508	6682	3626	410	183	1644	7279	6	3520226	526293	57886	375968	1600	
4	Little Rock		J. Edward Dunlap	26764	373	794	196	117	658	142	303	26907	8270	430	2669	1393	2420	2280	14290	6990	671	363	3121	26383	15	13577337	1083455	479685	2332251	49222	
5	Monticello		Everett N. Vinson	8226	122	179	43	11	171	124	8216	3097	87	477	466	1041	727	2053	4317	2507	337	90	1119	6903	7	4124301	626300	88018	239194		
6	Pine Bluff		Virgil D. Kealey	11993	193	269	87	46	258	54	152	12032	4106	187	982	694	1640	997	2830	6161	3362	408	111	1769	16481	12	4910636	654359	297151	310292	2750
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FINANCIAL REPORT

TABLE NO. 2

LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT																		
Line Number	DISTRICT	DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT	Principal and Interest on Indebtedness, Loans, Mortgages, etc.	Buildings & Improvements (not including funds borrowed)	Church School: Lesson Materials, Supplies, Administration, etc.	Other Current Expenses, etc.	W.S.C.S.	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Local Church																			
									Pastor's Salary		Associate's Salary		Travel Allowance Paid		Utilities Paid		District Superintendent's Fund		Episcopal Fund		Conference Claimant's Fund		Minimum Salary Fund					
									Amount Set	Amount Paid	Amount Set	Amount Paid	Total Paid 36b + 37b	Pastor	Associate(s)	Total Paid	Pastor	Associate(s)	Total Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid			
1	Arkadelphia	George W. Martin	116048	136224	31031	213536	16908	10336	126827	125887	1500	1500	127387	54434	13023	12023	22880	2444	3660	3568	1							
2	Camden	Roy I. Bagley	99227	164791	45738	319682	19748	13350	158811	157939	12600	11983	169922	63332	69915	22528	1967	24693	3417	42888	42733	2						
3	Hope	D. Houston Mann	62578	295535	35979	173816	11204	3467	123838	121808	3362	3362	125170	52277	14387	17487	12197	11885	2468	3490	3							
4	Little Rock	J. Edward Dunlap	433853	157557	144735	697025	39726	27657	254823	254823	28855	28855	283678	76596	6850	83446	40096	6384	66680	27142	27144	4						
5	Monticello	Everett M. Vinson	121135	92615	62453	204883	11736	3676	109350	109350	28855	28855	109350	41510	41510	83446	40096	6384	66680	27142	27144	5						
6	Pine Bluff	Walter D. Keeley	71254	94510	37626	259475	18635	10365	155877	155672	5000	5000	160672	53856	53856	18808	18808	15667	3111	3111	4701	6						
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TABLE NO. 3

Line Number		DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT		Other Conference Benevolence																				Line Number					
DISTRICT		Connectional Fund Apportioned	Connectional Fund Paid	Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Apportioned	Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Paid	World Service & Conference Benevolences Apportioned	World Service & Conference Benevolences Accepted	World Service & Conference Benevolences Paid	Ministerial Education Fund Apportioned	Ministerial Education Fund Paid	National Advance	General Advance Specials	One Great Hour of Sharing	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	United Methodist Student Day	Youth Service Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Fund for Reconciliation	Christian Education Sunday	Hendrix Operations	Special Church Extensions	District Fund	Homes for Children, Youth and Aged	Philander Smith College	Wesley Foundation	Mt. Sequoyah	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total Paid (lines 30-68)	
1	Arkadelphia	45a	45b	47a	47b	50a	50b	50c	51a	51b	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	95	69	
2	Camden	3520	3400	939	917	41034	41034	40862	7387	6992	819	2968	546	904	40	320	369	618	1107	13113	4122	5502	21103	5903	6271	88	3818	887405	1
3	Hope	6722	5999	1393	974	67774	62115	62255	6035	5693	3373	4549	481	1003	269	669	480	1033	1673	15265	2850	7443	21320	6647	9050	497	3570	1150892	2
4	Little Rock	4119	3654	853	836	43184	42484	42204	7553	7647	1042	804	1285	1186	195	1017	1024	1205	900	11539	2407	4711	13528	3819	5348	687	4347	930738	3
5	Monticello	9624	9504	2144	1809	100870	98965	99070	17416	12639	4738	11379	1305	1716	230	1574	1654	5404	1924	39263	10722	2317	3653	14726	5605	5605	27868	2319113	4
6	Pine Bluff	4027	4032	1046	875	39884	39884	39521	6545	6480	1699	358	605	723	146	321	452	785	1106	10722	2317	3653	14726	5605	5605	310	2033	804279	5
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NEWS and NOTES

BISHOP AUBREY G. WALTON is leading a study of Romans at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Feb. 28, Mar. 7 and 14. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is the Asbury pastor.

DR. JOEL A. COOPER is preaching in Conway this week, March 4-8, in First United Methodist Church, where he served as pastor from 1951-61. Dr. Cooper is presently pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. Song leader is the Rev. Mark Matheny, associate pastor at St. John's Methodist in Memphis, who is a brother of Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Conway organist. The Rev. Ben Jordan is pastor.

YOUTH OF AUGUSTA UNITED Methodist Church designed and led the morning worship service in the Augusta church, Feb. 25. About 20 young people participated. The service used horns and string instruments, based on Psalms 150. A dialogue sermon by two of the young ladies was based on I Cor., chapter 13. Adult leaders are Mary Conner and Terry Porter. The Rev. Lowell Eaton is pastor.

Ministers' Wives of Little Rock District will have luncheon meeting March 8 with Frances Kilgore, 4015 Dixon Rd., beginning at 10 a.m. Mrs. Betty Callaway will review "The Hiding Place."

PRESCOTT OBSERVES BROTHERHOOD WEEK

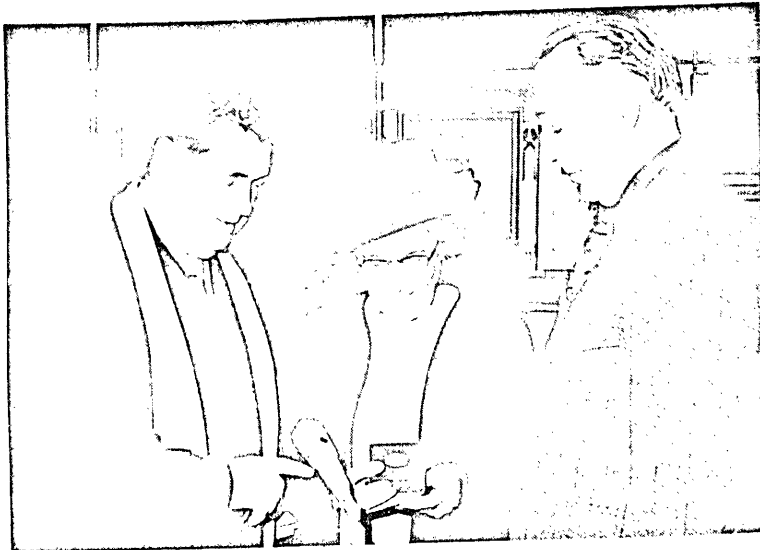
The Christian congregations of Prescott observed Brotherhood Week with a special service in Munn's Chapel Baptist Church (a Black congregation). The Rev. Charles O. Walthall, pastor of the Prescott United Methodist Church, brought the sermon at the Feb. 18 service. The Prescott Ministerial Alliance sponsored the event.

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PROGRAM ON DRUGS PRESENTED AT DES ARC

The Little Rock Air Force Base of Jacksonville provided a program pertaining to drugs at Des Arc United Methodist Church, Sunday night Feb. 18. More than 150 were in attendance for the special program which was brought to Des Arc by the assistance of School Superintendent Dr. Fred Keller Noggle, High School Counselor Charles Neaville, Prairie County Sheriff Mike Grady and the pastor. Mrs. Paul Sitton is chairman of Christian Social Concerns at Des Arc. After the program, Alta Holloway served hamburgers from his patented "cooking rig on wheels", and the ladies provided drinks and desserts. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor at Des Arc.

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Miss Mary Rives who has been on the staff of the First United Methodist Church of Marianna for 22 years as financial secretary, has retired this year. Church Lay Leader Marvin Caldwell, at right, presented Miss Rives with a gift of jewelry and a check in appreciation of her work. The Rev. W. Leonard Byers, pastor, read the notice of appreciation.

JONQUIL FESTIVAL and TOUR AT HISTORIC WASHINGTON

Historic Washington, Ark., will celebrate its fifth annual Jonquil Festival and Historic Tour during the week of March 11-18. The Festival will open with worship services in the Washington United Methodist Church at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, March 11, with the Rev. John W. Rushing, pastor, bringing the message. On Sunday morning, March 18, Dr. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of the Hope District, will be the speaker. Mrs. John W. Rushing will lead the song service. An invitation is extended to all.

THE REV. BILL CHEYNE, regional director of the Advance Special section of the Board of Global Ministries, with headquarters in San Antonio, Tex., was guest speaker in First Church, Jacksonville, on Sunday, Feb. 18.

THE LESLIE UNITED Methodist Church has recently added a new Communion Table and new pulpit to the sanctuary. The table has been given as a memorial to N. A. McBride, and the pulpit as a memorial to Mrs. Lois Graham. These pieces of furniture were built by the Rev. Rayburn Jackson of the Mammoth Springs United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carroll D. Jackson is the Leslie-Marshall pastor.

BARRY BAILEY TO PREACH IN EL DORADO

Lenten Services in First United Methodist Church of El Dorado will feature as guest speaker a former Arkansan, Dr. Barry Bailey, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Richardson, Texas. Dr. Bailey began his ministry at Lewisville, Ark., and has since served as associate pastor at First Church, Shreveport, and as senior minister at the fast-growing Broadmoor Church in Baton Rouge. He transferred to the Texas Conference last November.

Services will be held at noon and at 7:00 p.m., March 12, 13 and 14. Dr. Alvin Murray will be host pastor.

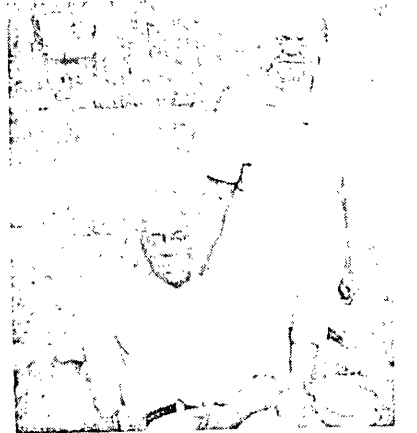
THE ATKINS UNITED Methodist Church held a spaghetti dinner on a recent Saturday noon. Mrs. Jim Martin was chairman of the money raising event. Proceeds from the meal served to 200 persons will be applied on the parsonage debt. The Rev. Jim Pollard is the Atkins pastor.

THE MEN OF OSCEOLA United Methodist Church are holding prayer breakfasts each Tuesday morning at 6:30 until Easter. Dr. Frank Rhodes, Charles Wiseman and M. D. Dennis have charge of the services. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Mar. 11—Sunday	John 4:46-54
Mar. 12	Mark 5:25-34
Mar. 13	Luke 4:38-44
Mar. 14	Luke 5:17-26
Mar. 15	Luke 6:6-12
Mar. 16	Luke 18:35-43
Mar. 17	Acts 3:1-11
Mar. 18—Sunday	Matt. 9:27-34



The Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Banks recently observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Marianna. He is a United Methodist minister, now retired.

FREDA LOU WILSON RESIGNS AT HENDRIX

Miss Freda Lou Wilson, presently assistant director of student services and a member of the Hendrix staff since 1958, has resigned her post, effective Feb. 28, 1973.

Miss Wilson has accepted the position of personnel manager of the new Levi Strauss Company in Little Rock.

Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix, had this comment about Miss Wilson's leaving: "It is with mixed emotions that I pass this news along to you. We regret very much that Miss Wilson is leaving, but we extend best wishes and congratulations as she undertakes this exciting new challenge."

Miss Wilson has also been serving this year as head resident of Couch Hall, a men's dormitory.

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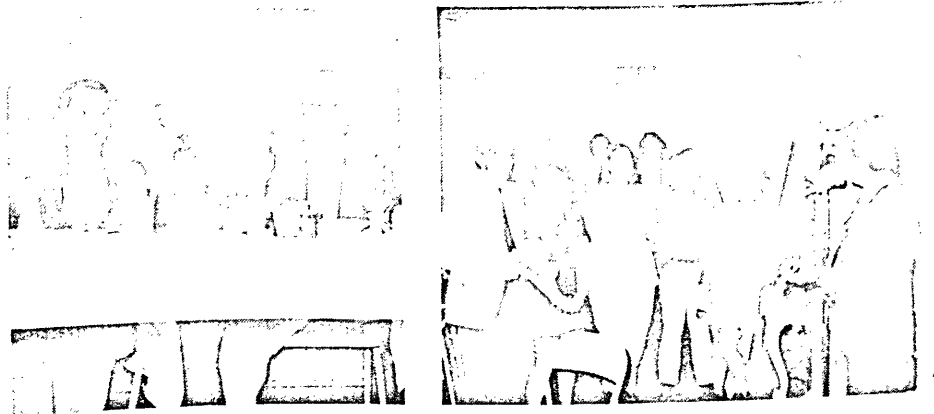
HOT SPRINGS XYZ CLUB REPORTS MEETING

The XYZ Club of First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs held the regular monthly luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 23. A period of gospel singing was led by the Rev. Clarence Holland, with Mrs. Doris Hull at the piano.

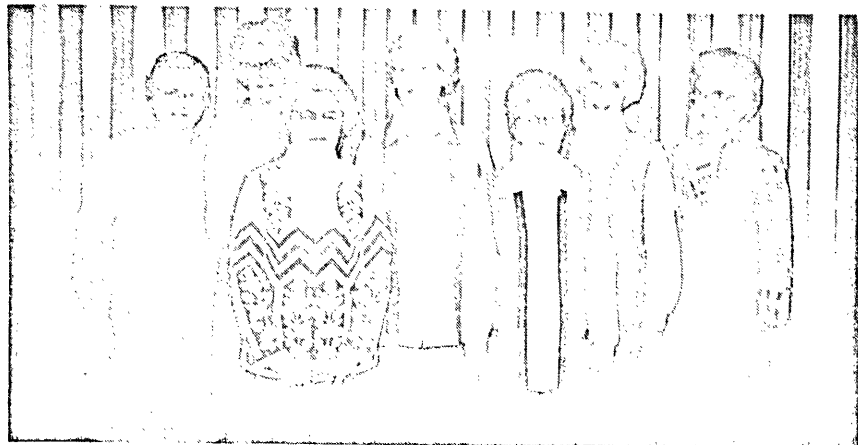
Mrs. Plurie Ingram, the new president, was in charge and presented Henry Murphy, who in turn introduced the speaker, Sgt. Charles Evans of the Police Department. Sgt. Evans told of his work with narcotics and the drug problem in Hot Springs, emphasizing the need for cooperation of the public in general.

Officers serving with Mrs. Ingram in 1973 are: Mrs. H. W. Jinske, vice-president; W. J. Simpson, treasurer; Mrs. W. J. Simpson, sunshine chairman; the Rev. H. W. Jinske, reporter; and Mrs. Ruby Price, chairman of the program committee.

MARCH 8, 1973



Asbury Church in Batesville entertained the youth with a Sweetheart Banquet. ABOVE, LEFT: Judy Insell and Champ Hawkins were selected as king and queen. The Rev. Wayne Edwards of Arkadelphia (shown at right with guitar) was the featured speaker and also entertained with songs. The Rev. George R. Cleary is the Asbury pastor.



These are the new officers of United Methodist Women of the Fairfield Bay Church. From left: Mrs. Herbert Brown, Mrs. Bert Betz, Mrs. Donald Sanders, Mrs. Vivian Bell, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Ralph Piatt and Mrs. Herman Hollis.

WOMEN ORGANIZE AT FAIRFIELD BAY CHURCH

The United Methodist Women of Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church met and installed officers Feb. 13, at their organizational meeting. The regular meeting date will be the second Tuesday in each month. Copies of the Constitution were presented to each member and the purpose and goals of the newly organized United Methodist Women were set forth and adopted. There are 35 charter mem-

bers, as of this date.

The following were installed as officers: Mrs. Vivian Bell, president; Mrs. Harold Werness, vice president; Mrs. Herman Hollis, secretary; Mrs. A. R. Morse, treasurer. Coordinators are: Christian Personhood, Mrs. Bert Betz; Community Affairs, Mrs. Walter Miller and Mrs. Herbert Brown; Christian Involvement, Mrs. Ralph Piatt; World Concern, Mrs. Donald Sanders.

The Rev. Harould Scott is the Fairfield Bay minister.

CLARKSVILLE WOMEN ORGANIZE U.M.W.

A service of Celebration honoring the new organization of United Methodist Women was held in Clarksville in January. Preceding the meeting, Mrs. John Taylor hosted a dinner which was served by the young people.

Mrs. Jewell Phillips served as leader of the program. The invocation was given by the Rev. Clarence Wilcox, pastor. Special music was by Mrs. Ted Young, Mrs. Coy Weatherston and Debbie Reese.

Officers of the new organization are: Mrs. John Taylor, president; Mrs. Jewell Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. W. C. Roberts, secretary; Mrs. Noble Capps, treasurer.

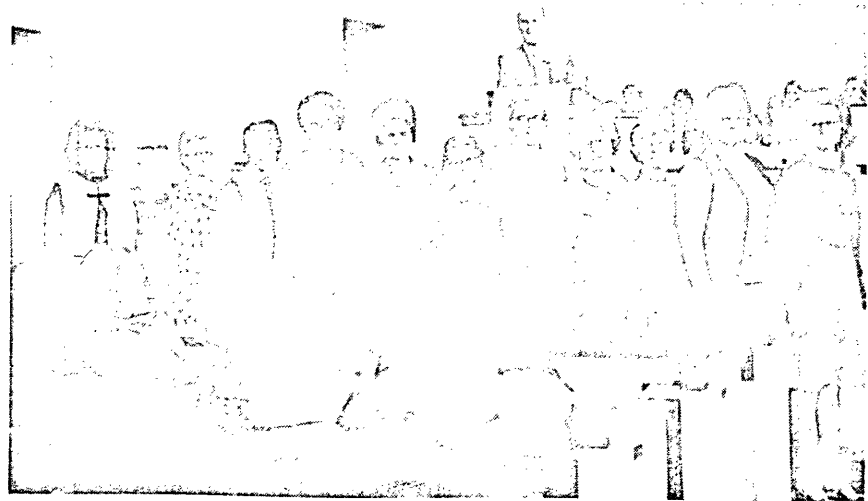
Mission coordinators are Mrs. Howard Haasis, Mrs. W. D. Chambers, Mrs. James Brooks, Mrs. Lloyd Wish and Mrs. Roy Murray.

Special guests attending were Mrs. Hugh Hardin, Ft. Smith, conference

vice-president; Miss Joan Clark, Women's Division Regional Director of Dallas; and Mrs. H. D. Coffee, Russellville, former president of the Conway District.

Lockesburg women observe Human Relations Day

Women of the United Methodist Church of Lockesburg Larger Parish observed Human Relations Day on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2:00 p.m. The women from White United Methodist Church were invited to share the observance. The Junior Choir of White Memorial Church, under the direction of Mrs. Myra Clay, rendered a medley of songs. Other features of the program included an explanation of the interdenominational Key 73 evangelistic emphasis, and a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Oliver.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank installed officers preceding his address to the group in Benton. Shown as he presented them to the audience are, from left: Miss Erna Rudi, Mrs. James T. Young, Mrs. Barnett Miles, Mrs. Idabel Mitchell, Mrs. Marie Watkins, Mrs. Robert Prator, Mrs. Charles McNamara, Mrs. Hubert Blakley, Mrs. W. C. Patton, Mrs. Louis Fish, Mrs. Zenobia Waters, and Mrs. James Nix, the new president.

More concerning "Celebrations" of Women

District Meetings for Women to Follow Conference Celebrations

The Celebration Services for women of both Arkansas conferences, held in February, proved to be an emotional experience for those attending. It touched on nostalgia for those bidding a reluctant farewell to the former Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild; anticipation loomed of a larger and more effective organization as United Methodist Women; the anxiety about the turn out for Saturday meetings was replaced by exhilaration for overflow crowds; excitement was concerning the new free rein given groups to "do their own thing"; the inspirational challenge came from the bishop; and a sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit pervaded both meetings.

For those unable to attend, there will be opportunity to catch the excitement when district meetings are held during March and April. Sorry that we do not have those dates to give you, but every local president has been informed.

These district meetings will in turn be followed by local services of celebration when goals and challenges of United Methodist Women will be presented. Some churches have already held their celebrations, and other services will continue to be held throughout the year. All churches should have the changeover before January, 1974.

This year, every bush is aflame. May God grant us the courage to "take off our shoes."

New Presidents Not So New

Both conferences had interesting situations in connection with the new presidents of United Methodist Women.

Many in the North Arkansas Conference were amazed to hear that their retiring treasurer, Mrs. James Nix, was elected president of the Little Rock Conference. What they did not realize was that the Little Rock Conference had "loaned" Mrs. Nix to North Arkansas. She had been president of the Camden District WSCS before her husband, a school administrator, transferred to Brinkley. Since moving to Lonoke recently, she became eligible

for the Little Rock Conference office.

A unique feature about the new North Arkansas president, Mrs. Harold D. Womack, is that she is not "new". She was elected president in 1964, but had to resign after one year, due to her husband's declining health. Since he has retired from the ministry, she has been teaching in North Little Rock schools and working in the Wesleyan Service Guild in First United Methodist Church.

Column Planned For Suggestions and Questions

If it would be helpful, we would be glad to print plans or projects or methods being used by groups going into the new organization of United Methodist Women. Some persons and groups are creative, whereas others are copycats. The sharing of ideas can be very helpful in this year of re-organization. If someone has a question or a problem area, send the question to the *Arkansas Methodist* and we'll try to get an answer from some authority and print the reply.

The Conway District Service of Celebration will be on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in First United Methodist Church, Morrilton.

The Little Rock District Celebration Service is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

BLEVINS WOMEN ORGANIZE

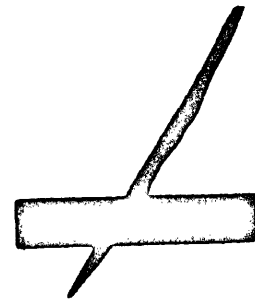
It was a very festive occasion at the Bruce Memorial United Methodist Church, Blevins, March 14, when the Women's Society of Christian Service met to celebrate becoming "United Methodist Women." A pot luck supper, at which the husbands were honored guests, began the festivities followed by the program of Celebration, election of officers, and installation by the Rev. John Rushing. The Rev. Richard T. Jarrell is the pastor.



The North Arkansas Conference meeting paid homage to former presidents and retiring officers, whereas these groups were honored by the Little Rock Conference at a meeting held in Hot Springs in October. Officers retiring at Conway are shown above. They are, from left: Mrs. Doyle Baker, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. P. H. Hardin, Mrs. Joe Crumpler, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., Mrs. James Nix (who was elected president of the Little Rock Conference), and Mrs. James Chandler.

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.")



LESSON FOR MARCH 18: Man Has Gone Astray

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3:1-19; Psalms 14:1-3; Jeremiah 10:23; 17:9-10; Romans 1:28 through 2:24.

MEMORY SELECTION: And we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. (Isaiah 53:6)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider man's revolt against God and its tragic consequences.

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The lessons of the last two Sundays have outlined the plans and provisions which God the Creator made for man's welfare and development. He created a world that was filled with exciting possibilities and God saw that it was good. He endowed man with the power of choice and commissioned him, "To be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it." Here was a perfect pattern for growth and full development.

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THE PERIL OF FREEDOM

When God gave to man the gift of freedom, He took a terrific risk. In infinitely smaller terms, parents take a comparable chance when a child is brought into the world. This child may bring to them an abundance of joy and satisfaction or he may break their hearts. There has probably never been a time in any part of the world when so much freedom of thought and action was given to the individual as is the case in our country today.

"Permissiveness" in the realm of behavior which was scarcely dreamed of a generation ago has become commonplace. But has it brought an increased degree of dependable happiness?

The reply is obvious in all directions. Drug addiction, alcoholism, broken homes, violence, crime, an increasing suicide rate and other indications of deep personal and corporate disturbance give a decidedly negative answer to this question. One writer comments, "Modern man knows everything about life except how to live it."

To the Galatian Christians Paul wrote, "Brethren, you were called to freedom, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh." In surrender to Christ, this great apostle found real freedom — the freedom which he had searched for through obedience to the Law. Fellowship with the Living Lord had set him free from the law of sin and death. And so we are able to examine the results of Man's rebellion against God in the light of a "Love that will not let us go." The Christian hope is that man will yet learn that he who loses his life for Christ's sake really finds it.

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THE SIN OF PRIDE

And then something disastrous happened. The man whom God had made rebelled and refused to live according to the pattern which God had chosen for him. For a long time it was an enigma to me as to why God should have forbidden the man whom he had created to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It would have seemed that this was precisely the knowledge that God wanted man to have. And then a footnote in the Jerusalem Bible gave me an insight into the deeper meaning of this restriction. The word "knowledge" as used here really means the right to determine what is right and what is wrong. This authority belongs only to God but man insisted on making it his own. "It is the power of deciding for himself what is good and what is evil and of acting accordingly, a claim to complete moral independence by which man refuses to recognize his status as a created being. The first sin was an attack on God's sovereignty, a sin of pride. This rebellion is described in concrete terms as a transgression of an express command of God for which the text uses the image of a forbidden fruit."

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THE LOSS OF INNER PEACE

When man rejected God's will for his life two woeful consequences followed. The first of these is that he lost his sense of inner peace. The great Christian thinker St. Augustine summarized God's will for us when he wrote, "Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee." When man becomes disobedient to God's will for his life he may acquire many things upon which the world places high value but one thing is beyond his reach. He cannot enjoy the blessing of unfailing peace with himself.

We must look briefly, at the Christian conception of this word "peace." It does not mean that the Christian will always be free from any sense of dissatisfaction or anxiety or grief. That would be a subnormal type of existence and would rule out the possibility of genuine sympathy with the hurts and misfortunes of others. But it does mean that in all of these distressing experiences there is always the confident assurance that, "In all things God works for good with those who love him." For this reason he is sure that even his trials can be the means of developing endurance and maturity. In a word, this is the peace that Christ had in mind when He said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

When this peace is forfeited by disobedience, is there a way to recover it? This is a question we shall be discussing more fully in a later lesson, but it should be said that there is a way of return and that this recovery is what most of the New Testament is about. Paul put it this way, "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1) When through repentance and forgiveness right relations with God through Christ have been restored the peace that the world can neither give nor take away becomes our Father's gracious gift.

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NO TRUE BROTHERHOOD WITHOUT GOD'S FATHERHOOD

The second penalty that follows from the act when man demands his own way rather than accepting God's plan for his life is that he abandons his normal brotherly relationship with his fellow-man. As the writer of the Book of Genesis tells the story, it was not long after this first act of disobedience before Adam's son, Cain, became angry with his brother, Abel, and murdered him. When God inquired of Cain about his brother, his arrogant reply was "Am I my brother's keeper?" This was the beginning of man's refusal to recognize his unceasing responsibility for the welfare of every child of God. This was the beginning of his violent expression of hatred and greed through such inhuman practices as slavery, exploitation, and ever-recurring wars.

When we affirm our faith in the words of the Korean Creed we say, "We believe in the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God." There is really no other dependable foundation upon which the experience of genuine brotherhood can rest. Conversely, when the concept of Fatherhood embraces all of the people of all of the races the recognition of brotherhood is inevitable. History bears no more positive witness to any fact than that when a nation, large or small, loses its awareness of the reality and the presence of God it suffers, without escape, the doom of inner corruption and of utter collapse. Again and again through the Scriptures the warning is sounded, "Beware lest Thou forget the Lord Thy God in not keeping his commandments." There is no greater public obligation upon the individual Christian or upon the Church than that of helping to keep this country of ours from forgetting that it is, "One nation under God."

In the lessons that follow we shall be examining the ways that God, through Christ, has provided for man's escape from his self-inflicted bondage.

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longer like sheep, they will leave the churches, or create their own. Many churches still try to keep their younger members by bribing them with programmes and buildings, and parking lots, and nurseries, when what they really want and need is to get in on church action in a really significant way.

For years the laity have taken the power structures of the Church on faith. Now it is time for the power structures of the Church to share the power, and take the laity on faith. Admittedly, at this stage in our history I wouldn't want to do this myself in some areas of our country! But I do believe that an educated and informed laity can exercise responsible power and influence, and I think we ought to start restructuring the churches to

find what the laity need in this direction, and then give it to them.

The decision-makers

In the first place, we ought to understand that decision-making within the Church ought to start at the local church level. We have to make decisions to change responsibility (and we have to achieve some understanding of the compromises we may have to accept) but change in the Church must come from the grass roots up. And this ought to result in more of a partnership, a really equal relationship between clergy and laity. And this must move from the local to the episcopal and national levels in our Church. The people of God, the people in our churches, need their latent power to

be organized, so that they can have an influence on our church institutions that can influence the world.

Second: there is no real place in our churches for a large degree of secrecy. There's nothing really wrong about washing our dirty linen in public. How else are we going to get it really clean? I think that a good strong church conference can survive good, strong controversy on the conference floor. When I visit a meeting and see everything slide through in a smooth, namby-pamby way, then I feel that we are accomplishing nothing for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

After all, the power of the Holy Spirit is what causes us to care about the problems of our neighbor. It is God who is pushing us to get on with things, moving us to be movers in our

day and generation. We ought to have power and influence, so that we can fulfill our Christian commitment. The central problem of a rich young ruler wasn't that he had power, but that he wasn't willing to use it when it was needed. His power allowed him to love himself rather than love God. It was something to hold on to rather than use for the Kingdom.

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Summer study-travel seminar for youth

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A six-week study-travel seminar in Southeast Asia is being planned this summer for United Methodist youth.

Sponsored by the Missionary Education unit of the Board of Discipleship in cooperation with the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, the tour is expected to involve 15 young persons between the ages of 16 and 20.

U.S. leaders for the seminar will be the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Courtoy, Nashville, Mr. Courtoy is director of senior high ministries in the Board of Discipleship's Section on Local Church Education.

An Asian and a missionary couple who have lived in Southeast Asia will join the tour overseas.

The group will assemble at Stony Point, N.Y., June 26 and will leave June 30. Major visits will be in Bangkok, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Singapore, and Sarawak. The group will return to the U.S. August 8.

Three similar study-travel seminars have been held in previous years: Latin America, 1969; Southeast Asia, 1970; and India and Nepal, 1972.

Persons interested in the tour may write Miss Titus at P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

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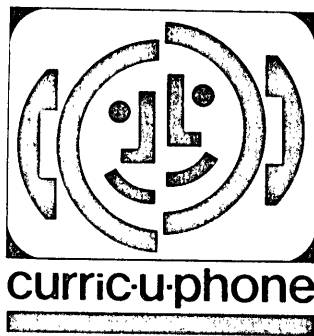
Doctrinal Materials Committee organizes

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — Bishop William R. Cannon of Atlanta has been elected chairman of a United Methodist commission set up by the 1972 General Conference to edit resource materials on doctrines and doctrinal standards.

Prof. Clarice M. Bowman of Bangor (Maine) Theological Seminary was named secretary of the 12-member body which was elected by the General Conference. Bishop Cannon said the group will now begin work on an anthology of materials for use in the local church illustrating the denomination's doctrines and doctrinal standards.

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United Theological Seminary to host Jewish-Christian Convocation

United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio will host a three-day dialogue with Jews and Christians from April 25-27, 1973. The convocation is being sponsored jointly by the Department of Inter-religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee; the United Methodist Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns, Board of Global Ministries; and United Theological Seminary.

The convocation will be based on the dialogue concept with the speakers and participants engaged in dialogue throughout the convocation. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum and Rabbi A. James Rudin, director and assistant director of the Department of Inter-religious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee will be the leading spokesmen for the Jewish community.

Dr. Robert Huston, Director, Division on Ecumenical and Inter-religious Concerns, Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, and Dr. J. Robert Nelson, Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston University School of Theology, will be the dialogue leaders for the Christian perspective.

Dr. Eric Friedland, Professor of Judaic Studies at United, and Dr. Harold Platz, Professor of Biblical Literature at United, are teaching a course in Jewish-Christian Dialogue and assisting in the convocation plans.

Registration for the convocation will be limited to 400 participants and those participants will be asked to commit themselves for the full time of the convocation. It is hoped to have a good mix of Jews and Christians,

Former Scarritt president to head research post

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. Gerald H. Anderson, president of Scarritt College since July 1, 1970, has been named a senior research associate at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dr. Anderson, an ordained United Methodist who served for 10 years as a missionary teacher and administrator in the Philippines before coming to Scarritt, will head a Southeast Asia Program at Cornell and will be involved in a study of the dynamics of change and modernization in contemporary Southeast Asian societies, giving special attention to political developments.

Dr. Anderson is an authority on Southeast Asian affairs. His books include "Studies in Philippines Church History," "The Theology of Christian Mission," and "Christ and Crisis in Southeast Asia."

He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia. While in the Philippines he was professor of church history and ecumenics at Union Theological Seminary in Manila.

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News in Brief

The Rev. Harry S. Komuro, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and predecessor agencies since 1963, has been appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church in Honolulu.

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pastors and rabbis, lay persons and students. Meals will be served both on the campus of United Theological Seminary and Beth Abraham Temple with all meals being served kosher.

The convocation takes on added significance in view of the adoption at the 1972 Conference of the United Methodist Church of the statement Bridge in Hope which is included in the official book of Resolutions and speaks specifically to the common roots of Judaism and Christianity and the need for conversations together.

Jurisdiction's Council on Ministries considers additional uses for Mt. Sequoyah facilities

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) —Steps that are expected to result in an increased use of the United Methodist South Central Jurisdiction's Mt. Sequoyah Assembly in Fayetteville, Ark., were approved by the jurisdiction's Council on Ministries (COM) here Feb. 21-22.

In other actions, the COM approved program priorities and budget for the remainder of 1973 and 1974, rescheduled a minorities convocation for this autumn, and reviewed a wide range of projects either completed or in the planning stages.

The moves relative to Mt. Sequoyah came in response to a number of possibilities suggested by the assembly's trustees for greater utilization of the facilities. Changes in jurisdiction programming have been responsible for the decreased use, according to the Rev. Virgil D. Morris, executive director of the South Central Jurisdiction.

Included in the actions was approval of a program committee for Mt. Sequoyah made up of three COM members, three trustees, the executive director of the jurisdiction and the superintendent of the assembly.

In addition, it is expected that the facilities also will be made available to other church-related organizations when not in use otherwise.

A request from the assembly trustees that Mt. Sequoyah be made the

central office of the jurisdiction and that more jurisdictional conferences, consultations and other events be held there was referred to a Joint Committee on Personnel without recommendation.

While no position was taken in the formal action, discussion of the recommendation indicated little support among COM members for such a step.

Present office of the jurisdiction is here. The Joint Committee on Personnel, which includes representatives of COM and the South Central Council on Finance and Administration, is presently seeking a successor to Dr. Morris who will retire this summer.

Sent back to the trustees for their further consideration was a possible exploration of use of the facilities for such things as college extension programs in religion provided by United Methodist-related institutions.

The COM endorsed June 25-28 as the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Mt. Sequoyah. The South Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops will meet there in connection with the event and the annual Willson Lectures are also expected to be scheduled at that time, along with other special program features.

Commenting on the decreased use as a result of programming changes, Dr. Morris said that the present style is to hold more training enterprises on

a regional basis within the eight-state region rather than one session for the entire jurisdiction.

In a final action involving Mt. Sequoyah, the COM voted to hold its autumn session there Oct. 11-12 in conjunction with the Minorities Convocation. The Rev. Bruce P. Blake, Wichita, Kans., chairman of the COM, said the convocation originally had been scheduled for mid-February, but had to be postponed because not all the minority caucuses had completed their meetings.

A program and administrative budget totaling some \$28,000 was approved for the remainder of 1973 and about \$18,500 was voted for 1974 with additional expenditures expected to be accepted at the October meeting.

One of the largest items in the program budget approved for each year of the quadrennium is \$10,500 for the United Methodist series of the Protestant Hour radio program. The Southeastern Jurisdiction and the Television, Radio and Film Communications (TRAFICO) of the Joint Committee on Communications also support the series.

Other major projects scheduled during the quadrennium include a series of training enterprises to increase the consciousness of the jurisdiction toward urban ministries and a history of ethnic minorities within the region. It

was noted that the South Central Jurisdiction includes a substantial number of three or four ethnic and racial minorities in the denomination—Mexican-Americans, blacks and American Indians.

Also included for 1973-74 are laboratory training schools for all age levels, workshops on camping, sessions for district councils on ministries, an updating of resources available at the general church level for use in local churches, and a conference on ecumenical mission.

Communications projects in the planning stages, in addition to support of the Protestant Hour, include a projected newswriting workshop for pastors, some experimental TV projects, an African seminar, development of a resource system for local churches, and additional workshops on cable television.

In a closing action, the COM voiced its appreciation to Dr. Morris for his service to the jurisdiction since assuming the executive secretary's post in 1960. It is expected that his successor will be chosen in mid-April to take office this summer.

Officers of the SCJ Council on Ministries, in addition to Mr. Blake, include the Rev. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Texas, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Rubye Jones, Ft. Worth, Texas, secretary.

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New Board of Discipleship outlines tasks, makes staff assignments

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The 95-member United Methodist Board of Discipleship, one of four major program boards of the church, met here Feb. 20-23 for the first time since its organization last October.

Most of the three-day meeting was spent outlining basic tasks, reviewing programs of the former units which comprise the new board, developing internal structure, and making staff assignments.

Presiding over sessions of the board was its president, Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond, Va. Vice presidents and chairmen of the board's three divisions are: James F. W. Talley, Baltimore, Md., Lay Life and Work; Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia., Division of Education; and the Rev. Edward L. Duncan, Lake Orion, Mich., Division of Evangelism, Stewardship and Worship. Mrs. Charles N. Gilreath, Sulphur Springs, Tex., is secretary of the Board.

Among its first actions the board unanimously nominated Dr. Melvin G. Talbert, district superintendent of the Long Beach (Calif.) District, as general secretary. Dr. Talbert, the first black to head a major program board of the church, will be formally elected by the church's Council on Ministries in March. A service of investiture and a celebration of worship is being planned for Dr. Talbert in Nashville July 11.

Dr. Ewart G. Watts was elected editor of church school publications and Dr. Wilson O. Weldon was elected

editor of *The Upper Room*.

Elected associate general secretary of the Division was Dr. Howard M. Ham. Assistant general secretaries of the Division's Section on Local Church Education are: the Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon, Miss Margie McCarty, Dr. James E. Alexander, Dr. T. Poe Williams, Dr. Warren J. Hartman, Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Dr. George E. Koehler, and the Rev. Willard A. Williams.

Elected executive editors in the Division's Section on Curriculum Resources were: Dr. Harold L. Fair, the Rev. Leo N. Kisrow, the Rev. Richard H. Rice, Dr. Horace R. Weaver, and Mrs. Gordon L. Lund.

As associate general secretary, Dr. Ham will have administrative oversight of the Section on Local Church Education and Dr. Watts will have administrative oversight of the Section on Curriculum Resources.

Elected associate general secretary of the Division of Evangelism, Stewardship and Worship was Dr. Ira Gallaway. Assistant general secretaries in evangelism are the Rev. Ross E. Whetstone, Jr., the Rev. Charles D. Whittle, Dr. George H. Outen, and the Rev. Reuben P. Job; assistant general secretaries in stewardship are the Rev. Clifford Lott and Gordon Danielson; and assistant general secretary in worship is Dr. David J. Randolph.

Elected associate general secretary of the Division of Lay Life and Work was Dr. David W. Self. Dr. Self, general secretary of the former Board of

the Laity, and his staff are moving to Nashville from Evanston, Ill., to become a part of the new board. All other units were already located in Nashville. No assistant general secretaries were named for the division but staff members elected were: Sidney R. Nichols, Charles Jaeger, John L. Hereford, Charles P. Kellogg, and the Rev. Richard S. Smith.

During the opening session of the board meeting a position paper on "The Theology of Discipleship" was given by Dean James T. Laney of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Laney said that far from being a set of rules or moralisms, discipleship involves "grace experienced in vulnerability as seen in Paul, Luther, Wesley and Christ's supreme vulnerability on the cross."

"Discipleship turns our attention away from ourselves, outward to others and toward Christ, because we cannot be disciples without a Master," he said. "In the United Methodist Church, discipleship will mean many new things, but first we must find and latch on to the source of power, through making ourselves open and vulnerable."

"Dreams" for the board were voiced by members and staff as they grew out of discussion in table groups. Spokespersons for about 15 such groups reported. The "dreams," though varied, focused around three broad, general, tentative themes:

1) There should be mutuality of

support and relationship between the board and the local church, including much two-way communication. "The board should have ears as well as a mouth," one group said.

2) The local church should be enabled and empowered—laity and clergy—for ministry, mission and outreach, and the local church should be a loving fellowship, a koinonia.

3) There should be unity of purpose and planning in the board but respect and room for diversities of heritage and pluralism of function.

In later actions, coordination of age level and family ministries of the board was lodged in the Division of Lay Life and Work. Although the specific assignment of age level ministry staff has not been decided, interdivision task forces of board members and staff were established.

Chairmen of these task forces are: children's ministries, Dr. James Hares, Dallas, Tex.; youth ministries, David Harvin, Chapel Hill, N.C.; adult ministries, Dr. Grover L. Hartman, Indianapolis, Ind.; and family ministries, Bishop Edward G. Carroll, Sr., Boston.

A unified mailing address of P. O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202, was agreed upon for all units of the new board except the Section on Curriculum Resources of the Division of Education and *The Upper Room*.

The next meeting of the entire board will be in the Washington, D.C., area Oct. 23-26, 1973.

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Bill Fuller, who holds a degree in music from Hendrix College (1967), has recently assumed the duties of music and youth director at First United Methodist Church, Carlisle. Fuller, a native of Searcy, has for the last four and one-half years served in the Air Force as a Chapel Management specialist. Prior to that assignment he served on the staff of First Church in Malvern. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Craig and Spence - three and one-half years and two and one-half years respectively. The Rev. Carlos E. Martin is pastor at Carlisle.


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HUNTER MEMORIAL PREPARING FOR "INDIA CRUISE"

The Church-wide study series on India, at Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock, on March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 will take the form of a cruise to India ("not literally but Mission-wise!") Assisting with the study will be some young persons who are natives of India but who now reside in the Little Rock area.

Mrs. Hope Shastri will serve as "guide through North India" and Mrs. V. Srinivasen will be the "guide for the South India cruise." In Calcutta the travelers will be met by Dr. Malay K. Mazumber, who will tell them about East India and Bangladesh. Interested persons are invited to participate in this "study adventure."

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST Church, Batesville District, held a Sweetheart Banquet on Wednesday night, Feb. 14. Entertainment was led by Mrs. Cleston Martin and Mrs. Ches Luck. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Spinks received a box of candy for the longest marriage (47 years); Mr. and Mrs. Connie Clark received a box for the shortest (9 years). The Rev. Felix Hol-land is pastor.

MARCH 8, 1973

RECAPITULATION

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

THIS REPORT IS FOR THE PERIOD
FROM JANUARY 1, 1972 TO DECEMBER 31, 1972

STATISTICAL REPORT

TABLE NO. 1

Line Number	DISTRICT	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP										CHURCH SCHOOL						W.S.C.S			PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS							
		Total Members Reported at Close of Last Year	Received This Year on Confirmation of Faith	Received from Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Change of Conference Action or Withdrawal	Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches	Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	Removed by Death	Total Members at Close of This Year	Average Attendance at Worship Services	Number of Persons Applied This Year (all ages)	Preparatory Members Now on Roll (all baptisms)	Number of Leaders	Children (both through youth grade) in All Classes and Groups	Youth	Adults	Total Church School Membership	Average Attendance	Number of Organizing Classes and Groups	Number of Short term Classes and Groups	Membership of Society (Including Missions Service Guild)	Amount Paid for Local Church and Community Work	United Methodist Value of Church and Furniture	Value of Ch., Land, Bldgs., and Equip.	Value of Other Assets (cash, bonds, other property, etc.)	Unpd. Bal. on Indebtedness on Items 24, 25, 26	Bal. of Other Indebtedness (cur. exp. etc.)
1	Batesville Conwayville Fayetteville Fayetteville City Fort Smith Jonesboro Paragould	13979	155	350	150	106	197	55	167	14109	5264	139	530	797	1509	1134	3553	6993	4051	411	98	1459	18701	692500	4463855	182189	225961	1967
2		16950	250	516	136	128	257	114	183	17111	5617	262	1438	872	2345	1497	4409	9123	4761	548	146	1851	13929	734518	1165062	250665	1067623	2238
3		14057	292	459	136	128	257	114	183	14218	4824	229	1122	686	1809	1408	3224	7127	3861	339	123	1990	16744	534533	4793749	285631	445839	4264
4		12747	180	225	70	106	278	55	119	12662	3924	190	999	616	1376	1083	2701	5776	2941	338	131	1573	20935	673745	783000	171436	515833	9700
5		16911	242	285	93	53	257	128	212	16927	5248	243	1212	785	1715	1212	4193	7909	4273	475	94	1907	21785	106214519	760650	216710	789915	2530
6		13119	217	294	76	35	257	129	163	13122	4214	232	1153	696	1428	1131	2963	6218	3532	409	150	1360	20218	784900	486650	90434	401461	21186
7		11123	167	263	71	64	137	56	125	11242	3850	170	578	629	1048	888	2601	5166	2934	351	90	1334	20347	3691275	486650	90434	401461	21186

**Net gain 505

* Incl. S.W. 815

FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER - Grafton Thomas

TABLE NO. 2

TABLE NO. 2			LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										OTHER THAN LOCAL CHURCH									
Line Number	DISTRICT	SUPERINTENDENT	Principal and Interest on Mortgages, etc.	Building & Improvements (including fund raising)	Church School Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Other Current Expenses, etc.	W.S.C.S.	Relief Allowances	Pastor's Salary		Amount Set	Amount Paid	Amount Set	Amount Paid	Associate's Salary		Travel Allowance Paid				Utilities Paid		District Superintendent's Fund		Episcopal Fund		Conference Fund		Minimum Salary Fund			
									Amount Set	Amount Paid					Amount Set	Amount Paid	Associate's	Amount Paid	Pastor	Associate's	Total Paid	Payee	Associate's	Total Paid	Appointed	Paid	Appointed	Paid	Appointed	Paid	Appointed	Paid
			30	31	32	33	34	35	36a	36b	37a	37b	37c	37d	38a	38b	38c	39a	39b	39c	40a	40b	41a	41b	42a	42b	43a	43b				
1	Batesville	Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	105020	141995	33583	184724	12113	6139	145231	146465	1125	1125	147590	71749	17149	71749	71749	18216	225	18441	14506	15756	2646	2871	63665	73675	4761	5169				
2	Conway	J. Ralph Clayton	240929	98741	62338	331738	18481	18856	158200	158239	7050	7050	165289	69660	50938	2574	69660	19326	600	20126	17626	17385	2936	3129	99623	90045	4761	5169				
3	Fayetteville	Raymond L. Franks	137097	95496	48341	290084	18670	8748	149237	150428	12400	11483	155604	50116	50338	3600	50116	16326	1400	17926	16700	16326	2936	2991	86051	72414	6646	6279				
4	Forrest City	Ethan Dodgen	98322	94364	41923	231850	18077	12768	155954	156004	9113	9113	155604	50116	50116	2250	50116	16326	850	15054	18723	18530	3432	3203	95011	86816	6835	6901				
5	Fort Smith	Charles P. McDonald	142348	77461	43962	231495	18232	23621	162696	162696	9113	9113	156663	54218	50116	2250	54218	16326	14558	14558	17349	17382	3197	3203	105129	88839	6808	6763				
6	Jonesboro	J. Ralph Hillis	133336	83566	55240	262928	17316	14080	156713	156713	2000	2000	156663	57748	1000	55079	19439	300	19739	12935	12919	2336	2321	55053	55053	4617	4437					
7	Paragould	Elmo A. Thomason	77241	71724	25686	153169	11050	3735	119389	118939	2000	2000	120939	54079	1000	55079	19439	300	19739	12935	12919	2336	2321	55053	55053	4617	4437					

TABLE NO. 3

TABLE NO. 3			CONNECTIONAL FUND										OTHER CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES										BENEVOLENCES												
Line Number	DISTRICT	SUPERINTENDENT	ADMINISTRATION FUNDS				Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	Interdenominational Aid	Temporary Gen. Aid Apportioned	WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE				Ministerial Education Fund Apportioned	Ministerial Education Fund Paid	World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Special	One Great Hour of Sharing	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	United Methodist Student Day	Youth Service Fund	Race Relations Sunday	Fund for Reconciliation	Christian Ed. Sunday	Higher Education	Conference Advance Specials	Hospitals and Golden Cross	Homes for Children Youth, Aged	Conf. Bldg. & Exten. Fund	Mt. Sequoyah	Ark. Christian Civic Fd.	All Other Benevolences	Grand Total (lines 30-68)		
			Gen. & Juris. Apportioned	Gen. & Juris. Paid	Deficit Apportioned	Deficit Paid				World Service & Conference Apportioned	World Service & Conference Accepted	World Service & Conference Paid																							
1	Batesville	Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	1923	1756	3510	3235	1025	47a	47b	48a	48b	50a	50b	50c	51a	51b	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	
2	Conway	J. Ralph Clayton	2780	2724	6265	6542	1408	1391	1307	1928	1832	40563	40559	40127	9781	9890	92	8899	904	1363	160	646	5437	2349	792	18279	1311	687	10634	2172	615	726	350	962211	
3	Fayetteville	Raymond L. Franks	2762	2711	6974	6842	1347	1307	1307	2004	1884	57701	57567	57528	9769	9644	81	10943	507	1309	341	781	11938	850	967	24963	7038	617	14303	2517	549	1614	4626	1305153	
4	Forrest City	Ethan Dodgen	2730	2263	7222	6888	1388	875	2051	2951	1690	58370	56718	55252	9976	8742	35	6514	507	1163	242	436	5515	1463	904	23456	2062	1348	14227	2599	1352	1238	960	956666	
5	Fort Smith	Charles P. McDonald	3050	2862	5059	4922	1510	1095	2269	2269	1982	60047	59909	57691	10149	8438	365	13995	579	1728	65	334	8332	3307	695	32523	7753	574	36370	3079	537	1268	29	1165063	
6	Jonesboro	J. Ralph Hillis	2560	2327	7791	7254	1672	1075	1075	2090	1773	61113	56231	56091	10375	5706	65	13012	781	907	125	211	9211	658	988	21112	4482	881	12953	2743	398	1097	435	1056622	
7	Paragould	Elmo A. Thomason	1880	1740	4688	4225	876	761	1358	1358	1118	40426	39601	39447	6596	5710	65	1786	491	653	105	300	3390	156	156	5386	876	430	7891	2500	459	950	230	702556	
	Total		17685	16393	41602	39750	3228	7475	14131	12643	12643	376268	368346	363979	63095	53207	779	63134	4771	3029	15831	53279	15656	5386	5386	154585	29798	5250	107049	21655	3841	8178	8122	7220712	
	Total Last Year		17225	16422	41332	39552	3234	7219	12436	12219	12219	374048	356552	363525	59320	52918	3022	55708	4309	2762	15822	5154	51207	16703	5293	154908	27475	4761	74863	17736	3871	7714	8271	6572572	
	Increase		460	971	2670	2298	106	212	695	424	424	289	11794	2454	3865	289	2243	7426	1538	653	479	48	2072	3047	207	324	1823	489	32186	3919	30	464	149	643153	
	Decrease																																		