

(Left to right) Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor of First Church, El Dorado and secretary of Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism; Bruce Larson, key speaker for the Hot Springs rally; Bishop Eugene M. Frank; the Rev. Fred Arnold, chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism.

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Over 4,000 attend Key 73 Rally

By Erwin L. McDonald
Democrat Religion Editor

HOT SPRINGS — In an inspirational two-and-one-half-hour rally here Thursday night in Convention Auditorium, United Methodists of the Little Rock Conference rang the changes on Key 73 as a unique and ideal plan for the Christian evangelization of Arkansas.

The over-all slogan for Key 73 — "Calling Our Continent to Christ" — had been localized in a large streamer over the auditorium stage, which proclaimed, "Calling Arkansas to Christ."

In welcoming the more than 4,000 persons in attendance from over the southern half of the state, Bishop Eugene Frank, of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas, said, "What this banner suggests can become one of the most wonderful things ever to happen in Arkansas."

The success of the interdenominational evangelistic crusade in Arkansas, as in the continent, will depend on Christian people — on how deeply they love God and each other and how openly they will "reach out to the world to win people to Christ," the bishop said.

Key 73, being engaged in by nearly 150 different denominations, "places a plan at our disposal to fit any situation — churches, Bible classes, youth fellowships, etc. — regardless of the size or locale," he continued.

Bruce Larson, of Columbia, Md., head of Faith at Work, now on a two-year leave to develop a modular learning center, spoke on the possibilities of Key 73 for winning Arkansas and the continent to Christ.

"God has always had a dream for his people and an individual plan for each life," Larson said. "Lives are frequently blighted because people are not ready to receive God's blessings and to accept his purposes for them. It may be that we Christians are ready for God's direction. If so, 1973 can see remarkable things come to pass, in Arkansas and across the continent."

The thing that makes the Christian gospel "the most exciting news in the world," Larson said, is that the gospel is not the Bible, but is Jesus Christ, "who comes into the world to announce to all people, 'I have come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly.'"

"The gospel does not say, 'you are good,' or 'you no longer have any problems.' It says, 'Hey, you are loved, you belong!'" said Larson.

"The witness that Key 73 calls for

is simple but not easy," Larson said, "for it simply means giving ourselves to people who need us and our Christian love."

Folk and youth music by "The Sound Generation" from John Brown University, Siloam Springs, was featured throughout the service.

Pastors Conference

Approximately 175 pastors, mostly Methodist, but including a few from other denominations, attended a pastors' conference Thursday afternoon, in connection with the rally, at the First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

Larson had been scheduled as the featured speaker for the afternoon session as well as for the evening rally but due to plane cancellations because of widespread fog did not arrive until after the pastors' meeting.

A panel assembled by Bishop Frank was composed of Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, and secretary of evangelism for the Little Rock Conference (who also presided at the rally); Rev. Fred Arnold, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock; and Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden, superintendent of the Camden District.

The panel dealt with practical aspects of evangelism and Key 73.

Describing Key 73 as "an attempt for evangelistic renewal throughout the continent," the panel said that the pastor's place in the crusade should be primarily as an evangelist, as a biblical preacher, and as a trainer and organizer of lay people as witnesses.

Pastors were urged to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Easter season and "to get with it" in youth movements.

District Key 73 training conferences are being planned to help prepare pastors and lay people for evangelism participation, Dr. Murray said.

LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH NAMES BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Little Rock's First United Methodist Church has named Mr. Robert (Bob) Smith to fill the recently created position of Business Administrator. Smith has recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force.

He was educated at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, and at Tennessee State College. He is a native of St. Louis. During his career in the Air Force, he served in Japan and Taiwan.

State's UM Women to celebrate 100 years of missionary work

United Methodist Women of Arkansas are following the "Services of Celebration", held recently in Benton and Conway, with a Spring Pilgrimage on April 4 to the place where Women's missionary work in Arkansas had its origin. The destination is the First United Methodist Church of Warren, because there a group of dedicated women took a daring and courageous step 100 years ago to send money and prayers in support of a missionary in China. This was not only the first group organized in the state, but was one of the first organized in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The pilgrimage will have a festival air and distinctive program. The all-day meeting will feature the past, the present and the future. This will include a costumed re-enactment by Warren women of the first meeting in

March, 1873, a resume of accomplishments and progress in the intervening years, and a challenge by a youthful woman leader.

A Centennial Procession will include two representatives, one youthful and one mature, from each local society who will lay at the altar "Leaves from the Past", giving local histories of women's work to be placed in one large "Book of Memory."

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Mrs. L. W. Ederington of Warren is chairman of the planning committee and is being assisted by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, Mrs. Ed Harris, Mrs. Grafton Thomas and Mrs. E. T. Davenport.

The Rev. George G. Meyer is pastor of the Warren Church.

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Youth Club Training Clinic in Fort Smith

A one-day "Youth Club Program Training Clinic" will be conducted at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith on Monday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m., according to the Rev. David Moose.

Dr. Dale Milligan, YCPI president, Oklahoma City, will provide leadership for the clinic. Youth Club Program, Inc. assists churches in starting and maintaining effective programs of weekday Christian education for grades one through 12. "Youth Club is not a substitute for, or a replacement of, standard programs of Christian Education such as Church School, Youth Fellowship and Bible School, according to Mr. Moose, who has given enthusiastic leadership to the Gentry Parish Youth Club over a period of several months.

More than 800 churches of various sizes and denominations throughout America have successfully adopted this weekday Christian Education plan to supplement already existing programs, utilizing YCPI curriculum materials.

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Smith's duties will include the coordination of financial matters, in addition to supervision of lease property, of building and equipment maintenance, and of parking lot and grounds.

The Smiths, who have three children, live in Jacksonville and are active members in First United Methodist Church there.

MARCH 15 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR EXPERIENTIAL THEOLOGY EVENT

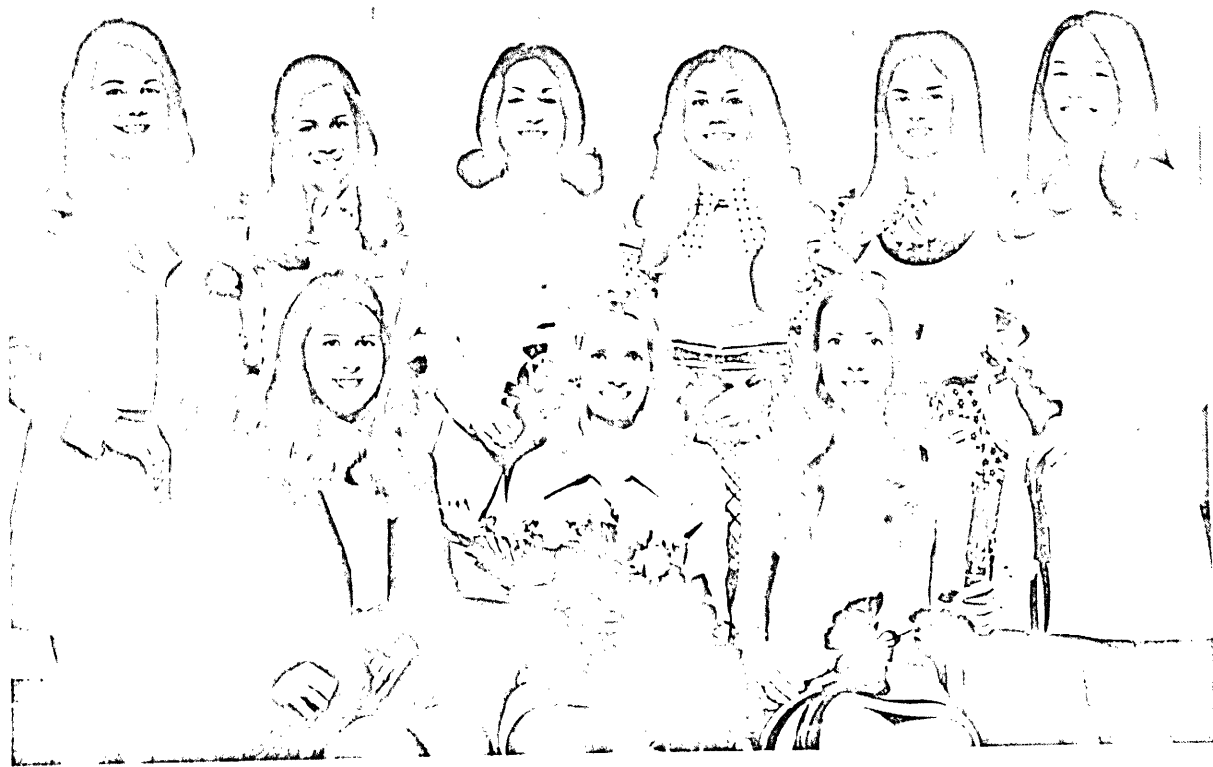
An Experiential Theology laboratory training event scheduled for Tuesday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 11, will be conducted at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisc., under the leadership of Kenneth J. Mitchell.

Mitchell is a member of the National Training Program staff, and a professional member of the Association of Religion and Applied Behavioral Science. For the past six years he has had the national responsibility for human relations and performance training for the United Methodist Church.

Tuition for the event is \$165; room and board are an additional \$99.94. Enrollment will be limited. Applications should be accompanied by a \$20 application fee and mailed to 1973 Green Lake Labs, Department of Educational Development, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 708, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Applications should contain the following information: Name, title or position, organization, address, phone, denominational affiliation, age, sex. Also statements on the following are requested: 1. Two concerns for applicant's life and growth; 2. Specifically what applicant hopes to accomplish through the laboratory experience; 3. Whether or not applicant has attended other laboratory events, and if so, the type and length of lab; 4. Whether

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Reigning over GTAAH festivities at Hendrix College the week of Feb. 21 were (from left, seated) Martha Crofoot of Little Rock, queen Harriet Norris of Batesville and Karen Hunt of Hot Springs; (standing) Gail Wulfekuhler of Paragould, Debi Johnston of Russellville, Ann Critz of Osceola, Karen Lewis of Waldo, Mary Wynne Parker of Newport and Dana Carpenter of Little Rock. (GTAAH stands for "Good Things Are Happening At Hendrix").

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Council Directors to Local Churches

FILM STRIPS FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The following film strips are in our Audio-Visual Libraries: "Thanks for Getting Into 'The Game,'" and "Hidden War—Hidden Peace." The first of these deals with the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. The second deals with the Sudan. Either of the filmstrips would be helpful as you promote ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

KEY 73—PHASE THREE

If Key 73 is to be what it is dreamed to be, it will not happen through national telecasts or through continent-wide Bible distribution alone. It will not happen because thousands of denominational leaders have found a

THE REV. SIDNEY B. MANN

The Rev. Sidney B. Mann, 86 of Norphlet, Ark., a retired Methodist minister, died Saturday night, March 3, in a local hospital following a brief illness.

He was born March 26, 1884 and was the son of William Clark and Nannie Mae Sessoms Mann. He became a minister in the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Church in 1911 and served actively until 1952. His pastorates included Tomberlin, Bright Star, Columbus, Sparkman, Mt. Ida, Okolona, Thornton, Strong, Buckner, Amity, Junction City, Huttig and Norphlet.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Addie Beatrice Meeks Mann of Norphlet; six sons, the Rev. Ralph S. Mann, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in El Dorado; Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of Hope District; Marvin L. Mann of Pine Bluff; Paul L. Mann of Houston, Tex.; Irvin B. Mann of Shreveport, La., and Herbert M. Mann of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Mrs. J. O. (Gertrude) Kelly of Springdale; two brothers, Eddie Mann of Crossett and Jewell Mann of Jayess, Miss.; 14 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Norphlet United Methodist Church with Dr. E. Clifton Rule, Dr. Roy Bagley and the Rev. Leonard Gates officiating. Sons and grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial was at Arlington Cemetery.

new excitement in working cooperatively. It can only happen if the hundred-million Christians represented by the member denominations and groups can be challenged, trained and enabled to move out into the Continent and make God's love known to each and every person.

Phase Three, therefore, is set aside to specifically emphasize the outreach of the laity. With special emphasis on social issues, planning calls for a well trained and articulate laity moving out to witness as Christ's living body, announcing, proclaiming and ministering.

After a substantial period of training and preparation, many churches, denominations and ecumenical units will be organizing for religious census. Plans call for census-taking coupled with direct witness. In many areas, the witness-census thrust will serve as part of the training opportunity for the direct confrontation and outreach scheduled for the Lenten period.

Early in the planning for Key 73, many ideas began to focus on a district period of time in which all denominations and groups would encourage intensive witnessing by the laity. Dreams of hundreds of laymen in every community criss-crossing in the streets, reaching out in both denominational and ecumenical teams, have been at the top of the priority listings from the very beginning.

The second Key 73 prime time network telecast is planned for Easter weekend, 1973. It will aim at distinguishing the true meaning of Christ's resurrection and at calling for an awareness of the resurrection possible for each individual through belief in and obedience to the Christ.

The Phase Three Program Resource Packet and Catalogue will detail a wide variety of options and resources for local churches and ecumenical clusters. Included, for example, will be suggestions and program options for training in personal witnessing, visitation possibilities, development of prospect lists, Sunday School evangelism, special child and family emphases, pastor's membership classes, church attendance campaigns, telephone campaigns, special Easter dramas, Holy Week pulpit exchanges and cooperative worship services, ecumenical Easter services, community-wide Lenten activities and a variety of program options focused on combating war, rac-

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YOUTH CLUB

materials, or those provided by their own denomination.

The cost for the clinic to be held in Fort Smith is \$15 per person (\$7.50 each beyond the first two from a church). This pays for meals, materials, and leadership.

Persons interested in pursuing the possibilities offered by this program are urged to reserve by telephone. The Rev. J. S. Russell, Jr., host pastor for the clinic will receive reservations and respond to inquiries concerning the clinic at telephone 783-8919. The address is First Presbyterian Church, 116 N. 12th, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901.

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planning to attend in a group or as an individual.

The laboratory event is recommended for church and community-related persons from all aspects of church and parish life. Teams of persons from the same organization or group are encouraged to attend.

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ism, injustice, poverty, pollution, population explosion, nationalism, drug and alcohol misuse, pornography, dehumanization, and other issues which are contrary to the Christian understanding of life.

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The Singing Ambassadors (shown above) a 16-voice choral ensemble from Asbury College in Kentucky will present a concert of sacred music at Nettleton United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, Sunday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of Professor Jack Arthur Rains, the singers present a program ranging from early church music, sacred classic, anthems and hymn arrangements to contemporary. They have appeared in concert halls throughout the U.S. and made overseas appearances as well. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor of the Nettleton church.

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Global Ministries analysis and report

Varied aspects of Christian mission are analyzed and reported in the recently published first Annual Report of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and its major units. Excerpts from the 1972 Report follow:

Community Centers and other national-mission-related institutions as focal points for social change and community involvement. Witness in evangelism and related fields, sometimes under difficulties, in countries overseas. Local interest in ecumenical concerns.

Hospitals meeting a variety of needs as they serve the "whole person." A new women's organization bringing together "the best" of two groups. A ministry of relief and rehabilitation touching more than 55 countries. Communicating "the message of salvation today" as the task of the Board. A continued though "somewhat abated" flow of missionary personnel.

The 144-page report was edited by the Rev. Dr. Blaise Leval, New York, Board literature director. The new Board of Global Ministries was formed in 1972 from four formerly separate church bodies. It includes seven divisions and two major work units — National Division, World Division, Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, Women's Division, Health and Welfare Ministries Division, Education and Cultivation Division, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Crusade Scholarship Committee, Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

The section of the Report on the National Division points up what the Division sees as mission functions of its varied institutions. Of community centers, it says:

"The acceptance of community change as a major goal is quite evident in the action-oriented programs . . . In addition to many familiar and needed services for individuals and families there are new service programs to the neighborhood related to such concerns as criminal justice, drugs, communication, alternate education, health care, housing, neighborhood organization and political education."

The Report calls attention to a new National Division Office of Children and Youth Ministries, which brings together schools and child-care institutions. The Report says the institutions are "not only for compassionate ministry to children and youth who are in desperate need, but for social change dealing with prevention of some emerg-

ing social problems."

Yet another type of institution related to the National Division, the black church, is said in the Annual Report to have new involvement because of the Black Community Developers program, involving about 60 developers, mostly lay persons.

The Annual Report's section on the World Division tells of evangelism and related ministries overseas. Of several countries, it has this to say:

BURMA: "Representatives of the Board, who have entered Burma for brief visits, witnessed deep commitment to the Gospel and to ministry under extremely difficult circumstances. Congregations of Burmese and Chinese background cooperate . . ."

KOREA: "In these eventful times the church in Korea is torn within. The struggle may, in effect, be the quest for an understanding of what is to be the future form of the church and what is to be the nature of its mission . . . Among especially hopeful signs is the presence of an active Church Renewal Movement under the leadership of outstanding seminary professors, ministers and lay persons of the church. Also the church continues to grow, with some 60 new congregations established during 1972."

LIBERIA: "The United Methodist Church in Liberia, which reported 20,924 members at the start of 1972, is engaged in many special programs of ministry. Evangelism continues, and planning is in progress for a special emphasis, 'God Power '73.'"

MOZAMBIQUE: "From Mozambique comes reports of new outreach in evangelism, Christian education and adult literacy. Third-year Bible students went out two by two to different districts, gaining practical experience in Christian nurture, leading youth groups, vacation Bible schools, and programs worked out by local pastors. Each student was equipped with an evangelism and literacy kit plus enthusiasm for the task of witnessing for Christ."

The variety of services provided by United Methodist hospitals are pointed up in the Annual Report section on the Health and Welfare Ministries Division. It describes hospitals as places where "innovative life-saving programs go on every day."

Notes the report, ". . . Methodist hospitals . . . exist to serve people. Their service is for the whole person, physical, mental, spiritual and social."

In the Report, the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division assesses growing local interest in ecumenism: "In many local churches there is great interest in witnessing and working together for the sake of the Gospel."

The Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel notes that "the customary flow of personnel across cultural or natural boundaries in United Methodist-related mission service continues, though somewhat abated. The number of people approved (for service) indicates a general downward trend during the last five years."

The Women's Division tells in the Report of the transition in 1972-73 from two women's organizations in United Methodism — Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild — to one inclusive

organization, United Methodist Women which, says the Report, "will bring together the best of two groups . . . It will also offer a more evaluative setting within which women at all levels of the church's life can choose to become involved in mission."

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) reports it has continued, on behalf of United Methodists, to be "involved in ministries of compassion in response to the cries of the needy and the desperate" and UMCOR is at work in more than 55 countries in programs of relief, rehabilitation, refugee service and renewal of life. Last year, UMCOR says, it was "privileged to touch the lives of 5,500,000 people."

Taking a broad look at Christian mission, the Education and Cultivation Division says in the Report that "today we live in a secular society where our neighbors are as much without Christ as those thousands of miles away. Many young men and women are looking to other religions for their salvation. And the problems of the neighbor thousands of miles away, be they spiritual or political, are awesomely near." Thus, says the Division, "communicating the message of salvation today is the task of the new Board of Global Ministries."

The Crusade Scholarship Committee says in the Report that in addition to training 117 students under the international education program, opportunities were provided for "purposeful training outside the formal school system (including) in-service training, observation in professional fields and short-term workshops in family planning, drug addiction, hospital administration and mass communication."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

In a move described as "momentous," leading authorities of the Church of England will review the present centuries-old system whereby the reigning Monarch, acting on the recommendation of the Prime Minister, appoints leading dignitaries of the Church. The General Synod of 550 bishops, clergy and laity of the Anglican Church instructed the Synod's Standing Committee "to bring forward proposals to secure for the Church a more effective share in the making" of appointments of bishops and other senior ecclesiastical dignitaries. Some have suggested that the worldwide Anglican Communion as a whole ought to be involved in the selection of their spiritual leader.

Contending that the act of dying has lost its "dignity and normalcy," two educators in Illinois, have developed a short course on death for high school students. "In many instances, the act of dying has lost its dignity and normalcy and has become institutionalized, dehumanized and mechanized — and young people have been excluded from the experience altogether," educators David W. Berg and George C. Daugherty stated. "The resulting void of experience must be filled if society is to retain a proper perspective toward the value of life," they said. The course was offered at the University Lab School of Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, where the two educators said it won an "overwhelmingly favorable" response from students, parents, fellow teachers, and the community.

Serious outbreaks of violence over a proposed new constitution for Syria that does not specify Islam as the state religion have been reported in Beirut, Lebanon by travelers who visited Damascus, the Syrian capital. Large numbers of persons were reported to have been killed or injured after Muslim worshippers marched out of the city's main mosque to protest the new charter which specifies freedom of religion in the country. Christians constitute about 13 per cent of the total population.

Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics will gather May 14-16 for a fourth annual convocation sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C. Five papers and five responses will be presented at the gathering, which will be attended by 30 Southern Baptists and 30 Catholics. Subject matter will deal with spiritual foundation for social action, the question of authority, the nature and use of liturgy, development of dogma, and "A Student View of Ecumenism" will be offered by two Wake Forest and two Belmont Abbey students. A joint worship service in the Abbey cathedral will close the convocation.

Eight lecturers and 12 consultants were brought together by the Graduate School of Drew University at Madison, N.J., for one of the first major public airings of "civil religion," which has claimed attention in church, political and scholarly circles in recent years. The term "civil religion" has also entered American journalism where it is usually left undefined but is used in reference to such events as non-denominational prayer breakfasts, religious ceremonies at state events and political rhetoric mentioning God and the nation together. Dr. Martin Marty of the University of Chicago identified two kinds of "civil religion." One variety, he stated, sees the nation under some picture of deity, while a second stresses national self-transcendence and may or may not use traditional terms for God.

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The Israeli government has absolutely no intention of drafting legislation to curb Christian missionary activities in Israel, according to Minister of Justice Yaacov Shimshon Shapira. Shapira, whose views are said to generally reflect those of Prime Minister Golda Meir, strongly denied press reports that such action was being considered. He said freedom of speech and freedom of worship were basic principles of the State of Israel, and that it was widely known that preaching the gospel was a Christian commandment.

Many of the returning American Vietnam war prisoners have expressed shock to discover that some newsmen have questioned their spontaneous expressions of joy, reverence and patriotism, thinking it was "orchestrated by the government, down to the last 'God Bless America,'" as one reporter said. "This thing all came from the heart," said Capt. Howard E. Rutledge, 44. "It surprises me than anybody would question someone saying 'God Bless America.'"

A reporter's survey in Albuquerque, N.M. revealed that an increasing number of ministers' wives are working at jobs and professions outside the church. Some of the women interviewed said it is a matter of choice now whether clergy wives will devote most of their time to church activities, often considered their traditional role. The Rev. Hollis Shook, director of the New Mexico Conference Council on Ministries, summed up the changing picture thus: "It is now pretty well understood that the church has a minister, and he has a family. It's not the church that has the family."

Dr. Kraft Ehricke, a systems adviser for North American Rockwell, told a National Event for Church Educators meeting in Houston, that mankind needs a "new concept of the world" if it is to survive. "We have every reason to be hopeful about the future," Dr. Ehricke said, "if we face up to our challenges and refuse to seek anything less than excellence. We can have a future beyond any comprehension where the quality of life is improved; but today and the next 50 years are the years of decision. We can't be afraid of growth. The book of creation is still open."

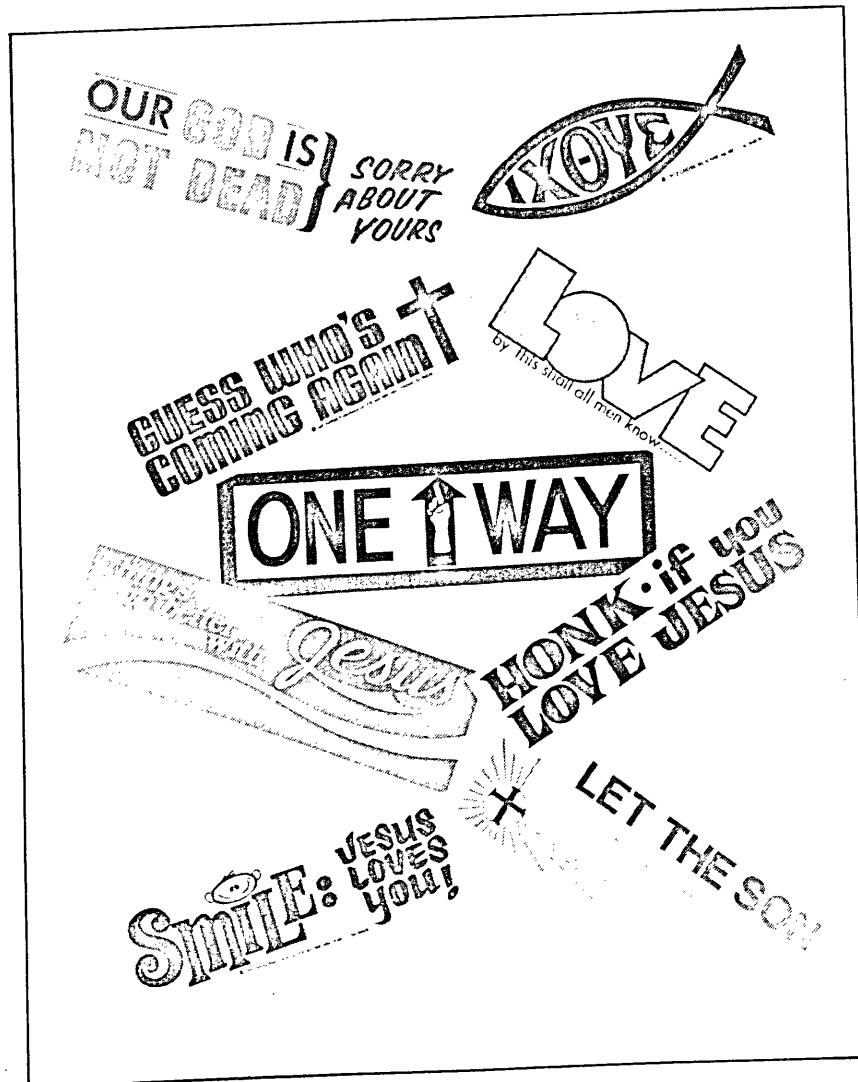
Any who would deny the physical resurrection of Jesus are faced with a "missing-body problem" according to Dr. Paul L. Maier's book "First Easter" which is concerned in part with non-Biblical evidence of the empty tomb. In the book, published by Harper & Row, Dr. Maier says that the beginning and growth of the Christian church are the most compelling evidences of resurrection.

With the backing of the Roman Catholic and other major religious bodies, the national Church of Scotland has issued a declaration on family life. The declaration, read from many pulpits throughout Scotland, is the product of the Kirk's Moral Welfare Committee. It affirms the family as "God's basic social institution" with parents in equal partnership at its heart. "Within the family," it says, "decisions of faith and standards . . . should be shared by the partners—and increasingly by the children as their years allow." It concludes: "Families who bring up their children in the knowledge and love of God, and who participate together in Christian worship, thus establish foundations for the fullest and most effective lives."

Evangelist Billy Graham, issuing a statement from Montreat, N.C. to ease tensions that have arisen in Christian-Jewish relations over Key 73 said: "The American genius is that without denying anyone an expression of their convictions all are nevertheless partners in our society," adding "The Gospel's method is persuasive invitation, not coercion."

"The Journalist's Prayer Book—a collection of 78 prayers by prominent writers, editors and newsmen—published by Augsburg Publishing House in Minneapolis contains the following "prayer for accuracy" by Benjamin McKelway, former editor of The Washington Star: "O Lord, please deliver us from bad reporting and bad editing. Please make everybody connected with our newspapers understand how important readers are—far more important than the editors. Give us reporters, O Lord, who spurn rumors and respect only fact. And surround them with editors, O Lord, who are as good as the reporters."

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The production of Bible bumper stickers, bangles and buttons has mushroomed into "big business." Devotional slogans for autos, homes and wardrobes are now being marketed in the millions to members of all denominations throughout the nation. Figures from some producers indicate that two million devotional bumper stickers will be printed this year. Cross Publishing Company of Kenilworth, N.J., and Fern Publishing Company of Elkhart, Ind. — producers of the stickers shown here — predict steady growth of their business through the next few years. In addition to stickers, a half-dozen major makers are turning out Jesus T-shirts, buttons, posters, decals, watches, pins and the like. In addition to the standard Bible and Jesus-oriented items, some 2 million stickers, pins, etc., are being produced for use in Key 73, the interdenominational evangelism drive currently underway.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

SUMMER 1973 CAMPING PROGRAM

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DATES	PLACE	DIRECTOR	TYPE OF CAMP	FOR WHOM	LIMIT	COST
May 4-6	Myers Ranch	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mabry	Family	Family	No Limit	\$5.00
		Warfield Teague				registration is total cost.
		Wiley Frost				Registration deadline April 1
June 11-15	To be announced	Eldon Douglas	Canoe Trip	7th-12th grades	Limit 10	
July 9-14	Gilbert on Buffalo River to Norfolk on White River	Jim Beal	Canoe Trip	7th-12th grades	Limit 10	
		Tom Clark				Registration deadline April 1
		Jon Guthrie				Registration deadline April 1
June 18-22	Myers Ranch	Larry Dodgen	Frontier (Rustic)	9th-10th grades	Limit 12	
June 25-29	Myers Ranch	Allan Hilliard	Frontier (Rustic)	7th-8th grades	Limit 12	
June 25-29	To be announced	Sam Teague	Bicycle trip	7th-12th grades	Limit 30	
		Jon Guthrie				
		Ronnie McCaskill				
June 25-29	To be announced	Jon Guthrie	Trail Hike	Sr. Hi/College	Limit 30	
June 29- July 1	Myers Ranch	Wayne Jarvis	Frontier (Rustic)	10th-12th grades	Limit 12	
July 9-13	To be announced	Lowell Eaton	Trail Cycle	Jr. Hi-Sr. Hi	Limit 10	
		Bill Williams				Registration deadline April 1
July or August	To be announced	Henry Heidleberger	Family tour/camp	Family	No limit	\$5.00
July 30- August 3	Hendrix	W. L. Douglas	Youth Assembly	Sr. Hi-No limit	\$50.00	Registration deadline July 15
		Susan Gladdin				
		Mrs. Carol Henry				

1. REGISTRATIONS FOR CONFERENCE CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES ARE TO BE SENT BY THE PASTOR TO THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE, 715 CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201.
2. REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL CONFERENCE CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES IS MAY 25 WITH THESE EXCEPTIONS:
(1) Family Camp May 4-6; (2) Canoe trips June 11-15 and June 18-23; (3) Trail Cycle July 9-13 These have a deadline of April 1.
(4) The Youth Assembly Deadline is July 15.
3. COST PER PERSON FOR EACH CAMP IS \$20.00 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. Send entire amount with registration.

DISTRICT CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES

DATES	DIRECTORS	TYPE	FOR WHOM
July 2-6	Earl Hughes & Leonard Byers	BEAR CREEK	
July 9-13	William Wilder & Gerald Rainwater	Travel Tour	9th - 10th grades - 24 limit
July 16-20	Lon Brewer, James Linam & Leonard Byers	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
July 23-27	John Chapman & Charles Nance	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
July 20-21-22	Ben Hines	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
		Sr. Hi Encounter Weekend	10th - 11th - 12th grades - No limit
		First U. M. C. West Memphis	
June 11-15	Charles Casteel	KAETZELL	
June 18-22	James Southerland	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
June 25-29	John Copher	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
		Assembly	9th - 10th grades - No limit
June 18-22	Jerry Nichols & David Scroggin	SHOAL CREEK	
June 25-29	Arvest Lawson & Raymond Hawkins	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
July 9-13	Merle Peters-Lewis	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
	Chesser-Von Dell Mooney	Assembly	9th - 10th grades - No limit
July 17-21 (Tues. to Sat.)	Vernon Paysinger	Small group	5th - 6th grades - 40 limit
July 23-27	Max Whitfield & Tom Adkinson	Small group	7th - 8th grades - 40 limit
July 30- August 3	Jim Keith	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
August 6-10	Clyde Crozier	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
	Herschel McClurkin		
	Charles Ramsey		
June 11-15	Joe Kennedy & David Driver	WAYLAND SPRING	
June 18-22	Jerry Canada & Tom Weir	Assembly	9th - 10th grades - No limit
June 25-29	Wayne Clark & Tony Holifield	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
June 29-July 1	Joe Wilkerson	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
July 9-13	J. B. Harris & Leroy Craig	Assembly	10th - 12th grades - No limit - \$10.
July 16-20	Andy Hall & Roy Peaynor	Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit
July 23-27	Wendell Dorman & James Barton	Assembly	7th - 8th grades - No limit
		Assembly	5th - 6th grades - No limit

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2. REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR EACH DISTRICT CAMP IS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE CAMP IS TO BE HELD. EXAMPLE: A CAMP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25 HAS A DEADLINE OF JUNE 11.
3. COST PER PERSON FOR EACH CAMP IS \$20.00. - Unless otherwise indicated.
4. REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00 IS TO BE SENT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION. Balance payable upon arrival at camp.

CONFERENCE SITES

MYERS RANCH is the recently purchased 1,000 acres camp located in North Central Arkansas. It is five miles from Shirley on Highway 110. A marker is located on the highway indicating the direction of the camp site. It is about 2 miles off Highway 110.

BEAR CREEK is located about 7 miles southeast of Marianna in the St. Francis National Forest just off State Highway 44. The camp is composed of 40 acres on Bear Creek Lake. Opportunities for swimming, fishing, and trail hiking are available.

KAETZELL is located just south of Clinton, off Highway 65. It has facilities for a variety of outdoor activities including swimming, hiking, fishing, and chapel services.

SHOAL CREEK is located 18 miles east of Paris and one mile south of Highway 22. There are opportunities for various activities including swimming, trail hiking, and other outdoor experiences.

WAYLAND SPRING is located 2 miles south of Imboden on Highway 115. The camp covers 60 acres of wooded area including beautiful Wayland Spring. Facilities include an open air tabernacle, prayer walk, swimming pool, and trails for hiking.

HENDRIX — Our Methodist Institution of higher learning located in Conway provides an unusual setting for our Conference Assembly. People like Hendrix College.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Camp Site _____ Date of _____
Mailing _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Grade Fall '73 _____ Sex _____ Home Phone _____ Church _____
I Attend _____
Parent's Signature _____ Pastor's Signature _____

GIVE THIS TO YOUR PASTOR WHO WILL SEND IT TO THE PROPER CAMP REGISTRAR. INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEE, IF REQUIRED. NOTE REGISTRATION DEADLINES.

Registration fees are not refundable, but are transferable to another person of same age grouping. Registrations received after camp is filled will be returned to the pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

THE BOONEVILLE United Methodist Church will hold a Lay Witness Mission March 23, 24 and 25. Walt Steele, Marion, Ark., will serve as coordinator. Dr. Thomas DuPree is the Booneville general chairman and the Rev. Lawrence Dodgen is the pastor.

A RALLY for all United Methodist Church members of the Pine Bluff District will be held on Sunday evening, March 18 from six until eight o'clock. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the featured speaker in First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, where the Rev. John Lindsay is pastor.

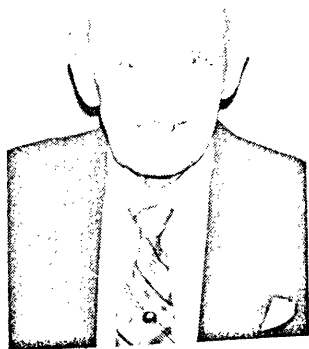
THE REV. ANTHONY HOLIFIELD Nettleton-Brookland pastor, will be the evangelist in the Hickory Ridge revival, March 25-30. The Rev. James Barton is the pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in the Nashville United Methodist Church, March 23-25. Floyd Baugus, high school guidance counselor from Wynne, will be the adult coordinator, and Billy Joe Daugherty, summer youth director, will lead the youth section. The Rev. David B. Wilson will be the host pastor.

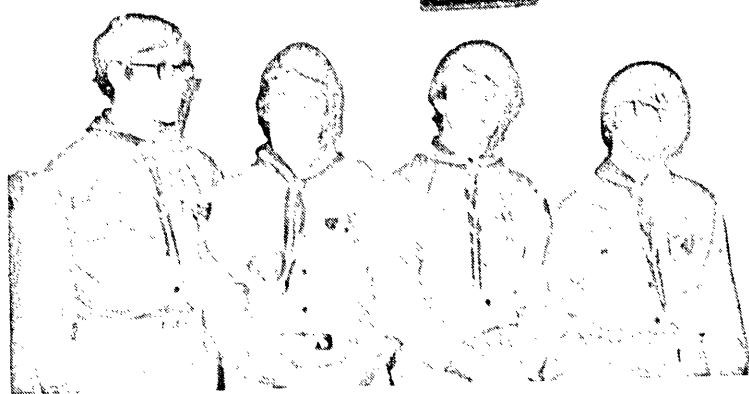
MABELVALE CHURCH United Methodist Men heard William Pharr, director of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, speak at the March 5 meeting. Zach Carpenter is president of the group. The Rev. Gerald Fincher is pastor.

THE BENTONVILLE CHURCH recently decided to pay partial support of a missionary. They were assigned the Rev. James E. Tims, missionary to Brazil, and his family. On Sunday, Feb. 4, Mr. Tims was able to make a personal appearance at all the services. The Rev. Samuel B. Teague is the Bentonville pastor.

JONESBORO DISTRICT United Methodist Men met at Harrisburg on March 8. The speaker was Raymond Hillis, Malvern businessman and Methodist layman, who is a brother of Jonesboro District Superintendent, Dr. J. Ralph Hillis. The Rev. Tom Weir was host pastor.



George Rogers Appreciation Night was held at St. John's Church, Van Buren, on Wed., Feb. 21, in honor of the retiring custodian. Preceding the dinner, the Rev. David Scroggin, pastor, presented Mr. Rogers (shown at right) with a plaque of appreciation and a "pounding."



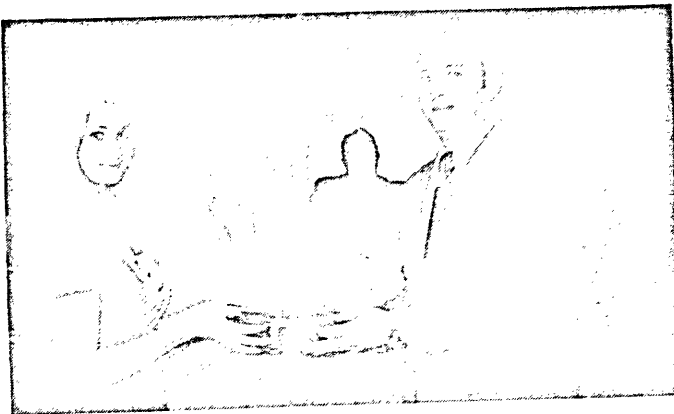
John Page, Steve Rogers, Jay Winchester and Bill Nesbitt (named from left, above) received the rank of Eagle Scout recently at the Court of Honor of Boy Scout Troop 13 at Vantrease United Methodist Church, El Dorado. The Rev. James H. Shaddox acted as master of ceremonies, and presented Raymond Johnson, a member of Eagle Board of the DeSoto Area Council, and E. E. Bomar, Jr., scoutmaster, who passed the badges to the mothers for pinning on the scouts.

A "THREE NIGHTS FOR GOD" mission was held in the St. Andrew's Mission in Jonesboro, Feb. 26-28, with the Rev. Charles Thompson of Trumann bringing the messages. Forty or fifty people from surrounding churches assisted in preliminary visitation and follow-up ministry in connection with the mission.

THE HUMPHREY UNITED Methodist Church began a study of the Book of Luke on Sunday evening, Feb. 25, as part of the KEY 73 program. A large group from the First Baptist Church (Black) of Humphrey is joining in the sessions which will continue through Lent. The Rev. Steve Barker, pastor, is the instructor.

HELENA UNITED METHODIST Men met on Sunday morning, Feb. 25, to hear Paul Grier, high school teacher, tell about his experience of teaching in Australia on a two-year special program. Gary Watts presided at the breakfast. The Rev. Jim Beal is the Helena pastor.

THE CENTENARY COLLEGE Choir of Shreveport presented a program in El Dorado, March 4, during the vesper service in First United Methodist Church. On Saturday, Feb. 24, members of the North Louisiana Chapter of the American Guild of Organists visited El Dorado to hear the new pipe organ.



Shown above is Paula Anderson, Senior UMY President, as she presents gold-plated offering plates to the Spring Hill United Methodist Church, Hope District. Receiving them is the pastor, the Rev. Carl Diffie. The Senior UMY bought the plates to match the gold altar set. Looking on from behind is Rosemary Brown, Brooks Collins and Mary Ruth Jones.

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. 18—Sunday	Matt. 9:27-34
Mar. 19	Matt. 12:22-30
Mar. 20	Mark 1:21-28, 32-34
Mar. 21	Mark 6:7-13
Mar. 22	Mark 9:14-29
Mar. 23	Luke 8:26-39
Mar. 24	Luke 10:1-24
Mar. 25—Sunday	Matt. 11:1-6

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TAYLOR MADRON

Taylor Madron, age 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Madron, Bowling Green, Ky., died Feb. 26. Mrs. Madron, formerly Beverly Brown, a '59 graduate of Hendrix College is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmus C. Brown of Fort Smith. Dr. and Mrs. Madron are on the faculty of Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

LEVY CHURCH TO HOST CONFERENCE VCS SEMINAR

The North Arkansas Conference Seminar for Vacation Church School Workers will be held on March 19, 20 and 21 in the Levy United Methodist Church of North Little Rock.

Staff for the classes will have Mrs. Walter Lindley of Jonesboro, Nursery; Mrs. Ralph Clayton, Conway, Kindergarten; Mrs. Don B. Gardner of Oklahoma City, Elementary I-II; Mrs. Donald Kading, Yellville, Elementary III-IV; the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Rector, Elementary V-VI; and the Rev. James M. Meadors, Walnut Ridge, Junior High.

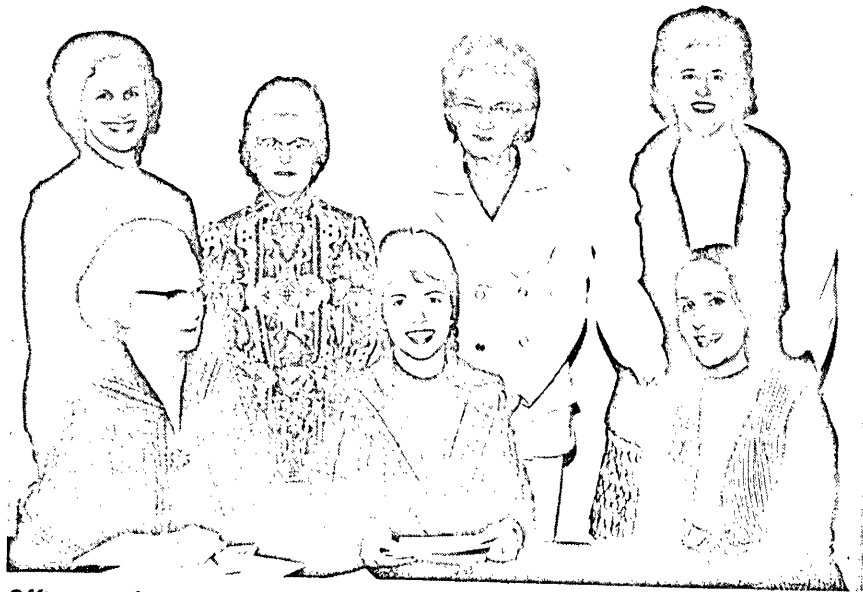
Mrs. Jim Beal of Helena is the conference coordinator for children's work. The Rev. Gerald Hammett will be host pastor.

THE WINFIELD CHURCH School of Missions used the topic "Faith and Justice". Mrs. Allan Berry was moderator for the panelists who spoke on Feb. 18. Dr. Roger Bost told of the Social Needs of Arkansas at the Feb. 25 session. Needs of the community were explained by Dr. Robert Johnston, Mar. 4. A play presented by the young people Mar. 11 concluded the series. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is the Winfield pastor.

THE JACKSON COUNTY Christian Workers School was held in the Tuckerman United Methodist Church on March 4 and 5. Mrs. Walter Lindley led "Using the Bible with Children"; the Rev. Wayne Clark taught a similar course for youth and leaders; the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon taught the Bible course for adults. The Rev. Willis LeGrand was host pastor.

LONOKE METHODIST MEN had as guest speaker at the Feb. 26 dinner meeting, Bill Foster, representative in the Arkansas State Legislature. He was introduced by Lonoke County Judge Charles Benafield. Louie Halford is president of the group. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.

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Officers of United Methodist Women in First Church, Jonesboro, were elected during the recent "Celebration Luncheon." Back row, left to right: Mrs. David Vosburg, president; Mrs. George Disinger, vice-president; Miss Virginia Lowrie, treasurer; Mrs. Ben Owens, secretary. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Ray Spence, mission coordinator for Christian Personhood; Mrs. Bill Hurt, Jr., Nominations; Mrs. Grider Thrasher, Christian Global Concerns. Not present for picture: Mrs. Arthur Vaughn, Membership chairman. Twelve new units of women are now meeting.

METHODISTS NAME 2 WOMEN TO A COMMISSION OFFICE

NEW YORK (RNS) — Two women have been chosen to fill a single post as executive secretary of the new United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

They are Judith Leaming Elmer of Chicago and Nancy Grissom Self of Long Beach, Calif. Both are wives of clergymen.

The commission was authorized in April, 1972, by the denomination's legislating General Conference.

It has 43 members who are authorized to foster "an awareness of problems and issues related to status and role of women with special reference to full participation in the total life of the church at least commensurate with total membership."

Of 10.3 million United Methodists, some 54 per cent are women.

No headquarters has yet been selected for the commission office. When a site is chosen, Ms. Elmer and Ms. Self will work in the same place, according to Barbara Thompson of Silver Springs, Md., president of the commission.

The president stressed that "there is one executive secretary with a two-member team in the office, not two executive secretaries."

Ms. Elmer of Chicago has been on the faculty of Central YMCA Community College for two years. She is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Korea, and is lay leader of the Parish of the Holy Covenant (United Methodist) in Chicago.

The daughter of a clergyman, her husband is the Rev. Donald Elmer, a North Dakota pastor presently working in Chicago. They have no children.

Ms. Self has been coordinator of the Counseling Center and part-time teacher at the University of California at Long Beach since 1970. Her husband, the Rev. Norman D. Self, is a campus minister at the university. They have no children.

A former Wesley Foundation director at Long Beach State College, she has been a church youth director and head of adult ministries at the Long Beach United Methodist church.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT WOMEN REORGANIZE

In Monticello District Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service held a Service of Celebration uniting the two groups at the Monticello First United Methodist Church on March 4. Approximately 150 women attended the event which included the election and installation of new district officers. District Superintendent Everett Vinson conducted the Installation Service. The W.S.G. District President, Mrs. Perry Councille, and W.S.C.S. District President, Mrs. French Wynne, presided at the meeting.

The new Fordyce Women's Bell Choir presented several selections in the opening program. Mrs. Fred Thornton, district treasurer, reported with a skit "All About Finances", assisted by members of the Finance Committee. Mrs. Sturgis Saffold, local president, welcomed the group to Monticello.

"Uniting the Methodist Woman" was created by Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mrs. George Meyer and all local leaders of the district.

The following is a list of the new district officers: Mrs. G. A. Norris, Jr., president; Mrs. Perry Councille, vice president; Mrs. Ray Pledger, secretary; Mrs. Fred Thornton, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Larance, associate treasurer; Mrs. Floyd Reep, nominations; Mrs. Carnie Steelman, membership; Mrs. Ted Nichols, program materials.

Mission Coordinators: Mrs. Douglass Pope, Supportive Community; Mrs. C. D. Towles, Christian Social Involvement; Mrs. Cecil Brayman, Christian Global Concerns; and Mrs. E. C. Freeman, Christian Personhood.

Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, recently held the Service of Celebration merging the Women's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The newly installed president of United Methodist Women, Mrs. Ray Toler (at left), receives the gavel from Miss Ida Turnage, WSG president, and Mrs. Ralph Wooley, WSCS president, in a symbolic ceremony.

Church Women United schedule Annual Assembly

SCHOLARSHIP TEA TO BE IN EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE

The residence of Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, 3909 S. Lookout, Little Rock, will be the setting for the Annual Scholarship Tea sponsored by the Business Women's Group of Church Women United. The event will be on Saturday afternoon, March 31, from 2 until 4 p.m.

Special guests will be the two current recipients of the scholarships. Honor guest will be Mrs. J. W. Sonnenday, national vice-president of Church Women United, who lives in St. Louis and is an intimate friend of the hostess, Mrs. Frank. Mrs. Sonnenday will precede her visit in Little Rock with a speaking engagement for Church Women United in Arkansas at the annual meeting to be held at Subiaco, March 28 and 29.

An added feature of the tea will be the offer to tour the McDowell Garden, also on Lookout Street but no longer open to the general public.

Kathy Wilkinson and Floreta Skinner are co-chairmen of the Scholarship Committee. Barbara Petrocelli is president of the Business Women's Group.

HUBERT PEARCE LIBRARY ESTABLISHED AT BENTONVILLE

A memorial library fund has been set up in the First United Methodist Church of Bentonville for the late Rev. Hubert Pearce, a former pastor of the church. The Administrative Board also voted to memorialize one of the stain glass windows to Mr. Pearce, who was pastor during the construction of the church building. Mrs. Murlin Cawood has been appointed librarian. The Rev. Sam Teague is the Bentonville pastor.

GUEST SPEAKERS in First Church, Rector, recently were the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director of the Conference Council on Ministries, March 4; the Rev. David Driver, associate pastor of First Church, Paragould, at the evening service; and the Rev. Andy Hall, Hardy minister and district missionary secretary, on Tuesday, March 6. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis is the Rector pastor.

The Annual Assembly of Church Women United in Arkansas will be held March 28 and 29 at The Abbey Retreat, Subiaco, Ark.

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, state president, urges all units of Church Women United to have all officers present, and all denominations to have representatives present.

The featured speaker and resource person will be Mrs. J. W. Sonnenday, national vice-president of Church Women United. Mrs. Sonnenday is from St. Louis and has filled other speaking dates in Arkansas. She is also a leader in the United Methodist Church.

The Open Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m., followed by the first general session at 11 a.m.

Registrations should be sent by March 21 to: Mrs. Charles Sams, Box 292, Fort Smith, Ark. 72901. The total cost, excluding transportation, is \$13 or \$15, depending on whether two or three to a room. This breaks down to registration—\$2.00, four meals — \$7.00, and room — \$4 or \$6 per person.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT women will hold the Service of Celebration on Saturday, March 31, in Carr Memorial United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff.

GRAVETTE WOMEN ORGANIZE

Gravette United Methodist Women conducted a "Rejoice" Service of Celebration at the Gravette United Methodist Church, Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10:00 a.m. The service was led by the former Guild president and vice-president, Mrs. Jack Phillips and Mrs. George Fordyce.

A message was given by the newly elected president, Mrs. Rose Mantooth. Other new officers include: Mrs. Henry Smith, vice-president, Mrs. Georgia VanEss, treasurer, and Miss Susan Douglas, secretary.

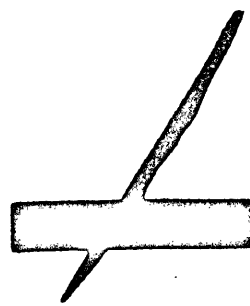
A fellowship hour followed the service.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST Church in Pine Bluff plans a revival for March 25-28. Guest evangelist will be Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First United Methodist in Arkadelphia. The Wesley minister is the Rev. Bob Regnier.



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 25: God Loves Us

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 103:8-14, Hosea 11:1-9; John 3:16-17; Ephesians 1:3-10

MEMORY SELECTION: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalms 103:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To recognize the fact that God's love for us is the source of our hope for victorious living.

In the past three lessons we have been given an insight into the situation in which our human race finds itself today. God created a good world. He formed man and endowed him with something of his own nature, including the power of choice. Man rebelled against God's will for his life and insisted upon determining for himself what is right and what is wrong. In so doing he brought upon himself and upon the race a flood of evil and disastrous consequences.

The next group of lessons, which come during the season of the year when the Christian community is thinking most frequently of the events in the earthly ministry of Jesus which led to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, will be based on God's continuing concern for the race He created and His endeavor to bring His children out of bondage and failure.

"WHAT CAN I COUNT ON?"

Many years ago a philosopher asked a very profound question, "Is the universe friendly?" All of us have asked the same question, at one time or another, but in less lofty terms. We would probably say, "Is there any reality upon which I can depend for help when I seek to do the best I know in a world in which there are so many odds against me?" There can be no doubt, it seems to me, that the most heartening answer to this question is found in the affirmation that is the theme of our lesson today, "God loves us." If we really believe this statement to be true, we are ready to face life with confidence whatever it brings of good or evil.

How did man arrive at this conviction about God's feeling toward him? Is it based on truth or is it merely an endeavor to find some fragment of comfort and hope in an otherwise meaningless and hopeless world? This assurance comes to him through the combination of two sources of knowledge: reason and revelation.

THE TESTIMONY OF REASON

What does reason say to him? We have referred in an earlier lesson to the fact that the world we live in is part of an orderly universe. We cannot escape the belief that the creative power that maintains the natural order is one of intelligent purpose. Even more fully is that fact made evident in the being called "Man" who can think and remember and plan and make decisions. In this human creature there is another quality that we call affection or love. It manifests itself at various levels. It is the force that holds families together and is the basis of the self-sacrificing quality that we have witnessed in normal parenthood. It even goes beyond the bonds of blood relationship. "Greater love hath no

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man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." Just as we could not conceive of a Creator God who had less intelligence than the man he brought into being, so we cannot imagine a God who embodies less of the quality of love than the creature he formed. So much for the voice of reason.

THE VOICE OF REVELATION

And what does revelation say to us? To those who insist on believing that there is no God and that the universe is the product of blind and purposeless chance, it says nothing. But to those who believe that there must be at least as much intelligence and love in the Creator as there is in the being he created, there is a conviction that this God will use every possible means of making himself known to those whom He has created. He was able to make partial revelation through the Old Testament prophets. Hosea, for example, looked into his own heart and found a feeling of pity and affection for an unfaithful wife. Would God do less? The shepherd guarding and guiding his flock on a Judean hillside felt this truth welling up in his heart and put it into words we still repeat, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." In the life and ministry of Jesus this fact that is earlier envisioned came into the fullness of its revelation. Out of this disclosure of God's nature comes the pivotal declaration of the entire Book, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This is the message of revelation. These two sources of truth—reason and revelation—are not contrary to each other but each supplements and supports the other.

THE DIFFERENCE IT MAKES

How does this inner assurance that God really loves us affect our lives in the course of our handling the demands of each day and of facing the problems of a troubled world? First, it gives a sense of purpose and meaning to even the ordinary activities of daily living. In the last book that he wrote, "The Unshakable Kingdom and the Unchanging Person,"—although he was working on the twenty-eighth book at the time of his final summons which came a few weeks ago—Dr. E. Stanley Jones has this comment about our present situation: "Life for the modern man in East and West needs something to give total meaning to an otherwise fragmented life. He needs some absolute from which he can work down to the relativisms of the day, a master light of all his seeing. He is being pushed and pulled and beckoned to, enticed and bludgeoned from all directions. He is being pushed from relativism to relativism. He is confused—the most confused and yet the most intelligent person that ever existed. He knows everything about life, except how to live it . . . One thing about the universe is settled and settled satisfactorily—there is a God, Our Heavenly Father, and he is Christlike in character. Nothing could be settled more satisfactorily." It would be difficult to find a more accurate diagnosis of man's deepest malady or a more unfailing remedy for his plight than in these words of this renowned and beloved missionary-evangelist.

The psychiatrist, Carl Jung, reported that of the hundreds of patients he had treated there had not been one in the second half of life whose problem, in the last resort, was not that of finding a religious

outlook on life. They had lost that which the living religions had given their followers. And he added, "None of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook." Commitment to Christ gives this outlook that confident living demands.

THE HIGHER CONFORMITY

Second, it gives us a sense of confidence that we are moving in harmony with the deeper currents of reality rather than contrary to them when we seek to live by the law of love in dealing with others. If God is love, as the Christian revelation insists, then in the long run, because God is eternal only that which abides in love can endure.

You have no doubt observed, as I have, a forest of pine trees growing on a steep hillside. In spite of the slope on which they grew, each one stood upright. Somewhere I read that the topmost twig on a conifer always points straight up. If these trees had grown straight out from the level on which they stood they could not have grown tall; the force of gravity would have pulled them down. But they refused to conform to their environment. Or, to put it another way, they conformed to a higher law—the law that was set by the exact horizontal level of the earth's surface. And so it is with life. "Don't be conformed to this world, but let Christ give you a new outlook and then you can discern the will of God."

"A NEW COMMANDMENT"

The standard of living that is portrayed in the Sermon on the Mount is a statement of impossible idealism if it is approached only on the level of a code of impersonal ethics. In many of its requirements—"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; if forced to go a mile, go a second mile; if your coat is seized, give your cloak also"—it becomes meaningful only when it is accepted as guidelines for those who have taken fellowship with Christ seriously enough to respond to a new center of life as expressed in his words, "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." When this new, life-changing experience becomes a reality we can enter into the kind of living that Paul had in mind when he wrote: "Love is patient; love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men's sins, but delights in the truth. There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance. Love will never come to an end." (N.E.B.) All of this is a partial reflection of the life that had actually been lived out in the flesh in the little country of Palestine.

Dr. James S. Stewart, the great Scottish preacher, writes: "Wherever Jesus went, he found hearts that were hungry for love. On the jaded face of a Zacchaeus, in the glib talk of a Samaritan woman, in the weary looks of an inarticulate shepherdless crowd, that hunger for love struck at Christ's own heart. Hence he laid it down that, while men did not need many qualifications to be his disciples, no man could be a disciple who was not prepared to love. The heart of the world was crying for love?"

We are able to approximate this exalted standard of living only because God is love and because God loves us.

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World Methodist Historical Society to hold July meeting in Bristol

PHILADELPHIA (UMI) — Plans are well advanced for a regional meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society at Wesley College, Bristol, England, July 17-21, it has been announced by the Rev. Frederick E. Maser of Philadelphia. Dr. Maser is executive secretary of the society.

The high-level conference will be attended by some of the most prominent Methodist historians of England, Europe and the United States, Dr. Maser said. Theme of the meeting will be: "Methodism in its Cultural and Evangelical Context."

Lecturers will include Dr. Frank Baker of Duke University; Bishop Ole E. Borgen of Stockholm, Sweden; Dr. Maldwyn Edwards of Bristol, England; Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta, Georgia; the Rev. Arne Hassing of Northwestern University; Dr. Richard P. Heitzenrath of Centre College, Kentucky; the Rev. Lawrence O. Kline of Duke University;

Also, Dr. John H. S. Kent, head of the department of theology, University of Bristol, England; Dr. Maser; Bishop T. Otto Nall of Clearwater, Fla.; Dr. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Grant S. Shockley of Candler School of Theology, Atlanta; and Dr. John Walsh, Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford University.

Because this is also a conference to explore the material available for Methodist historical research, several hours of lectures, panel discussions and open forums will center on "Methodist Archives in England" and "The Cutting Edge of Methodist History." There will be unstructured discussion on gaps that need to be filled and works that are now in progress.

Lecturers and panelists for this section of the conference include: Dr. John C. Bowmer, archivist to the Methodist Church of Great Britain; Mr. John A. Vickers, senior lecturer in religious studies at the College of Education, Bognor Regis, Sussex, England; Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., Lake Junaluska, N. C., executive secretary of the Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church; and Dr. Kenneth E. Rowe, editor of the forthcoming *Methodist Union Catalogue*.

Dr. Ness is registrar for the conference. He has announced that perhaps 100 persons will be coming to the conference from at least six countries, including Taiwan, England, Sweden, West Germany, the German Democratic Republic, and the United States.

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Southern Asia/ North India union date set

NEW YORK (UMI) — The long-delayed and sometimes in doubt union of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA) and the Church of North India (CNI) has formally been set for November 29, 1973, according to reports to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The MCSA is officially the Southern Asia Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. Its membership of about 600,000, added to CNI's 700,000 members, would bring into being a church virtually double the size of either. The Indian church is the largest body of United Methodists outside the U.S.

According to the reports, the MCSA Executive Board has called an adjourned session of the Central Conference for Aug. 6-8 to complete preparations for union and to finish necessary business of the MCSA as a denomination.

It is anticipated the Central Conference session will nominate six persons for election as bishops of the CNI. Under previously negotiated terms of union, the MCSA had been allocated a total of 10 bishops in the leadership of the CNI. The six would be in addition to the present four active MCSA bishops.

Any question about the legality of union was cleared away by a United Methodist Judicial Council decision in 1972. The MCSA had been scheduled to join six other denominations in forming the CNI in 1970 but did not

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Changes reported in Algerian Methodism

NEW YORK (UMI)—Achievement of "practical church union" and an almost 180-degree turn in relationships are in the forefront of United Methodist developments in Algeria, says a United Methodist missions executive with 20 years service in North Africa on her arrival here to take up new duties with the denomination's Board of Global Ministries.

Miss Mary Sue Robinson said things have "changed drastically" from early 1970 when United Methodist missionaries were facing expulsion. Now, she said, Algerian officials and agencies are asking for personnel to serve in several specialized categories and that the workers come under church auspices. As to church union, Miss Robinson said that the small community of Protestants in Algeria achieved in 1972 "for all practical purposes" a united body which they are calling the Protestant Church in Algeria.

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do so because a special Central Conference session in August, 1970, voted against union — though India's 11 annual conferences had previously voted for merger by the required majority. In its 1970 action, the Judicial Council ruled, the Central Conference went "beyond its legal authority" and the issue of church union was still "very much alive" for the MCSA.



SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — Members of the planning committee for the ecumenical conference held at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J., discuss the conference agenda. From left to right are: Dr. Richard D. Nesmith, a United Methodist staff executive; Margrethe B. J. Brown, interim secretary of studies in the United Presbyterian Church; Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., general secretary of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), and Father John A. Radano, assistant professor of religious studies at Seton Hall. The conference, sponsored by COCU and the Seton Hall theological faculty, brought together some 30 Roman Catholics and Protestants to consider church structures and power centers in relation to the achievement of Christian unity. (RNS Photo)

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More churches gain autonomy status

NEW YORK (UMI) — In five days in mid-February, United Methodists in Sierra Leone and Liberia inaugurated a new church and elected two new bishops.

Reports to United Methodist Information told of these events:

The coming into being of the 25,581-member autonomous United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone Feb. 15, and the election of the Rev. Dr. B. A. Carew, 67, a long-time United Methodist leader, as first bishop of the new church.

The election Feb. 20 of the Rev. Bennie D. Warner, 37, as bishop of the 23,000-member Liberia Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. He succeeds the late Bishop Stephen T. Nagbe, whose funeral Feb. 11 was eight days before the opening of the Central Conference.

The becoming autonomous of the church in Sierra Leone is considered by observers a kind of landmark, as it is the first African unit of the United Methodist Church to become independent since the trend to autonomy began in 1964. Many churches have become autonomous in Asia and Latin America in the last nine years.

The autonomy has special significance for former Evangelical United Brethren, who joined with former Methodists in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church. The church in Sierra Leone was started through the efforts of EUB missionaries who began work in Freetown, Sierra Leone's capital, in 1855. The country became the principal EUB "mission field" in Africa. African church workers and missionaries built what is today one of

the larger African churches related to U.S. Methodism.

LATIN AMERICAN CENTRAL CONFERENCE GIVES WAY TO AUTONOMOUS CHURCHES

NEW YORK (UMI) — Born in Guatemala of Indian extraction, a teacher in Costa Rica and now bishop of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama, the Rev. Jacinto Ordóñez, 37, becomes the first episcopal leader of the world's newest Methodist church.

With the coming to autonomy of the Panama church Feb. 15, only a week after Costa Rica's Methodists became autonomous, the United Methodist Church in the U.S. is in a situation unique in its five-year history. It will be linked to a vast area, Latin America, where every related church will be either an autonomous Methodist or united body. The relationship will be missional — through the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries — not structural, as there will be no organic ties.

Autonomy for Methodists in Costa Rica and Panama means the end of the former Latin American Central Conference, all of whose component conferences have become autonomous churches since 1969. Permission for the last two to become autonomous during the 1973-76 quadrennium was given by the 1972 General Conference, and the United Methodist Committee on Central Conference Affairs, of which Bishop Paul A. Washburn is chairman, had said both churches met the requirements for autonomy.

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Scarritt College names president

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. J. Richard Palmer, vice president for development at Berea College, Berea, Ky., since 1969, has been named president of Scarritt College here, effective July 1, 1973.

The announcement was made March 2 by Bishop H. Yeakel, Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Scarritt Board of Trustees.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Dr. Palmer served as pastor of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Denver from 1944 to 1952 before going to Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, where he served as president for three years. He then went to Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., where he was president from 1956 to 1969.

Dr. Palmer succeeds Dr. Gerald Anderson who announced his resignation from the chief administrative position at Scarritt last November. Dr. Anderson will be taking a position with Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

During his four years at Berea College, Dr. Palmer was instrumental in launching a Great Commitments Pro-

gram with an official goal of \$35,250,000 to be raised during a five-year period ending July 1, 1975. With 29 months left, \$30,000,000 has already been raised. Under his administration, with a staff of 34 full-time persons in the development office, the annual income of the school has almost tripled, according to Bishop Yeakel.

Dr. Palmer earned his B.A. degree at Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D., and his Th.M. degree at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo. He has also studied at Drew University, Madison, N.J., and has honorary doctorates from Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Mont.; Dakota Wesleyan University; and Westminster College.

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COCU plenary session in Memphis April 1-6

Future directions of the Consultation on Church Union based on a consideration of how unity and union come will be the main items facing the 11th plenary session of the Consultation April 1-6 in Memphis, Tenn., according to a final draft of the agenda.

The work of the 80 voting delegates,

involvement in the development question and the United Methodist Bishop's Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples.

Persons on the panel include members and/or staff from the Board of Global Ministries, Board of Church and Society, General Council on Ministries, Coordinating Committee for the Bishops' Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples and the Joint Committee on Communications.

Funds allocated for rehabilitation of Vietnam

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)—Rehabilitation funds for Vietnam from the United Methodist Church's Fund for Reconciliation now total almost two million dollars, it has been announced by the Rev. Raoul C. Calkins, former executive secretary of the Fund for Reconciliation.

Dr. Calkins announced Feb. 27 that authorization had been given to transfer \$711,932.52 from the Fund for Reconciliation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for use in Vietnam. Dr. Calkins served as the executive of the Quadrennial Emphasis' Fund for Reconciliation for three years of the last quadrennium, but is now executive coordinator for the World Methodist Evangelism Committee and is based in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Calkins pointed out that during

Global Ministries to experiment in estate planning/deferred giving program

NEW YORK (UMI)—A new assignment for a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries marks the start of an experimental endeavor by the Board in the field of estate planning and deferred giving.

Voted in 1972 and being implemented on a pilot basis, the Current and Deferred Gifts Program, as it is called, involves assistance in estate planning and promotion of gifts to the Board via tax-saving trusts, wills and other means, said Stephen F. Brimigton, New York, Board treasurer.

Assigned as the first of two directors of the program is the Rev. Warren A. Loesch, New York and Montclair, N. J., who assumes his new position March 9. Announcing the assignment, Miss Lois C. Miller, New York, Board associate general secretary for the Education and Cultivation Division, said a second director, a woman, is being sought. Dr. Loesch who, since 1968 has been executive secretary of cultivation with particular relation to the Board's National Division, will work primarily in the eastern part of the country, she said. The staff will be related administratively to the Education and Cultivation Division.

and 250 or so other participants, will center on four issues growing out of an extensive study of a draft plan of union, and exploration of ways to involve congregations in the Consultation process. The four concerns have been identified by an Implications Team reviewing more than 3,000 responses from local church and denominational study of the draft plan of union released in 1970.

Included in the concerns is the issue of Christian identity and local congregations; ways in which the church can overcome past injustices to minorities and receive the unique gifts these groups can provide; an increased belief on the part of Christians that in a church the people should make the decisions; and church union as a process of involvement.

Mr. Brimigton explained that under the Current and Deferred Gifts Program, deferred gifts will be given to the Board by a donor who, through a trust arrangement, then has a life income. After the donor's death and that of his (her) last income beneficiary, the Board would receive the deferred gift, he said.

Mr. Brimigton said that though the "pursuit of gifts through wills and bequests is not new to the Board, the emphasis on estate planning and deferred gift promotion is a new thrust. This new approach will work to the mutual benefit of the donor and the institution. The Current and Deferred Gifts Program staff will work with key United Methodist Church supporters, including United Methodist Women."

BISHOP MARSHALL R. REED

ADRIAN, Mich. (UMI)—Funeral services for retired United Methodist Bishop Marshall R. Reed were held here March 5. The 81-year-old former president of the Council of Bishops and long-time leader of Michigan Methodism died March 1 in a Chelsea (Mich.) retirement home after a lengthy illness. He was president of the Methodist Council of Bishops in 1962-63 and served for a number of years as president of the denomination's Board of Pensions.

The memorial rites in First United Methodist Church were led by Bishop Dwight E. Loder of Detroit, who in 1964 succeeded Bishop Reed as head of the church's Michigan Area, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Fort Myers, Florida, long-time friend and colleague, representing the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Reed was one of the few men in the denomination who spent his entire ministry in his native state. Born in Onstead, Michigan, he was graduated from Albion (Mich.) College and for more than 30 years served as pastor of Methodist churches in Michigan until he was elected to the episcopacy in 1948. Assigned to the Michigan Area, he served as its bishop until his retirement 16 years later.

Women's Caucus Meets

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI)—The United Methodist Church National Women's Caucus adopted a new style of collective leadership at its annual meeting February 16-19 here.

Eight Kansas City church women, including three students at Saint Paul School of Theology, were chosen as a coordinating group to serve one year. About 80, predominantly young, United Methodist women from around the country attended the meeting which included workshops, theological reflection and worship celebrations. The caucus also made plans to organize women in the five jurisdictional areas of the United Methodist Church for the purpose of combating sex discrimination in the organized ministry, on national church boards and agencies and in local church offices.

the 1968-72 quadrennium the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee had approved 17 rehabilitation projects in Vietnam, totaling \$846,570. In December, 1972, the committee released \$500,000 to be part of an interdenominational, international Fund for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation in Indochina. The Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, executive of UMCOR, is a member of this committee. The last payment of \$711,932.52 brings the total of Vietnam rehabilitation contributions to \$1,978,837.52.

During the quadrennium, Dr. Calkins said that total receipts from the churches to the general part of the Fund for Reconciliation amounted to \$6,788,824.38. The plan called for each annual (regional) conference to retain an equal amount of money for projects in its own area. Assuming that an equal amount was kept for projects

in annual conferences, the total giving to the Fund for Reconciliation for the quadrennium would be \$13,577,648.75.

Dr. Calkins pointed out that, on both the conference and national levels, more than 1,400 projects received assistance from the Fund for Reconciliation.

Other major grants which were paid from the general portion of the Fund included: Prior claim for the Commission on Religion and Race, \$700,000; Voluntary Service, \$1,500,000; Black Community Developers, \$1,000,000; Black Methodists for Church Renewal, \$180,000; Atlanta Area Reconciliation, \$150,000; Mexican American Neighborhood Organizers, \$120,000; Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade, \$105,000; Police - Community Relations, \$105,000.

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New outdoor bulletin board at Mulberry United Methodist Church, dedicated at Feb. 18 morning worship service as a memorial to the late Robert C. Benham. Mr. Benham, a long-time member of the church and Crawford County Tax Assessor, died in an auto accident in 1972.

News in Brief

President Nixon and most of his family expected for worship and no heat, light or organ. That was the situation greeting the Rev. H. Firth when he arrived at Palisades United Methodist Church in Capistrano, Calif., recently. Power was restored by service time, however, and the important guests were received with no further incidents.

Colorado magazine, in its winter issue, features a true story of a frontier Methodist missionary — the Rev. Marcus Whitman — who is credited with saving the Oregon Territory for the U.S.

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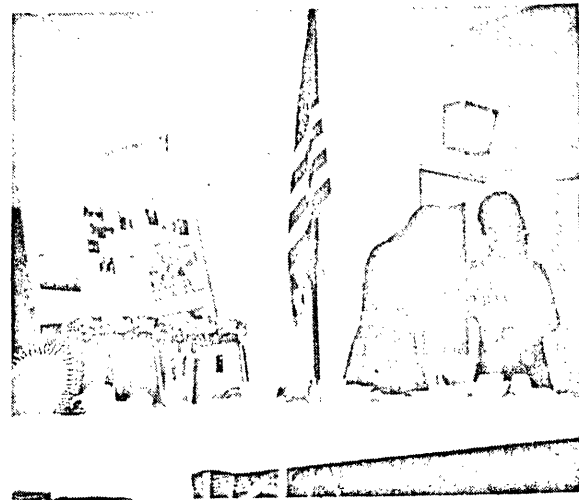
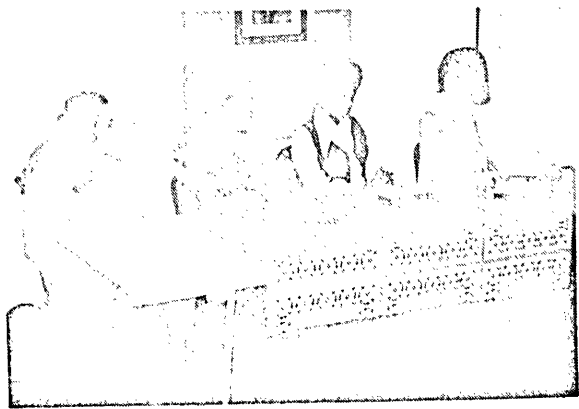
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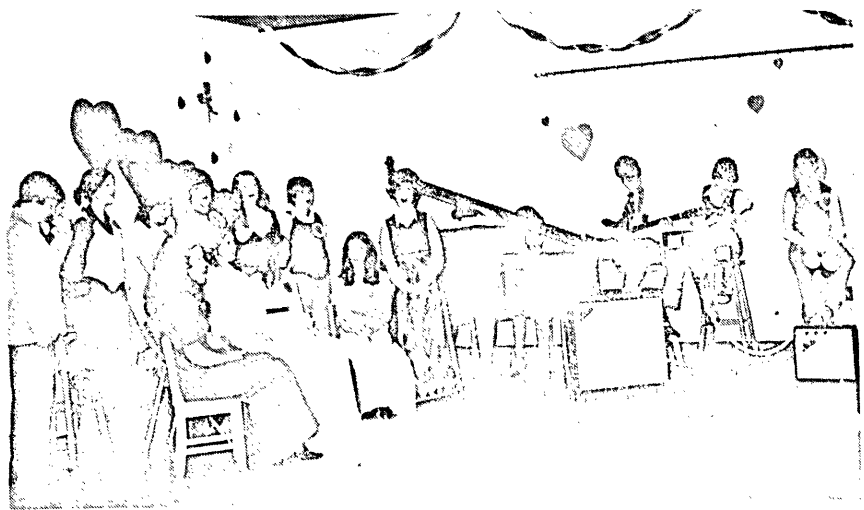
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Spring Semester activities at Arkansas State University Wesley Foundation in Jonesboro have included a guest appearance by the Panel of American Women from Memphis. (Left to right) Mrs. Helen Walker, Mrs. Jocelyn Wurzburg, Mrs. Frances Hooks, and Mrs. Carol Blackburn spoke to faculty members at a dinner meeting at the residence of Director James T. Randle, Jr. and Mrs. Randle, and during a Coffee Hour with the students at Wesley Foundation the panel members discussed prejudices and ways of opening communication between persons of different races and religions. LOWER LEFT: Jennifer Kelly and Elaine Montgomery, ASU Wesley Foundation members, spoke to Jackson County United Methodist Men when they met at Tuckerman Church recently. They displayed clippings of activities and spoke concerning the Wesley Foundation program.



UPPER PHOTO: Youth Choir of Smackover United Methodist Church entertaining at Sub-District Valentine Banquet in their church. Under the direction of Mrs. Paul Blackmon, and accompanied by guitars, bongoes, tambourine, piano and bass fiddle, the singers presented music following the theme, "Love Is." LOWER PHOTO: Some of the young folk and adult counselors from Vantrease Memorial and St. Paul's Churches in El Dorado, Marysville-Silver Hill and Lisbon-Dumas Churches who joined the Smackover group for the gala event. Approximately 100 persons attended. Officers include: Bob Sewell of Marysville, president; Vicky Parks, vice president, and Bruce Williams of St. Paul's, secretary.

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

In the poem *SPRING*, Gail Brook Burket begins... "I am a debtor who can never pay for one dawn painted on the eastern sky." That's an interesting thought, for who on earth could purchase the Spring if we had to?

March

I climbed upon a little hill
And looked at houses far,
The crisp wind blew and tousled me -
My joy it didn't mar!

The sky was blue, the clouds were white,
The air smelled clean and clear;
I'm sure that Spring, with all her might
Is waiting and is near!

-by Amy T. Oliver

Spring

Spring is almost in the air;
First it's here and then it's there!

You see it in a shoot of green;
You note it in the robin's preen.

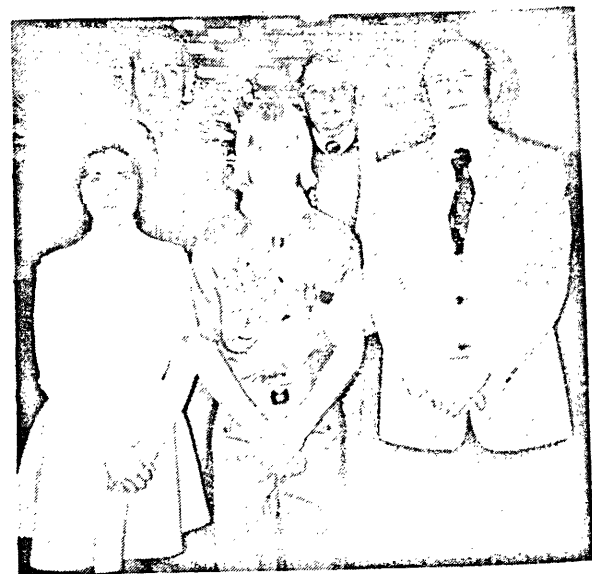
You feel it in the pleasant air,
A day that's sunny, bright, and fair.

But, oh, you wake up to a snow,
And all that warm Spring seemed to go

In just one night - but never fear -
For Spring is really almost here.

-by Marie Thomas

Terry Kelley (center front), a high school junior, was presented the God and Country Award in a recent ceremony at St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado. He is shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley (front row). Making the presentation was Ernest Bomar (back left), scoutmaster of Troop 13 sponsored by Vantrease United Methodist Church in El Dorado. Terry met requirements for the award under the supervision of his minister, the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell (rear right).



Three members of Boy Scout Troop 69, First Church, Dardanelle, are pictured here with their parents and Bobby Bata (back row, left) who presented them Eagle Scout awards during a recent Sunday morning ceremony, and Jerome Carrol (back row, right) one of the Scoutmasters. FROM

LEFT: Mrs. Leon Johnson, Mr. Johnson and their son Mike Johnson; Mrs. William R. Bullock, Mr. Bullock and their son Billy Bob Bullock; Mrs. A. B. Cox, Mr. Cox and their son, Morgan Cox - youngest of the Cox's three sons, all of whom are now Eagle Scouts. (P-D Photo)