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Dedication at Goddard, March 25

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will officiate in a Service of Dedication at Goddard United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday, March 25, when the debt retirement on the education building, fellowship hall and parsonage will be celebrated. Assisting with the dedication ceremonies will be the Rev. Archie N. Boyd, minister, and Dr. Charles P. McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent. Bishop Frank will preach at both morning services.

The education building and fellowship hall were erected in 1961 during the ministry of the Rev. Elmo A. Thomason. The parsonage was purchased in 1965 while Dr. J. Edward Dunlap was pastor.

In addition to completion of the debt payment, Goddard Church has made extensive repairs. Remodeling has included an attractive new chapel with seating for more than 100 persons, the installation of a walkway and entrance to the sanctuary to eliminate the necessity of climbing high stairs. Several classrooms have been completely refurbished, and a parking lot has been paved.

All former ministers and friends are invited to attend the Sunday celebration.



Clergy Advisory Committee (left to right): Father James E. Mancini, Roman Catholic, Little Rock; the Rev. Howard L. Williams, First United Methodist, Magnolia; the Rev. Bill Connell, Central United Methodist, Rogers; the Rev. James A. Walker, Baptist pastor, Warren; the Rev. R. H. Dorris, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock; the Rev. Canon Emery Washington, Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, Little Rock; Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Arkansas Education Department; C. E. "Doc" Toland, Committee president, Affiliated Food Stores of Ark., Inc., Little Rock; the Most Rev. Andrew J. McDonald, bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Little Rock; the Rev. George E. Pirtle, Sylvan Hills Baptist, North Little Rock; the Rev. Lawson Anderson, St. Paul's Episcopal, Newport; the Rev. Zan White, Presbyterian Synod, Texarkana; Dr. William Pharr, regional director, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Dr. Bob Riley, Lt. Gov. of Arkansas.

DAY OF DEDICATION HELD AT BERRYVILLE CHURCH

Bishop Eugene M. Frank presented the sermon and officiated at the afternoon ceremony of dedication at the Berryville United Methodist Church on Sunday, Feb. 25. Assisting were Dr. Raymond Franks, Fayetteville District superintendent, and the Rev. Victor H. Nixon, pastor.

The Church Choir, directed by Terry Lundgren and accompanied by Organist Vicki Lundgren, presented special music; Freddie Nixon, soprano, sang "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" as an offertory solo.

The Day of Dedication included a concert presented by the Madrigal Singers of Hendrix College, under the direction of Robert McGill, preceding the dedication service.

CHILDREN'S HOME BOYS AND GIRLS RECEIVE UNUSUAL GIFT

Charles Meyer, Jr., a member of the Board of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, purchased a gift for the children at the Home at the recent Tabriz Auction at the Arkansas Arts Center in Little Rock. The gift was one performance of "The Frog Prince," which was presented by the Tell-a-Tale Troupe of the Arts Center on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Clergy Economic Education Conference planned for May 6-10

Ministers of all faiths in Arkansas have been invited to file scholarship applications for participating in the Seventh Annual Clergy Economic Education Conference.

This year's Conference, scheduled for May 6-10 at Avanelle Motor Lodge in Hot Springs, is sponsored by the Arkansas State Council on Economic Education and the Arkansas State Department of Education in cooperation with the Clergy Economic Education Foundation at Purdue University.

Conference director Dr. Bessie B. Moore has announced that a total of 50 expenses-paid scholarships are available. A participating minister's only expense will be his travel to and from Hot Springs. Scholarship applications must be mailed by April 16 to Dr. Moore, coordinator of Economic Education, State Department of Education, Little Rock.

The Clergy Advisory Committee, of which C. E. "Doc" Toland is chairman, held its 1973 Conference planning session on Feb. 21 in Little Rock. Toland is president of Affiliated Stores, Inc. in Little Rock. Members of the Committee are clergymen from the Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish faiths in Arkansas.

The Conference will feature out-

standing in-state and out-of-state economists and speakers from the business community who are highly qualified to discuss our state's economic problems related to industry, agriculture, management and labor.

Dr. Moore states that one of the Conference's annual popular features is the ministers' enthusiastic participation in panel question-answer sessions and coffee-break discussions of today's key economic issues, challenges and opportunities—at local, state, national and international levels.

Staff economists for the Conference will be Dr. Ray Arensman, dean of the College of Business Administration, University of Evansville, Indiana, and Dr. Ron Wykstra, Professor of Economics, Colorado State University, at Fort Collins. Dr. Arensman will be returning for the fourth consecutive year. Dr. Wykstra, author of two textbooks, has assisted at similar conferences in Colorado.

A Roman Catholic-British Methodist dialogue committee has appointed a group to study questions concerning the Eucharist and the ministry as they relate to both churches.

Perkins offering drug, alcoholism prevention seminar

"Prevention of Drug Dependency and Alcoholism" is the subject of a two day Seminar to be jointly sponsored by Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. and the National Committee For the Prevention of Alcoholism, March 26-27 at S.M.U.

Planned for ministers, counselors, educators, medical personnel, civic leaders, public health workers and other interested persons, the Seminar will begin at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, March 26 and end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27.

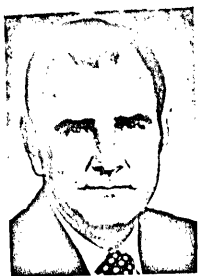
Program topics and speakers will include: "Drinking and Drug Use Behavior in Various Cultures", Dr. Douglas Jackson, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Perkins; "Alcohol and Other Drug Dependencies: The Individual and the Family," Dr. Tom J. Shipp, Pastor of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas; "The Psychological and Physiological Effects of Drugs," Dr. Lawrence A. Senseman, a California Psychiatrist; "Scientific Studies: Marijuana and Drugs In Our Society", Dr. Louis P. Bozzetti, until recently the Deputy Director of Marijuana and Drug Abuse Commission for the Federal Government; "Community Action on Drug and Alcohol Problems", Congressman Lawrence J. Hogan, Maryland; and several other authorities.

In addition, several Dallas leaders in the field will conduct panels and discussions on "Treatment and Rehabilitation Techniques" and the "Alcohol Safety Action Project — D.W.I. Dallas" which includes public education and D.W.I. driver reeducation.

Interested persons may register for a fee of \$15 sent to the Office of Continuing Education, Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas, Tex. 75275. The fee includes the cost of lunch on Monday at which time Dr. Douglas Jackson will speak. All sessions will be held in room 210 Sealeman Hall at Perkins School of Theology. For more information call (214) 692-2041 and speak to Dr. David Switzer who is the Perkins coordinator of the Seminar.

ATTENTION PASTORS IN CONWAY AND PINE BLUFF DISTRICTS

Reservations for the Aldersgate Country Fair Kick-Off Dinner have not been forthcoming. There must be two people in each church who would like the opportunity to visit Aldersgate Camp and enjoy the superb food as a guest of the camp. The dinner is Thursday, Mar. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Call the camp office, CA5-1444, and make reservations now.



Dr. Martin



Bill Kennedy

FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK PLANS SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

Dr. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, will preach for revival services to be held at First Church, North Little Rock, Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, March 25. Bill Kennedy, song evangelist of England, Ark., will be present with his electronic piano to lead the congregational singing. The nightly services will begin at 7 o'clock, according to the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor.

On Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. the congregation will meet for a special Family night, which will feature a Tenebrae Service portraying in symbolic form the closing events of Jesus' life before the crucifixion. A Service of Holy Communion is planned for Maundy Thursday evening.

A special Easter offering will be sent to the Rev. and Mrs. Delos MacCauley, missionaries in Nepal.

Jurisdiction offering course in Cable TV

A Short Course in Cable TV is being offered at the University of Nebraska from Tuesday, April 24 through Friday, April 27. The Communications Committee of the Council on Ministries of the South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church is sponsoring the event in cooperation with the Joint Communications Committee of the United Methodist Church, Nebraska Conference Communications, and Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

Participants may be laymen or ministers (preferably a team) who want to develop or upgrade their production skills; who want to "have a hand in" developing Cable TV franchise for their community; or want to broaden their understanding of Cable TV and its potential for the church.

Costs will cover housing, meals and registration fee of \$17.50 (which includes three noon meals). Housing will be at Nebraska Center for Continuing Education (the site of the seminar), \$12 for single accommodations and \$15 (\$7.50 each) for double occupancy, plus tax, per day.

Participants from South Central Jurisdiction must register through their own Conference Program director. Directors for the Arkansas area are: the Rev. Alf A. Eason, Little Rock Conference; Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, North Arkansas Conference. Both have offices at Methodist Headquarters, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Checks should be made payable to University of Nebraska and mailed with registration to Program director

HPI sends cattle to S.D. Indians; receives visitors from Bolivia

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—The Sioux Indians on Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota are waiting expectantly—and peacefully—for a truckload of cattle from Arkansas. The truck pulled out Wednesday (March 7) from Heifer Project International's Fourche River Ranch in Perry County.

The Rosebud Reservation, devoid of any sound of war drums, lies immediately east of the Pine Ridge Reservation and trouble-torn Wounded Knee.

The consignment of 10 Angus heifers and one bull is part of a project approved a year ago by the HPI board of directors. At Milk's Camp Community, near St. Charles, South Dakota, a foundation herd of beef cattle will be built for distribution of offspring calves.

"We do not support the violence being used at Wounded Knee in an attempt to right past wrongs," said Hampton Andrews, a local Indian leader and director of the Cattle Association of Milk's Camp. "The arrival of these animals at this particular time will demonstrate to our people that such tactics are not necessary to gain help in improving our economic situation."

Edwin W. Geers, executive director of Heifer Project International in Little Rock, said the Cattle Association of Milk's Camp Community will be responsible for building the foundation herd. Geers said that, as the herd develops, heifers will be passed on to selected Indian ranchers who will then distribute the offspring calves to individual Indian families.

The procedure is basically the same that HPI has followed in over 90 developing countries of the world. On the Rosebud Reservation, young Indian men will have the first opportunity for getting their start in beef cattle ranching.

The HPI plan of animal distribution has been aptly described as "the gift that keeps on giving." Recipients of animals are committed to giving the first offspring to a needy neighbor.

Heifer Project International, headquartered in Little Rock, is a nonsectarian charitable organization. Its "living gifts" program, begun over 28 years ago, has been sustained through the donation of animals or money from churches, clubs, foundations, and thousands of individuals throughout the United States.

The 1200-acre Fourche River Ranch serves as the HPI animal collection and distribution center. HPI has provided more than 45,000 dairy

METHODIST MISSIONARY VISITS HEIFER PROJECT INTERNAT'L.

Heifer Project International's cooperative assistance program in Bolivia was reviewed in Little Rock Wednesday, March 14 by distinguished Bolivian visitors.

Dr. Luis Vincenti, Rector of the University of Bolivia at Santa Cruz, was accompanied by Dr. Raiford Claxton, a veterinarian and Methodist missionary who serves as national coordinator for HPI in Bolivia.

A late afternoon reception, co-hosted by Drs. G. Robert Ross, Chancellor of University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and Ed Geers, executive director of Heifer Project International, was held at the Little Rock Club.

Heifer Project International began its work with the poor of Bolivia more than 15 years ago. Its projects are based at the University of Bolivia, which cooperates with HPI in the training of farmers at a veterinary school and in the operation of a livestock reproduction center. Farmers who complete training at the center are given offspring animals from the HPI foundation herd.

Dr. Thurl Metzger, International Director for Heifer Project International, reported that the HPI contribution of animals and money to Bolivia had a combined value of more than \$100,000 in 1972. HPI air-lifted a herd of 100 Brown Swiss heifer calves to Bolivia late last summer. Dr. Metzger said cattle and mules also were purchased in South America. The gift of mules has enabled some Bolivian farmers to cultivate up to 20 acres instead of small plots by traditional hand tool methods.

Arkansas and Bolivia are sister states under the Partners of the Alliance program, and many Arkansans are familiar with the state's participation with Bolivia in a student exchange program. Families of Little Rock and other Arkansas cities have shared their homes with Bolivian students.

Mr. James P. Spradley, of the Little Rock School Board and an active member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and three other Arkansans visited Bolivia recently in connection with the student exchange program.

and food-producing animals and more than 1.5 million chicks and hatching eggs for needy families around the world as well as in the United States.

ATTENTION PASTORS!

A list of potential Summer Youth Workers is now available (on request) from your Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries Offices at Methodist Headquarters, 715 Center, Little Rock.

--James T. Randle, Chairman, N. Ark. Committee on Enlistment

WE'RE SORRY!

Some of our new subscribers are not yet getting the paper. The bottleneck has almost cleared and only about 300 of the 5,000 new address plates remain to be cut.

Those whose subscriptions begin in March will receive a full year, even though the plates are marked JAN. Subscriptions are not usually dropped until March, even when they expire in January.

Free Instruction ARTS AND CRAFTS

The Teacher - Mary Lee Conatser and others
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You are invited to

The Arts and Crafts Workshop

Place: Asbury United Methodist, 12th and Schiller (High-tower Room)

Date: March 24 and 31 (Saturday)

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bring - Materials you would like to work with.

HENDRIX BRASS CHOIR TO PERFORM IN FAYETTEVILLE AND CLARKSVILLE

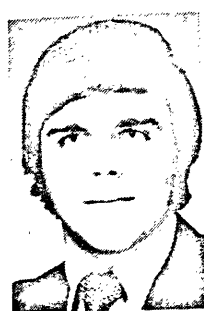
On Sunday, March 25, the Brass Choir and Wind Guild of Hendrix College will perform in church services in Fayetteville and Clarksville.

At 10:50 a.m. the musicians will augment the worship service in the Fayetteville Central United Methodist Church where Dr. Joel Cooper, a graduate and trustee of Hendrix, is pastor.

At the Clarksville United Methodist Church that evening the Hendrix group will conduct the entire worship service following the theme: "The Use of Music in Our Worship Service." The Rev. Clarence Wilcox is the minister.

The Wind Guild has come into existence since Christmas. The addition of this group allows for greater flexibility in the selection of music. In the programs at Fayetteville and Clarksville flutes and clarinets will be used in conjunction with the brasses.

Dr. Ashley Coffman, a professor of music at Hendrix, will conduct the groups during both services. Dr. Coffman believes that wind instruments will be used more and more often in church services. "Today we are witnessing a renaissance in the use of the winds in certain worship services," said Coffman.



The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, has announced the appointment of Henry Ratliff, Jr. (right), UALR senior, as associate minister. Ratliff, who has served in this capacity on a part-time basis recently will continue on a full-time basis until he enters Perkins School of Theology in August. The committee also announced the addition of Eugene Gregory Wallace, Jr., (left) Little Rock, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville junior, as a summer youth worker. The Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr. is the senior minister.

MARCH 22, 1973

Sometimes silence isn't golden — it's just plain yellow!

(Excerpts from a sermon delivered by Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas)

Matthew 21:1-11
The two highest authorities had spoken. Caiaphas, representing the pinnacle of Jewish religious authority, had recommended that Jesus die. Pilate, the supreme voice of Rome in Judea, had consented. The die was cast. We would naturally assume there was no higher court of appeal. Jerusalem and Rome had officially and mutually consented to the crucifixion of Christ. Surely the trial and execution had reached a point of no return.

But there was still one higher court of appeal. It was not an official body, but nonetheless a powerful one. It was a court to which both Jerusalem and Rome had listened in the past. It was a court to which they would listen in the future. It was the court of the people.

Jesus Christ did not die in private. He was tried and executed in the city of Jerusalem at feast time. He died in the presence of great crowds of people — people who played a far greater role in his death than they realized. Strangely enough, many of these people participated in the crucifixion of Christ, not by what they did, but by what they failed to do.

We are going to look at those who said and did nothing. Frankly, the silence of the multitude is one of the most puzzling enigmas which came out of the entire ordeal of the cross. To understand the significance of this silence we must examine two factors: the popularity of Christ, and the power of public sentiment.

Jesus Christ was popular with the multitudes throughout his entire ministry... In the fourth chapter of Matthew we read: "Great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan."

Several factors contributed to Christ's popularity. First, people were drawn to Christ by his compassion. When Jesus came into the world of Palestine he found an open sore. We do not see this so much in our own country. We have a way of taking our diseased and suffering people and tucking them away in places of rest and care. At least we hide them in shacks of poverty. However, in many parts of our world today — in the Orient, India, the Middle East — diseased and suffering humanity is still on the streets to be seen. Jesus found the world this way and had compassion. He spent a great deal of time healing, encouraging people in their suffering, doing everything he could to help. His compassion reached the multitude.

Second, Jesus was popular with the multitudes because of his teachings. When Jesus taught, he had a way of stripping away the legalism from the law. His teachings brought life, encouragement, and hope to his hearers.

The simplicity and authority of his words struck home to the hearts of men.

Third, Jesus was popular because of the effect his personality had upon the common man. He had a way of taking common things and giving them an uncommon value. The men who became the apostles of Christ were common men. They were common businessmen, fishermen, and farmers. Yet, they took an uncommon place in history because of the transforming power of the person of Christ.

Not just in the first year of his ministry, but also in the last week of his life, Jesus Christ had more friends than enemies.

Most of the noise at the trial of Jesus was made by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. They created the appearance of a mob uprising with planted agitators. You can rest assured of one fact: that Friday Jesus Christ was led out to be crucified, he was surrounded by far more friends than enemies.

What happened? It seems that the streets of Jerusalem would have been crowded with people saying, "Look what he did for my baby; look what he did for my legs; look what he did to my eyes. He befriended me; he helped me." You don't forget a man who befriends you, much less saves your life... However, apart from a few weeping women, an overwhelming silence surrounded the cross of Jesus Christ — at least as far as the multitude was concerned. Is there any explanation for this silence?

The people did not know what to do. How could they say they believed Christ was a king without being accused of aiding in the overthrow of Rome? The word "king" had too many explosive meanings. Therefore, in the presence of extremes, the people chose silence.

In the face of extremes, each of us has had to ask these questions: "What is my responsibility to the problems of my day?"

As a preacher I have asked myself, "What is my responsibility?"

Some ministers today are finding that it is alright for them to preach on law and order so long as they do not mention the law and order involved in obeying the Supreme Court. Their members want preaching to conform to their prejudices. A discovery that I have made in recent years is that this attitude is by no means the sole possession of conservatives. Liberals can be every bit as close-minded in their approach to preaching. So some ministers, in the face of extremes, choose silence. But, you know, sometimes silence isn't golden — it's just plain yellow!

In 1965, Mark Van Doren wrote a play entitled *Never Ask His Name*. It was a play of extremes; two men hating each other through ten years of si-

lence and misunderstanding. The main theme of the play was that, in the face of misunderstanding, silence is never golden, but only fool's gold!

The same is true for our day. In the face of extremes, silence is idiotic; silence is confusing, and leads to chaos. For you can count on the fact that evil men are not going to remain silent. They never have and they never will! Evil men are going to talk and talk and talk. And, if good men remain silent, only one side will be heard. The end result is that good men suffer needlessly, and innocent men die.

If the multitude at the trial of Jesus had only realized they didn't have to get into the political side of the issue; they did not have to tackle the problem of Christ's kingship. They could have risen up to, "He is good, he is kind, compassionate, and loving. He is not trying to overthrow the government. He does not deserve to die!"

But the multitude remained silent. And I will always believe this is what hurt Christ the most at the cross: not the brutality of the soldiers, not the accusations of Caiaphas, but the fact that those whom he loved, and who loved him, said absolutely nothing. They let him die defenseless. Surely any word would have been better than none.

I must admit that this sin of silence haunts me more than most of the other elements in the Holy Week drama.

Yet... if I could project myself back into the crucifixion scene, I think I know where I might have been. I do not think I would have been at the fire with Peter. I would not have been in the garden with Judas, nor at the palace with Caiaphas, nor at the court with Pilate. I am afraid I would have been somewhere milling in the crowd, loving Christ, hating what they were doing to him, but saying nothing!

What makes me reach this conclusion? Because I know what my response has been in many situations in the past. I have been where the name and spirit of Christ were being brought into ill repute. I have been where the attitudes that crucified Christ

were operating. I have been where a witness was needed and called for, and I said nothing.

I challenge you to examine yourself. How many times have you been where men were crucifying the principles Christ died for? How often have you been where a witness was needed and called for, and you said nothing? This is what crucified Jesus Christ: not the violence of the evil ones, but the silence of the good. You see, sometimes silence isn't golden — it's just plain yellow!

Out of World War II came an incident in France. Boys from Alsace-Lorraine were facing a choice as to which side would command their allegiance, the French or the German. One woman had two sons who kept delaying their decisions. She kept urging them to act, but to no avail. One morning she took her cloak and started out the door. The boys asked where she was going. The mother replied she was going to help in the war. The sons argued, "But, mother, you can't do any good." She replied, "Maybe not. But at least they will know which side I am on."

It is too late for me to undo my mistakes of the past, but there is one thing certain in my mind: Jesus Christ means all the world to me. I cannot believe in him and fail to try and imitate him. If it is possible, in the smallest way, to work his spirit through my life into society, I must try. Everything good I have received in life has come from him. All the hope, purpose, and promise I have for the future is wrapped up in him. As long as I have breath in my body, men must know which side I'm on.

Every time I am in a position where a witness for Christ is called for, in his name and spirit, I must try to give it. Where there is wrong, I must seek to correct it. And when I am wrong, I must try and change. I cannot let evil men around me, in the name of extremes, rip and tear my society, and myself contribute absolutely nothing. For not by the deeds of violence, but by the sin of silence, was our Lord finally nailed to a cross.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

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Publication of the New Testament in Pidgin has made such an impact on New Guinea that Pidgin is expected to be made the official language when the country becomes independent, according to the Rev. Lester F. Heins, Lutheran churchman. Printings of the Pidgin N. T. have totaled 100,000 copies since its first appearance in 1969. While Lutherans did the entire job of translating, Roman Catholics gave their endorsement. Heins said the vocabulary is made up of contractions of Chinese, German and English words intermingled.

Mackinac College located on a tiny island in the Mackinac Straits, was closed March 2, according to a decision announced by its founder and board chairman, the Rev. Rex Humbard, of Akron, Ohio. The shutdown by the parent organization, the Cathedral of Tomorrow, was prompted by a financial crisis. The handsome 32-acre campus was formerly the international headquarters of Moral Re-Armament.

On the recommendation of a special Council, Pope Paul VI has called a world Synod of Bishops for Oct. 1974. The Synod — the fourth since the close of Vatican II, which advised the regular holding of such sessions — will deal with the "evangelization of the contemporary world," according to a recent letter sent to all the Roman Catholic bishops of the world.

School texts used in Israel today contain "the most favorable image of Jesus ever offered by Jews to a generation of their youth," according to Pinchas Lapide, a Canadian-born Israeli, writing in the March 7 issue of Christian Century magazine. The author, who lives in Jerusalem, researched the matter in response to a question from a Christian friend. "Without exception," he said the texts he examined, "portray Paul as the founder of the church and the man who brought about her secession from Judaism."

A university does not sponsor a view if it simply permits that view to be expressed on campus, Christopher Hall, attorney for Campus Crusade for Christ has advised. The legal question arose in connection with a controversy involving the appearance of an Athletes in Action wrestling team on the University of Nebraska campus (Omaha). AIA is sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ.

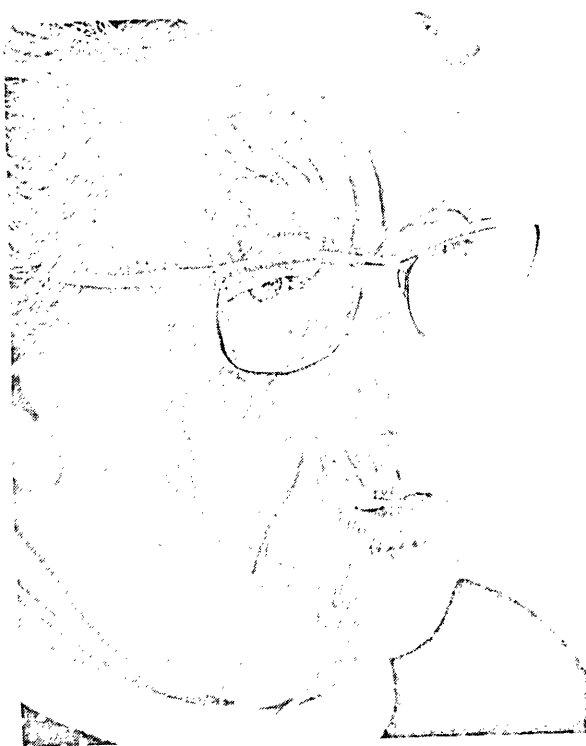
Addressing more than 700 persons attending the first annual convention of the New Jersey Right to Life Committee, Dr. Mildred Jefferson — black physician from Boston — warned that a new era of "annihilationism" is following the Jan. 22 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court which struck down the nation's anti-abortion laws. Dr. Jefferson charged that this wave of annihilationism is "an elitist philosophy espoused by tired and cynical people . . . who hold that only the perfect, the privileged and the planned have a right to live."

A proposal to consolidate the theological resources of the Episcopal Church into four regional centers will be offered to the 1973 General Convention by the Bd. for Theological Education. Suggested sites for the regional centers are Berkeley, Calif., Chicago, Ill., Alexandria, Va., and somewhere in the Northeast. The latter was left indefinite because Episcopal seminaries in New York, Boston and Philadelphia are already involved in a consortium arrangement.

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India's national government does not plan to introduce "anti-conversion" laws to curb the activities of Christian missionaries, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has told the parliament. Neither will the government encourage such activities of foreign missionaries, which are "much less than before," she said.

Drew University's President Robert F. Oxman, addressing the United Methodist school's board of trustees, cautioned: "The danger in state aid is that it may be tied to encouragement of particular programs, or to specific restrictions, or to some formula of space utilization conceived by those more attuned to state colleges of education or community colleges than to universities." Dr. Oxman held that the solution to the plight of private higher education will not come from foundations, because they have already suffered from "confiscatory taxation." Likewise, he added, private giving is threatened by "an attack on charitable deductions." As one possible solution, the Drew president suggested the use of government funds to aid the student, rather than the institution.



MIAMI — Corrie ten Boom, 80 years old, is known around the world as the "apostle of reconciliation," but she considers herself "just a tramp for the Lord." The octogenarian Dutchwoman spoke recently at the Dade County Auditorium in Miami at a rally of the Great Commission Prayer Crusade. In an interview, Miss ten Boom attempted to explain why she is internationally popular as a Christian speaker. "I don't teach philosophy or theology, but reality," she said. "I speak about the Lord Jesus." The lay evangelist frequently addresses Jewish audiences. She speaks not as a disinterested observer, but as one who actively aided Jewish refugees in leaving Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II. Her family concealed Jews and aided in their escape from their home, an act for which she and members of her family were arrested and sent to prison. Since the war, Miss ten Boom has operated a home for war victims and a religious retreat camp, and has done some "Bible smuggling" behind the Iron Curtain. (RNS Photo)

Dr. Robert James McCracken, who succeeded Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick as minister of Riverside Church in New York, died aboard ship in Southeast Asia on March 7. Following the 21-year pastorate, the clergyman had retired in 1967; he would have been 70 years old on March 28. Dr. McCracken and his wife were on a Far East tour when he died.

Arnold R. Mickelson of Minneapolis, secretary of the American Lutheran Church, has become the first layman to serve as president of the Lutheran Council in the USA. The 50-year-old layman succeeds Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of St. Louis, speaker on the Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, as head of the agency that represents the three major Lutheran denominations in North America.

The Joint Committee on Union of the United Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) have voted to publish a revised plan for union by 1974. A statement issued by the co-chairmen of the committee said, "We believe that the Churches will need to study that revised plan for at least a year and this means that we shall not be recommending vote on the union question before 1975."

A group of Georgetown University students — "deeply concerned" about the "steady erosion of Georgetown's Christian character," has formed an organization designed to counter that "trend." Christopher Basden, a junior student, said "Christian doctrine is being reduced to psychology and sociology while such teachings are defended under the spurious name of 'academic freedom.'" "We seek to preserve the Christian traditions of the past," Basden said, "but we refuse to blind ourselves to the problems of the present. We believe that the Good News should be lived in its full dimensions, social as well as personal . . ."

"The greatest failure of the church and synagogue may be that we are too 'un-expectant,'" said Dr. Ernest T. Campbell, senior minister of the interdenominational Riverside Church in New York as he moderated a drug forum panel. "We have become so enamored with secular interpretations of things that we do not expect and anticipate the power that can come through God," he said.

Miss America gave a Christian testimony before the Greater Hershey (Pa.) Crusade for Christ. Terry Ann Meeuwsen of Appleton, Wis. recalling her experiences as a singer with the New Christy Minstrels before she made a Christian commitment said that on the nightclub circuit, "there was alcoholism and drugs around — no common denominator. I felt lost in nightclub entertainment. I realized I had to establish what is right and what is wrong for myself and I couldn't do it for myself. That is why I made a commitment to Christ two years ago."

Seventy per cent of American adults questioned in the latest Gallup Poll said they opposed "unconditional amnesty" for young men who left the country to avoid the draft in the Vietnam war. Only 12.5 per cent of the 1,446 persons questioned in the national survey thought a fine or jail sentence provided the solutions. They favored either military service or some form of non-military service for draft evaders.

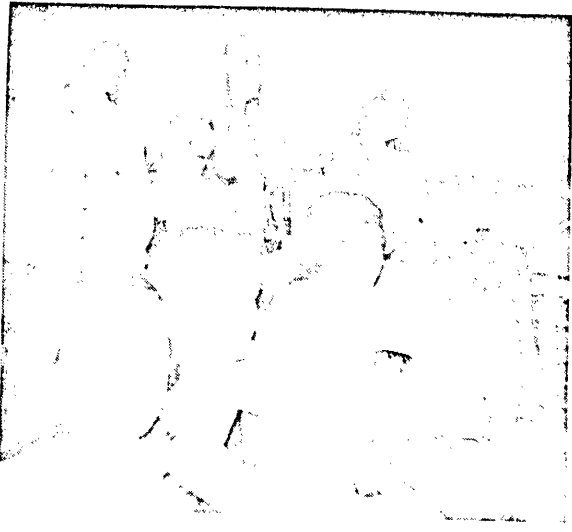
Plans are being made in Nashville, Tenn. to revise the Baptist Hymnal, published in 1956. The revision will be carried out through the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department, with the assistance of a special 65-member hymnal committee. Publication is expected to occur in 1975.

The London-based Foundation for Education and Research in Child-Bearing reports that induced abortions, especially in the first pregnancy, increase in subsequent pregnancies the dangers of still births, birth defects, and serious disorders for the mothers. Authority has been given for the report to be reprinted and sold in the U.S. and Canada by Marriage and Family Newsletter, Collegeville, Minn., and by Marriage and Family Life, Peterborough, Ont.

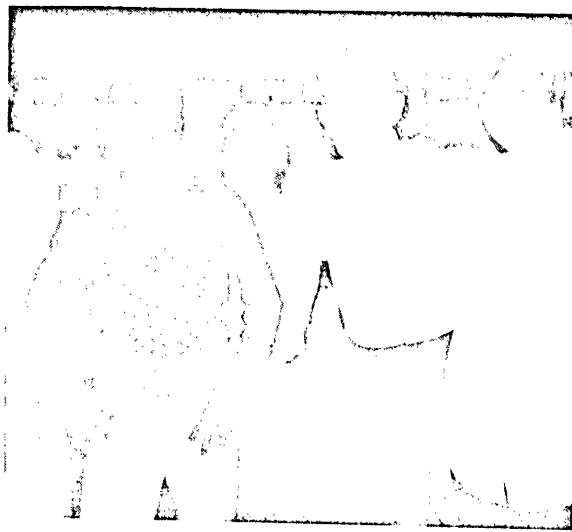
The British Methodist Missionary Society has reported total income for 1972 which shattered all records, with an increase of \$242,400 over the previous year. The official announcement said: "Of special interest is the amount raised in Ireland . . . where an increase in giving was recorded of 22.3 per cent of the General Fund and six per cent from Women's Work." "It is clear that many Methodists dug deeper into their pockets and gave more sacrificially than ever because they realized that in every sense it costs more to be involved in world mission today," an official said.

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Arkansas youth attend Jurisdiction Caucus



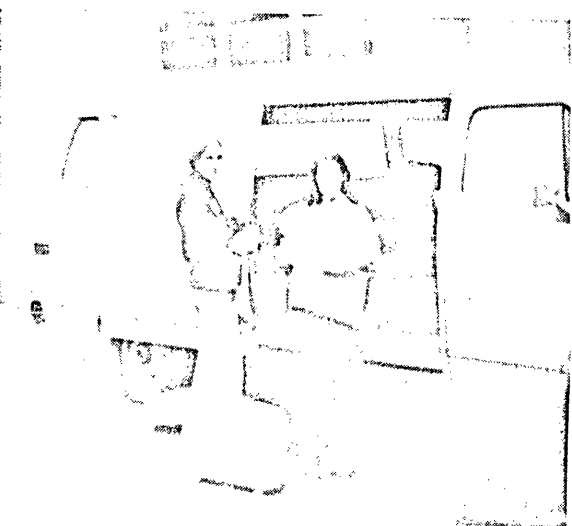
Some of the representatives from the Arkansas Area who attended the March 2-4 Jurisdictional Youth Caucus at the Center for Christian Renewal in Oklahoma City. (Front, left to right) Diane Yokem, Little Rock, James Boswell, Bryant, Roy Smith, Pine Bluff; (Back) Randy Shock, Conway, Janet James, North Little Rock, Saville Henry, North Little Rock, youth coordinator of North Arkansas Conference. Youth and adults participating in this year's caucus numbered 105.



Little Rock Conference representatives (left to right) Eddie Robinson, Little Rock, Boswell, the Rev. Joe Arnold, Little Rock conference youth coordinator, and Scott Davis, Arkadelphia, conference UMYC president. The caucus is held annually to elect two new members to the UMYC, and select a jurisdictional youth team comprised of four youth, two adults, and jurisdictional members to UMYC. Sixteen of the 17 annual conferences within the jurisdiction were represented, including the Rio Grande and Indian Mission Conferences.



Little Rock Conference representatives (left to right) Vicky Allen, youth coordinator for Little Rock District, Smith, Robinson, Boswell, Davis, Yokem.



Vicky Allen and Diane Yokem beside Sport Van loaned to Little Rock Conference delegation for the trip to caucus, by Cliff Peck — a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Hendrix Grad Research Director

Dr. Bruce Molholt, a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Hendrix College, has recently been named director of research in the department of molecular biology at the University of Geneva.

Molholt is primarily interested in working with bacteria and viruses in genetic engineering. He is concerned with causing cell mutation through contact with certain viruses. Through this method hopefully undesirable traits in humans could be eliminated.

Molholt, who received his B.A. degree from Hendrix and his Ph.D. from the University of Indiana, believes he is a part of a significant movement in science. "The University of Geneva is the home of the best molecular biology in the world today," said Molholt. "I feel that I am allied with an effort that promises to be infinitely rewarding to man; one which is novel, creative, demanding, and, above all, interesting," he said.

Molholt graduate from Hendrix in 1962 with a major in mathematics. He is married to the former Jerrine Jones of Little Rock.

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Council Directors to Local Churches

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I. There have been changes in structure on most levels of Methodism; nevertheless our goals as servants of Christ and His Church remain.

The World Service Fund remains basic to our benevolent program—it is our first-mile of giving. During 1972 United Methodists gave \$21,956,797.54 to World Service. This is a substantial amount, and we are grateful to every person who helped to make it possible. It was, however, short of the goal, amounting to only 87.8% of the total apportionment. In 1973 we have a churchwide goal of \$23,500,000

—a reduced goal and hopefully a more realistic one. It can and in all probability will be reached.

A new motion picture on World Service is to be produced in 1973. Meanwhile pastors are urged to use the excellent film on our total benevolence program which is entitled "With Banners Flying." It is a Super 8 film and in cartridge form which requires a special Super 8 projector. Both film and projector are available from the United Methodist film library. The film tells a positive story of what our church is all about.

It can be used effectively with Ad-

ministrative Boards, Councils on Ministries, membership classes, youth and adult Church School groups, and Sunday evening fellowship.

II. Did you know that for the first time some United Methodist Church curriculum units will include cassette tapes as part of the study resources?

Our General Film Commission (TRAFCO) is producing two cassettes for the Section on Curriculum Resources Board of Discipleship and Graded Press to be used with the 1973 Fall and Winter studies.

The first tape will deal with controversial problems of a socio-religious nature, presented in First Corinthians. Produced for Senior Highs, the cassette treatment will provide an individual or programmed approach to the study of the Bible and will encourage a contemporary perspective on this part of the New Testament. The resource will be used with the 1973 Fall unit, "Christian Studies for Late Teens."

The Second Cassette, "Repeat the Sounding Joy", is composed of six dramatic vignettes and music. It will present biblical characters as real people to Elementary III-IV children for the 1973-74 Winter Studies.

The cassettes will be non-dated and may be used with other resources rather than discarded at the end of the unit of study. Does your Church have a good cassette tape player? It not, maybe you should plan now to secure one. Again some of your Church School teachers or church members might be glad to lend their cassette player.

III. Here is an idea that works for others—why not for your church?

A Director of a Y.M.C.A. reports that he has organized an Adult Fellowship By Telephone. Any adult over sixty years of age who is living alone is eligible to belong. The requirements are very simple:

1. The person is to call the Y.M.C.A. office, give name, address, telephone number, and the name of a close relative.

2. Each morning the person must call the Y.M.C.A. informing the director of how he feels and if he has any needs. If a person does not call, then the director calls his home. Should there be no answer, the police department is notified, and the personnel there has agreed to check by the home and see if all is in order.

This program could function in any church. Most churches have among the membership a large number of elderly persons who live alone. If interested in caring, loving, and serving, why not set up a fellowship such as this? A word to the wise is sufficient.

IV. Having problems with your Church School literature? Don't know what is available? Don't understand who should use what materials?

This is an answer. Try dialing CURRIC-U-PHONE 1-800-251-8417. Persons at Nashville, Tenn. are just waiting to help YOU. This is a toll-free number. Use it and find ways and means of strengthening the understanding of those in your church with reference to good Christian literature.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.

—Your Council on Ministries Director

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NEWS and NOTES

BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK will be the speaker at the March 27 meeting of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance. The luncheon meeting will be at Bethel AME Church, 815 W. 16th St. at noon. Bishop Frank's subject will be "The Outlook for United Methodism in Arkansas."

THE MARKED TREE United Methodist Church will hold Lenten Services, March 25-28, with the Rev. Merle A. Johnson, pastor of the Siloam Springs United Methodist Church, as evangelist. The Rev. Bob Orr will be host pastor.

THE REV. BILL WILLIAMS, associate pastor of First Church, Conway, attended a School on Continuing Education at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, the week of March 5-9. While in Atlanta, he broke his ankle in an automobile accident.

THE ONE WAY SINGERS from Jonesville, La., will present an evening of worship in song in the Washington Avenue United Methodist Church at North Little Rock on April 1 at 6:30. The 50 singers are from various churches of Jonesville and are directed by the Rev. Jimmy Pyles, Methodist minister. The Rev. Kenneth Renfroe will be host pastor.

THE SHERRILL United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff District, began a revival on Tuesday, March 19, to continue through Friday. The guest preacher is the Rev. Nick Evans, associate pastor of Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. Host pastor is the Rev. Gene Ragekin.

ATTENDING THE HEALTH and Welfare Commission meeting in Atlanta, March 12-15, were the Rev. Harold H. Spence, representing the North Arkansas Board of Health and Welfare, and the Rev. Elmo Thomason, representing the cabinet. Both men are from Paragould.

AN ASHRAM WEEKEND was held at Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, March 2 and 3. Guest leader was the Rev. Roberto Escamilla, a member of the General Board of Evangelism staff.

LENTEN SPECIAL SERIES AT PULASKI HEIGHTS

Four special Sunday evening services during Lent will begin in Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock on March 25, when Bob Sells directs the Lenten drama "Were You There?" The Sanctuary Choir will sing Gabriel Faure's "The Requiem", directed by Richard Hunter, April 1. Ron Ballard, organist, will play several selections during this service. On April 8, the Youth Music Group will present a religious musical entitled "Sing a New Song." On Palm Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir will sing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Dubois.

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A set of handbells was dedicated in First Church, Springdale, on Sunday morning, Mar. 4. The bells were presented to the church by Mrs. Ruby Elmer, who is shown above with the Rev. Tom Adkinson, at left, associate pastor, and the Rev. Clinton Atchley, pastor.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT AT WARREN CENTENNIAL

The missionary pilgrimage by Arkansas women to Warren in observance of the 100th anniversary of the first women's missionary society, will feature many side attractions.

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, the all-day program will have a display of historical items brought from all over the state. These may be viewed during the hospitality hour preceding the meeting, or during the lunch hour. Memorial plates of the early church where the organization began have been prepared and will be on sale.

One highlight of the program will be the presentation of an original ballad about the beginnings by a youth group from First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, led by Mrs. Vicki Allen.

A special audio-visual record of the early years will be presented by women of the Warren church.

THE BUSINESS MEN's Prayer Group of Malvern, which includes men of all denominations in Malvern, had as guest speaker at the March 14 breakfast meeting, "Tank" Harrison of Memphis. Mr. Harrison is a Methodist layman and was on the Memphis Police Force for 20 years before going into lay work full time.

THE REV. JIM KEITH returned to preach in his home church, Grand Avenue United Methodist, Hot Springs, on Sunday evening, March 11. Mr. Keith is pastor of Sylvan Hills United Methodist in North Little Rock. He brought with him the "Reach Out Singers" from the Sylvan Hills Church. The Rev. Ralph Hale was host pastor.

THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT Laity Rally will be held on Friday, March 22, in Central United Methodist Church at Rogers. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be featured speaker. The Rev. William Connell will be host pastor.

BILL KENNEDY, song evangelist of England, has been engaged in the following revival meetings recently: Grand Prairie Evangelical Methodist Church at Stuttgart, Feb. 18-25; First United Methodist at McCrory, March 4-9; First United Methodist at Hazen, March 11-14.



First United Methodist Church in Warren is a successor to the small church where women started the first missionary society in the state 100 years ago. The Rev. George Meyers will be host to the Centennial Pilgrimage on April 4.

AGENDA GIVEN FOR CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United in Arkansas will be in session March 28 and 29 at The Abbey Retreat in Subiaco. Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, president, will preside at the open board meeting at 10 a.m. and at the general session beginning at 11 a.m.

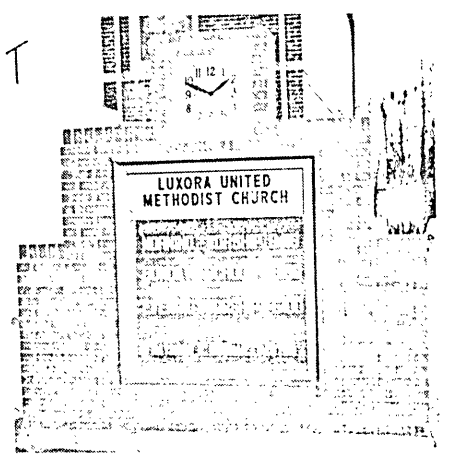
The agenda includes: Opening Worship, Mrs. Gerald Williams of Harrison; business and election of officers; noon lunch to honor past state presidents; 1 p.m., Mrs. Carl Malone, Fayetteville, to moderate "Listen-Respond"; 3 p.m., Mrs. John Sonnen-day, national CWU vice-president, to bring principal message; the 6 p.m. dinner to honor state denominational presidents and representatives; 7 p.m. vespers to be conducted by Benedictine Monks; 7:30, Mrs. Maynard Miller, Hot Springs, to lead Bible study. Thursday morning: 8:30, Memorial Service, led by Mrs. Billy W. Moore, Little Rock; Worship at 9 a.m. by Mrs. Queen Ester Roberts; Focus on Local Units to be led by Mrs. Sonnen-day; noon lunch to honor out-going and in-coming officers; afternoon session for evaluation and installation.

A COMMUNITY WIDE revival was held at Tilton, March 11-17. Churches participating included The Smith Center Assembly of God, Tilton Baptist, and United Methodist, of which the Rev. James Barton 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. 25—Sunday	Matt. 11:1-6
Mar. 26	Mark 5:21-24, 35-42
Mar. 27	Luke 7:11-18
Mar. 28	John 11:14-45
Mar. 29	Luke 23:46-49
Mar. 30	Luke 24:1-12
Mar. 31	Luke 24:36-45
Apr. 1—Sunday	John 7:14-30



A new outdoor bulletin board for the Luxora United Methodist Church was dedicated on Feb. 25 by the pastor the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman. The board was given in memory of Mrs. Margaret Worsley and Mr. Paul Jackson by members of the family and friends. Both passed away last year and had been long-time members of the Luxora Church. The bulletin board is of antique bronze encased in red brick to match the church. The clock was used on an older bulletin board, which had been in use by the church for nearly 30 years.

DISTRICT WOMEN PLAN CELEBRATION SERVICES

Forrest City District

The "Day of Celebration" for reorganizing women of the Forrest City District into United Methodist Women will be held Saturday, Mar. 24, in First Church, Forrest City.

Presiding will be Mrs. Saliie Wright, representing the WSCS, Mrs. Zoline Boatman for the Southwest Conference, and Mrs. Virginia Neal for Wesleyan Service Guilds. The Service will begin at 11 a.m. Dr. Earl Hughes, host pastor, will bring the invocation. Following the morning business and program session, the groups will enjoy fellowship over sack lunches.

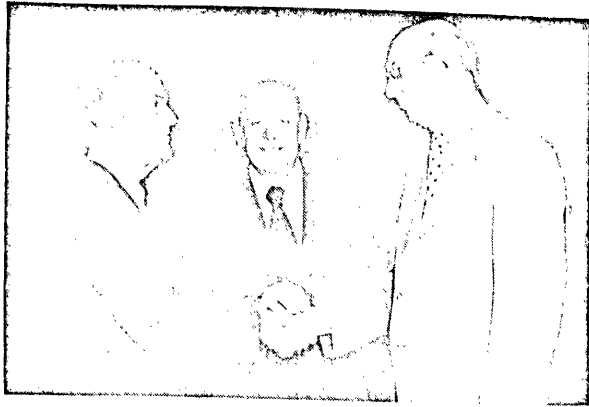
Dr. Ethan Dodgen, district superintendent, will bring the message in "Inspiration for the New" at the 1:15 session, and a high school choral group will sing. Mrs. Dodgen will install officers.

Pine Bluff District

Pine Bluff District women will unite in Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, on Saturday, Mar. 31, at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney will preside. Representatives of the uniting groups will be: Mrs. Janice Darling, Wesleyan Service Guilds; Mrs. H. L. Kennedy, Women's Society of Christian Service; and Mrs. Gladys Alley, Southwest Conference.

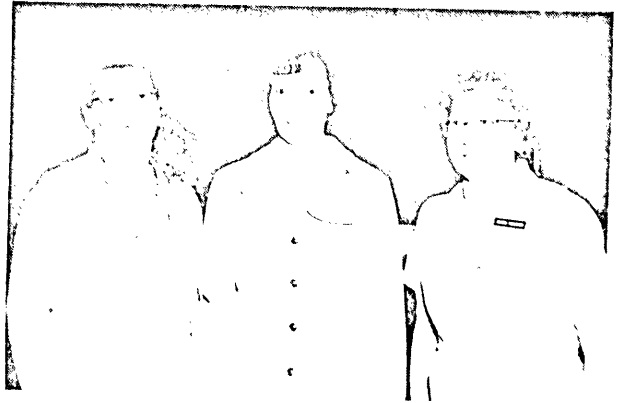
Dr. Virgil Keeley, district superintendent, will install the officers.



Bishop Eugene Frank, at left, was the speaker for Paragould District Women; the Rev. Roy E. Poyner, center, pastor of the Cherokee Village Church, was host; and the Rev. Elmo Thomason is Paragould District superintendent.

AT RIGHT

FROM LEFT: Mrs. Jack Carmon is president of the Hardy UMW; Mrs. Rudy Stark is district president, 1973-74; and Mrs. C. M. Woodworth is president of the Cherokee Village UMW.



MRS. ALMA LANE STOREY

Mrs. Alma Lane Storey, 80, of 1003 West Matthews in Jonesboro died Monday in the Newport Nursing Home at Newport, Arkansas. She was the wife of the late Rev. A. M. Storey, former superintendent of Methodist Churches in the Jonesboro district, who died Dec. 31, 1972.

Mrs. Storey is survived by one son, William Lane Storey of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Lawson Anderson of Newport and Mrs. Emil Foreman of Monroe, La.; one brother, Conway Lane of Pocahontas; one sister, Mrs. Eloise Wiss of Kansas City; ten grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Jonesboro First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ben Jordan of Conway officiating, assisted by Dr. Ethan Dodgen of Forrest City and the Rev. Worth Gibson of Jonesboro.

Burial was in Jonesboro Memorial Park.

service for Dr. E. Stanley Jones, the Methodist missionary and evangelist who spent so many years in India. He had died in India at the age of 89, after our arrival. The service was impressive and bespoke the love and affection that the country had for him.

On Sunday evening, we attended the second performance of the Folk Dance Festival which is held every year in conjunction with the Republic Day Celebration. The Gidda Dance from the Punjab was the favorite, judging by the applause. It was done by a woman and is performed on the occasions of happiness, such as a marriage or a birth. There is a chanting to a drum beat with the animated dance.

Their costumes were not the traditional saree. They wore skirts with long overblouses. Over this, aprons were tied around the waists with a shawl thrown across their chests and the ends resting on their backs, giving a three-layered appearance.

At the end of the awards following the Folk Dance Festival, everyone stood at attention while a recording of the Indian national anthem was played. Our guide explained that no one sings it, due to the many dialects and languages. The anthem, however, is helpful in making the people feel united in a developing India.

Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of United Methodist-related Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., for 25 years, has announced that he will retire at the close of the 1973-74 school year.

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PARAGOULD DISTRICT FIRST TO ORGANIZE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The women of the United Methodist Church of Paragould District celebrated on Saturday, March 3, in the Cherokee Village United Methodist Church a New Name, a New Purpose, and the arrival of a New Bishop. The Women's Organization formerly known as the Women's Society of Christian Service will now be known as the United Methodist Women.

The women of the Hardy United Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Jack Carmon, president, were co-hostesses for the day's activities. The Cherokee Choir combined with the Hardy Choir, directed by Miss

Neola Cottrell, sang special music.

Bishop Eugene Frank was the principal speaker with Mrs. Gaither McKelvey, district vice-president, introducing the program. Mrs. Harry Hurt conducted the Pledge Service; Mrs. Dalton Henderson, installed the new district officers, and the Rev. Elmo Thomason, district superintendent, closed the celebration with prayer.

Immediately following the program a reception was held in Fellowship Hall, honoring the guests and officers. Reception for 350 persons attending was under the direction of Mrs. Robert Rothfus, and members of the Priscilla Circle. Mrs. Claude Shaver, a past president, and Mrs. Geo. Eustace, secretary, presided at the punch bowls.

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Arkansan visits India on Churchman's Study Tour

(Editor's note: During this year of India emphasis by United Methodists, we publish supplementary articles as they are available. A Little Rock resident, Mrs. William (Betty) Reese, recently made a month's tour with a church group and visited many points of interest to Methodists. This is the first of her reports.)

When the Churchman's Study Tour to India was announced in the **Arkansas Methodist** last August, I was one of the first to respond. Scheduled for January, 1973, it was promoted to give United Methodists an opportunity to visit India during the year of the church emphasis on "One Sixth of the World's Population." I had a personal incentive for making the trip. It gave me a chance to visit friends.

We who made up the tour group were from various parts of the country and from Canada. Our leaders were Dr. and Mrs. Carl Soule. He was the representative to the United Nations for the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns before his retirement.

New Delhi, India, was to greet us with cool weather, — warmer for January than it usually is in Arkansas, but cool enough for wraps. Our guide for Mercury Travel (India) Limited, Conrad O'Sousa, met us at the Delhi airport along with Ravi Rawil, the in-city representative for the agency.

Bishop A. J. Shaw, who had retired as of December, 1972, from the Methodist Church of North India, was there also, and continued with us throughout the trip.

We went to the YWCA International Guest House via bus and my roommate, Mrs. Hazel Dover of Dayton, Ohio, and I were assigned third floor "walk up" rooms. We had a beautiful view of the downtown.

After a nap and dinner, we attended the performance of "Sight and Sound" at the Red Fort, depicting its history. It was well done and a good beginning for our month's tour of India.

The next few days were busy ones

with lectures and sight-seeing. I found that one misconception I had about India was the status of the water buffalo. I thought that they wandered everywhere because they didn't belong to anyone. Our guide quickly told us that every water buffalo has an owner. The bull is used as a beast of burden and the cow does no work! She is treated as a lady, supplying milk and increasing the water buffalo population. It was also pointed out that they all return home at feeding time.

Mrs. Betty Reese, Little Rock, author of this article, is shown in India with friends.



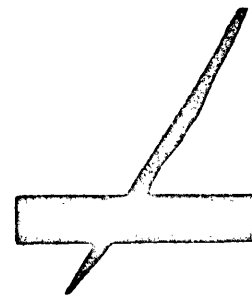
A street scene during the newspaper strike in Agra, India.



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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 APRIL 1: God Speaks Through Christ

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-8, 14-18; Acts 10:34-43; Hebrews 1:1-4

MEMORY SELECTION: No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. (John 1:18)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To deepen our understanding of Christ as God's supreme revelation of His nature and of His purpose for man.

"In Him was life and the life was the light of men." This statement at the beginning of John's Gospel is a kind of keyword to the entire New Testament. To a unique degree, the life that was in God was in Jesus and that life became the fullest revelation of what God wanted man to be. He became the world's supreme teacher for his generation and for all the generations that followed. At the close of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew comments, "When Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority and not as their scribes." Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him."

THE MARKS OF COMPELLING TEACHING

Let us look at some of the characteristics of the teaching of Jesus. First, the language he used was simple and understandable. He dealt with the most profound of all truths but he expressed them in terms that presented no barriers to understanding. He talked about birds and flowers and seed sown on good ground, and on thorny ground, and yeast in a woman's bread tray, and a shepherd and his lost sheep; about salt and fire and about sewing a patch of new cloth on an old garment; about a woman searching frantically for a lost coin, and about a wayward boy who got so homesick that he went home and found a waiting and forgiving father.

Nor was the dimension of humor absent from his discourses. Dr. Elton Trueblood has written a book "The Humor of Christ." If you have not read it, you would be surprised at the number of illustrations that Jesus used—such as a camel striding through the eye of a needle, or a man with a log in his eye looking diligently for a speck of dust in his neighbor's eye, or another man meticulously fishing a gnat out of his drink and then proceeding to swallow a camel, big humps and all—absurdities that would have moved his hearers to smiles or to outright laughter. In thirty different passages of Jesus' teaching Dr. Trueblood finds the recognition of humor necessary to an adequate understanding of Jesus' meaning and method.

THE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD

The parables of Jesus as a means of conveying truth have never been matched. They revealed eternal truth through the medium of down-to-earth realities. These things his hearers knew about be-

cause they saw them nearly every day. The common people, with none of the priestly schooling, could understand his words. This is why great multitudes followed him and heard him gladly. It would be a wholesome achievement if this pattern of communication set by the Master Teacher could become the standard of practice of all servants of the Church who carry responsibility in the realm of teaching; in theological seminaries, pulpits, and by lay teachers in local congregations. The most profound truth can be stated in understandable terms if the speaker or writer is willing to pay the necessary price.

REVERENCE FOR TRADITION

Second, He took into full account the light and the wisdom that had been revealed through those who had gone before Him. He was not the kind of revolutionary who believed that everything that had gone before him was outworn and worthless and had to be disposed of before any real progress could be made. He said, "I come not to destroy but to fulfill." At the beginning of his ministry, he went, as his custom was, into the synagogue at Nazareth. And when he stood up to read he turned to the place in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah where he had already found the commission for his ministry, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Again and again He referred to one or the other of the prophets or leaders in Old Testament times. He realized that too often these truths had become encrusted with a stale institutionalism and were crying out for release. Dr. E. Stanley Jones has this to say about the Sermon on the Mount: "There is a beyondness in the Sermon on the Mount that startles and appalls the legalistic mind. It sets no limit to duty — the first mile does not suffice, he will go two; the coat is not enough, he will give the cloak also; to love friends is not enough, he will love enemies as well. Come to that with the legalistic mind and it is impossible and absurd: come to it with the mind of the lover and nothing else is possible. The lover's attitude is not one of duty but of privilege. Here is the key to the Sermon on the Mount. We mistake entirely if we look on it as the chart of the Christian's duty, rather it is the charter of the Christian's liberty—his liberty to go beyond, to do that which love impels and not merely the thing that duty compels."

THE WHOLE TRUTH

A third characteristic that stands out in the teaching ministry of Jesus is that he refused to be led into a distorted and unbalanced statement of the truth. The element of wholeness is always present. This was not an easy achievement in that day nor in this day. The generation to which we belong has been called, "A polarized generation." Only a few years ago the chief line of cleavage within the Christian community ran along the barrier of denominational divisions. Happily, much of this divisiveness has been healed through ecumenical activities. Today the

line of separation runs across denominational segments but the spirit of dissension is no less acute. On one side are those who emphasize the application of the Christian Gospel to such social problems as poverty, racism, and international conflict. They are the activists who become impatient with the Church for its slowness in taking up the cause of human emancipation. On the other side are those who insist that the main business of the church is the cultivation of individual piety through such means as Bible study, prayer, and personal evangelism. They are proponents of the individual Gospel. Every major denomination has felt this bifurcation within its membership. Local congregations have been weakened in their witness by this inner discord and have sometimes been actually torn apart.

A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

There is no more urgent call upon the church today than the reconciling of these two groups. In these days of urgent demands upon the Christian forces there is no energy to be wasted through internal strife. This breach will not be healed by debate, argument, and name calling. The one sure remedy is an honest, whole-hearted, submission to the leadership of the Living Christ in giving ourselves to the pattern of worship and service which He accepted for His own ministry. He taught us that we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. He emphasized faith and works. "By their fruits you shall know them." At times he would go in the early morning to a lonely place to pray but he always came back to minister to the needs of the people. When the whole Gospel is emphasized in a congregation there will still be varying opinions and emphases but there will be an underlying harmony that manifests unity in Christ, "That the world may believe."

REVELATION CAME THROUGH WORDS AND LIFE

In considering the revealing ministry of Jesus we have so far dealt mainly with the words he spoke. We must never lose sight of the fact that the complete revelation which He made of God's nature and purpose is accomplished partly through the words that He spoke but even more fully by the life that he lived. We must never lose sight of the main currents of his ministry—his breaking through the barriers to reach the outcasts, his miraculous deeds of healing, his love for his children, the compassion which he expressed again and again for the poor and the neglected, and, surpassing it all the sacrificial death which he died on a cross and his triumphant resurrection from a tomb.

There is space here for only a bare mention of the truth which we hope to develop in a later lesson that Christ continues to reveal the will of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit and through his body which is the Church. Among his last recorded words are these, "I have yet many things to say to you but you cannot bear them now. These things have I spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to you remembrance all that I have said to you."

A Ministry

by Harold H. Hazenfield

If you are intrigued by verbosity, try this one: The Urban-Suburban Cluster Ministry.

But back of this unwieldy description is a ministry to people, both in the church and outside, which reaches into their everyday lives and effects changes.

For example: an absentee landlord, living in New York, takes no interest in your needs in Elizabeth, N.J. Hence you are without hot water for days, and there are roaches and rodents in your apartment.

Or you are a working mother, with preschool-age children. Who will care for them while you work because you must?

Or you are not poor but you are elderly and there is, suddenly, no elevator service in your building, and you live on the fifth floor.

The foregoing are just a few of the problems many persons face which an exciting and innovative ministry in Elizabeth, N.J. confronts and helps solve.

It was initiated at the 1970 session of the Northern New Jersey Conference, with the Rev. John W. Gilbert, Jr., appointed as its first minister of urban ministries. Mr. Gilbert has since been appointed to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Ky., but the work of the cluster ministry he once led goes on.

Impetus for this type of ministry stemmed from two suburban churches. New Providence and Berkeley Heights. The idea was—not to do things for people but to counsel and direct them in the belief that community organi-

Mrs. Hattie Daniels tells the Rev. John W. Gilbert, Jr., how pleased she is with her new hot water heater (background). It takes the place of a hazardous side arm heater. Mr. Gilbert was involved in a tenant group's effort to improve housing conditions in an Elizabeth, N.J. area. (Harold H. Hazenfield)



zation would help them solve problems.

In Elizabeth two dissimilar tenant associations are one spinoff from this ministry.

The first group, comprising 17 families living in a 26-unit apartment complex, organized to gain improvement of their dilapidated buildings. The cost of gas heat ranged from \$18 to \$50 a month, with much of the heat lost to the out of doors. The landlord had refused to make repairs or undertake any improvements in spite of the fact that his net profit each year was reported to be \$11,000.

Because of their type of housing and their racial background, the tenants felt their chances of effecting any changes were minimal. But after conferring with Mr. Gilbert, they first organized as a group, and then followed legal procedure. They withheld their rent, paying it not to the landlord but to a court appointed as a receiver to refurbish the buildings. Within five months some \$10,000 had been spent for safe hot-water heaters and stoves, and window and general repairs.

Totally different was the makeup of

the second group. Its members were either middle-class working people or professionals; they were not poor, and all were white. But their apartment buildings, involving 360 units, were deteriorating rapidly. In addition, a stream—flowing behind the buildings—had overflowed and flooded the first-floor units and the parking lot. A month went by and still there had been no cleanup and repairs. The tenants met Mr. Gilbert who advised them to secure the services of an attorney, list their complaints and meet with representatives of the absentee landlord. The tenants subsequently withheld their rent and forced a settlement with the management which included a rent rebate for lack of service. The head of the tenant group says she now can talk to someone in the New York office of the landlord any time she phones. Her evaluation of Mr. Gilbert's ministry: "If he had not showed us the way, we'd still be running around like chickens with our heads cut off."

Like many communities, Elizabeth has families in which both parents work. A need for a day-care center prompted a group to raise \$180,000 and build the Jefferson Park Day-Care Center. A bright and cheerful facility, it serves 60 children from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Well staffed and financed, without government money, it is but one more facet of the outreach of the Urban-Suburban Cluster Ministry.

Mr. Gilbert's conviction about this kind of ministry—in fact, the entire area of urban evangelism—is that: "The parish is still the most viable form of Christian witness. In a metropolitan area [it] offers both to the church and the unchurched the fellowship of Christ's people. All of its work can be seen as evangelistic but [the cluster ministry] is at the peak of contemporary concern. We are telling people of God's love for their minds, bodies, and spirits."

Mr. Gilbert's appointment was funded by the two churches cited earlier, and by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries. United Methodists, in their giving to World Service, share in such projects as the Urban-Suburban Cluster Ministry. They take part in providing such needed items as a hot-water heater—or a clean and dry place in which to live—or, in the case of children, safety from harm.

Words

By Wilson O. Weldon

Many of our troubles come through words, spoken carelessly and heedlessly. There would be fewer sorrows and greater joys if we weighed the power of words.

Charles Rann Kennedy in "The Terrible Meek" has the Roman Captain say: "Words! All the things that ever get done in this world, for good or bad, are done by words!" The discipline of speech is one of our biggest needs; it also pays rich dividends.

Here are some simple suggestions:

1. Each morning before you have even talked with members of your own family, try meditating upon the idea that you will watch your words.

2. When tempted, through circumstances or actions of another, to speak harshly, try saying to yourself, "I'll be silent this time."

3. Most of us talk too much. Why not try to talk more with a smile, with a gesture of the hand, with a disposition of the spirit in lieu of a spoken word?

4. When an evil word, angry sentence or devilish statement has been uttered, express regret and ask pardon. That will help to heal the wound.

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Some "good news" from Rhodesia

NEW YORK (UMI) — In Rhodesia, where much recent news has dealt with racial tension, the United Methodist Church continues to serve, under the leadership of Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, in evangelism and other areas of church life.

The church also continues to grow — the Salisbury (Rhodesia's capital) district is reported to have trebled the number of pastoral charges since 1969. Also United Methodists are talking with other denominations about a subject occasionally discussed in the U.S., joint use of church buildings by several congregations.

Growth in the Salisbury district and its urban evangelism work were described in a recent letter from the Rev. Thomas L. Curtis, United Methodist missionary, to friends and supporters in America.

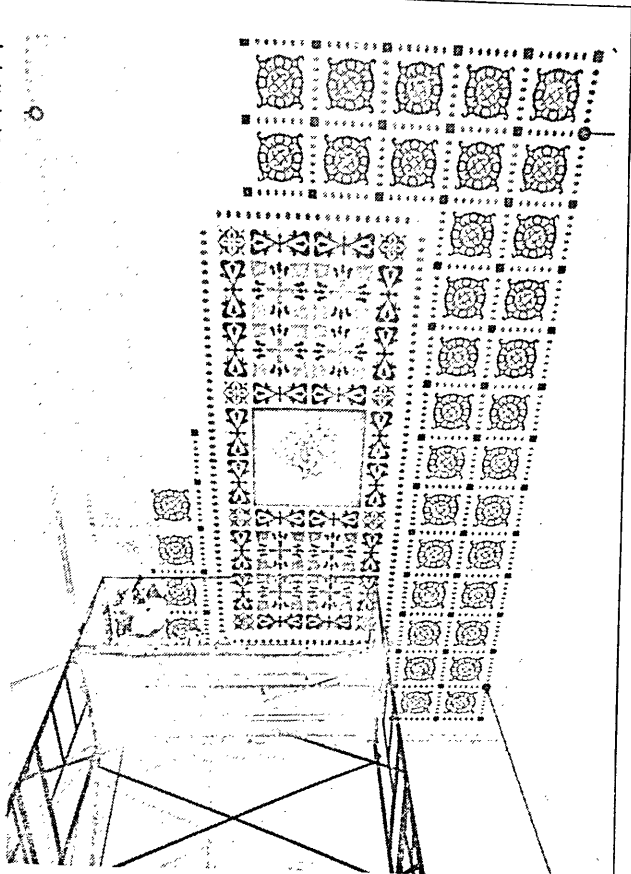
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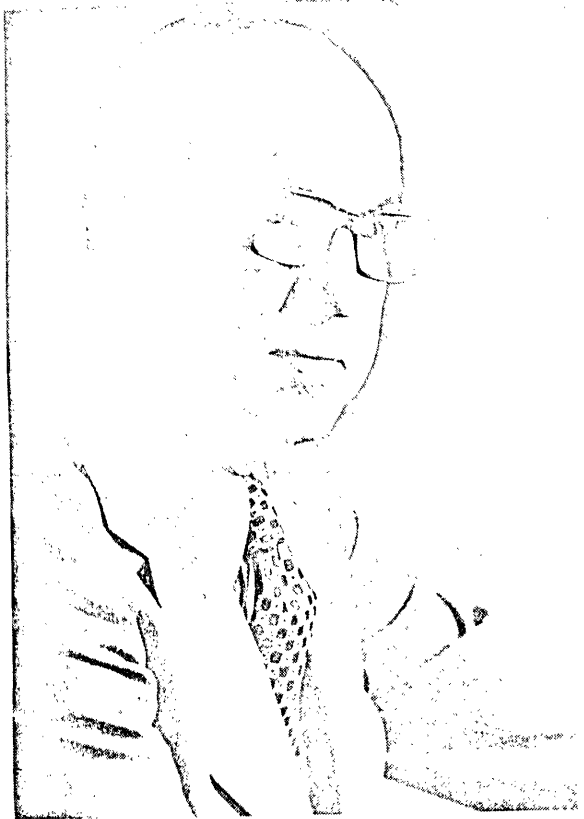
In an unusual happening, 40 members of the Wilson Springs United Methodist Church near Pascagoula, Miss., pitched in to help their pastor, the Rev. Van Carpenter, write a series of Sunday School lessons to be printed in the Mississippi United Methodist Advocate. A number of area periodicals carry such features, but this is believed to be one of the first times that such a numerous group helped the author prepare them.

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TOWNSEND, Del. — Michelangelo had his Sistine Chapel and Frank Webb and his co-workers have just completed their own ceiling painting at the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Townsend, Del. High above the pews in the church's main chancel, Mr. Webb and two other painters performed a "Michelangelo act," spending several weeks standing, lying and sitting on scaffolding duplicating the original colors of the relief-embossed tin ceiling installed in the church in 1903. The symbols and designs are not particularly religious in motif. Rather they are typical of the intricate designs used in many buildings at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th Century. Usually, the pressed tin ceilings and sidewalls were painted with a solid color but in some cases, such as the Immanuel church, the embossed designs were brought out in a variety of colors. The end result looks like an intricately embroidered sampler or piece of needlepoint. (RNS Photo)



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Dr. J. Richard Palmer, vice president for development at Berea College in Kentucky since 1969, has been named president of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., effective July 1. Scarritt College for Christian Workers is the only institution of higher education owned and operated by the entire United Methodist Church. Over 5,000 Scarritt graduates now serve the United Methodist Church in the field of Christian education and more than half of all United Methodist missionaries have attended Scarritt.

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U.S. Conference for WCC to meet in Wisconsin, April 28-May 3

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Madison, Wisconsin, will be the site of the 1973 meeting of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches.

The Conference sessions and related meetings from April 28 - May 3 will include seminars, celebration, preaching, Bible study, lectures, study and business sessions, a banquet and visitation to some other Wisconsin cities. The Conference will be accommodated in the Lowell Hall Conference Center on the University of Wisconsin Campus. The format has been changed to provide a maximum of creativity and dialogue. It is anticipated that there will be participation from the University of Wisconsin student body and faculty.

Speakers for the meeting will be the Rev. Dr. Philip A. Potter of the West Indies, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Lukas Vischer of Switzerland, Director of the Secretariat of the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches; Ms. Brigalia Bam of South Africa, Executive Secretary of the Staff Working Group on Renewal of the World Council of Churches, the Rev. Paul Abrecht of the United States, Executive Secretary of the Department of Church and Society of the World Council of Churches; Dr. J. Robert Nelson, Dean of the Boston School of Theology and Chairman of the Working Committee on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Eugene L. Smith, Executive Secretary of the New York office of the World Council of Churches.

The U.S. Conference for the World Council, with headquarters at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, serves as liaison between Geneva and the United States member churches and provides news, information, education-

al materials and speakers to them. Membership of the U.S. Conference is made up of the U.S. delegates to the last world Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in 1968, in Uppsala, Sweden.

The World Council of Churches has 263 member churches of the Protestant, Anglican and Eastern Orthodox traditions in some 90 countries, among them 27 in the United States. The Roman Catholic Church, while not a member, works closely with the WCC in many programs.

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Religious Communicators meet

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UMI) — For many lay persons today, the church has become a discretionary activity, similar to spare-time reading, because other interests are crowding the church out of personal schedules, a United Methodist research leader told a nationwide institute of church communicators at Syracuse University Feb. 26-March 3. The Rev. Alan K. Waltz, Dayton, Ohio, an executive of the denomination's Council on Ministries, was summarizing for the communicators, many of whom were United Methodists, the recent massive North American Inter-church Study. Dr. Waltz also noted that the ultimate consumer often is ignored by the communicator, with church school curriculum being a classic example since "it usually is designed, written and illustrated with professional peers in mind and not the student and teacher."

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A gain of 167 members was reported at the recent fifth General Assembly of the Methodist Church of Chile, bringing the total to 6,717, including 1,540 preparatory members.

UMCOR's chief executive meets with S.E. Asians; needs surveyed

NEW YORK (UMI) — In the wake of Southeast Asian ceasefires, and for programs largely determined by Asian Christian leaders, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is preparing to make available more than \$1,000,000 for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and reconciliation in Indochina, according to the Rev. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR chief executive.

Dr. Haines has returned from a meeting in Hong Kong of the Board for the World Council of Churches' new Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indochina. The board comprises 15 members, including 10 from Asia, of whom five are from Indochina. Dr. Haines is the only North American member. The board is determining the direction of the programs of relief and reconstruction.

It is intended that much of UMCOR's Indochina contribution probably will go to the Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation, whose initial asking to the World Council's 263 member churches is \$5,000,000, Dr. Haines said. That amount is for the first stage of "an expanding program" of aid in South Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam. In addition, the WCC has said it will need an estimated \$1,500,000 each year for the next three years to support existing church programs in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia as well as provide medical assistance to North Vietnam.

Dr. Haines, noting that UMCOR funds will go both to the new \$5,000,000 initial appeal and \$4,500,000 sought for ongoing programs, said: "Through the outlay of funds for the overwhelming task of relief, rehabilitation and rebuilding in Indochina, United Methodists through UMCOR are saying 'yes' to Christ's call to reconciliation and healing. Even \$9,500,000 probably will not be all that will be required of the churches to help rebuild this tragically destroyed part of the world.

"It is significant that all of Indochina is included in funds that will be going from UMCOR and other church agencies. And it is important to note that our Asian brethren are taking the

Asian-American Concerns Considered

OAKLAND, Calif. (UMI) — Asian-Americans held the spotlight in the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race meeting here Feb. 27-28, with election of a new Chinese staff member and a major presentation of Asian-American problems and hopes.

The Rev. Charles L. Yue, a community development worker for the church in San Francisco's Chinatown, will join the Washington-based staff May 1 as associate executive secretary. He will be the fifth staff person joining one white, two blacks and one Hispanic.

Meeting in the San Francisco Bay area where the majority of Asian-American churches are located, the commission spent one third of its time hearing representatives of the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino communities.

lead in deciding how programs should move."

Dr. Haines said UMCOR has on hand \$500,000 that was transferred from United Methodism's 1968-72 Fund for Reconciliation in December and he has been notified that an additional \$711,932.52 is to be transferred to UMCOR. The latter amount, as noted by former Fund for Reconciliation executive secretary the Rev. Raoul C. Calkins, will bring to almost \$2,000,000 the amount given by United Methodists through the Fund for Indochina relief.

Dr. Haines said UMCOR has already given authorization for \$500,000 to be "put into the pipeline" to the World Council of Churches for its \$5,000,000 initial appeal for new aid. He noted that authorization probably will be sought to use a substantial part of the additional \$711,932.52 for other phases of the Indochina program, as UMCOR has already committed itself to seeking additional funding for ongoing programs.

For such programs, Dr. Haines said, UMCOR is presently committed to provide: \$225,000 in 1973 and 1974 (total of \$450,000) for continuing support of Vietnam Christian Service, ecumenical rehabilitation agency in South Vietnam which UMCOR has supported for five years; \$25,000 in 1973 and 1974 (total of \$50,000) for ongoing rehabilitation and refugee work in Laos through Asian Christian Service, the Asian churches' relief agency; \$50,000 for new programs of rural and community development in Laos under Asian Christian Service. Any residue of Fund for Reconciliation money would be held pending even greater calls for help from Indochina, he said.

Dr. Haines said the board of the Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indochina will meet in Singapore in June, at which time 30 Asian leaders and 50 leaders from elsewhere in the Third World will discuss with the Board the future of ecumenical ministry in Indochina. He has been to Laos and South Vietnam.

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New Weekly Newsletter Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — "Newscope," a new weekly newsletter for United Methodists will begin publication April 6, it has been announced by the United Methodist Publishing House.

The new newsletter will be edited by the general church periodicals staff with primary responsibility in the news department of the *Christian Advocate* and *Together*. John A. Lovelace, news editor of the two periodicals since 1968, will serve as editor of "Newscope" which will have a Tuesday deadline each week and go into the mails Wednesday. Sample copies were mailed to about 100,000 pastors and lay officials across the church the first two weeks in March.

Newscope will be available on an annual subscription basis of \$7.50 at the magazine mail rate and \$11.50 for first class. Single copies will sell at 25 cents.

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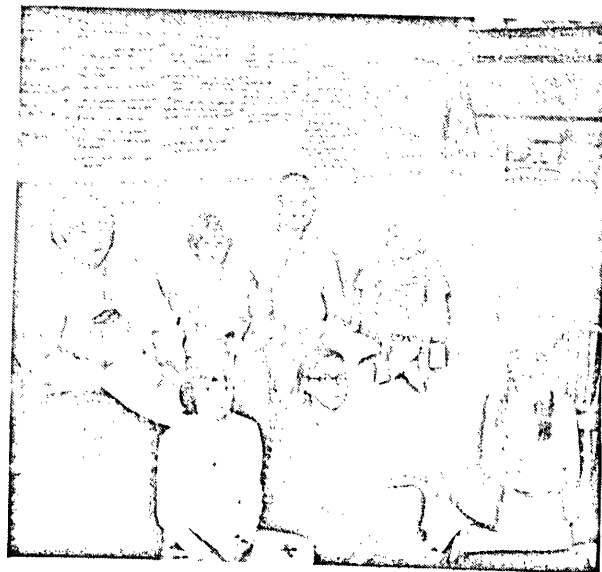
Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in February as tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect of a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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Some of the 25 youth in grades 5-8 who attended a Workshop on Human Sexuality at First Church, Nashville. The Feb. 23-25 event was coordinated by the Rev. David Wilson, pastor assisted by adult workers; David Porterfield and Phil Westfall, also of Nashville; Mrs. Ben Burton of Hot Springs, Mrs. Dan George of Mineral Springs, Mrs. Darrell Bone of Texarkana, and the Rev. and Mrs. Roger Armstrong of Texarkana. Parents also took part in the workshop.



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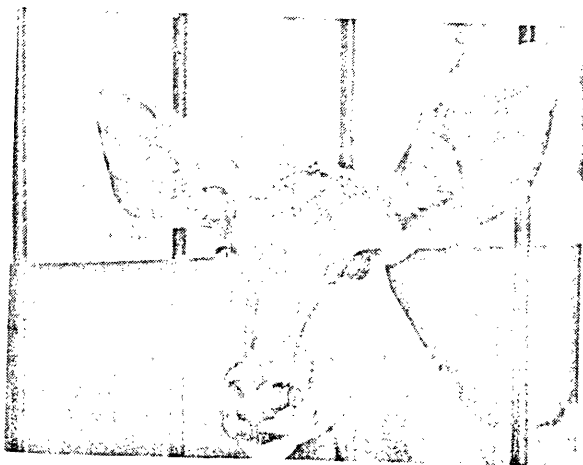
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Gentry Parish Youth Club

by David N. Moose, pastor

WHAT

Indulge me first to explain what's going on around here — and then, "why."

Each Wednesday when school is out, 30 young people converge on our Fellowship Hall. For 26 of them, it's a one-block walk; for four others it's a ten-mile drive from another school district. On their own for 20 minutes, the invaders help themselves to the popcorn or peanut butter and crackers set out by the head cook and begin unwinding from a day at school.

At 4:00 p.m., the fifth and sixth graders return to the ceramic objects they worked on last week. Three concerned (and patient!) women volunteers assist them. The seventh and eighth graders burn off some energy around the volleyball net and then work some more on their bottle cutting or rock jewelry — under supervision, of course. The ninth to twelfth graders have Bible study — taught by the Pastor.

Second period starts at 4:50 p.m. The 5/6 and 7/8 groups are in separate Bible studies, taught by a retired school teacher and by the pastor respectively. The 9/12 group has choir practice.

SUPPER is at 5:40 p.m. — and nobody's late. Everyone eats, family style, in the same room and always

with the same group. The same adult table leader is there each week and functions as a parent image. The meal is well-planned and well-prepared and well worth the 50c everyone (including the pastor!) pays. During the meal, a home-made trophy honors the table that was best behaved last week. After the tables are cleared by the youth, we have announcements, skits, songs, contests, etc.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. the two younger groups are in separate choir classes and the oldest group is divided between ceramics and basic auto mechanics.

At 7:15 p.m. everything's over — and there's plenty of time for homework.

WHY

As has happened in other churches, the Council on Ministries in Gentry realized our young people need and deserve more than they're getting in Christian education. Again "... as in other churches," the traditional program has been "hit and miss" not only in the students' involvement but also, God forgive us, in the leaders' performance.

"First of all," states H. R. Rasmussen, "a church ought to be a school house." Our Lord was a teacher and his followers should be 'discipled.' And

we have at our disposal some of the greatest materials ever in textbooks, audio-visuals, contemporary translations of the Bible, and fine teaching techniques. But how do we "put it all together?"

This whole article is to share with you what has proved to be the answer for over 800 churches of various sizes and denominations throughout America. It is a **design** of weekday Christian education offered by Youth Club Program, Incorporated. I attended a YCPI training conference a year ago and the "What" you read about above is my initial and so-far successful try at using it.

To quote: "The YCPI believes that the Youth Club Program provides an unparalleled vehicle for Christian Education during the weekday hours, spreading the experience over a several-hour span and including as fundamental features of Christian experience such activities as a fellowship dinner and recreation events, much as is done in summer camp and conference programs. 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. Rather, it is **another** area of Christian Education and a strong supplement to already existing programs which are enhanced, extended and im-

proved through the contribution made by the Youth Club Program.

PROS

By now I think you can sense some of the advantages in this approach to Christian education: 1) Regular attendance; 2) Commitment of youth and parents, since enrollment and monetary fees are required; 3) Pastor-youth contact; 4) School frame-of-reference, not "Sunday clothes"; 5) Relationship building between youth themselves and with adults; 6) Involvement of the total congregation; 7) "Custom" design — any or all of the school grades can be included, either YCPI or Methodist curriculum can be used, and the selection and arrangement of activities are most flexible; 8) Self-supporting if necessary.

It's too early to pass judgment on the Gentry Parish Youth Club — but after fourteen weeks, I'm happy. We started with 23 recruited members. Since then, nine others have asked if they could join. A few have dropped out. Our current enrollment of 29 compares with a total of 40 of that age reported in the Conference Journal. And attendance average is over 90%. What are they learning? Well . . . time will tell.

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POETRY PANORAMA

by Barbara Mulkey

"He gives the best to those who leave the choice with Him." (Author Unknown)

My Way...Or God's Way

I told the Lord that I could live a life
Of joy and service all my own;
I thanked Him, but I said that all was well,
So I could carry on alone.

I gave kind words of comfort to all sad,
Was very near to those in need;
But somehow all my words and thoughtful acts
Fell flat and weak around my feet.

I cried to God, "Why can't I feel the joy
Of healing pain, though oft I try?"
He said, "Your human kindness does not cure:
Who does the healing, you or I?"

I fell in anguish at His blessed feet,
And begged, "O, precious Lord, forgive!
Just make me now a simple messenger,
And as your servant, let me live."

—by Charles A. Stuck

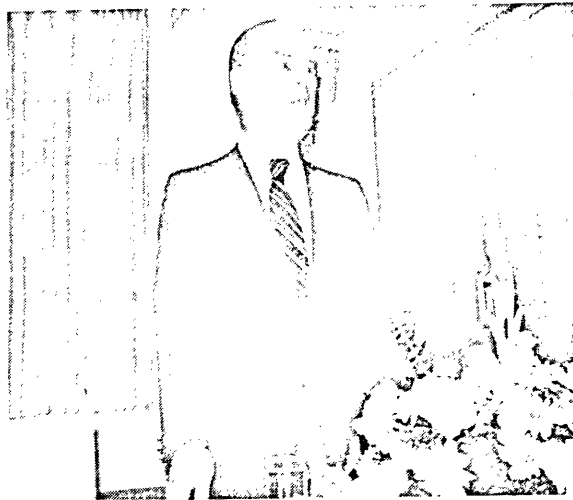
God Is Not Dead!

It cannot be that God is dead,
Because if that were so,
The Sun and Moon and Stars would fall,
The Rivers would not flow!

If God were dead, there'd be no Love,
No Kindness — Friendships true —
The thing that's nearly dead, I fear,
Is Faith in Me and You!

—by Amy T. Oliver

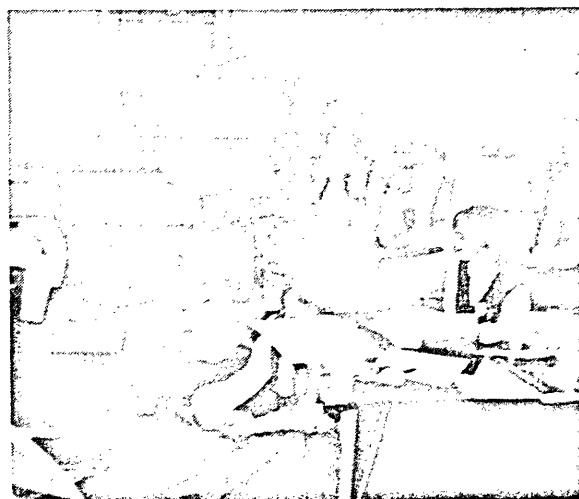
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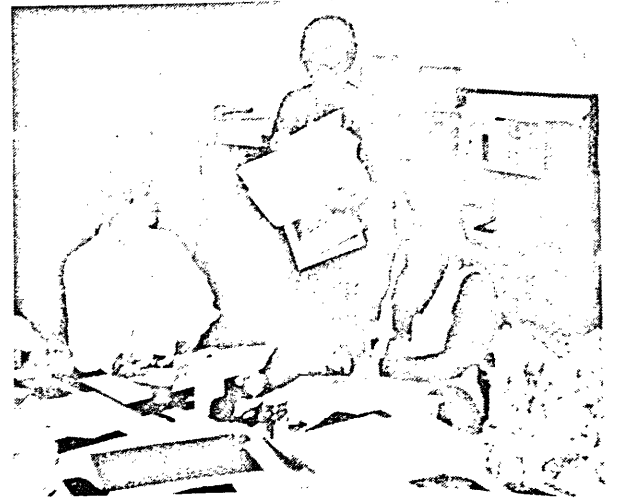
Bishop Eugene M. Frank speaks at March 6 Little Rock Conference Coaching Conference dinner meeting at First Church, Little Rock.



Cross section of those attending Coaching Conference dinner meeting. Mrs. John L. Tucker is director conference of Children's Work.



Work Area group for Elementary 3-4 viewing film shown by Mrs. Edward Matthews, leader. Puppet theatre is visible in background.



Mrs. Roy I. Bagley leads Nursery level Work Area.