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Bishop Eugene Frank (left) discusses Christian Civic Foundation plans with Foundation President Harry Brewer and Executive Director Edward Harris.

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Dr. Erwin L. McDonald

CCF Board hears Bishop Frank

The board of directors of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas heard an address by Bishop Eugene M. Frank at its March 19th annual meeting at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock. In a business session, Harry Brewer, Jonesboro realtor completing his first one-year term as president of the organization, was re-elected to serve another year. And a budget of \$37,910 was adopted for the calendar year of 1973, with the fiscal year being changed from May to May to the calendar year.

Bishop Frank observed that drug abuse, liquor addiction and crime involvement represent attempts of people to make life meaningful without God. "Secular society attempts to direct men's hunger for God to hunger for material things — for food, for excitement, and for gadgets and

things," he said, "but man's hunger for God can never be satisfied by anything the world has to offer."

He said any religious answer to the drug abuse problem "has to be a united response of the household of God. There is no Baptist answer, or Methodist answer, or Presbyterian answer." Bishop Frank said he saw great possibilities in the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas for civic and moral righteousness because it serves as an agency for Christians of all denominations to work together in witnessing to the "love and purpose of God in the lives of all people."

Dr. Alfred Tucker, vice president of the American Council on Alcohol Problems, reporting on recent "dry" victories around the country, stated that "drys" won in 7 of 10 local op-

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Philander Smith Board approves construction plans

Reporting to the Board of Trustees of Philander Smith College at its March 14 and 15 spring session, Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, the president, said that \$1.4 million of the \$2 million goal had been collected in the capital funds campaign which began Jan. 1, 1971.

Collections thus far have been used toward eliminating the Methodist-supported institution's outstanding debts. The Board has voted the following additional allocations:

—The transfer of \$100,000 from the capital fund to the Endowment Fund,

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Little Rock District youth to hold Rally in Lonoke

The youth of Little Rock District will meet for a rally at First United Methodist Church in Lonoke on Saturday, April 7. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor of the host church. There will be election of officers for district offices, the conference Youth Council, and delegates to Annual Conference, according to Vicky Allen, district coordinator.

The rally schedule calls for registration from 3 to 3:30 p.m.; 3:30-4 p.m. — introductions and singing with Jeff Rettig and Ben Allen from First

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Redistricting proposal for North Arkansas Conference under study

The opening of a district in the North Arkansas Conference through the retirement of Dr. Ethan Dodgen opened the way for the Bishop and the Superintendents to study the possibility of reducing the number of districts in the Conference. Our purpose in doing so would be:

(1) To distribute the work load of the Superintendents equitably and bring the work load more in line with the national picture which shows that the average is about 45 charges and 60 to 70 churches. The highest work load in the United States is about 60 charges and 100 churches.

(2) To make more funds available to strengthen a District Council on Ministries for more localized training to represent the local church. Under this plan the money saved by the elimination of a district would enable us to accomplish the following program:

(a) Each of the six districts could receive \$2,000 if the plan were adopted for district administration. This could be used for secretarial salary. The districts

would continue to provide office expense for the district office. It is hoped that each district would match funds for a secretary to free the Superintendent for work in the district.

(b) Each of the six districts would receive \$250 for the District Council on Ministries for a program as designed by them.

(c) The Conference Council on Finance and Administration would work with the six superintendents to equalize the funds available for each district for District Program. These funds would be provided by the District Funds and from Conference Funds.

(d) The Travel and Expense Fund of the superintendents would be increased \$300.

This proposed plan for the elimination of a district would provide \$16,500 to make the above program possible. This would leave \$1,200 for a contingency item in the District Superintendents Fund.

If the Conference should desire to work for this proposal, the following

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"We're All in This Together," North Arkansas Youth Rally theme

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally scheduled to be held at Hendrix College on Saturday, April 7, will feature the Howard Hanger Trio presenting the "Contemporary Sound," according to an announcement by the Rev. Arvill Brannon of the Conference Council on Ministries. The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2:30 p.m.. The event is for all youth of the conference between grades seven and 12.

Hanger, manager and director of the trio, is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta, Ga. The trio is known for their unique approach involving the audience. Their music includes polytonal Gregorian chants, Bach inventions,

country-western, Bluegrass, and other contemporary forms. A variety of instruments including piano, drums, bass guitar, guitar, saxophone, banjo, and harmonica are used in the innovative concerts.

Jack Wimer, widely known for his work with the Youth Service Fund, will make a presentation, and youth groups will have an opportunity to visit with him during the day, if they so desire. Movies — "oldies but goodies" — will be shown, according to a spokesman.

Mrs. Saville Henry of North Little Rock is conference coordinator of youth work. Miss Susan Gladin of First Church, Helena is president of the North Arkansas Youth Council.

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Purchase — an — Acre — Plan

by Dick Haltom, chairman, North Arkansas Conference Camping Committee

Church people are going outdoors. Church camps, conferences, assemblies and retreats are increasing all over the country at a rapid rate. Church camping is seen more than ever as an integral part of the local church program of Christian education. Camping provides a superlative educational climate and the atmosphere of fun and adventure which combines to make camp a place where learning takes place, rapidly, easily, and naturally.

In 1969 the North Arkansas Annual Conference took a giant step in putting outdoor action ministries at the center of the Church's commitment in approving the purchase of a centrally located 1,000 acre ranch for a conference campsite.

The original method of securing

funds to purchase the 1,000 acre ranch was "the acre plan." Churches, groups, and individuals were challenged to purchase an acre, by donating the cost of an acre — \$65. Several groups and individuals purchased more than an acre. Over \$38,000 has been raised by this method for the Myers Ranch campsite.

The most recent accounting shows the contribution by Districts as follows: Batesville, \$6,463; Conway, \$14,267.13; Fayetteville, \$7,667.05; Forrest City, \$2,560.40; Fort Smith, \$555; Jonesboro, \$5,430.49; Paragould, \$1,546.50; Total — \$38,489.57.

The Camping committee would like to challenge these original contributors to purchase another acre of our Conference campsite and to challenge churches, groups, classes, youth groups, men's groups, United Methodist Wom-

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REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL

map indicates the district boundaries that have been proposed by the Bishop and included, also, are the charges that would be transferred and the changes that would be made in the Districts.

A list of charges that were transferred:

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Transfer Out:

- Part of Van Buren County (Clinton, Fairfield Bay) to Conway District
- Part of Cleburne County (Quitman Ct.) to Conway County
- Part of Lonoke County (Cabot) to Conway District

Transfer In:

- Jackson County (Emory, Newport 1st, Umsted, Tuckerman, Swifton, Alicia, Strangers Home) from Paragould District
- Part of Sharp County (Hardy, Cherokee Village, Corinth, New Liberty) from Paragould District
- Part of Fulton County (Mammoth Spring, Camp) from Paragould District

CONWAY DISTRICT

Transfer Out:

- Part of Yell County (Danville Charge, Belleville Ct.) to Fort Smith District

Transfer In:

- Part of Van Buren County (Clinton, Fairfield Bay) from Batesville District
- Part of Cleburne County (Quitman Ct.) from Batesville District
- Part of Lonoke County (Cabot) from Batesville District

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

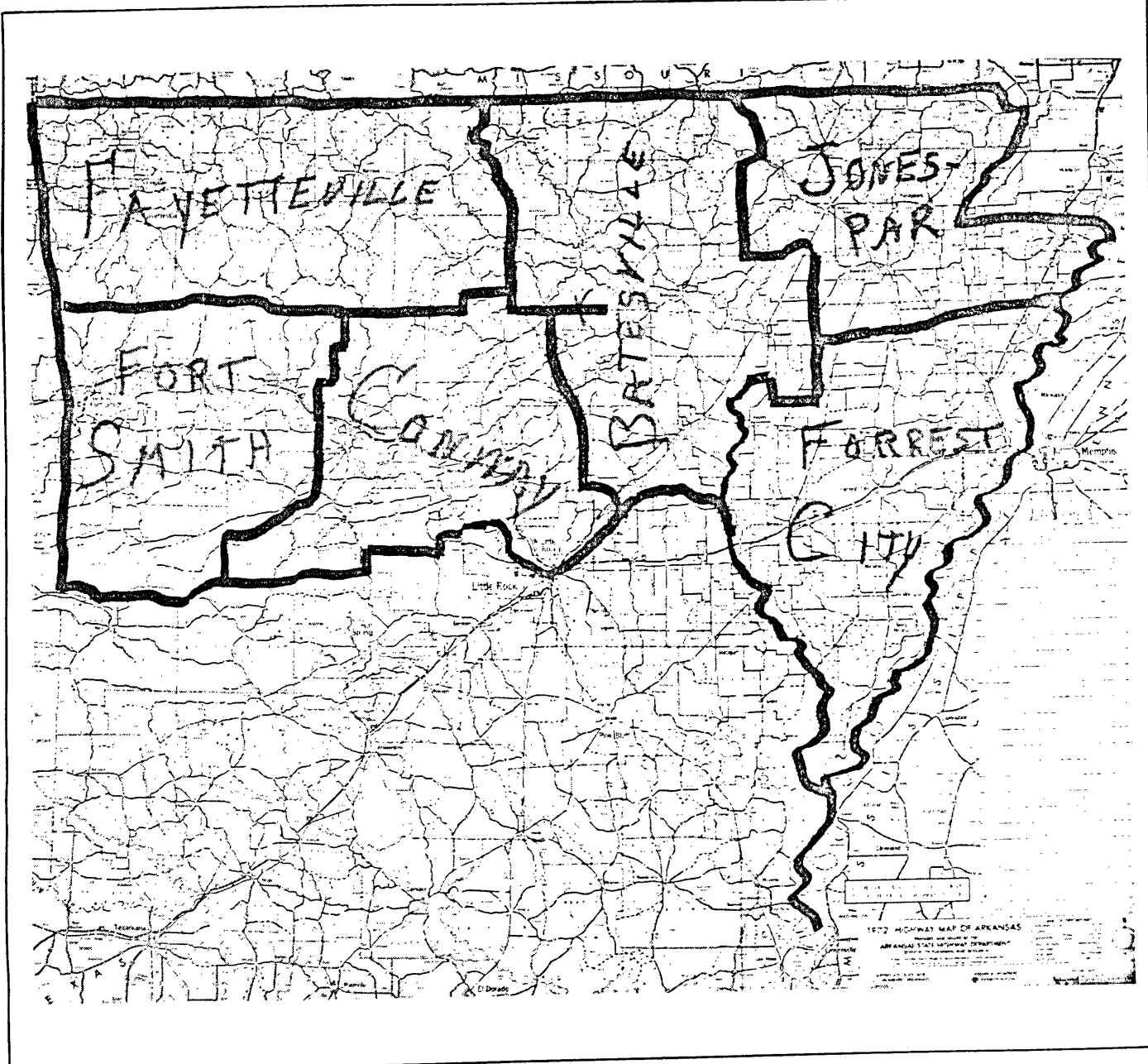
Transfer In:

- Searcy County (Marshall, Leslie) from Batesville District

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Transfer In:

- Part of Poinsett County (Harrisburg, Pleasant Valley, Marked Tree, Lepanto, Garden Point, Tyronza, Center View) from Jonesboro District
- Part of Mississippi County (Wilson, Osceola, Joiner) from Jonesboro District
- Part of Crittenden County (Turrell) from Jonesboro District
- Part of Cross County (Hickory Ridge, Tilton) from Jonesboro District



FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Transfer In:

- Part of Yell County (Danville Charge, Belleville Ct.) from Conway District

JONES-PAR DISTRICT

- Composed of Randolph, Clay, Greene, Lawrence, Craighead Counties, North half of Mississippi County, Trumann, Weiner, Fisher from Poinsett County

The following chart will show the numbers of charges, membership, World Service, and Pastoral Support in each of the proposed six districts.

	Charges	Membership	World Service	Pastoral Support
Batesville	37	14,283	46,733	\$ 284,599
Conway	37	17,901	73,436	310,287
Fayetteville	26	14,050	56,181	270,850
Forrest City	36	15,735	76,124	301,549
Fort Smith	36	17,447	61,302	270,259
Jonesboro	42	18,545	73,436	310,287
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tion elections in the city of Chicago, and that Oklahoma voters, by a margin of more than 100,000 votes, recently declined, for the second time in three years, to legalize liquor-by-the-drink. Dallas County, Tex. is now more than 90 per cent "dry", Tucker said.

Paul Ramsey, educational assistant on the CCF staff, expressed grave concern over the "pop wines" now being marketed by liquor manufacturers. He said that many teenagers are buying the wine at \$1 a bottle and do not realize that it contains from 10 to 12 per cent alcohol and is addictive.

In addition to Brewer, also re-elected were: the Rev. David P. Conyers, Newport, first vice president; Raymond Hillis, Malvern, second vice president; Mrs. Payton Kolb, Little Rock, third vice president; Dale Ward, Little Rock, secretary; the Rev. Don Hook, Little Rock, treasurer.

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en, any group, family or individual to contribute, or accept a portion as a project and thus have a part in purchasing this beautiful campsite.

Members of the Conference Camping Committee are available to come to any church or group interested in hearing "the Myers Ranch Story." Interested persons need only contact their local minister to get the program secured for their group. The approximate balance on the property is \$27,000. The camping committee is anxious for the conference to see the potential in camping that the Myers Ranch campsite offers once the land is paid for and development can begin.

The camping committee is very much aware of outdoor ministries increasing everywhere and believes that where the people are — is where the action is. The committee is anxious for

the North Arkansas Conference to develop an even more exciting and helpful camping ministry.

DEADLINE AT HAND

1. The Family Camp at Myers Ranch — May 4-6; Registration \$5.
2. The Canoe Trips, 7th-12th

grades, June 18-23 and July 9-14; Registration \$20.

3. The Trail Cycle, Junior High-Senior High, July 9-13; Registration \$20.

ALL HAVE A REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF APRIL 1. USE THE FORM BELOW—REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Camp Site _____ Date of Camp _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Grade Fall '73 _____ Sex _____ Home Phone _____ Church I Attend _____

Parent's Signature _____ Pastor's Signature _____

GIVE THIS TO YOUR PASTOR WHO WILL SEND IT TO THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES OFFICE AND INCLUDE TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE.

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

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Guest editorial

The Councils and the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

(We present for the consideration of interested readers the following thoughts on a subject which gives rise to divergent views among Christians generally — the National Council of Churches. They were submitted by Dr. Mouzon Mann, chairman of the Mt. Sequoyah Annual Ecumenical Missions Conference. Dr. Mann is Superintendent of the Hope District in the Little Rock Conference.)

There is a special Presence in the gathering of God's People. The purpose of Anti-God forces is to prevent that gathering. Thus, much of the storm that rages about the Councils of Churches is explained.

The secular media report the unusual, sensational and accusative with references that stir suspicion and distrust. When Christians rely on the secular source for word about the Councils, it is understandable if some Christians are suspicious and distrusting.

So, another word.

An awful war occurred in Bangladesh, much killing. Raging soldiers raped native women who became pregnant in some cases. The women were cast out by their own people. But Jesus Christ cared for them through the coming together of people who love Him. Through a Council, a home for these women was set up. Methodists couldn't have done this alone.

The Councils provided a way to serve God not otherwise possible to the denominations.

CARE is a fine organization. One dollar to CARE puts 25 pounds of food overseas. One dollar to the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief puts 300 pounds of food overseas. Through the Councils (Church World Service), the gathering of Christians from several Churches, a distribution system exists that cuts costs.

People have fled oppression of nations of the right and left. The people of God have been there through Councils to set up refugee camps to do what Jesus com-

mands. Methodists alone couldn't have afforded it.

Councils don't have much money, so their efforts are relatively meager. Nevertheless, they have done such as set up a counseling service for returned Vietnam War veterans and conscientious objectors to the draft and the war.

A world gathering occurred in the Orient recently on the meaning of salvation. Most families of Christians took part. A fragment could have hardly treated a subject raised by the Savior who prayed that "they might be one."

Who is the defender of the powerless and oppressed? The Lord. Therefore, His People defend them. The Portuguese killed 25 per cent of the Methodists in Angola with guns the U. S. supplied. Through the Councils, medical relief has been sent to such sufferers.

Because Jesus is the Lord of life (a New Testament confession), the Council of Churches is concerned with the whole of life.

Through the Council, ministries on lakes and in resort areas of the U.S. have been inspired. Only through the gathering of God's People, as opposed to their dispersion (the denominations), is such possible.

There's a regular Sunday Protestant Radio Hour, and, periodically, television programs because of the Council's endorsement and/or work.

Although the first notable World Peace Chairman of the National Council (then, Federal Council) was John Foster Dulles, later the builder of U. S. containment of communism policies,

enemies of the Council associate her with pro-communism. Why? About 25 years ago, a Committee of the Council, as well as one from the W.S.C.S. (now United Methodist Women), questioned our Chinese policy. The storm from that rages still.

If the questions had been met with the same thoughtfulness in which they were raised, we might have avoided two costly Oriental wars. Mr. Nixon has done what the Church pointed to 25 years ago.

History may record that the true patriots are those who love and believe in their country enough to raise unpopular questions.

In this article, we have dealt with the World, National and (State) Councils of Churches.

Facts don't support the oft-repeated contention that we finance the State Council.

However, no denomination has a better history of cooperation than United Methodists. Such cooperation is true to our identity, our belief that the Church is the Body of Christ, and, as Jesus sees her, is one.

We need the Councils to bring us together (though they aren't a union movement, per se) to speak to the Churches and the World, and to provide a better way, in some cases, for us to serve Jesus Christ.

If the above points to the truth, United Methodists will understand more fully and do better, in giving self, prayers, witness and money; in being more faithful to Jesus Christ themselves, that the Councils may be more faithful. This is our prayer.

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My Enemy

By Wilson O. Weldon

During World War I, A. I. Whitham, an English clergyman made a vow that if he were spared he would seek for reconciliation with every enemy. I'm a I looked around to find my enemy. I had none among the nations. I had not even a family relation I could call my enemy. But I had one, the Roman Catholic Church, which for me included High Church and Eastern Church. I had no fellowship with it. I had sought none. Here then was my business.

When we honestly face up to the deficiency that is within us we can usually find our real enemy. In Whitham's case surely it was not the Roman Church. It was the wrong attitude and failing in himself.

Can I be honest to face my own real enemy or enemies? Instead of focusing upon some imaginary, faraway, possibly on real opponent, why not search in honesty close at hand?

Could it be love of self, and seeking after praise?

Could it be love of ease, which may well be a synonym for laziness?

Could it be the joy of criticizing another or others, thereby covering up a longing for attention to be directed upon our own self? Someone has rightly said, "To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves."

When the plea of the Psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me," stirs within us, we are well on the road to discovering our real enemy.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"Under a lot of pressure, the Vietnamese let us (Prisoners of War) have a Bible one hour a week," Air Force Capt. James E. Ray told an interviewer. The POWs decided to try to copy and memorize the entire Sermon on the Mount as a special project. "The project did fine for about three weeks," he related. After five weeks and much harrassment by their captors the POWs did not see the Bible again, but that had been enough time for them to memorize collectively, the entire Sermon on the Mount and several other passages. As a result, Capt. Ray said, "We had our own 'living Bible' walking around the room." (Few of the POWs were even aware of the best-seller volume by that name).

The California State Bd. of Education has approved editorial revision of new science textbooks that would label evolution as a "theory," not proven "fact." While no mention of the religious explanation of Creation was made in the board's decision, the board voted to include an introductory statement in science texts stressing the "limits" of the scientific theory of evolution.

Greek Orthodox Lent began this year on March 12 and Orthodox Easter will be observed on April 29, a week after the date marked by Protestants and Roman Catholics. Archbishop Iakovos said in an encyclical that was to be read in churches of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America on March 18: "The Great Lent is an invitation and at the same time a challenge for spiritual and moral purification, recomposition and rebirth. In other words, it is an invitation and challenge for our return to and our truer and fuller knowledge of Christ, from Whom alone can come the rebirth, redemption and salvation of man. . ."

Actress/author Dale Evans Rogers, who has appeared on many television talk shows soon will have one of her own produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Miss Evans will be hostess for what she described as "an imaginative program to capture the attention of believers and non-believers." Although the show will have a Christian perspective, it will not be restricted to "safe" subjects.

The number of Bibles, New Testaments and portions of the Scripture distributed in Indonesia rose sharply in 1972. Complete Bibles distributed jumped from 61,481 in 1971 to 71,806 last year, New Testaments from 172,707 to 235,351. The Indonesia Bible Society said it hoped the increased distribution "is an indication that the preaching of the Gospel to non-Christians is going more and more scriptural than denominational."

Jordan's King Hussein has been offered the guardianship of Islamic holy places in the Old City of Jerusalem but his demand for sovereignty over part of the city has been rejected, Israeli Premier Golda Meir said. Mrs. Meir declared that Jerusalem, which was unified after the Six Days of War of 1967, will not be repartitioned and will remain under Israeli control. The principal Muslim shrines over which the Jordanian king could have guardianship are: the Mosque of Omar, known as the Dome of the Rock, and Al Aksa Mosque, Islam's third holiest shrine. Both mosques are located on Temple Mount, behind the Wailing Wall, which is a remnant of the Second Jewish Temple, destroyed in A.D. 70 by the Romans and sacred to the Jewish people.

Call to the North, the massive all-Church evangelistic campaign throughout the north of England, launched last Easter and due to reach a climax this Easter, will continue as an ecumenical movement after that date, according to a decision of Church leaders. The decision was taken by 60 northern Anglican and Roman Catholic diocesan bishops, Methodist chairmen and leaders of the Baptist and United Reformed Churches, the Salvation Army and the Society of Friends at a two-day meeting in the Yorkshire town of Kettlewell.

Italy's Communist Party, largest in western Europe, has announced a nationwide drive to enlist practicing Roman Catholics for its rank and file. By a Vatican decree authorized in June 1949 by Pope Pius XII, Roman Catholics are forbidden to join the party, and Catholics who "knowingly and willingly" profess the doctrines of Communism, or defend its principles, or spread its "errors," are automatically excommunicated.

"When a church can lure 1,058 sinners away from ol' Satan that's front page news," says a Religious News Service item. "Such an achievement was credited to St. Gregory's Catholic Parish in Phoenix. At first glance one might presume that Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Billy Graham, Oral Roberts and Dr. Oswald Hoffman of The Lutheran Hour had teamed up in a one-day preaching effort," said the report. It continued, "Sorry . . . the big drawing card was a spaghetti dinner. The parish bulletin in reporting a successful fund-raising event, came up with a gorgeous typographical error: ' . . . 1,058 sinners were served.' " (The word should be "dinners").

In divorcing ethics from religion, U. S. Supreme Court justices and college professors have produced a climate of opinion that has resulted in crime, war and social injustice, charges Dr. Louis Finkelstein, prominent Conservative Jewish scholar. In modern education, Dr. Finkelstein, held, "our children are being indoctrinated to seek (ethics) only in science, particularly experimental science." As a result, he said, young people cannot answer such questions as "What is justice, what is crime, when are penalties justified?" They are also unable "to pray for peace, as well as to strive for it," and find it difficult "to discern the right in our national as well as in our individual lives," he said.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has filed a brief with the U. S. Supreme Court asking it to declare unconstitutional tax credit for tuition paid by parents of children attending non-public schools.

Dr. Kent Sigvart Knutson, the one-time chemical engineer who in 1970 became the second president of the American Lutheran Church and a noted ecumenical leader, died at the age of 48. He had been hospitalized for more than four months with a rare nervous system disorder that had puzzled his physicians at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Eventually, the ailment was diagnosed as Jakob Creutzfeldt disease, a rare non-contagious disorder that is incurable.

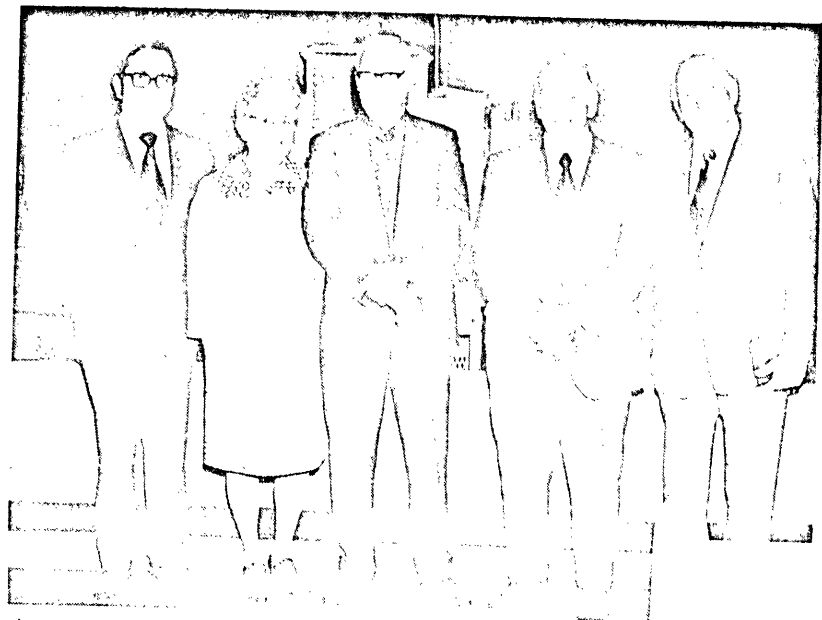
Telephone "crisis" ministries in the U.S., with the opening of a St. Paul-Minneapolis center March 15, are now active in 50 metropolitan areas, offering around-the-clock assistance to people in need. Expansion to 50 additional cities is expected within the next few years, according to the Rev. Robert E. Larson, Jr., director of CONTACT Teleministries U.S.A., Harrisburg, Pa.

Letters and telegrams of protest have been sent to President Tito of Yugoslavia by members of the Belgrade Baptist church whose chapel was demolished to make way for urban renewal. The church was informed of the demolition plan two years ago and the church and Baptist Union officials agreed to release their property, but also insisted on a replacement for their church building. Recently, a demolition unit and trucks were sent to the property and windows and doors were torn out. Church furnishings were hauled away. No building permits of any kind for churches have been granted in Belgrade since World War II.

Clergymen could be treated by the churches they serve as employed persons for Social Security purposes under a bill which has been introduced in the House of Representatives. Under the Social Security Act, which this measure would amend, clergymen are classified as self-employed persons and consequently pay both their share and the employer's share of the Social Security tax.



CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines - A 17-member chorus of just-released prisoners of war performs at the Clark Air Base television studio, just two days after their arrival in the Philippines from Hanoi. They are led by Navy Cmdr. Kay Russell (left) of Corsicana, Texas. The men, who had sung together during their imprisonment in North Vietnam, were part of the second group of POWs to be released by Hanoi. (RNS Photo)



Approximately 148 lay persons attended the Jonesboro District Lay Meeting at Harrisburg United Methodist Church on Wednesday night, March 7. The Rev. Raymond Dorman, Luxora-Keiser pastor, photographed the group shown here. (From left) The Rev. Thomas Weir, host pastor; Mrs. Roy Weld, district WSCS president; Roy Weld, district lay leader, who presided; Dr. Ralph Hillis, district superintendent; Raymond Hillis, Malvern layman (brother of Dr. Hillis), inspirational speaker. Other participants in the evening program included the Rev. Arvill Brannon of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries office, Clyde Ford, of Harrisburg, and the Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock.

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LONOKE

Church, Little Rock; 4-4:30 p.m. — Youth Service Fund presentation and a declaration of pledges from each church for the calendar year January 1973-December 1973, with Diane Yokem in charge; 4:30-5:30 p.m. — dramatic production by the players from St. Paul-Maumelle United Methodist Church; 5:30-6:30 p.m.—dinner hour; 6:30-8 p.m.—business, election and installation.

Registrations should be made with Vicky Allen by April 4 (Telephone — 372-2256).

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Dr. Pepper

St. Louis Symphony
to perform at Hendrix

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at Hendrix College on Wednesday evening, March 28, at 8 p.m. The Hendrix Fine Arts Endowment Program and the Student Senate Symposium Committee are co-sponsors for the event.

Founded in 1880, the 95-member orchestra is the second oldest symphony in the United States. Under the direction of Walter Susskind, a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the symphony will perform Richard Wagner's, "Siegfried's Rhine Journey," from "Götterdämmerung"; Peter Tchaikovsky's, "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in D Major, Opus 35"; and Jan Sibelius's, "Symphony No. 1 in E Minor, Opus 39."

Susskind's career has been highlighted by service as conductor and music director of the Scottish National Orchestra; the Victoria Symphony, Melbourne, Australia; and the Toronto (Canada) Symphony. From 1962 until 1968, he was music director and conductor of the Aspen, Colo. Summer Music Festival.

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Mental health specialist to lead Clergy-Seminar

The Chaplain Service of the Veterans' Administration Hospitals will sponsor a Clergy-Seminar at the North Little Rock Hospital on April 26. C. Kenneth Pepper, Th.D., will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Pepper, a pioneer in the field of religion and mental health, is presently the director of the Pastoral Counseling and Education Center of the Greater Dallas Council of Churches. He is active in pastoral counseling with individuals, couples, families and groups. He coordinates the teaching programs for local seminaries as well as continuing education for pastors.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Pepper received his graduate education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates in Mississippi, Kentucky and Virginia; served as chaplain at both general and mental hospitals, and teacher at his alma mater, Perkins School of Theology, the

Key 73 leaders meet in NLR

More than eighty pastors and Key 73 leaders of different faiths met in North Little Rock Wednesday, March 21, to firm up plans for the nationwide Key 73 movement.

Robert Hart, seminar leader for Key 73 headquarters in St. Louis, said, "Key 73 is an interdenominational movement. Leaders from different churches can use phases of the movement that are right for them, without compromising their own policies."

"The job is so big we all need to work together," he concluded.

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Philander Smith

with the proceeds to be used for student aid and scholarships.

—\$65,000 to be used for construction of four new classrooms, three seminar rooms, an Afro-American Study Center and a large lecture room for the fine arts.

—\$165,000 to be used to erect a three-floor annex for the women's residence hall, including a health service center and eight air-conditioned residence rooms.

—To increase salaries for all full-time employees by 5 per cent.

Other actions included the election of William M. Shepherd of Little Rock, who has served as volunteer director of the fund-raising campaign, to the Board, and special recognition for his service to the college.

Dr. Hazzard said Philander Smith would continue the campaign to obtain funds to "undergird an extensive faculty enrichment program" that would include salaried sabbatical leave for study and research, faculty participation in seminars and funds for increasing the faculty's proficiency in the use of instructional media and technology.

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Institute of Religion, Texas Medical Center, and Baylor University College of Medicine.

As a representative of religion in the Medical Center, he has become an interpreter of the Church to the Medical Community. He is a member of the International Association for Transactional Analysis.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the VA Hospital Chapel. Dr. Pepper's morning lecture is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel, when he will speak on the subject, "A Christian Minister Looks at Transactional Analysis." At 1:30 p.m. he will speak on "The Physician-Minister Treats Families in Crisis." A Resource Panel will be composed of W. Payton Kolb, M.D., Dale Cowling, D.D., Robert Bryles, M.D., and R. H. Harrison, M.D., Chief of Psychiatry at the VA Hospital.

Dr. Pepper will speak again from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 8th and Scott, in Little Rock. The title for this lecture will be, "The Professional Man's Family Problems: Physician-Minister."

All interested persons are cordially invited to be the guests of the Veterans Administration at this Clergy-Medical Seminar.

The Rev. Joseph E. Taylor, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock, was the local coordinator for the seminar, and served as chairman.

The Key 73 movement was first conceived by the Rev. Billy Graham and Dr. Carl Henry, editor of CHRISTIANITY TODAY, at a meeting in 1967. Key 73 includes the Jesus 73 movement, the American Bible Society and the World Home Bible League. There are now church members of more than 150 denominations involved.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Fred Moseley, acting director of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta.

Dr. Moseley said, "Key 73 represents an organized, structured approach to evangelism."

"There's more to this than just talk. This is an all-out effort to advance the name of the Lord in an attractive way . . . to those who don't care, to those who are rebellious, to those whom we have a sacred responsibility."

"The local churches are the front lines, and we must get our lay people involved, involved enough to DO something."

The first Key 73 television special this January was carried on more than 600 stations. A second TV program, "Come Together", with Pat Boone, is scheduled for this spring.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETS

The Little Rock Conference Youth Council, as it met March 9-10, at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, to plan for Conference camp and make adjustments in the proposed constitution. The new constitution will be presented and voted on at Conference Camp, which is June 18-22. Any youth desiring to attend, should contact the Youth Coordinator of his respective district.

The names and addresses of the coordinators are: Arkadelphia District: Ruth Smith, 1031 Wallace, Malvern, Ark. 72104; Camden District: The Rev. Allen Bonsall, Box 1290, SSC, Magnolia, Ark. 71753; Hope District: The Rev. Dan George, P. O. Box 175, Mineral Springs, Ark. 71851; Little Rock District: Mrs. Vicky Allen, 723 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201; Monticello District: The Rev. Virgil Bell, 303 South Cherry, Hamburg, Ark. 71646; Pine Bluff District: The Rev. Jack Wilson, Box 357, Sheridan, Ark. 72150.

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NEWS and NOTES

"THREE NIGHTS FOR GOD" will be the theme of the Pre-Easter meeting at the Monette United Methodist Church, April 5, 6 and 7. The Rev. Charles Thompson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Trumann, will be guest speaker. This will be the first of Monette's special emphasis programs for Key 73, and will herald the beginning of the year's evangelistic efforts. The Rev. Aubra O. Hays is pastor of the Monette church.

THE HAZEN UNITED Methodist Church held a spring revival in March with Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden District superintendent, as the preacher. Bill Kennedy of England was song evangelist. Earl Robinson is chairman of the Hazen Work Area on Evangelism and the Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.

THE REV. ERNIE C. HANCE, retired and living in Walnut Ridge, was guest preacher on March 18 at Des Arc United Methodist Church where the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor.

GUEST SPEAKER for the March meeting of Cabot United Methodist Men was Howard Harmon, retired manager of the Remington Arms Plant at Lenoire. The Rev. Braska Savage is the Cabot pastor.

MRS. FELIX THOMPSON, organist at St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will present an organ recital at Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock on April 6 at 11:25 a.m.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR of Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, presented a program at First United Methodist Church in Monticello on March 11. Mrs. Ed Matthews is director and the Rev. Ed Matthews is the pastor at Lakeside. The Monticello pastor is the Rev. William Elliott.

P. K. KORNER

MARK ANDREW PULLIAM, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces, was born March 13 to the Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Pulliam of Jacksonville. Mr. Pulliam is the pastor at McArthur Drive United Methodist Church in Jacksonville.

THE REV. A. W. MARTIN

The Rev. A. W. Martin, aged 81, of Springdale, Ark. died Thursday, March 22. He had served as a professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and was widely recognized as an authority on Methodist rules and discipline.

A native of Pea Ridge and a 1916 graduate of Hendrix College at Conway, Mr. Martin pastored Methodist churches at Magazine, Fourche Valley and Danville before joining the staff of the Board of Education of the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Later, he was assigned to the Methodist National Board of Town and Country Work at Nashville, Tenn. He returned to Arkansas in 1934, when he was appointed presiding elder of the Paragould District.

He later was presiding elder of the Helena and Fort Smith Districts and was pastor of the First Methodist Church at Jonesboro. In 1945, Mr. Martin became professor of church administration and director of field work at Perkins School of Theology.

He was then appointed director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas. In 1964, he retired and he and his wife, Mrs. Lloyd McKinzie McClure Martin, moved to El Paso, Tex., where they spent over a year at the Lydia Patterson Institute, a Methodist mission school for Mexicans.

During his career, Martin was a member of the Hendrix College and SMU Boards of Trustees and the Methodist Board of Missions. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Hendrix College in 1942, and in 1965 was the recipient of the quadrennial Man of the Year Award from the National Conference of Town and Country Work.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Dr. A. W. Martin, Jr. of San Juan, Puerto Rico; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Emerson of Arizona and Mrs. Betty Jane Anderson of Blytheville; a brother, Luther Martin of Pea Ridge; two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Nichols and Mrs. Nettie Richett, both of Pea Ridge; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Springdale United Methodist Church with burial at Pea Ridge.

The family requests that any memorials be made to local churches, Perkins School of Theology or the Building Fund of Springdale United Methodist Church.

BISHOP FRANK TO PREACH FOR MAGNOLIA LENTEN SERIES

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the evangelist for the Lenten revival in First United Methodist Church in Magnolia beginning Sunday, April 8 and continuing through Wednesday, April 11, according to the Rev. Howard L. Williams, pastor.

All evening services will begin at 7 p.m. and week-day services will be held at 10 a.m. There will be a fellowship hour before and after morning services to give worshipers an opportunity to visit with Bishop and Mrs. Frank.

The pastor and congregation extend a cordial welcome to all who will to attend and take part in the services.

HENDRIX STUDENT RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

A senior at Hendrix College, Frances Unsell of Pine Bluff, is the recipient of an award from The Fund for Theological Education, according to an announcement by Dr. Francis Christie, dean of the College.

The award, funded by what was formerly known as the Rockefeller Brothers Program in Theological Study, is given to serious students considering some form of church ministry.

The fellowship will cover the cost of room, board, tuition, fees, plus \$650 for books and miscellaneous personal expenses. The Fund also helps the student in securing admission to the seminary of his or her choice.

"This is a very select fellowship," said Christie, "and we are indeed pleased that Miss Unsell is a recipient this year."

Miss Unsell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Unsell, who reside at 1818 Olive in Pine Bluff.

The Augusta Church held a poster contest recently. Using the theme of Love, individuals were asked to submit posters which expressed their idea of love in relation to Christianity. A total of 28 posters were submitted. At a family night supper the posters were judged by the congregation. The winners were: 1st place - Sara Huenefeld and Janet Murphy (both shown at right), 2nd place - Sara Huenefeld, 3rd place - Women's Society of Christian Service.

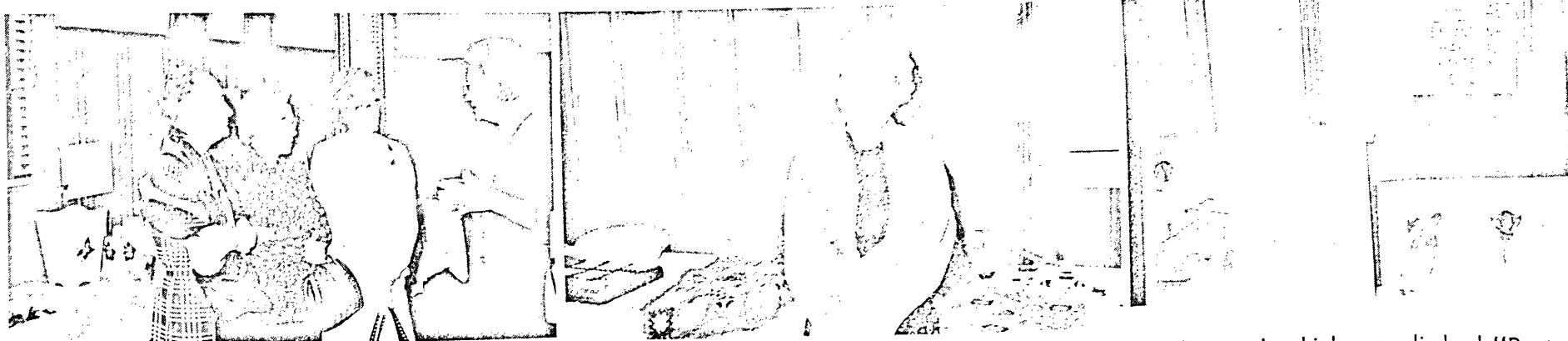
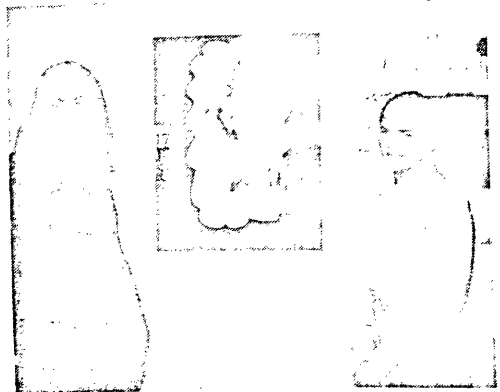
DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

Apr. 1—Sunday	John 7:14-30
Apr. 2	John 8:12-29
Apr. 3	John 12:20-33
Apr. 4	Luke 9:18-22
Apr. 5	Luke 9:44-56
Apr. 6	Mark 10:32-45
Apr. 7	John 8:31-59
Apr. 8—Sunday	Mark 14:22-42



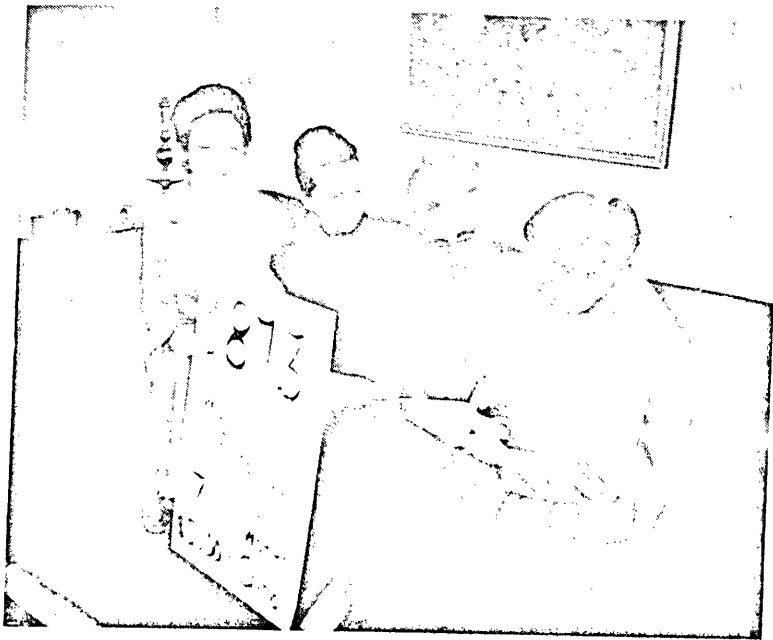
Jerry Rice received the Eagle Scout Award at the Tomberlin United Methodist Church, Sunday, Feb. 25. It was presented by his Scoutmaster, C. J. Boyeskie, Troop 272, Coy. Ark. Jerry is a junior at England High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rice of England. They are members of Tomberlin Church. Jerry has earned the God and Country Award, is an active member of the Order of the Arrow, and is serving as an officer in the Grand Prairie District. He will attend the National Jamboree in Idaho this summer, and then will go to Santa Barbara, Calif. to the National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Rev. Gene Ratekin is his pastor.



Mrs. Zelma Burke, right, discusses some of the entries in the Arts and Crafts Show at Hawley Memorial UMC, Pine Bluff, with (from left) Mrs. Rhoda Wingard, Mrs. W. R. Evans, and Mrs. Hazel Gammill. The show, which was held on March 17, attracted

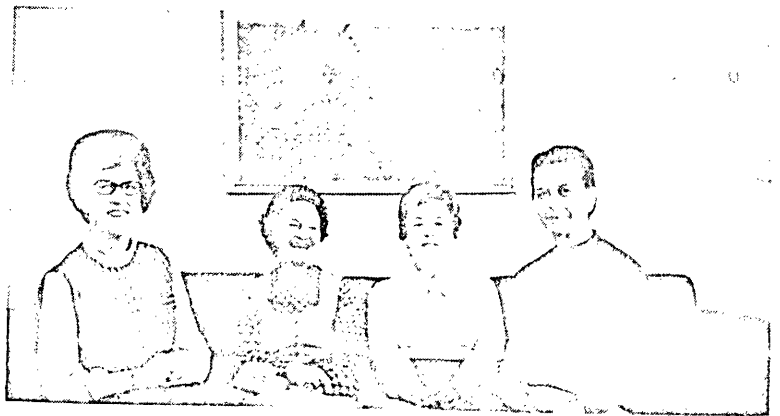
over 75 items in the categories of woodcraft, oil, pastel, pen and ink drawing, needlework, poetry, and wearing apparel. Winners in each category will be entered in the District Show to be held during April. CENTER: Mrs. W. R. "Tot" Evans models

her hairpin lace stole which was adjudged "Best of the Show". AT RIGHT: Father and son winners were James Keller, whose Flair pen flower drawings won pen and ink division, and Jimmy Keller, whose pastel of "The Old Fire House" won first place



Planning for the pilgrimage to Warren to celebrate the centennial of women's missionary work, April 4, are these committee members: Left to right, Mrs. Grafton Thomas, Mrs. L. W. Ederington, Mrs. E. D. Galloway and Mrs. E. T. Davenport. Also on committee, but not shown: Mrs. Ed Harris.

BELOW: The local committee on arrangements at Warren are, from left: Mrs. Don Fort, Mrs. Hugh Moseley, Jr., Mrs. Sykes Harris and Mrs. L. W. Ederington.



News in Brief

CONWAY DISTRICT MINISTERS' wives met March 15 at the Wesley United Methodist Parsonage in Russellville with Mardell McClurkin as hostess and Mary Cathryn Parsons presiding. Mrs. Wallace Cowan of Russellville reviewed the book *All Creatures Both Great and Small* by James Harriet. Lunch was served in the Wesley Church. The St. Patrick's Day theme included slides of Ireland.

SHERILL UNITED METHODIST church observed World Day of Prayer March 2, led by Mrs. Joe Colclasure, the spiritual life leader. Mrs. Mattie Barrett was the speaker. Mrs. W. A. Albright furnished the organ music. The Rev. Gene Ratekin is pastor.

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WOMEN ORGANIZE AT BELLS CHAPEL

The women of Bells Chapel United Methodist Church, Atkins, met on Feb. 21, 1973 at the home of Mrs. Truman May of Route 1, Atkins to organize a unit of United Methodist Women.

The following officers, mission coordinators and chairpersons were elected: Mrs. James David Peak, president; Mrs. James Prince, vice-president; Mrs. Kerry Austin, secretary; Mrs. Jackie Sweeden, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Sweeden, nominations; Mrs. Robert Boren, Christian personhood; Mrs. Truman May, supportive community; Mrs. David Peak, social involvement; Mrs. Lonnie Curtis, global concerns; Mrs. Paul Sweeden, program resources; and Mrs. Billy Check, membership.

An Installation Service for the aforementioned persons was conducted during the regular worship service on Sunday, March 4, by the pastor, the Rev. Muriel H. Peters.

This new unit will meet regularly on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church.

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CROSSETT TO HOST FAITH AT WORK

The first Southwest Arkansas Faith at Work Conference will be held in Crossett April 27-29.

Dr. Peter Orr, a dentist of Columbus, Mo., will be leader for the weekend, with Dr. Don Neblett, a pediatrician of Jonesboro, as team trainer. Special youth leadership will be provided. The Rev. Ferris Norton will be host pastor.

The conference will be held in the historic Rose Inn, which will be torn down in May. Only 200 persons can be accommodated, and reservations should be made through Bill Norman, Box 714, Crossett, 71635. The registration fee is \$16 for adults and \$13.50 for youth. This includes meals, but not rooms, which are \$10 single and \$13 double.

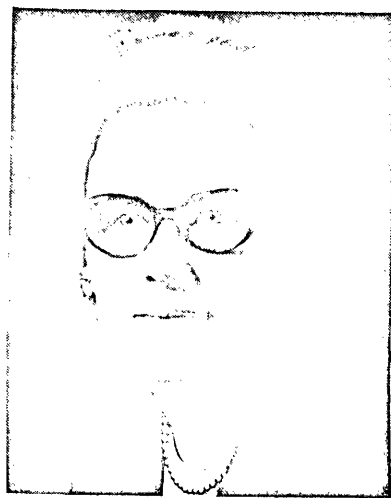
Faith at Work is said to be "the result of a group of people who discovered a recreated life of joy and peace through open response to God's Spirit, a fellowship in a life of concern and compassion for others, an involvement with society, and a faith that has changed people and situations."

STAMPS WOMEN TO HOST REGIONAL LEADER

Miss Joan Clark, a staff member of the National Board of Global Ministries, who is assigned to the Dallas Regional Office, will be in the western part of the Camden District on Sunday, April 1. The Stamps First United Methodist Church, with the women in charge will host the Sunday morning and afternoon sessions.

Miss Clark will speak at the morning worship service and then meet with the Executive Committees of United Methodist Women from Stamps, Lewisville, Bradley and Waldo, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Then from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. she will be in a general meeting of United Methodist Women from those churches.

Miss Clark will be meeting with the United Methodist Women of the Camden Area at 6:00 p.m. Fairview United Methodist will be the host church. A fellowship supper is planned. A Dialogue, question and answer type meeting will follow.



Mrs. John W. Sonnenday of St. Louis is in Arkansas this week as the guest of Church Women United. She is speaking on Wednesday and Thursday, Mar. 28 and 29, at the Annual Assembly as church women convene at The Abbey Retreat at Subiaco. Then on Saturday she will be guest of honor at the Scholarship Tea, sponsored by Central Arkansas CWU, Business Women's Group. The tea will be in the United Methodist Episcopal Residence from two until four o'clock with Mrs. Eugene M. Frank as hostess. Mrs. Sonnenday is a national vice-president of Church Women United, and is also a national leader in the United Methodist Church.

PARSONETTES MEET IN CAMDEN DISTRICT

The Camden District Parsonettes met at the home of Mrs. John Walker at Smackover on March 22 with 18 members present.

The program was a display of home-made items of clothing or accessories modeled by the members of the group. Pants suits, party outfits and plain every day dresses were worn.

Each member brought a salad and the recipe to share for the luncheon.

Mrs. Don Nolley presided at the business meeting and after adjourning Mrs. Walker shared their extensive collection of antiques.

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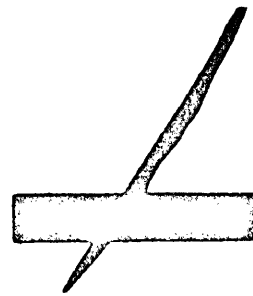
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The Sunday School Lesson

(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 8: Christ Suffered For Us

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:13 through 53:12; Matthew 26:1-5, 26-29; 1 Peter 2:21-25

MEMORY SELECTION: He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To show that Christ's atoning love is a continuing Christian experience.

It is probable that no other passage in the Old Testament influenced the life and ministry of Jesus so much as the section in the Book of the prophet Isaiah which describes the sacrificial commitment of the Suffering Servant. When he read the text of his divine commission in the synagogue at Nazareth, it was from this same prophecy. There are indications all through the Gospels that the image of this Servant had a large place in shaping the course of the choices which he made in fulfilling his own mission. When a dispute arose among the disciples concerning places of leadership, he said to them, "I am among you as one who serves."

THE DECISION IN GETHSEMANE

And then the hour came when the supreme sacrifice was to be made on Calvary, but first in a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Not all of the sites in Palestine that are pointed out to the visitor as "sacred places" are authentic. But there has never been any question about the identity of the Garden of Gethsemane. Here it was that Jesus came often as a place of escape from the crowd; here it was that he endured the agony of the last decision before Calvary; it was here that he was arrested and led away to the house of the high priest. I sat alone one night at the edge of this garden and tried to trace in imagination the scenes from that eventful night. This question came to my mind, "Why did he not walk away?" He had done his best and now he was confronted with a cross. He had revealed the truth to the Twelve and they had been slow of understanding. He had given an invitation of forgiveness and fellowship to the people and they had rejected him. Why should he do more? It was the time of the full moon—the Passover Season. He could have easily walked through the north end of the Garden and no one would have pursued him. The disciples were asleep, even the three whom he had chosen to be nearest him in his hour of trial. Judas and the soldiers would not come for sometime to arrest him. The officers of the Sanhedrin would not have sent to bring him back. They wanted him out

of Jerusalem. Pilate would have made no attempt to arrest him. He would have been glad to have him off his hands. He could have gone to Bethany, a short walk away, could have said good-bye to Mary and Martha and Lazarus and in two days he could have been back at Nazareth. His mother would have welcomed him home, possibly with some sense of disappointment at this outcome of his ministry, and he could have gone back into Joseph's carpenter shop and have lived in a peaceful life in the town of his boyhood and youth.

WHEN RESPONSIBILITY IS SHIRKED

Why did he not walk away? Fathers and mothers walk away from their children. I remember the days when almost all the boys and girls in our homes for children were orphans — one or both parents were dead. It is not so anymore. Such homes are filled with children whose fathers and mothers have simply walked away from their parental responsibility. Citizens close their ears against the cries for help from their neighbors. There is a book entitled "Thirty-eight Witnesses" which describes a scene in a section of New York City in which thirty-eight different persons saw, from different distances, a young woman being brutally assaulted, and refused even to call the police. They reported later that they "did not want to become involved." Even churchmen have been known to be callous and indifferent to urgent human needs all about them. The priest and the Levite on the Jericho road were not the last representatives of the Church who saw a wounded traveler near the road and walked by on the other side.

THE BASIS OF HIS CHOICE

Why did Jesus not walk away? The easy answer is, "It is impossible to think of such an act. He was the Divine Son of God. It was predestined that he should die a sacrificial death for the sins of the people. He could not walk away." I do not believe that this is the sufficient answer. Jesus was indeed the unique Son of God. But he was also truly man. This means that instead of being compelled by some fixed destiny, he lived and acted in the full awareness of the gift of freedom with which God has endowed each of his children. There is good reason to believe that following his baptism and the long period of prayer and meditation in a lonely region, every decision he made during his entire ministry was of his own choosing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

THE MEANING OF ATONEMENT

There have been many debates and much prolonged discussion about the meaning of the atonement. Some have gone so far as to contend that the brutal crucifixion of Jesus was necessary to appease the wrath of an angry God before he was willing to

forgive a guilty sinner. It is impossible to reconcile such a view with the nature of the Father God whom Jesus revealed. I know of no better definition of the atonement than the one given by Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." It was God who took the initiative in the process of reconciliation. It is God whom Jesus portrayed in the parable of the Waiting Father who eagerly watched for his son's return but was compelled to wait until a spirit of penitence changed the heart of the wayward boy.

In the light of this wider conception, let us take another look at the question, "Why did Jesus not walk away?" Even from his boyhood he had committed his life to God. At the beginning of his ministry he had deepened and renewed this commitment. Near the end of that ministry he was able to say, "I do always the will of Him who sent me." He fully realized that the ultimate redemption of the race deepened upon what he did during the next few hours. In God's design there was no other way. With all of this in his mind and heart, in spite of betrayal by one disciple and desertion and denial by the others, in spite of the mockery of a trial that awaited him, in spite of the scourging and the crown of thorns, in spite of the cross itself — in spite of all of this, in a very real sense, he could not walk away.

THE ATONEMENT CONTINUES

In his letter to the church at Colossae, St. Paul wrote, "In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the church." He did not mean that the ministry of Jesus was incomplete in its time and place. He simply meant that the spirit of sacrificial self-giving which was so fully revealed in the ministry of Jesus must be continued by his disciples through each succeeding generation. A pastor asked a missionary who was home on sick-leave from a difficult assignment, "Why do you want to return?" His reply was, "Because I can't sleep for thinking of them." This is the spirit of atonement asserting itself in a country far from Palestine and centuries later than the earthly ministry of Jesus. Poet William Carruth was aiming as this truth when he wrote:

A picket frozen on duty,
A mother starved for her brood,
Socrates drinking the hemlock
And Jesus on the rood;
And millions who humble and nameless
The straight, hard pathway plod—
Some call it Consecration
And others call it God.

On this side of the celebration of the Easter Victory stands this truth which is an essential part of the greatest event this world has ever witnessed: Christ suffered for us.

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Status of General Advance Special Fund analyzed

NEW YORK (UMI) — Reasons for an over-all decline in the United Methodist Church's second largest general benevolence fund — and reasons for increases in some places in the church — are analyzed in a 30-page report released by its director.

The Rev. Joe W. Walker cited a previously announced drop in General Advance Special giving of \$720,658, or 7.89 per cent, from 1971 to 1972, adding that last year was the fourth year of decrease. However, he added, Advance giving increased in one-third of United Methodism's 75 annual (regional) conferences.

General Advance Specials are designated gifts by United Methodist churches, groups and individuals to missions, home and overseas, and to relief. After World Service, the church's basic, apportioned benevolence, the Advance received in 1972 the most money of 13 general benevolences, \$8,406,508.

Mr. Walker, New York, newly-elected (in January) director of the Advance said General Advance Specials involve more than 100,000 gifts annually to 4-6,000 projects. He said the decline was not reflected in every project and program, but cautioned that "the continuing loss of total income to the General Advance is a reality with which the entire church must deal. Not to do so, is to consign it to eventual extinction."

Under United Methodism's new national structure, the General Advance is guided by a 20-member Advance Committee, comprising members of the new General Council on Ministries and responsible to it. The beneficiary agencies, all in the Board of Global Ministries, are the National Division, World Division and United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR). The Advance is 25 years old in 1973.

In the report, Mr. Walker said participation by churches in the Advance is predicated on full acceptance of the World Service Apportionment. He said

four Advance field representatives across the nation were asked to list factors contributing to the decrease. The field staff have as their primary responsibility to cultivate Advance projects. Mr. Walker said that among 18 factors listed were these, in order of importance:

"1—The lack of visibility of the Advance in the church . . . It is part of a feeling that the Advance is largely taken for granted as a self-perpetuating institution. 2—The increase of conference obligations on the local church. 3—The demands on the local church for funds for local programs and local mission. 4—The breakdown of effective linkage between national program agencies and the local church in new conference structures.

"5—The general economy, mainly in terms of continued inflation. 6—The decline of the overseas missionary force. 7—A general anti-institutionalism that questions the credibility of any and all national agencies. 8—A feeling that both the Board of Global Ministries and the churches in other lands are saying that all we have done before was wrong and that we should generally withdraw money and personnel entirely."

Mr. Walker's evaluation also listed factors suggested by field representatives as contributing to increased Advance giving in 1972 by 25 conferences. Among them: "Focusing the program in an Advance Committee outside any of the participating agencies and connected directly to the General Council on Ministries. The quality of conference and district leadership involved in cultivating the Advance. The interest of the bishop in the Advance and the willingness to lend his influence to its success. The establishment of specific project goals by the annual conference . . ."

New Life Missioners' Conference

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Canon Bryan Green, London, England, an Anglican priest and world evangelist; Bishop A. James Armstrong, episcopal leader of the Dakotas Area and president of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society; and Dr. James Buskirk, professor of evangelism at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, will be among the leaders at a national conference of New Life Missioners here May 7-10.

"The Key Event" will be the theme for the meeting which is being sponsored by the Department of Preaching Ministries of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship. Dr. George Morris is head of the Department.

New Life Mission in a local church is preceded by a six to 10 week period of preparation including study and prayer, followed by a proclamation phase involving one or more missioners, and a penetration phase which attempts to channel individual commitment into church and community involvement.

More than 700 persons are being invited to the Nashville conference, including 70 missioners who work throughout the nation, 600 missioners who work only within the bounds of their own annual conference, and a select group of persons who will be taking their first training for the program.

Dr. Morris said the New Life Mission program differs from traditional styles of local church evangelism because of the emphasis put on what

happens before and after the actual proclamation services. The structure calls for Bible studies and prayer sessions, "Chat Backs" or "Lay Forums", a challenge to commitment and a long-term program of follow-up to involve Christians in the church and community.

Dr. Ira Gallaway, associate general secretary for the Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship, will speak on "Evangelism—A New Scene."

Other Division staff members on the program will be Dr. George Outell, the Rev. Joe Hale, the Rev. Ronit Kerr, the Rev. Hoyt Hickman, and Dr. David Randolph. Former staff member O. Dean Martin, pastor of Riverside United Methodist Church, Miami, Fla., will also be a resource leader.

Dr. Morris said: "The Christian faith is centered, not primarily in speculative or philosophical ideas, but in events. According to our faith, an extraordinary event came at the peak of a process of revelation and changed the whole context of human living — the event of Jesus Christ."

The Conference, he said, will proclaim this event as the key event in all human history. "It is the key to life, death and destiny. Our business is to proclaim this key event, be transformed by it, live in terms of it, and invite all others to do likewise."

Registration for the conference will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, May 7 and the final session will be late Thursday, May 10.

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Upper Room staff to lead Devotional Life event

(Nashville, Tenn.) — A special Conference on Devotional Life and Literature will be held at Lake Junaluska, N. Car., July 22-24. Plans for the Conference, open to both ministers and laymen, were announced by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor of The Upper Room, the world's most widely read daily devotional guide.

Speakers on the program will include Dr. Bryant Kirkland, minister, First Presbyterian Church, New York City; Dr. William Paulsell, from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, N. Car.; Dr. Webb Garrison, minister and author of Evansville, Ind.; Dr. Truman Potter, minister, Christ United Meth-

odist Church, Charleston, W. Va.; the Rev. Maurice King, dean of The Upper Room Chapel, and Dr. Weldon. These leaders will be assisted by other members of The Upper Room staff.

There is no registration fee. Participants are expected to pay only for transportation to and from the conference, plus nominal expenses for food and lodging at the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds.

Additional information concerning participation in the Conference can be obtained by writing to the Conference on Devotional Life and Literature, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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This elderly woman was only one of many refugees from the recent Managua earthquake disaster who had to find temporary shelter. Thousands of families are in need of low-cost housing. Offerings taken on Sunday, April 1, go to the great humanitarian outreach of the United Methodist Church through the United

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Methodist Commission on Relief, as it tries to answer calls for emergency relief from natural or man-made disasters, in rehabilitation, and in helping to devise programs which lead peo-



ple toward a renewal of life. The boy (above) was one of an estimated 900 boys and girls in Managua who showed up at an emergency center for food following the recent disaster. About 10-12 tons of food are given to Protestant pastors three times a week for distribution to their refugee parishioners. (UMI Photos)

General Council on Ministries approves professional staff, reallocates funds

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI)—Just getting acquainted with its personnel and its potential, the new General Council on Ministries (GCOM) established here March 15-17 the committees and staff to get on with its job.

Beyond self-organization for a four-year haul, the United Methodist Church's coordinating agency's major action here was to approve a five-person professional staff and to elect three of those persons.

With one vacancy remaining, in the specialty of coordination, the council elected the Rev. Alan K. Waltz, the Rev. Virgil W. Sexton and the Rev. Gerald L. Clapsaddle to be assistant general secretaries. Not to be assigned as section executives, they were chosen for "expertise in the field of" research, planning and programming, respectively. All are Dayton, Ohio, residents and held similar positions with the Program Council since 1968. All were elected for the year 1973.

At its earlier organization meeting, the council had elected the Rev. Paul V. Church of Dayton as its general secretary for 1973, but had continued the others only through March. The staff vacancy, in coordination, is that left by the election of Ernest T. Dixon to the episcopacy. The business manager's spot, reduced from elected to employed, is held by the Rev. William H. Jenkins, Dayton.

The major committees through which the council will function organized here and elected as chairmen: Planning and Research Section, the Rev. Paul A. Duffey, Montgomery, Ala.; Coordination Section, Dr. Dolphus Whitten, Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.; Evaluation and Review Section, the Rev. Robert J. McCune, Syracuse, N. Y.; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Elizabeth Watson, Portland, Ore.; Fi-

nance Committee, the Rev. Richard W. Cain, Phoenix, Ariz. The Administrative Committee will use the same officers as the total GCOM, headed by Dr. John T. King, Austin, Tex.

The council saw many of its problems arising from incomplete legislation by the 1972 General Conference which, in restructuring most general program agencies, created some overlaps and gaps in structures and functions. Little was said, however, about the Judicial Council's ruling that some of the powers granted GCOM are unconstitutional, especially that of approving structural or functional changes between General Conferences. It was agreed that GCOM would need to propose legislation for 1976 to correct several situations.

One of the major actions in this area was to recommend to the Council on Finance and Administration several reallocations of World Service funds among the agencies affected by restructuring. A total of \$183,237 in changes was urged, out of \$293,737 requested.

Recalling that part of the rationale for the General Council on Ministries was to have a representative body of the church able to be more responsive to changes between quadrennial sessions of the General Conference, several current issues were raised here, including the death penalty, church membership decline and reductions in federal health and welfare spending. Council members took the position that the GCOM role was to assure that some general agency of the denomination was responding to the issues, without specifying the response.

Also reflecting the council's composition (with a majority of members being General Conference delegates, one from each annual conference) was

the fact that most committee recommendations were adopted as proposed, with few amendments made despite sometimes strong debate.

One of the exceptions was in the case of staff size, where two committees offered a choice between plans and floor amendments offered others. These varied from three to six elected staff members, with the smaller unit proposed on such bases as "a new style of life" for the church, economy and giving council members the real responsibility for decisions.

As the meeting here opened, three persons told of expectations for the new body. Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Chicago said it was intended to be "responsive to changes in society," to represent the whole church and provide a two-way flow of information within the church.

Richard Anderson, an Italian-American youth from Oklahoma City, said the church had failed its youth and ethnic minorities but that the council and other new agencies give "hope for bodies that will respond." He urged that structure be seen only as a means to enable change so the church can "become the living word of God."

President King asserted that GCOM should make it possible for people "to be informed as to the ministries undertaken on their behalf and with their money" and to be heard by church agencies. He said the council would work to "liberate rather than stifle" church programs.

Anderson also raised the question of whether the group would "continue to meet in luxurious surroundings (an airport motel), contradicting the need to serve mankind." General Secretary Church told the council that investigation of campuses, retreat centers and similar facilities indicated they would

save little money and would generally be unsuitable for such meetings. Continued efforts at economy were urged.

Study of headquarters cities for all general boards was continued, in cooperation with the Council on Finance and Administration, with agreement that major factors should be real estate investments, costs of office housing and location in relation to the fulfillment of a board's functions. Pending completion of the research, the Board of Discipleship was authorized to locate in Nashville, where most of its constituent units already were, and the new Commission on the Status and Role of Women in Evanston, Ill.

In addition to its own staff, GCOM also elects the top executives of program boards, and it approved the Rev. F. Thomas Trotter of Claremont, Calif., and the Rev. Melvin G. Talbert of Lake Wood, Calif., as general secretaries of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and of the Board of Discipleship, respectively. It also approved the Rev. Joe W. Walker, New York, as director of the Advance Committee.

Vice chairmen and secretaries of council sub-units include Mrs. Thomas DeVaux, Greensburg, Pa., and the Rev. Jack Cooke, Shreveport, La., for Planning and Research; Miss Sarah Cox, Columbus, Ohio, and the Rev. Richard D. Pittenger, Huron, S. D., for Coordination; Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., and the Rev. Wendell P. C. Taylor, Jackson, Miss., for Evaluation and Review; Dr. Leigh Roberts, Madison, Wisc., (secretary) for Nominating; Mrs. Harrington and the Rev. Claus Rohlf, Dallas, Tex., for Finance.

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Communications Committee meets

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI) — Personnel and structure considerations dominated the meeting of the United Methodist Church's Joint Committee on Communications here March 13-14.

Dr. Roy M. Fisher, dean of the School of Journalism, University of Missouri, was elected chairman of the Stoddy Fellowship Committee, which makes grants for graduate study in religious communication.

While no additions or changes to staff occurred, Dr. John S. Detweiler, chairman of the personnel and staff committee announced that screening has begun in preparation for election of an executive secretary. It was suggested that nominations could be sent to him at 3715 SW 5th Place, Gainesville, Fla.

The draft of a proposed structure for the new committee was discussed under the leadership of the Rev. Roy D. Barton, San Antonio, Tex., chairman of the structure committee. The 1972 General Conference created the new agency bringing together the former Commission on United Methodist Information and the Divisions of Interpretation and Television, Radio and Film Communication of the Program Council.

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Council of Bishops to hold open business session April 25th

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMI) — In a precedent-shattering move, the United Methodist Council of Bishops will hold an open plenary session at its spring meeting in Washington, D. C., Wednesday afternoon, April 25. Previously, its sessions have been closed.

Announcement of plans for the meeting was made here by Bishop Ralph T. Alton of Indianapolis, secretary of the Council and head of the church's Indiana Area.

Bishop Alton said that the afternoon session "will be open to the press and to anyone desiring to observe the meeting of the Council, as space allows." The meeting will be held in the South American Room of the Statler-Hilton hotel, Washington, D.C.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Texas, president of the Council, will preside at the meeting, which will feature reports from each of the Council's four major standing committees. These committees and their chairmen are: Pastoral Concerns, Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; Teaching Concerns, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Dallas, Texas; Relational Concerns, Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago; Administrative Concerns, Bishop

W. Ralph Ward, New York Area.

The Council will be in session from Tuesday afternoon, April 24, until Saturday noon, April 28, with April 27-28 devoted primarily to a Consultation on Peace and Self-Development of Peoples. Bishop A. James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D., is chairman of the movement, and Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington, D.C., is its executive coordinator.

Bishop Charles F. Golden, Los Angeles, is president-designate of the Council for 1973-'74 and is expected to receive the gavel from Bishop Slater as the five-day session concludes. The bishops will ballot on a president-designate for 1974-'75.

On Wednesday evening, the Washington Area, of which Bishop James K. Mathews is the episcopal leader, will be host to the Council at a dinner in the Presidential Banquet Hall of the hotel.

Sessions of the Council will include a report on Roman Catholic-Methodist consultations by Bishop William R. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., and reports on the establishment of autonomous churches as follows: Costa Rica and Panama, by Bishop Paul A. Washburn,

Chicago, Bishop Charles F. Golden, Los Angeles, and Bishop Alsie Carleton, Albuquerque, N.M.; Sierra Leone, Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Sacramento, California.

Reports on overseas visitations will be presented as follows: Chile, Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.; Liberia, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., Princeton, N. J.; Malaysia and Philippines, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.; Southern Europe, Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

A memorial service for five bishops and the widow of a bishop who have died during the past year will be held Friday night under the direction of Bishop Lance Webb of Springfield, Ill.

Thursday's activities will include a luncheon at Wesley Theological Seminary and an evening at the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts.

Tuesday afternoon will be devoted to committee meetings and sessions of the five jurisdictional colleges of bishops in the United States and the overseas group.

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News in Brief

Simpson House, a United Methodist retirement facility in Philadelphia, Pa., has consecrated a new nursing home building.

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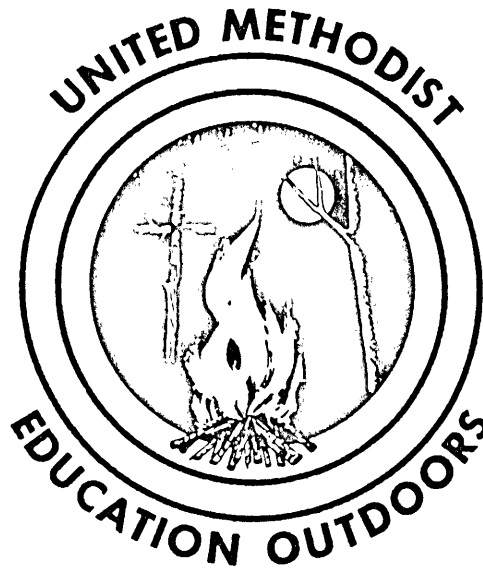
TANAKO

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25th Anniversary 1948-1973

The Little Rock Conference Camp site was purchased twenty-five (25) years ago for \$9,000. Since that time it has been developed until it is now valued at better than \$300,000. It is on a beautiful hill overlooking Lake Catherine with facilities capable of taking care of approximately 200 persons. Campers are able to boat, fish, take nature hikes, swim in one of the finest outdoor pools, attend classes in an air-conditioned assembly building, and worship in one of the most beautiful chapels anywhere.

The Little Rock Conference



Once again, and through the courtesy of the Little Rock Conference Board of Education, Camp Tanako has available camperships for children and youth who are economically deprived. Those scholarships are in the amounts of \$20 for elementary camps and \$25 for youth camps and this covers room and board, ground fee, insurance, and program costs.

Any local church desiring to send a child or youth for a session at camp should see that those campers have linens, towels, toilet articles, and transportation to and from camp.

Registrations for economically deprived participants will have to meet the deadline as do all other campers.

For further information about this, contact Joe E. Arnold.

CAMP SESSIONS

CHILDREN:

Conference Choir Camp.....June 4-8
Elementary I.....July 2-6
Elementary II.....August 13-17

YOUTH:

Jr. High Choir Camp.....June 1-3
Jr. High I.....June 11-15
Jr. High II.....July 9-13
Jr. High III.....August 6-10

Middle High I.....June 25-29
Middle High II.....July 23-27

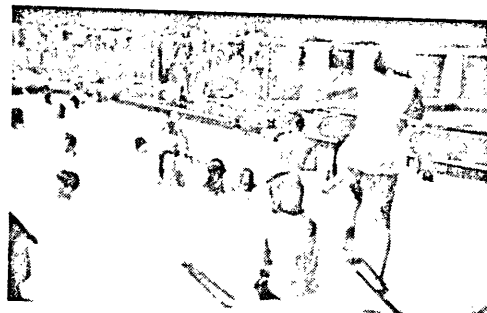
Sr. High Assembly.....July 16-20
Conference Camp.....June 18-22

ADULTS:

Young Adult Week-end.....July 6-8
Conference Laymen's
Assembly.....August 25-26

AND OTHER YOUTH EVENTS:

Annual Conference Youth Rally - July 28
(at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock. The Howard Hanger Trio will present the program).



The Rev. Joe Arnold,
Conference Camp Director



Council Directors to Local Churches

NOSTALGIA

There is a recipe (it's German) called simply "Sweet Soup." The base is tapioca, but from there on, the principle is literally "Add what you have on hand." This might include fruit of all kinds, spices of every description, and even jams and jellies. The way thrifty German mothers apply themselves in making it is a sight to behold—but better still, the sweet soup is delicious.

Too many folk in the Church never think of using what they have — a good mind — creativeness — ability to serve — in the ministry of the Lord. Yet Jesus exemplified this when He laid His hands on the sick and sorrowing; used the little boy's lunch to feed the multitude; rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a borrowed beast of burden, and again, when he took the common loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave to the Disciples in the Last Supper.

This is the principle that guides the writing of this article and is found in the illustrations that give it windows.

I. ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT YOUTH PROGRAM

Anyone who thinks it impossible for youth to relate to the elderly or old folks to the teen-age generation hasn't seen or experienced the Adopt-A-Grandparent program as conducted by Rev. Frank Windom, staff member of the Atlanta Urban Ministries; a group of Georgia Tech students; and a host of elderly residents of Techwood Homes, a public housing development in Atlanta, Georgia.

It began when Mr. Windom became concerned with the loneliness and lack of meaning in the lives of so many elderly in the Tenth Street United Methodist Church Community. So many of the elderly had led meaningful lives in the past but because of age

or physical handicap felt cut off from friends, family, and meaningful relationships.

Under the minister's guidance a number of Tech students from the Circle K Club were recruited to be "grandchildren" for those elderly persons who felt a keen need for companionship. The students attended an orientation session and then were matched with their "grandparents." They visited with them, took them on shopping trips, provided needed transportation and shared with them their own youthful dreams and ambitions. At the same time, the elderly discovered they had a lot to give also. The students welcomed homemade pies and cookies and even a home-cooked meal.

Soon the word "adopt" was dropped between the youth and the senior citizens as they came to know, appreciate, and love each other. The youth learned that life can have meaning in the sunset years and the elderly saw that the younger generation had its idealism and enthusiasm.

Don't say this can't be done. The other day the Trustees of Hendrix College were "flabbergasted" (the word has been well chosen) to learn that students at Hendrix were using their free time, their own money, in seeking ways to help needy children and youth. Seeing the joy in their faces was sufficient proof that they were a living representation of a well-known motto, "Service above self" and the Master's statement, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

II. ANOTHER WAY OF SERVING

Ministries to the elderly are most often emerging as a need in Local Church Councils on Ministries — so are ministries to young people. First United Methodist Church, Childress, Tex., has a good plan for both — all in one program! Each Sunday after-

noon, 5:00 p.m., a group of young people go to a convalescent home and work with groups of elderly people on crafts. Presently, they are weaving baskets. After a time they will change the craft to another interest. The young people are getting a "charge" out of the experience, and so are the elderly people !!!

III. HELP IN A NEEDED AREA

Some of the best materials for Family Money Management Seminars are published by the Division of Lay Life and Work. These materials come in a packet that can be ordered from Cokesbury, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Tex. 75221. Included is a leader's guide and a workbook for participants. A Local Church Council on Ministries would do well to consider such a seminar, using these resources and persons from their own community with expertise in the business world.

IV. DWELLING ON THE POSITIVE

The other day a News bulletin known as "The Methodist Messenger" came across our desks. We were amazed at the clear positive note it sounded. We were reminded of a well-known book that dwells on the note "Enthusiasm is catching." Reminded us too that nothing worthwhile has ever been accomplished without someone showing enthusiasm.

The article had eight "Good News" Flashes. Each one had something good to shout about. Here are a few examples:

GOOD NEWS FLASH NUMBER ONE:

The P.O.W.'s are being released — Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Let us pray that this is the beginning of an unprecedented era of peace on earth.

GOOD NEWS FLASH NUMBER FOUR:

Our Church Conference on Tuesday evening adopted a budget which assumes responsibility for an additional \$1,800 of our conference and benevolent items. We are on the way to becoming a Church with a program for which we need have no apologies. There is an additional \$1,800 in connectional and benevolent items which we hope to be able to assume next year.

GOOD NEWS FLASH NUMBER SIX:

According to plans adopted in our Church Conference Tuesday evening, we are engaged in enlisting 24 men, 24 women, and 16 youth who will pledge themselves to ATTEND CHURCH REGULARLY and visit and talk with others to encourage them to attend. To date, commitments have been received from nine men and 12 women. A card being used for this purpose is enclosed with this issue of the Messenger. Please pray about this, make your commitment, and help our Church to move forward.

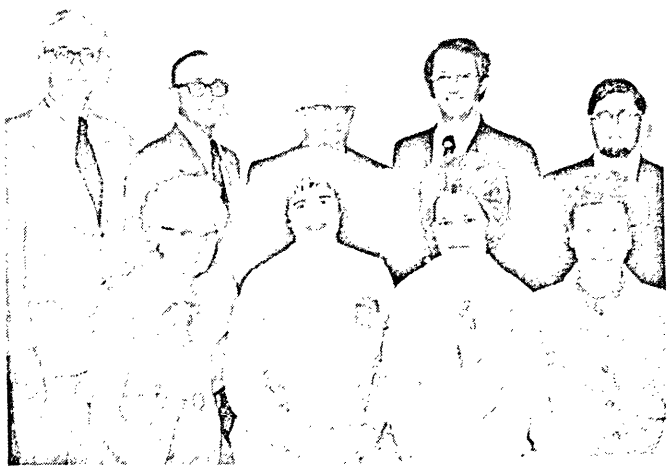
GOOD NEWS FLASH NUMBER SEVEN:

Beginning this Tuesday morning, Feb. 29, at 6:30 a.m., our men are beginning a series of prayer breakfast meetings to be held each Tuesday morning until Easter. ATTENTION ALL MEN — please plan to be present this Tuesday morning at 6:30.

If you as a lay person or as a minister sing a song like this, the folk around you will begin believing in the greatest GOOD NEWS of all time. God loves everyone of us as though there were but one to love.

The Sweet Soup is all gone!

P.S. If you want the real German recipe, just write your Council on Ministries Director, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.



Participants in March 17-18 Teaching Clinic held at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould. (Standing, left to right) Arvill C. Brannon, director of the clinic and leader of Adult section; Laverl Brannon, superintendent of Study, Griffin Memorial; the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, host pastor; the Rev. Dick Haltom, West Helena, leader of Elementary V-VI section; the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Rector, leader of Mid-High-Senior High section; (Seated, left to right) Mrs. W. F. Bates, Quitman, leader of Nursery-Kindergarten section; Mrs. James Barton, Hickory Ridge, leader of Elementary III-IV section; Mrs. Walter Lindley, Jonesboro, leader of Junior High section; Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway, leader of Elementary I-II section. The purpose of the clinic was to give basic training to local church leaders in the Church school.

Fifteen vacation church school administrators from over the Batesville District took part in the Administrative Workshop held at First Church, Batesville on March 1. The event was under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Cleary; Allene Reynolds and Helen Musgrave presented material they had received from a conference workshop in Little Rock on Feb. 1.



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