

Together and Christian Advocate to merge

RICHMOND, Va. (UMI) — Together, general monthly magazine for United Methodists, and Christian Advocate, bi-weekly magazine for United Methodist pastors, will be merged into one new magazine with a new name and a new format beginning Jan. 1, 1974.

The 45-member Board of Publication, governing body of the United Methodist Publishing House which publishes the two magazines, approved the action during its March 27-28 meeting here.

The new general magazine will have approximately 64 pages each month in a 5½ by 8½ format similar to the

Reader's Digest or TV Guide. A special 32-page insert which can easily be removed from the general magazine will be prepared for United Methodist pastors who will receive the new periodical free of charge. Subscription cost for the general magazine will be \$3.96 a year.

The Board approved in principal the new two-in-one concept for the general periodicals but left many of the decisions regarding specifications and names up to its General Periodicals Committee, editors, and the Publishing House management.

The General Periodicals Committee, headed by the Rev. John J. Rooks,

Winter Park, Fla., made the proposal and suggested the name United Methodists Today as the Title for the new general magazine. Names suggested for the pastor's insert were Pastor's Advocate, Today's Christian Advocate, and The Pastor's Study.

Editorial director of Together and Christian Advocate and editor of Together is Dr. Curtis A. Chambers. Editor of Christian Advocate is the Rev. William C. Henzlik.

Together circulation rose from 215,000 in 1956 to 975,000 in 1959 and more than a million copies of its 175th anniversary issue were distributed in November of 1959.

Since that time however, Together and Christian Advocate have had a steadily declining circulation and the Publishing House has subsidized the two magazines between \$400,000 and \$250,000 each year. During the first six months of this fiscal year beginning August 1, 1972, the two magazines have lost \$112,231, a lower rate than usual.

Together was joined in 1968 by the former EUB magazine Church and Home, the general magazine of that denomination.

Dr. John E. Procter, president and publisher, said the changes in general

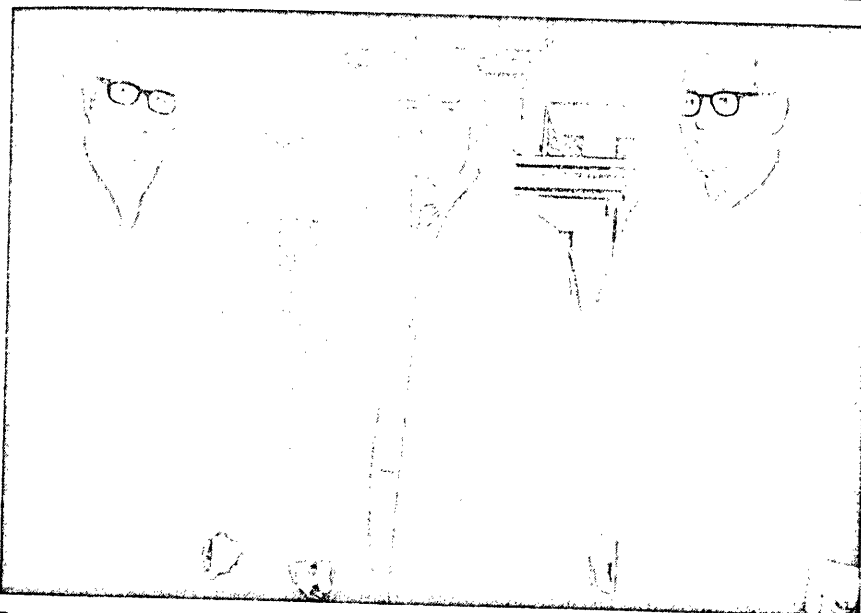
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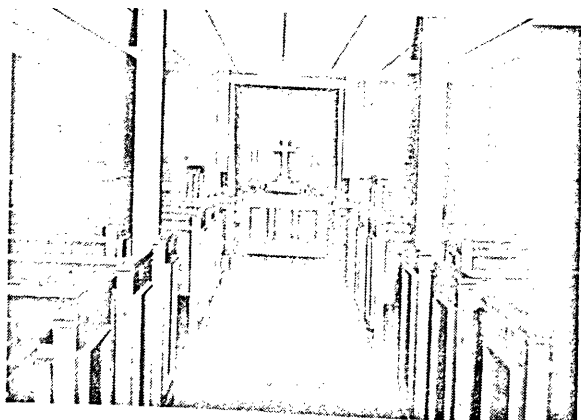
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Participating in the Sunday, March 25 Service of Dedication at Goddard United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, were (left to right) Dr. Charles P. McDonald, district superintendent, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, and the Rev. Archie N. Boyd, minister. Dedicated were the education building, fellowship hall, parsonage and chapel.



During dedication ceremony Pastor Archie Boyd presents plaques to (left to right) Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hunt and Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Young, Jr. for outstanding services and contributions to Goddard Church.



Boyd Chapel (at left) was dedicated in honor of the present pastor of Goddard Church.

Bishop Stowe to preach for Lakeside Services

Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area will be the preacher for Holy Week Services at Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff beginning at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, April 15 with evening services at 7 through Wednesday, April 18. The Rev. Edward G. Matthews is pastor at Lakeside Church.

Bishop Stowe's father, The Rev. John Joel Stowe, was pastor of Lakeside church in 1922-23.

W. McFerrin Stowe received a bachelor of divinity degree from Duke University, Durham, N. C. in 1935 and the doctor of philosophy degree from Boston University in 1938.

He was ordained a deacon in The Methodist Church, 1937 in the Tennessee Conference, and received elder's orders in 1942 in the Texas Conference.

He has served pastorates in Texas, Tennessee, and Oklahoma and in 1944-49 was on the staff of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

He was elected a Bishop of the Methodist Church in 1964 and assigned to the Kansas Area. In June, 1972 he was assigned to the Dallas-Ft. Worth Area.

Powell's Chapel to rebuild

Plans are under way for construction of a new structure for Powell's Chapel United Methodist Church in Batesville District, according to the Rev. Forrest Thomas, who serves as pastor of the church located on a county road linking State Highway 56 and 58 near Poughkeepsie, Ark.

The new building will be of concrete block construction, and will include a chapel and four classrooms, two of which will double as a fellowship hall. The new facilities will be equipped with a kitchen, running water, indoor rest-

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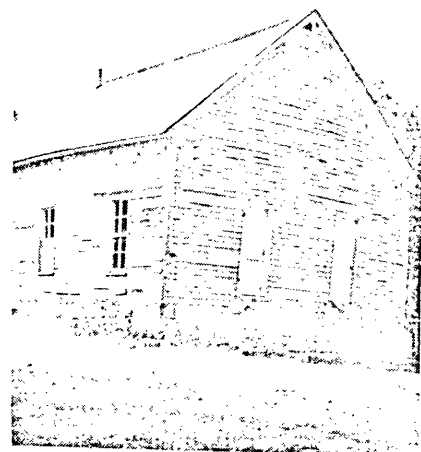


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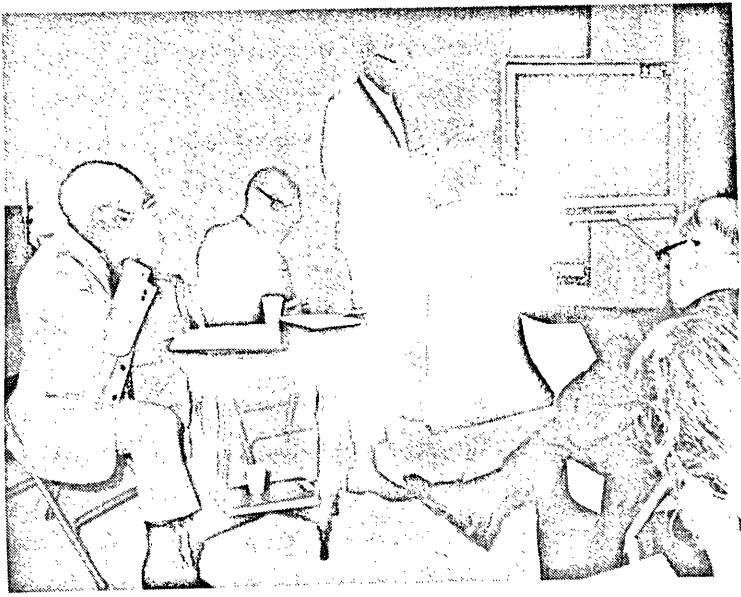
Bishop Stowe has served as vice president of the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church; as chairman of the Local Church Division of the General Board of Education, and as a member of the General Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. He has served on the Board of Trustees for the following schools: Huston-Tillotson College; Lydia Patterson Institute; Southern Methodist University; Southwestern University; Perkins School of Theology, and Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist.

He was a delegate to the World Methodist Theological Institute in Oxford, England, 1958 and 1962, and attended World Methodist Conference in London, 1966.

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Present Powell's Chapel building



The Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries as photographed during March 30 meeting at Headquarters Building in Little Rock, with Bishop Eugene M. Frank presiding. The session was called to determine priorities for 1974 to be presented at Annual Conference which convenes on May 29. TOP PHOTO: (From left) Homer Winstead, secretary, Bishop Frank, and Council Director, the Rev. Alf A. Eason, presenting a "working paper" with suggested objectives listed under the seven priorities of General Conference. LOWER PHOTO: Members of the Conference Council on Ministries in session working out list of priorities.



Camden District training team: (left to right) Miss Margie McCartney, Mrs. James Swain, Mrs. Edwin Upchurch, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. Roy Bagley, the Rev. Kent Kinard, Mrs. Larry Martineau, Mrs. Ann Williams, the Rev. Louis Averitt, and the Rev. Sam Albright.

Camden District team visits Nashville

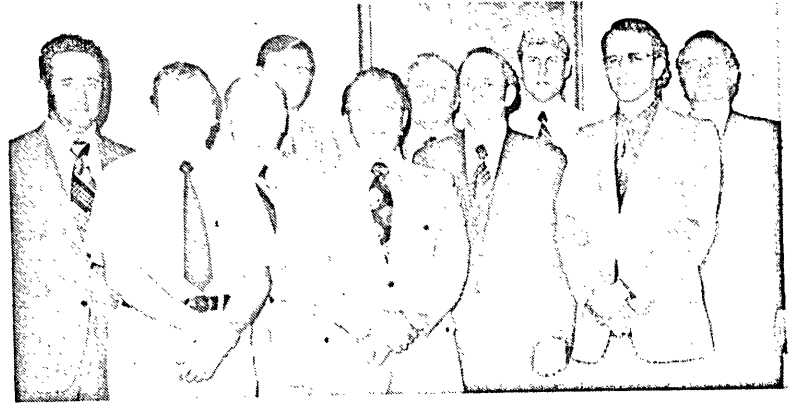
A teacher-training team from Camden District, headed by District Superintendent Dr. Roy I. Bagley and Mrs. Bagley, recently made a three-day trip to Nashville, Tenn. to gain first-hand information from United Methodism's curriculum resource planners and editors. The visit was made in partial preparation for a series of area teacher-training workshops to be conducted in Camden District.

Other members of the team included the Rev. Sam Albright, the Rev. Louis Averitt, the Rev. Kent Kinard, Mrs. Larry Martineau, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. James Swain, Mrs. Edwin Upchurch, and Mrs. Ann Williams. Their two-fold purpose in making the visit was to "see the over-all arch of Christian Educa-

tion materials from Nursery through Adult levels, and to become familiar with resources for explicit age group levels."

During the Nashville training period, the group was housed at Scarritt College and their activities were coordinated by Miss Margie McCartney, assistant secretary of the Division on Local Church Education of the General Board of Discipleship. Included was a round-table discussion dealing with specific materials designed to meet corresponding needs. Resource persons were nine curriculum planners along with the editors of youth materials.

The team later visited editors at Methodist Publishing House, where Miss Frances Brooks explained the



United Methodist ministers who participated in the Ministers' Welfare Mission conducted at Smackover First Church, March 12-14. (Left to right) The Revs. Loyd Perry, Louis Averitt, James Shaddox, John Walker, host pastor, Gladwin Connell, Clint Burleson, George Tanner, Nick Evans, Don Nolley, and Claude Davidson. The three-day mission included visitation, counseling, leading of discussion groups, and sharing in evening services of witnessing and worshipping.

new Youth Bible Study Series which become available in September. Dr. Horace Weaver, editor of the new "Living Bible Series" for adults spoke on the purposes and themes of the series. Dr. Howard Walker, from the section on church school development, explained the new Curricu-phone operation and encouraged use of this new service.

Individual team members visited editors of age-level curriculum materials for orientation sessions. These editors included: Miss Annella Creech, Dr. David Bradley, Dr. Franklin Dotts, Miss Vera Zimmerman, Miss Martha Wagner, Mr. Lee Parkinson, Miss Betty Beurki, Mr. Don Downall, and Miss Marjorie Burnhart.

A closing planning session with Miss McCartney dealt with purposes of district workshops, priority-setting, and the use of literature in varying situations.

The Camden District team conducted the first in a series of District Workshops on Creative Teaching Learning in the Bearden area during the past weekend.

Letter of Commendation

Dear Dr. Knox:

For the past sixty days, I have been in almost constant attendance at the Arkansas General Assembly overseeing the Arkansas Bar Association's legislative program.

This has given me a unique opportunity to observe the work of Reverend Edward W. Harris as legislative representative for the Christian Civic Foundation. It has been superb.

His tact in handling legislators has been exemplary, his presentation at committee meetings excellent, and his judgment on legislative strategy has been sound.

May I commend the choice of such a splendid man to represent your organization at the 1973 Legislature.

Very truly yours,
Henry Woods, President
Arkansas Bar Assn.

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The North Arkansas Conference Cabinet and wives were recent guests of Bob Cheyne (left), Fayetteville District lay leader, at Bella Vista. (Left to right from host) Dr. Ethan and Grace Dodgen, Forrest City District; Dr. Ralph and Lois Clayton, Conway District; Dr. Raymond and Evelyn Franks, Fayetteville District; the Rev. Elmo and Irma Thomason, Paragould District; Era Lee and Dr. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District; Lois and Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District, and Hazel and the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District.

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A Partnership: Centenary College and the United Methodist Church

by Dr. Lee Morgan
Chairman, English Department,
Centenary College

"The goal of the church-related college is to enrich intelligence with faith; the moral dilemmas of our age make the need for this enrichment self-evident."

I am happy to have this opportunity to write about Centenary College, particularly for members of the United Methodist Church through the pages of this excellent publication. In this brief message I want to express to you the deep gratitude all of us at Centenary College feel for the educational opportunities offered to us through the church.

As we look forward to the celebration of our sesqui-centennial in 1975, this might be a good time to ask ourselves why the members of the United Methodist Church continue to give of their time and substance to support this historic institution of higher learning.

One important reason may be conviction that we need a pluralistic system of higher education in this country — pluralistic in sponsorship, pluralistic in the type of education offered. We need large, tax-supported institutions, essentially vocational, professional, and technical, governed by regents answerable to legislatures. But we also need small, privately financed institutions, essentially intellectually inquisitive, governed by trustees and operating under the auspices of a church or philanthropic patrons. Both types have their special roles to play. Centenary, one of the private kind, was founded as a liberal arts college and remains in that category.

Without wishing in any way to minimize the value of technology, it does sometimes take on a life of its own and begins to control those for whom it should be only a tool. Its followers frequently come to believe that because something **can** be done technologically, it **ought** to be done. Alvin Toffler tells us in *Future Shock* that it is possible to breed men with tails or men whose legs grow no farther than the knee. It **can** be done; but **should** it be?

Centenary's specialty has been in fields other than technology. She has dealt primarily in ideas. Her graduates certainly have gone and do go to work, but they are taught to be somewhat more reflective, speculative, critical, and curious than their technically trained counterparts. May I use an illustration?

The giant multiversities with their applied research centers can produce for us the technical methods of automation, mass production, population control. In these areas, Centenary would say that at least as important are the moral and ethical and social and economic implications, the quality of the life and the culture in a society which these phenomena result in. The technical medical procedures in abortion, for example, are relatively simple; the liberal arts disciplines force us to consider the more complex issues of this question. One is tempted to say that just now in the development of our nation and its educational systems, we will neglect at our peril those schools whose primary function is to study ideas and values. Yet it is sometimes not easy to raise money for such schools.

Perhaps another reason for your willingness to support Centenary is your recognition of the excellence of the college and the range and extent of her contributions to Louisiana, the South, and the Nation. At the risk of sounding immodest on behalf of my college, I must tell you that it is no ordinary one either in personnel or program or graduates. Ours is not a provincial faculty.

A partial listing reveals that our people hold advanced degrees from Columbia, Yale, Penn State, LSU, Tulane, Edinburgh, Madrid, Northwestern U., Mississippi, Arkansas, SMU, Eastman School of Music, Southern Cal, Kansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, Case Western Reserve, Texas, Emory, North Carolina, Florida, Oxford, Virginia, Michigan, Memphis

State, Houston, Oklahoma, Vanderbilt, North Texas, Duke, Southern Illinois, Curtis Institute of Music. If I named a representative sampling of where our faculty's undergraduate degrees were from, almost everyone reading this would see his alma mater named.

In educational terms, ours is a cosmopolitan faculty. Within the last three years, members of the science faculty have had grants to NASA, Stanford, Rensselaer Poly, Tufts, and Oak Ridge. Since 1968, four professors in English, one in art, two in history, and one in education have had post-doctoral study grants to Harvard. Though teaching is their primary duty and obligation, our faculty's scholarship is impressive. It includes such titles as *Semi-micro Qualitative Organic Analysis*; *Jack London, A Critical Biography*; "Cheilostomata of the Gulfian Cretaceous of Southwestern Arkansas"; *The Know-Nothing Party in the South*; *A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature*; *On the Just Distribution of Profit*. Most of these are recent publications. The list could go on.

The curriculum is under constant and continuing examination to insure the best possible programs for each student. Our Independent Study Program allows unusually gifted students to depart from the prescribed curriculum for regular students and with the guidance of a faculty committee devise special in-depth studies, wherein they move at a much faster rate and cover considerably more material.

Still another reason for your

interest may be your devotion to the American ideal of the free exchange of ideas in the marketplace. Centenary has traditionally been the temple of the open-minded. She has afforded her students and faculty and on occasion the general public the opportunity to hear both sides of hot partisan questions and opposing philosophies in the deliberative context of lecture and discussion.

You undoubtedly appreciate the cultural contributions of Centenary to this region. They are noteworthy. The dramatic productions at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse; the musicales at the Hurley Memorial Music Building; the performances of religious music — choral and instrumental — and the lectures at Brown Memorial Chapel; the art exhibitions in the Library and the Playhouse; the special collections of Louisiana, United Methodist, and Southern history in the Cline Room of the Library — all these have long been recognized as vitally important to the intellectual and aesthetic life of our state and region.

The generosity of the church to Centenary is now legendary. But I think candor will compel the objective person to admit that it has not been a one-way relationship. Centenary wishes to do her part; she feels she has done so, is doing so, and will continue to do so in the achievements of her faculty and alumni in the myriad opportunities she affords all citizens, and in the integrity which she intends to maintain in the highest traditions of academe. She should do no less in responding to your support.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Apollo 17 astronauts Dr. Harrison H. Schmitt and Commander Eugene A. Cernan, participating in "Space Day in Utah" told leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) that their space flight confirmed their belief in God. Schmitt, a United Methodist, said: "We have put man on the moon six times and have been to the moon nine times . . . He did it. We had the ambition and the curiosity, but He did it." Cernan, a Roman Catholic, said: "My feeling is that the universe is too beautiful not to have a logical and purposeful destiny . . . He gave us intelligence, curiosity, His spirit, His soul, and said: 'Go to it, man, explore this universe, explore the products of infinity and make this world a better place for man to live in.'"

Mississippi's legislature has asked Congress to call a convention proposing an amendment to the U. S. Constitution which would insure the right of people to participate in voluntary prayer in any public building. The text of the proposed amendment states: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in voluntary prayer."

Bethlehem's mayor, Elias M. Freij, who is said to enjoy a highly positive reputation among Israelis, is planning to do something concrete about what he charges is "the Christian neglect" of this ancient city of David where Jesus was born. He has masterminded what he terms "a beneficial scheme" to rehabilitate Bethlehem, to be funded by charitable grants from American Christians, churches, foundations, and even such giant corporations as the Bethlehem Steel Corp., which bears the name of the ancient city. To make the rehabilitation enterprise possible, Major Freij — an Arab Christian and a member of the Greek Orthodox Church — plans to visit the U.S. soon to set up a charitable foundation, incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania, and authorized to receive tax-free grants.

The longer the Arab countries put off direct negotiations with Israel, the worse it will be for the Palestinian Arabs, Bethlehem's Mayor Elias M. Freij said in an interview. "We are an occupied country," he said. "We Arabs want peace. This is our land. The time has come that a solution be found to our just cause." "Nothing short of negotiations will suffice," the mayor said. In Jerusalem, meanwhile, the leaders of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, also called for direct negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

The broadcasting industry was warned a second time in three weeks by Congressmen to do something about alleged violence, obscenity and vulgarity in programming or face the composition of new government regulations. Rep. Harley Staggers (W. Va.), chairman of the House Commerce Committee admonished the president of the Nat'l. Assn. of Broadcasters, that the "time has come for the broadcasting industry to make some rules now before Congress does."

Plans for the first joint convention program of black and white N. Car. Baptists have been outlined at Raleigh, N. Car. A joint meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the predominantly black General Baptist State Convention is scheduled to take place in Raleigh, Nov. 4-6, 1974.

The Consultation on Church Union (COCU), represented by eight major denominations — including United Methodism — voted unanimously April 6 in its 11th plenary meeting in Memphis to halt efforts on a detailed plan to merge into a 22-million member church. The action was attributed, in large part, to popular rejection of what many churchmen interpreted to be an effort by some church leaders "to radically change American Protestant life without consulting churchgoers."

Although not advocating an over-all anti-missionary law in Israel, Israeli Minister of Religious Affairs Zerah Warhaftig, has submitted a suggested amendment to Israel's "Law of Return," which offers automatic citizenship to any Jew who goes to live there—to prevent such missionary groups as "Jews for Jesus" from "misusing" the law. In an interview, Warhaftig reiterated, with emphasis, an earlier promise not to interfere with the "freedom of worship" of the established Churches.

American sentiment against amnesty for youth who left the country rather than fight in the Vietnam war has hardened since the cease-fire and the return of POWs, according to the Louis Harris Survey. "By 67-24 per cent, most Americans are flatly against any kind of general amnesty for those who, for whatever reason, refused to serve in the armed forces during the Vietnam period," Harris reported on March 29. The survey found attitudes more favorable if amnesty required two years of non-military service.

An international missionary effort aimed at recruiting 100,000 men and women for Christian service by the year 1980 has been launched by Campus Crusade for Christ International. Called The Agape Movement, its initial project involves the training of 1,000 men and women to serve in South Korea at the invitation of that country's government. Mission workers will teach English using the Bible and Campus Crusade literature, and will serve as professional doctors, nurses and agricultural workers. Mission teams will obtain government approval in the country to which they are sent before beginning their work.

Most of the time Capt. Fred G. Chambers, 55 of Pacific Palisades, Calif., flies commercial jets, including the huge 747s, for American Airlines. However, the United Methodist pilot who feels that sharing his vocational and technical skill is part of his responsibility as a Christian, spends his vacations helping missionaries who fly small planes to improve their flying techniques, and training parachute rescue teams. His "missionary journeys" have included Africa, Latin America, Indonesia and New Guinea.

In Manila Sunday is now an ordinary working day, made so by the Presidential decree of Ferdinand E. Marcos in what he said is a move to promote full employment and full productivity. The directive automatically repealed a Sunday Labor Law passed in 1953 and the 8-Hour Labor Law which preceded national independence in 1945. Under the new regulations, employers are authorized to schedule the weekly day of rest for their employees, subject to collective bargaining agreements and to such rules as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe. The employee is to be paid overtime only when he works on a Sunday which is his scheduled rest day.

A Franciscan priest in Los Angeles, the Rev. Mark R. Day, O.F.M., has been awarded the \$3,000 Ralph Stoodly Fellowship for graduate study in religious journalism by the United Methodist Church's Joint Committee on Communication. The fellowship, awarded annually, is in recognition of the leadership of the Rev. Ralph Stoodly of Pompano Beach, Fla., who for 24 years before his retirement in 1964 headed the public relations office of the Methodist Church. The grant has previously been awarded to persons not related to the Methodist Church, however, this is the first time the award has been made to a Roman Catholic.

Stressing the growing "openness" in Baptist-Roman Catholic relations after five centuries of alienation, the 78-page proceedings of the Baptist-Catholic Southwestern Regional Conference held last October was released in Atlanta and in Washington, D. C. Dr. M. Starks, secretary of the Baptist interfaith department, said in his foreword to the publication—"Living the Faith in Today's World" — that "in the last third of the 20th Century Baptists and Catholics are actually meeting — in the open — with openness."

Two United Methodist missionaries on furlough from Rhodesia have been refused permission to re-enter that country. The Rev. Norman Thomas and his wife Winifred, came to the U. S. in January when Thomas began a two-month lecturing stint at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. They had planned to visit United Methodist churches around the country after that period, and to return to Rhodesia in May. But Thomas, who came to St. Louis for a sectional meeting of the United Methodist Bd. of Global Ministries received a Feb. 22 order from the Rhodesian Dept. of Immigration saying that he and his family (including four children) could not return because he was considered "an undesirable inhabitant of, or visitor to, Rhodesia." Thomas said that he was one of "at least 40" missionaries who have been deported or denied re-entry.



SAN DIEGO — Former prisoners of war, Navy Captains Harry T. Jenkins, James B. Stockdale and Howard E. Rutledge (left to right), discuss the spiritual side of life in a North Vietnamese prison camp with chaplains at the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. During their three-hour session with a group of chaplains of several denominations, the three Naval officers, who all spent more than seven years as prisoners of war, agreed there was no doubt in their minds that individual belief in God had sustained them during prison life. All three credited early church training and education as the key elements of their survival. (RNS Photo)

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Council Directors to Local Churches

WORLD METHODIST EVANGELISM

World Methodism is mobilizing for a year of mission in 1975. All but one of the 54 constituent Churches of the World Methodist Council will share in the Mission. Plans are being made which will carry the challenge of the Gospel round the globe. This was the picture which emerged from a meeting of the World Mission Steering Committee held in London during December.

Decisions were made covering a two-year preparatory period and the actual 1975 year of mission. Methodists, the world over are being urged to enter a period of new commitment to mission on Pentecost, June 10, 1973. The World Evangelism Committee suggests that in each country, and in each congregation the World Methodist Call to Evangelism be announced and copies of the Call distributed.

This Call is printed in its entirety on the front page of "World Methodism Report No. 1", copies of which may be secured from "Tidings" at a nominal price. It is hoped that millions of individuals will participate in a prayer commitment indicating their desire to be a part of the world-wide thrust. The period of commitment, which begins with Pentecost, 1973, will climax with the World-Wide Vigil of Prayer on New Year's Eve, 1973.

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NEW MANUAL PUBLISHED

Late in March, 1973, Local Church Education, of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, released the much needed manual MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH by Lander L. Beal, former staff member of Local

Church Education. The 64-page manual is designed as an aid to the local church in setting up a new young adult ministry and also as an aid and evaluative instrument for the existing young adult ministry. It presents the philosophy behind such a ministry as well as concrete and practical guidelines toward implementation. Sample chapters in the manual include "Successful Programs in Young Adult Ministry," and "Your Role in Young Adult Ministry."

One of the most helpful aspects of the new manual is the section entitled "Sources of Additional Information" in which Mr. Beal presents a comprehensive and detailed list of resources concerning young adult ministry and the attitudes and beliefs germane to young adult culture itself.

This manual is the sixth and last manual in the Basic Education Series and is available for \$1 from the Service Department, P. O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. The entire series of six manuals will also be available in a boxed package at a price of \$5 from the same address.

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AUDIO-VISUAL CATALOGUE

Revision and re-printing of the Audio-Visual Catalogue is under way. The catalogue will include the resources available in both the Little Rock and the North Arkansas Conferences. Watch for this long-awaited revision! It should be available by Annual Conference time. The new catalogue will place at your finger tips the resources needed for a fine program of local church activities.

Prior to publication of the new catalogue, please call your Conference Office for help in the use of audio-visuals.

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Small group session during recent Batesville District UMYF Mid-Winter Institute held at First Church, Batesville. The event was a training session in interpersonal relationships — the person, his companions and God.

Batesville District UMYF Mid-Winter Institute

The first annual Mid-Winter Institute of the Batesville District UMYF was held recently at First Church, Batesville. The purpose of the institute was to provide the youth with training in interpersonal relationships with their companions and with God.

A total of 82 youth from the following churches attended: First Church, Central Avenue, and Asbury, all in Batesville; Moorefield; Searcy; Cabot; Beebe; and Heber Springs.

The institute was organized and directed by members of the Batesville District Council, which include the following officers from Batesville: Don Hurley, president; Susan Tripp, secretary; George Cameron, treasurer. Other Batesville organizers were Sue Casteel, conference council representative; Darlene Williams; Betty McMannis; Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hurley; the Rev. Charles Casteel, pastor of Central Avenue Church; and the Rev. Dois Kennedy, pastor of First Church.

Other organizers were John Copher, advisor from Searcy; Martha Duncan, vice-president from Heber Springs; Denise Mullen, conference council representative from Heber Springs; Paul Parker, sub-district president from Searcy; and Mary Jane Langley, Kennett.

Martha Duncan, Heber Springs, was



Refreshment time!



Informal fellowship!

elects the new Batesville District conference council representative to replace Denise Mullen, Heber Springs, whose term will soon expire.

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Spring Lay Rally held at Rogers

Bishop Eugene M. Frank was the guest speaker for the Fayetteville District Spring Lay Rally held at Rogers United Methodist Church, Thursday evening, March 22. Nearly 200 persons attended the dinner meeting and approximately 320 were present for the worship service which followed in the sanctuary.

Others who participated in the service, presided over by District Lay

Leader, Bob Cheyne, included Dr. Raymond Frank, district superintendent, the Rev. William Cheyne of San Antonio, regional director of the Advance, the Rogers choir, directed by Larry Smith, and a quartet from the Bentonville Church made up of the following singers: the Rev. Sam Teague, Ann Teague, Mrs. Evonne Fulkerson and Tommy Wilkerson.

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MYERS RANCH PURCHASE AN ACRE PLAN

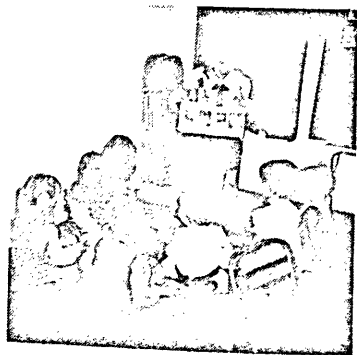
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Little Rock, Ark. 72201



ABOVE LEFT: Mrs. Oma Blackwell teaches Pre-schoolers. ABOVE RIGHT: Carter Johnson, superintendent of Study Program, meets with teachers in Children's Division for planning session. (From left) Mrs. Barbara Ward, Mrs. Jo Betts, Johnson, and Mrs. Blackwell.

New church school at Fairfield Bay

The Fairfield Bay Church School, organized in January of this year, has grown under the guidance of Carter Johnson, superintendent of the Study Program and an organizer of the school. Johnson was director of Christian Education in Des Moines, Iowa for 15 years.

The Church School has three divisions: Children, Youth, and Adult.

The Children's Division, with only minimal equipment, but with the dedicated efforts of ingenious teachers, has grown from an average attendance of

two to 20 children per Sunday. They now have a record player and film projector.

The Youth Fellowship, which meets on Sunday evenings, recently elected Roger Spencer president. The group has grown from eight to 25 and is planning various activities.

Members of the Adult class, which now has an average attendance of 22, take turns in leading the study units. A social event is held once a month.

The Rev. Harould Scott is pastor.

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NEWS and NOTES

THE CHANCEL CHOIR of Winfield United Methodist Church will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois, Palm Sunday morning, April 15. Mrs. W. O. Elmore is the director and Mrs. Lyle Armstrong is the organist. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is the pastor.

DR. BARRY BAILEY, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Richardson, Texas, will be the speaker for special services to be held at First United Methodist Church, Lewisville beginning Easter at 7 p.m., and continuing through April 24. Dr. Bailey is a former pastor of the Lewisville Church. The Rev. Joe W. Hunter is pastor.

GABRIEL FAURE'S "REQUIEM" was performed by the Chancel Choir in First United Methodist Church at Magnolia during morning worship, April 1. Harold J. Sweitzer was organist-director. Solo parts were by Martha Wyre, soprano, Charles Lentz, baritone, and Ben Smith, bass, accompanied by Dalene Baer on the violin and Harriett Sweitzer at the piano, in addition to the organ. The Rev. Howard Williams is the pastor.

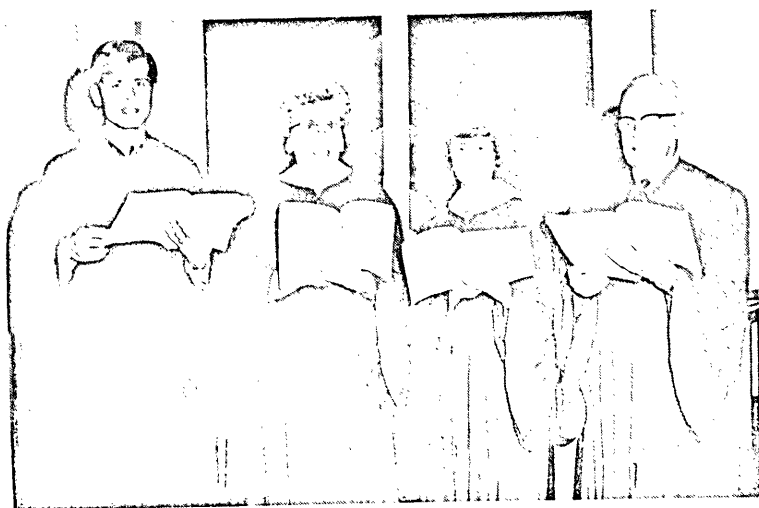
THE FISHER United Methodist Church is holding a revival this week, April 8-13, with the Rev. Thomas Weir of Harrisburg as guest speaker. Al Skoog, of the Arkansas State University music faculty, is leading the singing. The Rev. Glenn Bruner is pastor.

THE LAKE VILLAGE United Methodist Church held Lenten Services, Mar. 25-28, with Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, as evangelist. Services were held at 6 a.m. for the men's breakfast in fellowship hall and at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Rev. Clyde N. Swift was host pastor.

THE CABOT ADULT and Children's Choirs will combine to present the Easter cantata "Calvary" by Henry Wessel, April 15, at the evening service. Soloists will be Shelly Russell, Jan Robinson, Connie Ridgway. Bass soloist and director is Jerry L. Ridgway. Luvina Montgomery is organist, and the Rev. Braska Savage is pastor.

THE "SHARE OUR FAITH" series of services in Asbury Church, Little Rock, April 15-17, will have as guest preacher Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, superintendent of the Little Rock District. Share groups preceding each 8 o'clock service will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss these topics of Dr. Dunlap's sermons: "The Nature and Content of Our Faith," "Our Personal Faith and Experience in Christ," and "The Urgency of Sharing Our Faith." The Rev. Fred H. Arnold and Dr. Otto Teague are the Asbury ministers.

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Members of the quartet from the Carroll County Choral Society production of Mendelssohn's "Elijah," are shown above. (Left to right) Terry Lundgren, tenor; Pat Friberg, soprano; Freddie Nixon, contralto; and M. E. Friberg, bass. The work is to be presented by the 30-member chorus on Palm Sunday at The United Methodist Church of Berryville and on Easter Sunday at The United Methodist Church of Eureka Springs. The time for both is 3 p.m. and the public is invited.

THE COUNTRY FAIR NEEDS INFORMATION

The Aldersgate Camp Country Fair, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, is in need of the information requested earlier of all church groups. Mrs. Ed Dunlap, chairman, asks that the "yellow sheet" of suggestions for donations mailed to all churches, be returned to the camp so that all committees will know what to expect in the way of saleable items, whether antiques, books, arts and crafts, plants, needlework, furniture, foods, or items for teenage auction.

THE GRAVETTE United Methodist Church was host to the World Day of Prayer observance in March. Other churches participating in the evening program were the Assembly of God, The Bible Church, The Church of God (Holiness), the Christian Church, and the Presbyterian Church. The program was led by Mrs. Guy Miller, chairman of Missions, and Mrs. Rose Rochier Mantooth, president of United Methodist Women. The Rev. Roy Butts gave a meditation on "Alert in Our Time"; and the closing prayer was by the Rev. Sherman Waters, host pastor.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED RECEIVES GRANT

Church Women United in the U.S.A. has received its first major grant from a foundation towards the building of a Development Fund. The letter authorizing the grant opened with these words: "I'm pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of Lilly Endowment, Inc. has approved a two-year grant of \$65,000 to Church Women United, Inc. for support of an educational program to assist volunteers in community service. The grant is payable as follows: \$35,000 at this time, and \$30,000 in October 1973." The letter closed with these words of encouragement: "We believe that CWU's opportunity for training and placement of women in grass-roots community service projects is probably unparalleled in any other organization."

CAVANAUGH MEN PORTRAY "LAST SUPPER"

Da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" will come to life in a tableau enacted by the men of Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, April 15 at 8 p.m.

The portrayal begins with a living picture, faithful in detail with motionless figures, and Christ represented with lights. The lights are dimmed, and as they go on again, each apostle is relaxed and relates the story of his first meeting with Christ, why he followed Him, and even what happened to him following the Resurrection.

The Rev. Larry Powell, pastor, serves as narrator and director of the presentation. The cast includes: Jerry Graham, Kenneth Hon, Don Baker, Bob Hamby, Joe Farrow, Tom McKenney, Bill Holt, Tom Clark, Roland Lane, Victor Benefield, Bob Stephens and Dennis McKenzie.

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rooms, central heat and cooling.

Additional land has been deeded to the church, which will provide for construction in a pine-studded area nearer the county road. The present site will be used for parking. Water will be pumped from a spring on land belonging to Mrs. Wesley J. Powell of Batesville, a part of the original Dave Powell homestead. Later it belonged to his son, the late John Lee Powell, and finally to a grandson, the late Wesley J. Powell, whose father, James W. Powell, was a Methodist minister.

Although the building now being replaced has stood for only 50 years, the Methodist congregation has existed much longer, having met originally in a school building. The Powell's Chapel cemetery where many pioneer settlers of the area are buried, is located nearby.

The present congregation numbers only about 10 families, however, many friends and former members have indicated a desire to help with the building project which will involve a modest grant from The United Methodist Church. Persons wishing to make monetary gifts for the project may contact Mrs. Rhodelia Watkins, Poughkeepsie, Ark.

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. 15—Sunday	Luke 19:28-40
Apr. 16	Luke 19:41-48
Apr. 17	Ex. 12:1-13;
	Matt. 26: 17-19
Apr. 18	Luke 22:47-71
Apr. 19	Luke 23:1-26
Apr. 20	Mark 15:24-41
Apr. 21	Luke 23:50-56
Apr. 22—Sunday	Mark 16:1-11

MRS. JEAN SANGSTER of North Little Rock will review the book "The Tumult and the Joy" by the Goldens, Thursday evening, April 12, at 7:30 in Workman Hall at First United Methodist

Church in North Little Rock. The review is sponsored by the Morton-Wayland Guild. Tickets are \$1.00 and may be purchased at the door.

THE ALMA United Methodist Church will hold a Holy Week Revival, April 15-20, with services at 7:30 each evening. The Rev. Robert L. Spencer, former missionary to Brazil and a native of Lavaca, Ark., will be the guest evangelist. Mr. Spencer is now pastor of Wylie United Methodist Church, Wylie, Texas. Bill Bennett, youth director at Clarksville United Methodist Church, will be the song leader. The Rev. Jerry Nichols is host pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION was held the weekend of April 6-8 at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Malvern. Coordinator for the mission was David Bentley of Little Rock. Bill Orr was the local general chairman. The Rev. Doynce E. Graham is pastor.

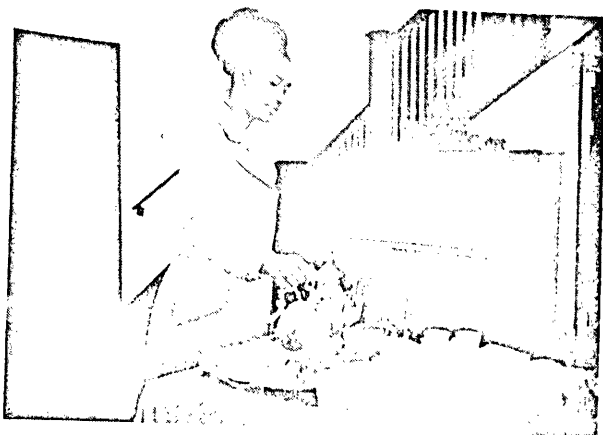
FIRST CHURCH, EARLE, has completed the renovation of the church plant. The entire interior has been painted and new chandeliers added. A mercury light has been installed on the parking lot. The Rev. Leon Wilson is the Earle minister.

PARAGOULD'S FIRST United Methodist Church is holding revival services this week, April 8-12, with the Rev. Thurston Masters, pastor of the DeWitt United Methodist Church, as guest evangelist. The host ministers are the Rev. Harold H. Spence and the Rev. David L. Driver, associate.

THE TYRONZA United Methodist Church held a revival the week of March 18-23. The Rev. John W. Lee, pastor of the Decatur and Centerton United Methodist Churches, was guest preacher. The Tyronza pastor is the Rev. Cleve Yarbrough.

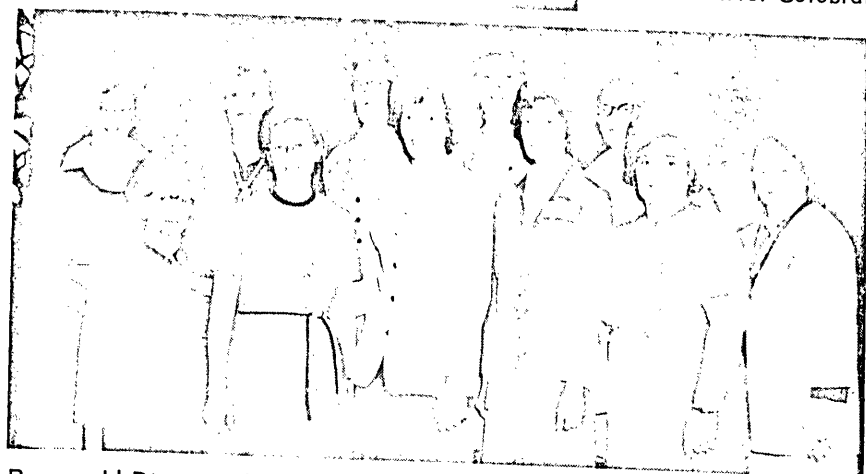
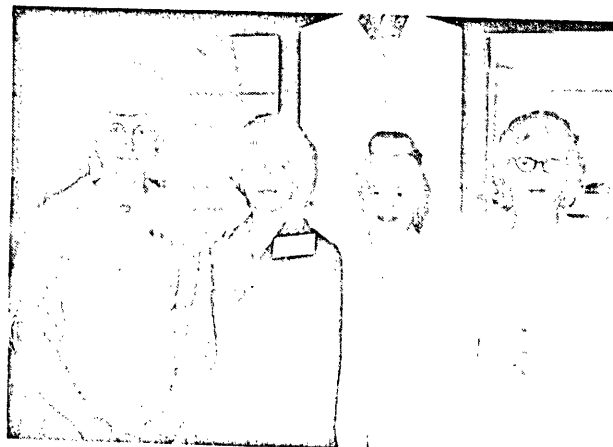
SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT services in St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, are being led this week by Dr. John Miles, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia. The Rev. Fred Haustein is host pastor.

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The Little Rock District Service of Celebration for merger of the Women's Society, Wesleyan Service Guild and Southwest Conference was held in Wesley Church, Little Rock on March 24. Officers were installed by Dr. Ed Dunlap, district superintendent. Seen at right, from left, are: Mrs. John Stephens, president; Mrs. Sam Sowell, vice president; Mrs. Loretta Survant, secretary; and Mrs. James Ogilvie, treasurer.

AT LEFT:
Mrs. Billie Washington is president of the host church Women's Society, and presided at the tea table during the fellowship hour following the Little Rock District Celebration Service.



Paragould District officers of United Methodist Women are shown. FRONT ROW, from left: Mrs. D. D. Lacy, Christian Global Concern; Mrs. Ray Cline, Christian Social Involvement; Mrs. Rudy Stark, president; Mrs. Beill Tennison, chm. of Nominations; Mrs. Edwin Grisson, Supportive Community; Mrs. A. L. Chaney, secretary. BACK ROW: Mrs. C. E. Roush, Nom. Comm.; Mrs. Austin Stovall, treasurer; Mrs. Bill Walker, Nom. Comm.; Mrs. Albert Fowler, Membership; and Mrs. Earl Gramling, Christian Personhood. Not present: Mrs. Robert Shannon, vice-president, and Mrs. J. W. Recker, Program Resources. Officers were installed by Mrs. Dalton Henderson.

Financial Statement LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (December 31, 1972 to March 31, 1973)

RECEIPTS:		TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$25,600.96	
Special Memberships	1,320.00	
In Remembrance	194.05	
World Thank Offering	401.29	
Total Credit On Pledge	\$27,516.30	(27,516.30)
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	2,921.47	
Supplementary Gifts	218.53	
Elizabeth T. Workman Fund for Youth	243.27	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM DISTRICTS	\$30,899.57	(30,899.57)
Received from South West Conference	121.25	
Interest Savings Certificate	509.44	
	630.69	(630.69)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		31,530.26
Bal. in Savings & Checking Account December 31, 1972		19,549.05
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$51,079.31

DISBURSEMENTS:		TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$21,758.24	
Special Memberships	1,320.00	
In Remembrance	194.05	
World Thank Offering	401.29	
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	23,673.58	(23,673.58)
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	2,992.72	
(Incl. So. West Conf. Offering)		
Supplementary Gifts	1,718.53	
TOTAL SENT TO DIVISION	28,384.83	(28,384.83)
Operational Expense	332.15	
Church Women United	55.00	
District Cultivation	3,700.00	
Conf. Committee Meetings	325.83	
	4,412.98	(4,412.98)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		32,797.81
Bal. Checking & Savings account March 31, 1973		18,281.50
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		51,079.31

Mrs. Hubert Blakley, Treasurer

CONWAY DISTRICT DAY OF CELEBRATION

The Conway District Day of Celebration for United Methodist Women was held at the First United Methodist Church in Morrilton March 25, at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Lorean Horton, out-going WSCS president, presided. The Rev. Clyde Parsons, host pastor, gave the invocation. The congregation joined in repeating the Call to Celebration and the Litany of Remembrance. Mrs. Nan Gibson led the group in singing.

Past president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild were recognized for their outstanding service.

Conway District Superintendent Dr. Ralph Clayton installed the following officers: Mrs. Ed Davis, president; Mrs. Belton Russell, vice-president; Mrs. Violet Oldham, secretary; Mrs. T. D. Hampton, treasurer; Mrs. Loren Guffey, chairman of Nominations. Coordinators are Mrs. D. F. Carroll, Christian Personhood; Mrs. James Teal, Supportive Community; Mrs. Albert Turner, Christian Involvement; Mrs. Mary Law Gall, Global Concerns. Mrs. Ethel Williams is secretary of Program Resources and Mrs. L. T. Thompson of Membership.

The Morrilton women held a reception for the group in fellowship hall after the installation.

MRS. ALEXINA HAZZARD will be hostess to Little Rock District Ministers' Wives on Saturday, April 14, for a salad luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at her home, 1123 Izard St. Mrs. Hazzard, the wife of the president of Philander Smith College, will share highlights from her recent trip to India.

ELRETTE VERDELL COULTER

Mrs. Elrette V. Becton Coulter died in Harris Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, on Feb. 28. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, March 4, in the Howard County High School Auditorium, Center Point, Ark. She was a school teacher and a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. Participants in her funeral service included the Rev. A. L. Walton, the Rev. J. C. Tyus, the Rev. J. H. Oliver and the Rev. J. T. Counts. Also, Morris Adamson, R. H. Piggee, Supt. M. H. Peebles, Mrs. Lottie Johnson and Mrs. Louella Boles.

She is survived by her husband, Newton Ray Coulter of Mineral Springs, a daughter, Mrs. Clemmye Faye Hill, Manhattan, Kan., and a son, Lovette Ray Coulter of Dallas, and two grandchildren.

SPRINGDALE HOSTS MEETING OF FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

The Fayetteville District Service of Celebration was held on March 25 with 210 women representing 25 churches attending. Members of First Church, Springdale, were hostesses, with women of the Springdale Wesley Church serving as co-hostesses.

Mrs. A. W. Martin gave a brief "History of The Past;" Mrs. Sherman Morgan led the way to "The Future;" and Mrs. Claude Woods revealed "The Present."

New officers were installed by Dr. Raymond Franks, district superintendent. They are: Mrs. Robert Chambers, president; Mrs. J. D. Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Louis Bryant, Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Ora Couch, treasurer. Coordinators are: Mrs. Allison Westphal, Miss Elizabeth Buchanan, Mrs. Donald Weaver, and Mrs. Lloyd McConnell. Other officers are: Mrs. Ernest Randall, Nominations; Mrs. R. E. Hartrouft, Membership; and Mrs. Carl Holliday, associate treasurer.

SALLIE LOU MacKINNON

NEW YORK (UMI) — Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, 83, a missionary and Methodist mission executive for 38 years, died March 16 at the Brooks Howell Home, Asheville, N. C.

Miss MacKinnon served as a missionary to China from 1917 to 1932, teaching in Huchow and then serving as principal of McTyeire School in Shanghai. In 1932 she became administrative secretary of Foreign Work, Woman's Section, of the mission board of the Southern church. After union of three branches of Methodism in 1939, she was secretary of Woman's Division of Christian Service mission work in Africa, China and Europe during 16 years. After her retirement in 1955, a chapel/social hall/library was named in her honor at a girls' hostel in Umtali, Rhodesia.

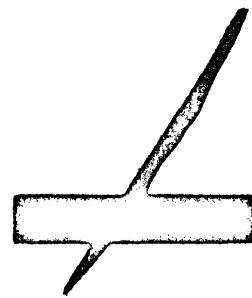
Born in Maxton, N. C., Miss MacKinnon was educated at Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., where she received the bachelor of arts degree; Duke University, N.C., where she received the master's degree, and Columbia University, New York, and Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., where she did post-graduate study.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. W. A. Thorne, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., and a nephew. The funeral service was March 19 at the United Methodist Church in Maxton.

Miss Ruth Rauch, Liverpool, Pa., a United Methodist missionary, has been honored by a governmental unit in the Philippines for her work in nursing.

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 22: Christ Conquered Sin and Death

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-44; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 51-57

MEMORY SELECTION: I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (John 11:25-26)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To find deeper meaning in the Easter hope for everyday living.

"Now if this is what we proclaim, that Christ was raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there be no resurrection, then Christ was not raised; and if Christ was not raised, then our Gospel is null and void, and so is your faith . . . But the truth is, Christ was raised to life — the first fruits of the harvest of the dead. For since it was a man who brought death into the world, a man also brought resurrection of the dead. As in Adam all men die, so in Christ all will be brought to life."

This was Paul's statement of his own faith and of the faith of the New Testament church. It has also been the faith of the followers of Christ through the centuries that followed.

THE CENTRAL FAITH OF CHRISTENDOM

Have you ever asked yourself why it is that so many people who are only infrequent attendants at services of worship always make it a point to go to church on Easter Sunday? The cynic says, "commercialism — custom — curiosity — parade." These have their part in the answer, but there is something deeper. There is an instinctive recognition in the hearts of many of these people that this Day symbolizes and proclaims the central reality of the Christian faith — the Resurrection. Without the Resurrection there would be no Christian faith, no Church, no positive, life-giving message for the world.

With an ancient creed of Christendom we affirm, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty . . . and the Life Everlasting." If the first of these affirmations is an expression of our individual faith, it will not be difficult for us to go on to the second. Indeed, if we accept the one we are compelled to follow through to the other. We cannot stop short of it. If the God of the universe whose power is sufficient to create personalities of such nobility and worth as some whom we have known is also a God of such understanding love that we can best describe him by calling him, "Father", then we cannot escape the conviction that such a God will not allow souls like these to perish. In the firm grip of this assurance we say, with poet Tennyson:

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust:

Thou madest man, he knows not why,

He thinks he was not made to die;

And thou hast made him: Thou art just."

This is our Christian faith.

REALITY OR ILLUSION?

How are we to help these people who are inclined to believe that the appearances of Jesus to the disciples were illusions that were produced by wishful and hopeful imaginations? The best answer that I know is to remind them of the facts of history as revealed by each of the four Gospel writers. Dr. James Stewart of Scotland has described two scenes that are related to the life-changing event. "One is an Upper Room in Jerusalem on the night after Calvary and a little group of men cowering behind bolted and barricaded doors. Fear is on every face. But even more markedly than fear, dejection is written there, hopeless, final, irretrievable dejection. Dazed and stunned and bewildered they sit in silence, too heartbroken to speak, too benumbed in soul to pray. Everything is at an end. Fate has beaten them. There is nothing left to live for. This is one picture — utter, abject defeat.

"Here is the other. A few weeks later the same group of men, but not skulking behind closed doors now! They are out in the streets. They are aflame with super-human confidence. Their words ring like iron. They have a message to which the world can but listen. They are absolutely fearless and overwhelmingly happy. They are planning the conquest of the earth."

The same men but how amazingly different! What had happened between these two scenes? The explanation is given in three words, "Christ is Risen." The least we can say in reply to the illusion theory is that intelligent men do not voluntarily offer their lives in martyrdom on the basis of a self-induced illusion. Something real — to them, the most real thing in the world — had happened.

THE DIFFERENCE THIS FAITH MAKES

You may have heard the expression, "Why be concerned about whether there is life beyond the grave? One world at a time." But the question is not so simple as that. What we believe about the destiny that lies beyond this life has a direct bearing upon our understanding of the meaning and purpose of these fleeting years. If a man tells you, in complete candor, that he does not believe in immortality he has told you a great deal about his evaluation of the meaning or lack of meaning in this entire universe. He has told you that to him human life is a short, uncertain span on this planet, that it is not sustained by any eternal values, and that on any day it may be snuffed out. It is no wonder that under this appraisal of our existence human life becomes cheap and the incentive to living at its hopeful and courageous best has disappeared.

A confident belief in life everlasting produces two positive results in the life of the individual believer. First, it takes away the fear of death. The skeptic sometimes says, "The trouble with you Christians is that you give too much attention to death. You become morbid about it." As a matter of fact the normal Christian does not think or talk excessively about death. His major theme is life — life now

and life forever. He recognizes that death is an experience through which each one of us must pass. There is no escape. He regards it as a normal transition from one stage of existence to another. The people who have most trouble with an abnormal fright of death are those who attempt to avoid any thought of it. They push the idea down into the sub-conscious from which it sometimes erupts with distressing results. For Christians death holds no terrors because they are confident that the same un-failing love and grace which has sustained them on this side of the divide will be sufficient for whatever experience may be met on the other side.

MEANING IS GIVEN TO ORDINARY LIVING

Second, this faith gives meaning and purpose to the daily round of existence. It pushes back the horizons of what would otherwise be a restricted and hazardous journey with nothing in prospect but a dead end. Dr. Jowett, the famous English preacher, was at one time pastor in a town by the sea. In his congregation was an elderly shoemaker whose shop was small and cluttered with the tools of his trade. While visiting with him one day Dr. Jowett inquired, "Don't you feel awfully cramped and confined in this little shop?" "Sometimes I do," he replied, "and when I do I just open this window." And going to the back of the tiny shop he opened a window that looked out upon the sea. Something of the vastness of the ocean came into the stuffy little room and transformed it into a different place. This is what faith in the life everlasting can do for the drab and unexciting routine of everyday living. It can let in some of the light of eternity and even the commonplace round of activities takes on new meaning and significance. This is no doubt the reason why the early Negro spirituals had so much to say about heavenly chariots and angel bands, and the land over Jordan. The assurance of something better beyond helped to make the burden and trials of slavery bearable.

OUR HOPE AND TRUST ARE IN GOD

And what are we to say at this Easter season to those who are adjusting to a deep bereavement? Perhaps no more comforting word could be offered than the counsel of Dr. Borden P. Bowne, a great Christian teacher, in a letter to a grieving friend: "Meanwhile, let grief have its way. It is natural and human and Christian to do so. But do not try to explain or understand or to be reconciled. Leave all that and fall back on God." This, indeed, is the Christian response.

And so with all Christians all over the world we join again with Paul in his affirmation: "And when our mortality has been clothed with immortality, then the saying of Scripture will come true: 'Death is swallowed up; victory is won!' 'O Death where is your victory? O Death where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin and sin gains its power from the law; but God be praised, He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bishops in drought stricken India request aid

NEW YORK (UMI) — Having responded to the earthquake in Managua, and gearing up to help meet post-ceasefire needs in Indochina, the United Methodist Committee On Relief and other church agencies are being faced with drought developing in sections of India.

As press accounts tell of an influx of refugees to Bombay from drought-stricken areas, India's four United Methodist bishops have asked fellow churchmen in America for \$100,000 in Aid. UMCOR has responded with an initial \$15,000 sent to the Rev. Robert V. Marble, India's UMCOR director, for emergency assistance in well-drilling and food distribution.

The Rev. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR associate general secretary, said he would ask his agency, a unit of the Board of Global Ministries, at its March 24-25 meeting in St. Louis for authorization to send the remaining \$85,000.

Knowing drought was bringing hunger and suffering in its wake, Dr. Haines said, UMCOR and other denominations through Church World Service (CWS), ecumenical Protestant Relief agency, bought 1,000,000 pounds of American wheat recently for India. That in itself was unusual, he said, as huge grain sales to China and Russia have so lowered the American wheat supply that CWS had to go into the commercial market rather than getting it from government surplus grain as in the last several years.

Dr. Haines added UMCOR is also responding by arranging for well-drilling equipment to be moved to drought areas. Rigs and other equipment were bought with United Methodists' gifts to the 1967 India famine appeal offering.

In developments in two other disaster-hit parts of the world, the UMCOR chief said Stack-Sack homes for 200-300 families will be going up soon in Managua and on the Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh. He asserted that heretofore housing material has not been found that will withstand cyclones such as that which engulfed tidal areas of Bangladesh in 1971. Stack-sack is an experimental low-cost material comprising steel rods and bags of hardened sand, cement and gravel — said to be able to withstand earthquakes and hurricane-force winds. Use by UMCOR began in reconstruction in the Peru earthquake zone in 1970 and has spread to Nicaragua and Bangladesh, Dr. Haines said.

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DR. J. OTIS YOUNG DIES

Dr. J. Otis Young, widely known among national and international United Methodists, died at age 70, on April 4 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Young, associate publisher of the Board of Publications of the denomination for 15 years until his retirement on Oct. 31, 1972, was vice-chairman of the World Methodist Committee on Family Life.

He was a familiar General Conference figure for many years, and served

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Denver seminary introducing 'Iliff at Aspen' summer studies

DENVER, Colo. — Theological education will join the ranks of other advanced studies programs in Aspen, Colo., this summer when "Iliff at Aspen" opens.

Officials of The Iliff School of Theology here said the program will be operated as an extension of the United Methodist seminary's annual summer session and will be the first serious attempt to make theology a part of the rapidly growing intellectual community in Aspen.

Among the institutions which are now a part of the Aspen educational environment are the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, Aspen Center for Physics, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Medical and Living Arts Foundation, Given Institute of Pathology as well as schools for the performing arts and university extension programs.

"We propose to bring together a community of theological scholars and searching inquirers, both lay and clergy, in the midst of the cultural and intellectual activities which center in Aspen," explained Dr. Chester A. Pennington, one of three Iliff professors who will be teaching at Aspen this summer.

Dr. Harvey H. Potthoff, another Iliff professor who will be teaching at Aspen, said the program is "a symbol of something that is a part of the future . . . the way of the future will be engaging persons in conversations about the whole realm of values.

Dr. Potthoff, who is Professor of

Christian Theology at Iliff, will jointly conduct a course titled Religion and Psychiatry in Dialogue with Dr. James A. Galvin, a Denver psychiatrist and adjunct professor at Iliff.

Dr. Pennington, Professor of Preaching and Worship at Iliff, will offer an overview course on Religion and Culture. The class will seek to find religious understanding and evaluation of what is happening in present day civilization as expressed through the arts, counter-cultural activities, technological developments, ethical and social issues.

The two-week courses, scheduled for Aug. 6 through 17, will be held in the Aspen Chapel and will be opened to ministers as well as laity.

Each of the two courses carries two hours of graduate credit. For additional information contact the Director of the Summer School, The Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80210.

In addition to the Iliff at Aspen program, the school also offers graduate credit through the Aspen Theatre Institute. The Institute plans a workshop on Drama and the Church July 24 through 29. For more information on this program contact the Aspen Theatre Institute, Box 2080, Aspen, Colo. 81611.

The Iliff School of Theology is an official seminary of The United Methodist Church offering masters and doctoral level training in most aspects of Christian churchmanship.

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Lotteries represent "irresponsible stewardship," theologian says

DELAWARE, Ohio (UMI)—Leveling an attack on state lotteries, Methodist Theological School professor M. Paul Minus, Jr., says in the March 21 issue of *The Christian Century* that they represent "America's irresponsible stewardship."

Dr. Minus, a professor of church history at the United Methodist seminary here, says that while churches must continue to work to change the social conditions that tempt people to gamble away their money they must also speak to the "major symptoms of the sickness," of which state lotteries are the most visible.

Seven states now have state-operated lotteries; other states have amended their constitutions to permit such lotteries; still others are considering the move.

By developing state lotteries, Dr. Minus said a "spirit of selfishness receives respectable institutional form."

Dr. Minus's own state of Ohio is now considering a constitutional amendment to permit state lotteries. He is chairman of an Ohio Council of Churches task force which is trying to persuade Ohio voters to reject the pro-

posal at the polls in May.

Dr. Minus contends that state lotteries have not brought in as much revenue as predicted and that they have not cut into the profits of illegal gambling syndicates. Moreover, he says, the lotteries have taken disproportionately from the poor.

State lotteries, Dr. Minus writes in the *Century*, are flawed by four fundamental defects:

- 1) "They further victimize the poor.
- 2) "They are a retreat from the proper role of government.
- 3) "They divert attention from the development of adequate and equitable systems of public financing.
- 4) "They give public sanction and encouragement to an exploitative and wasteful life style."

Churches, Dr. Minus says, must see that questions are asked about state lotteries, "before expanded governmental promotion of lotteries accelerates the country's drift toward the questionable values of a gambling culture."

The *Christian Century*, an ecumenical weekly published in Chicago, Ill., is edited by James M. Wall, a United Methodist minister.

torates for 18 years. In 1947 he became superintendent of the Cincinnati District and served as Administrative Assistant to Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area from 1952-57.

One Essential

by Wilson O. Weldon

Walking down a Main Street I had the question of what makes a successful merchant. I thought of the usual cliches, attributes, earmarks. I concluded that a successful business has at its very center a real desire to sell goods or produce a product that is better than others.

Isn't that a necessary detail in high and happy living? "What do I want to do with this new day which God has placed into my keeping?" "Why do I read a book, make a talk, weave cloth, type a letter, or any of the many things which I do?"

The tragedy with many is the answer that we are being paid to do those things. May God deliver us from that kind of loose, thin living!

Handel wrote *THE MESSIAH*, and it was first given in Dublin, Ireland, on April 18, 1742. Lord Kinnoul complimented Handel on the noble "entertainment" which by *THE MESSIAH* he had lately given the town.

"My lord," said Handel, "I should be sorry if I only entertained them — I wish to make them better."

That is the secret behind grand music; it explains great literature; it is the essential in any worthy triumph.

Do you have that essential?

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Dr. Blaise Levai on special assignment

NEW YORK (UMI)—An editor-photographer-teacher, who is a former missionary, will work with journalists on two continents to improve their editorial, graphic and camera skills during an April-August sabbatical from the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The Rev. Blaise Levai, New York and Demarest, N. J., has been an editor with the board and director of its Literature for about six years. He is an ordained minister of the Reformed Church in America.

In plans worked out through the Communications office in the board's World Division, Dr. Levai will go first to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Zambia (Africa).

Dr. Levai has been an educational and pastoral missionary to India, a professor and admissions/publicity director at Northwestern College, a pastor in Michigan and managing editor of the American Bible Society magazine, *The Record*. His photographs have appeared in religious and secular publications, and he has written books and articles including the 1972-73 Friendship Press study book *Ask An Indian About India*. He is a graduate of Hope College, Rutgers Theological Seminary, the University of Chicago and holds the doctor of education degree from the University of Michigan.

Global Ministries Board voices concerns; acts on current issues

ST. LOUIS, MO. (UMI) — The Board of Global Ministries, largest agency of the 10,000,000-member United Methodist Church, acted on a variety of current issues in church and world at its meeting here March 23-31. Among other items, the Board:

- Committed itself to Key 73, the North American evangelistic campaign backed by more than 140 religious groups, and called on United Methodist congregations to develop programs of evangelism which are "faithful to the full Gospel of Jesus Christ";

- Voiced opposition to proposed cutbacks in several federally-financed social assistance programs including hospital construction, senior citizen housing and Medi-care, and expressed concern that the U. S. spend less on weapons and defense and more on health, education and needs of the poor;

- Deplored "mounting efforts of governments" to "unduly influence and control, either through subtle or overt means, reporting, analysis and comment by print and broadcast media around the world";

- Criticized the power of U. S. multi-national corporations abroad, saying its action was spurred by current U. S. Senate hearings on such corporations, including the International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation (ITT).

- Accepted "as its own" a National Council of Churches resolution urging the U. S. government to "promptly provide a full and generous response to the needs of relief and reconstruction in Indochina," and through a Board unit voted \$597,000 for Indochina aid;

- Asked President Nixon to give "serious consideration and response" to issues behind the event at Wounded Knee, S. D., and that food, medical supplies and "fair legal trial as needed"

be assured for people at Wounded Knee.

- Received a report from treasurer Stephen F. Brimigion that the Board spent \$42,214,674 in 1972, including \$17,453,537 for overseas missions and \$11,554,537 for national missions;

- Expressed, after extended debate, its "concern" to the Methodist Hospital at Pikeville, Ky., and to about 200 non-professional workers who have been on strike there since June, 1972, voted its concurrence with the United Methodist Church's stand granting the right to collective bargaining, and referred the matter to staff members for further work.

Meeting with Board president Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, Ill., in the chair, the 156-member agency transacted other business in plenary and in sessions of its nine major units — Women's Division, National Division, World Division, United Methodist Committee On Relief, Health and Welfare Ministries Division, Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, Education and Cultivation Division, Crusade Scholarship Committee and Committee on Personnel in Mission.

In voting support of Key 73, the Board backed both "presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ and living this out in a ministry that approaches persons of other faiths with respect and gentleness, empowering in this country and around the world the poor and the disadvantaged, addressing systems which affect humans adversely, and doing this in every possible way with other Christians."

The Rev. Dr. Ira Gallaway, chief executive for evangelism in United Methodism's Board of Discipleship, told the Board: "We in the Christian church need each other as we witness

in a divided world." Citing the centrality of Christ, he said it is obvious materialism does not satisfy the hunger for a deeper reality and said the "children of affluence" are turning from sex, violence and drugs to Jesus Christ.

The Board's United Methodist Committee On Relief approved a total of \$1,040,000 for relief and rehabilitation around the world including \$597,000 for various forms of aid in Indochina. Other allocations included \$85,000 for famine relief in India, \$200,000 for Bangladesh and \$100,000 for earthquake relief in Managua, Nicaragua.

Income for the Board in 1972, said Mr. Brimigion, totaled \$43,844,428. The apparent excess of income over expenditures of about \$1,600,000 represented funds committed for use as of December 31 but not yet actually disbursed by that date, he said, adding that much of the money has been expended in the last three months. The largest amount represented receipts from special offerings and funds for relief.

Progress Report

In a progress report, the Board was told meetings have begun among staff representatives from four divisions with responsibilities in the health and welfare field. A new "Health and Social Welfare Collaborative Staff Working Group" has been organized, and goals agreed upon by the representatives include "commitment to direct health and welfare services to persons in need," "competent planning and evaluation of health and social welfare services according to Christian criteria" and an "advocacy role in monitoring and initiating health care delivery systems and programs." As part of the agreement, the Health and Welfare Division, located in Evanston,

Ill., will open an office at Board headquarters in New York.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Huston told the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division that "ecumenism is far from dead, but it is so much a part of the regular church scene that things which made news a few years ago are now taken for granted." He also stressed the need for the church to make a connection between unity and mission.

In a special presentation, Max W. Fine, Washington, D. C., executive director of the Committee for National Health Insurance, said that elements in the national health care crisis include soaring costs; a chronic manpower shortage, particularly in general practitioners; a lack of quality control in health care, and a disorganized system that is not equipped to benefit the consumer—"the person in need of care."

Florence Little, treasurer of the Women's Division, said a continuing church emphasis on use of its investments to press issues of corporate social responsibility is having results. She said managements "have been prompted, at a minimum, to think about their operations in South Africa," where apartheid is the rule; more than 50 companies have appointed blacks to their boards of directors, and "fewer and fewer corporation executives are arguing that their only responsibility is making profits."

The Board adopted new by-laws, set tentative goals for 1974 to be reviewed and finalized this fall, and elected or promoted 19 staff members. Through its Education and Cultivation Division, a consultation was authorized on corporate involvement in Southern Africa, involving Board members and "United Methodist lay persons who are corporate managers."

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MERGER

periodicals have been proposed to achieve several needs.

"We have not been reaching all United Methodist pastors with either of the two magazines and at a minimum we should reach this group," he told the Board. Less than 1/4 of the United Methodist pastors now subscribe to Christian Advocate. "We also need to reach a larger general audience; we need to involve other boards and agencies of the church in meeting communications needs of the church, and we need to achieve an economically viable program."

Together presently has 229,340 subscribers.

Representatives from the Board will introduce the new general periodical plan at the next meetings of the Council of Bishops and the General Council on Ministries.

The Board also approved the minutes of its executive committee which during its January meeting launched a new weekly newsletter entitled Newscope. Dr. Procter said Newscope with its short deadline will relieve pressure from the new monthly magazine.

Mr. Rooks said the entire general periodicals program would be tested

RICHMOND, Va. (UMI)—The United Methodist Publishing House has shown "very satisfactory progress" during the first six months of the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1972, according to President and Publisher John E. Procter.

Reporting at the March 28 meeting of the Board of Publication here, Dr. Procter said there has been a significant slow-down in the rate of decline

for the remainder of this quadrennium in hopes of presenting a firm proposal at the 1976 General Conference.

Thomas K. Potter, Nashville, Vice President of the Publishing Division of the Publishing House, outlined for the Board a promotional program and a budget projection. He said it is anticipated that income, including \$1,327,000 from subscriptions, advertising and other revenue, will total \$1,372,000 and that total expenses including manufacturing and postage will be about \$1,306,000. Present subscribers will be reached through offers to become charter subscribers to the new magazine. New subscribers will receive as a premium the final issue of Together which will feature a nostalgic section of color pictorials and features.

Publishing House shows gains

in curriculum sales and that most of the 26 Cokesbury Bookstores are now operating on a profitable basis.

He said three major problems continue to plague the House: the shortages of certain types of paper, high cost of postage, and poor postal service.

To counteract the postal problems Dr. Procter said the services of the regional service centers and book stores are being expanded. Within the last three years the number of Cokesbury stores has been increased from 17 to 26 and Dr. Procter said the eventual goal is to have 50 stores strategically located throughout the country.

Several new experimental suburban shopping center stores are proving very successful, he reported. The suburban store in Nashville, he said, had shown a significant profit during its first year of operation, "a rather unheard-of achievement in the retail bookstore business."

Financial reports showed that for the first six months the Publishing House had net sales of products amounting to \$18,124,771, an increase of \$1,197,624 compared with sales for the same period last year.

Net income for the six months end-

ing Jan. 31, 1973, amounted to \$612,495 compared with net income of \$677,815 for last year.

The board also reaffirmed an "Affirmative Action Policy Statement" regarding minority employment and heard a report from management that continuing efforts are being made to employ minority individuals, particularly in higher level jobs. Nearly 20 percent of the 1,813 Publishing House employees are from racial minority groups.

The board also gave management authority to sell 10 acres of a 50-acre plot owned by the House in Nashville. Originally the board had considered the idea of relocating some of its facilities on the new plot but Dr. Procter said major capital improvements are suspended pending a decision of the Tennessee Supreme Court regarding the tax status of the House. The House, along with other religious publishers in Nashville, is appealing assessments of the Metropolitan Nashville Tax Assessor.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., has been named to the board by the Council of Bishops to succeed Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Minneapolis, who is now the president of the Board of Global Ministries.

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in March as a 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.

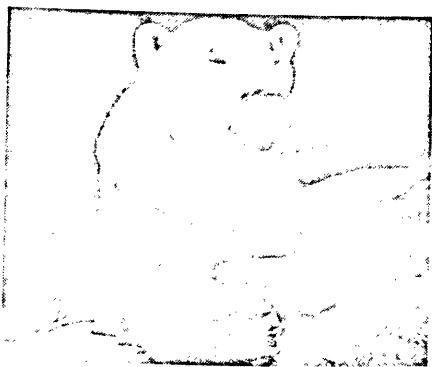
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by Bobby, Polly and Cindy Stell

(To be continued)

Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



It's much easier to talk about exemplary Christianity than it is to demonstrate it.

REV. VIRGIL HANKS

The Rev. Virgil G. Hanks, aged 58' of Comfort, Tex., pastor of the Comfort United Methodist Church, died recently. He was formerly pastor of churches at Clinton, Hartford and Plainview before transferring to the Texas Conference. He had a degree in theology from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Donald Hanks of Arkansas and a stepson, Troy Ellett of Buchanan Dam, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Ellis of San Marcos, Tex., and Mrs. Jil Buchanan of Dallas; a brother, Robert F. Hanks of North Little Rock; five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Stonecipher of Floria, Mrs. Ethel Grimmer of Clarks-ville, Mrs. Mae Baldwin of Benton, Mrs. Margie Garrison of North Little Rock and Mrs. Abbie Gist of Little Rock and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Com-fort United Methodist Church, with burial at Burnet, Tex.

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Mrs. Vera L. Hutton

Funeral services for Mrs. Vera L. Hutton, 77, of Bentonville were held March 26 in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sam Teague of-ficiating. Burial was in Oakley Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Hutton died Friday, March 23, after an extended illness. She was the wife of the late Methodist minister, the Rev. William C. Hutton. She was born Jan. 19, 1896 in Ozark. She was a member of the Bentonville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Selmer Hutton of Houston, Tex. and Edwin Hutton of Midwest City, Okla.; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Campbell of Tom-ball, Tex., Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Mrs. Martha Berry and Mrs. Alberta Adams all of Houston; a brother, Cliva Rowell of Wimberly, Tex.; six grand-children and one greatgrandchild.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The work of the church has al-ways been associated with meditation, prayer and worship. The church has always been engaged in evangelism, Christians and the church have to de-velop life styles that will attract those today who are searching for meaning and purpose in life."

—Bishop Yap Kim Hao of the Methodist Church of Malaysia and Singapore.

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Letter to Editor

603 W. Clinton St.
Heber Springs, Arkansas
March 1, 1973

Dear Editor Knox:

A folder has just reached me in the mail: "Pension and Other Benefits for Ministers and Family."

There is one division in this folder that caused me to think of something that seems to be left out. There are provisions for the retirement benefits to be paid to ministers who have been forced to retire because of health. There seems to be none for those ministers who have served years after the automatic retirement age of 72.

Why should the program not be flexible enough to serve both ways?

For instance, I was retired thirteen years ago because I had reached the age of 72. I receive pension benefit for six years of approved service. I have served 13 years since that date harder and, I believe more efficiently, than ever before. Also I am required to pay the percentage fee into the pen-sion fund.

Yet, I receive no pension recogni-tion for the thirteen years of service since that automatic retirement.

This is not a complaint. It is a question of seeming justice. Is the Methodist church program so flexible that it cannot meet situations of justice in such situations as I have mentioned? I say this not for myself, but for many other retired ministers who are serving the Church.

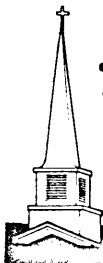
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Tom Cowan, pastor
Holiday Hills United
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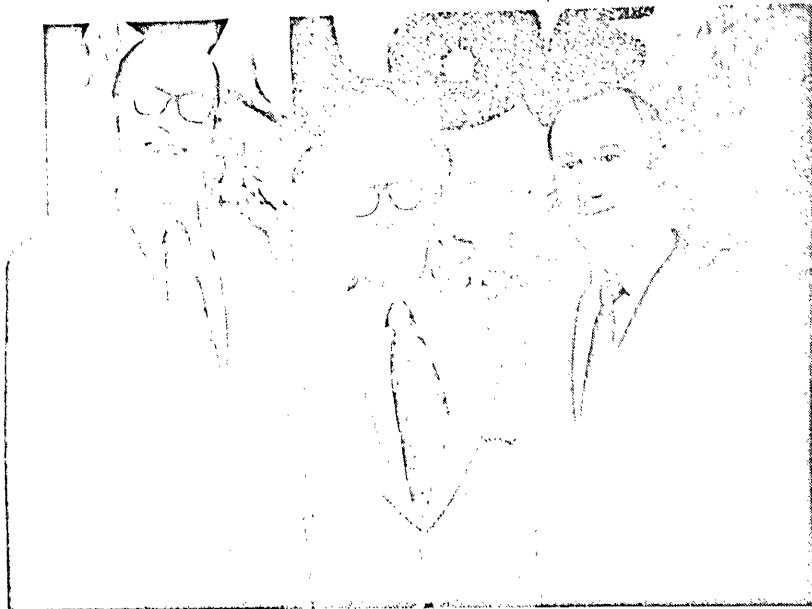
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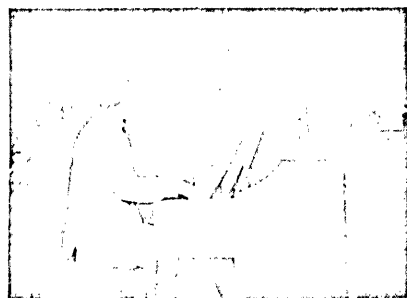
Dr. Cecil Osborne (center) was the featured speaker at a recent Spiritual Growth Weekend, co-sponsored by First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches of Jonesboro, at First Methodist. Dr. Osborne, author of "The Art of Understanding Yourself" and "The Art of Understanding Your Mate," is considered an authority in the field of personal growth on a spiritual level. Shown with him are the Rev. Worth Gibson (left), host pastor, and the Rev. Ernest Smith (right), pastor of First Presbyterian Church.



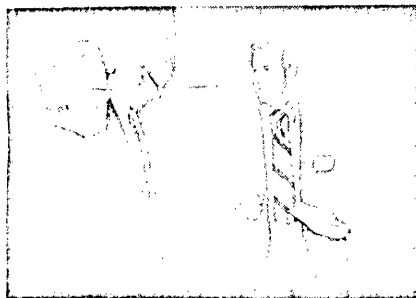
The weekend provided an opportunity for spiritual growth for members of both churches.



The weekend began with a potluck supper on Friday night.



Mrs. Margaret Scott played piano and Mrs. Janie Boone led the congregation in singing at worship services.



(Left to right) Joe Boone, Rev. Gibson, and Dr. Don Neblett, chairman for the weekend event.

Camping Magazine publicizes Arkansas camping events

The March, 1973 issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE, official publication of the American Camping Association, lists several camps scheduled to be held within the state of Arkansas under sponsorship of the United Methodist Church. Most are events designed specifically to train camp leaders and workers.

Camps mentioned appear under the general heading, "Workshops and Institutes." They include: April 26 — ACA-sponsored training for camp visitations at First United Methodist Church, Brinkley. Mrs. Thelma Holt, executive director of Ouachita Girl Scouts Council, instructing; May 10-12, Workshop for Workers in Assembly Type Camps at Camp Kaetzal, directed by the Rev. Melvin Moody; May 16-18, Camperafter and Advanced Camperafter Workshops, under the direction of Mrs. Holt.

The item suggests that further information is available from the Council on Ministries, North Arkansas Conference, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

A portion of a poem by George Santayana reads... "O world, thou chooseth not the better part! It is not wisdom to be only wise, And on the inward vision close the eyes; But it is wisdom to believe the heart."

God Gave All This To Me

God gave me mind enough
To feel each rock and tree,
He gave me love and loneliness
And eyes with which to see.
He gave me starlight in the sky
And brooks that sing a song —
And ever in my heart I know
He cries when I do wrong.
He gave me voice to praise Him,
But I choose to curse and doubt,
I know He'll not forsake me
For He has found me out.
He gave me life, oh such a gift.
Oh such a One is He!
He gave Himself upon the cross —
And that's enough for me.

-by Betty Heidelberger

Palm Sunday

Did He know — when they shouted
And hailed Him as King,
Throwing palms in His path
And "Hosannas" did sing...

That soon they'd be shouting
Aloud, "Crucify Him"?
He knew — and what's more —
Asked forgiveness for them!

-by Amy T. Oliver

North Arkansas Conference

CONFERENCE CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES

DATES	PLACE	DIRECTOR	TYPE OF CAMP	FOR WHOM LIMIT COST
May 4-6	Myers Ranch	Pryor Cruce Warfield Teague Wiley Frost	Family	Family — No Limit. — \$5.00 registration is total cost.
June 11-15	To be announced	Eldon Douglas	Canoe Trip	7th-12th grades — Limit 10
July 9-14	Gilbert on Buffalo River to Norfolk on White River	Jim Beal Tom Clark Jon Guthrie	Canoe Trip	7th-12th grades — Limit 28 Full
June 18-22	Myers Ranch	Larry Dodgen	Frontier (Rustic)	9th-10th grades — Limit 12
June 25-29	Myers Ranch	Allan Hilliard	Frontier (Rustic)	7th-8th grades — Limit 12
June 25-29	To be announced	Sam Teague Jon Guthrie Ronnie McCaskill	Bicycle trip	7th-12th grades — Limit 30
June 25-29	To be announced	Jon Guthrie	Trail Hike	Sr. Hi/College — Limit 30
June 29- July 1	Myers Ranch	Wayne Jarvis Eldon Douglas	Frontier (Rustic)	10th-12th grades — Limit 12
July 9-13	To be announced	Lowell Eaton Bill Williams	Trail Cycle	Jr. Hi-Sr. Hi — Limit 10
July or August	To be announced	Henry Heidelberger W. L. Douglas	Family tour/ camp	Family — No limit — \$5.00 registration is total cost.
July 20- August 3	Hedrix	Susan Gladdin	Youth Assembly	Sr. Hi-No limit-Cost unknown Registration deadline July 15

1. REGISTRATIONS FOR CONFERENCE CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES ARE TO BE SENT BY THE PASTOR TO THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE, 715 CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201.

2. REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR ALL CONFERENCE CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES IS MAY 25

3. COST PER PERSON FOR EACH CAMP IS \$20.00 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
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GIVE THIS TO YOUR PASTOR WHO WILL SEND IT TO THE PROPER CAMP REGISTRAR. INCLUDE REGISTRATION FEE, IF REQUIRED. NOTE REGISTRATION DEADLINES.

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