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● Fifty years of leadership training

Methodist Heritage Celebration at Mt. Sequoyah, June 25-28

A celebration of fifty years of Leadership Training will be held at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, June 25-28. The first Leadership Training programs were held in the summer of 1923, beginning on June 21. Twelve thousand people visited The Assembly that first summer.

The theme for the program, June 25-28, is "Methodist Heritage Celebration." The highlight of this program will be the Willson Lectures, which will be delivered by Bishop Robert E. Goodrich of the Missouri Area. This lectureship was endowed by the late J. M. Willson, and Mrs. Willson of Floydada, Texas.

In addition to the lectureship, there will be a Bible Study led by Dr. Francis Christie, academic dean of Hendrix College, three workshops on Evangelism led by Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Dr. George E. Morris, and the Rev. James D. Bass from the Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Other phases of the program include

a performance by "The Cheerful Givers", a youth choir from First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, La. A choir from Ozarks Manor Retirement Village will also perform during this time of the celebration.

The Tuesday afternoon program promises to be of interest to those who have been attending events at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly. Bishop Paul V. Galloy will be in charge of The Birthday Celebration. The Rev. Jack Montgomery of Mexico, Mo. will give the history of the assembly. Others who have indicated that they will be present are Dr. James W. Workman, the only living former Superintendent of the assembly, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Womeldorf, and Dr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Morris.

The College of Bishops of The Jurisdiction will be meeting at The Assembly during this week. The Rev. Herman A. Lehwald, pastor of Stephen Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., is chairman of The Planning Committee for The Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

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Jurisdictional Conference on Ecumenical Mission, July 15-19

The Conference on Ecumenical Mission at Mt. Sequoyah, July 15-19, 1973, provides leadership training for 12 denominations in eight states, including official participation by the South Central Jurisdictional Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Program Director for the event will be the Rev. W. Eugene Kay, pastor at First United Methodist Church, Mooreland, Okla.

Leaders for the event include: (1) Dr. Hans-Ruedi Weber, a Swiss Reformed pastor who holds the Biblical Study portfolio of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, will deliver Bible lectures on Justice, Liberation and Development; (2) the Rev. William Sterling Cary, United Church of Christ minister, and newly elected president of the National Council of Churches, who lectures on "Christians and Responsible Use of Power;" (3) Mrs. Margaret L. Sonenday, a United Methodist mission leader of St. Louis, Mo., and national

vice president of Church Women United, who will lead workshops for Church Women United; and (4) Dr. Donald E. Struchen, coordinator of Mission Leaders of the Section of Education of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, who will conduct workshop sessions for United Methodist mission leaders attending the Conference.

Other leaders include the following United Methodists: Dr. Mouzon Mann, Hope, Ark., class leader for "Christians and the Responsible Use of Power;" the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Ashdown, Ark., coordinator of Junior High Program; and Mrs. Doug McPherson, Oklahoma City, director of Children's Program.

Leadership and facilities for all ages — babies, pre-school children, elementary children, as well as Junior Highs, Senior Highs and Adults — will be provided.

The Registration fee of \$12.50 for individuals (\$20 for family registration)

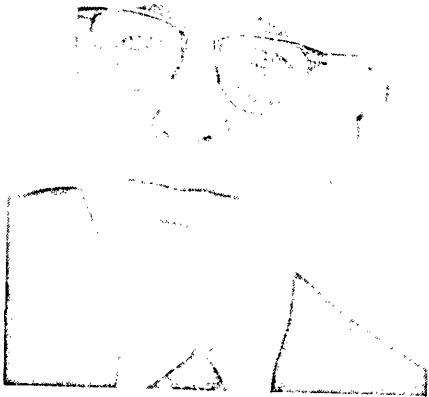


Richard D. Hoffland, director of Millikin University (Illinois) choir, will return to direct the Fifth Annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival Sunday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 2223 Durwood Rd., Little Rock. Mrs. Hoffland will be accompanist for the Festival, in which 21 churches plan to participate. Hoffland will also conduct a music workshop Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at Winfield Church, 1601 Louisiana, Little Rock. Anyone interested in children's and youth choir music is invited to attend. Hoffland has previously conducted festivals, workshops, and music camps in this area.

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A WORKSHOP on "The Responsibilities Of Summer Youth Directors" will be held at Hendrix College April 27, 6:30 p.m. to April 28, 5:00 p.m. Students serving as Summer youth directors and pastors of churches employing directors should plan to attend. The Rev. Jon Guthrie is the director of the Workshop.

should be sent to Mrs. R. C. Allmon, Route 2, Rogers, Ark. 72756. A room deposit of \$2.50 per person should go to Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701. Early registration will assure desired accommodations.



Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of historical theology at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Tex., will be the final lecturer in the eighth annual Ecumenical Lecture Series sponsored by the Women's Council of Holy Souls Catholic Church, Little Rock. The Thursday, April 26 lecture will be held at 8 p.m. at the Arkansas Arts Center. Active in the ecumenical movement, Dr. Outler is also widely known as a scholar, lecturer, and writer. He has been a delegate to several assemblies of the World Council of Churches and General Conferences of the United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the World Council on Faith and Order. His published works include "A Methodist Observer at Vatican II."

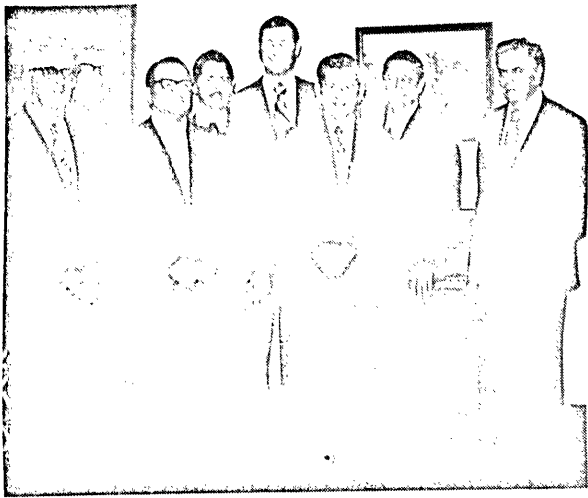
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North Arkansas Family Camp May 4-6

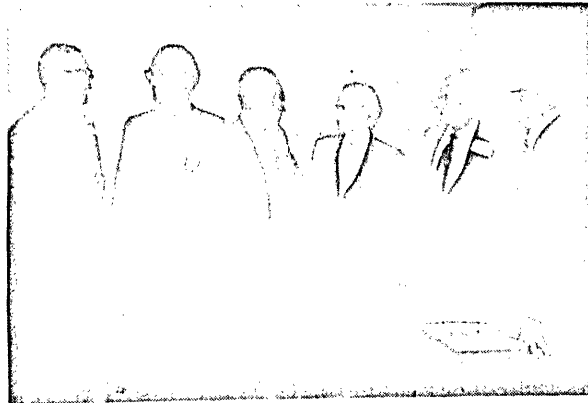
A North Arkansas Conference Family Camp, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mabry, First Church, Batesville, will be held the weekend of May 4, 5, and 6 at Meyers Ranch, five miles from Shirley on Highway 110. The theme for the weekend will be "The Christian Family: Time Together?"

The camp will open with registration on Friday from 4-5 p.m. Families will then have two hours to set up camp and eat supper; from 7-8 p.m. a get-acquainted period is planned around the campfire.

Families may "do their own thing" Saturday morning. A "Nature Study"



Ministers who took part in March 27-29 "We Care" Mission at Fairview United Methodist Church of Texarkana. (Left to right) W. W. Barron, Few Memorial, Texarkana; Aultus Block, Dierks; Guy Downing, Horatio; W. D. Bone, host pastor; Ralph Hale, Grand Avenue, Hot Springs; Leo Parker, St. Luke, Texarkana, Tex.; Rich Jarrell, Blevins, and Frank Hamm, Waldo.



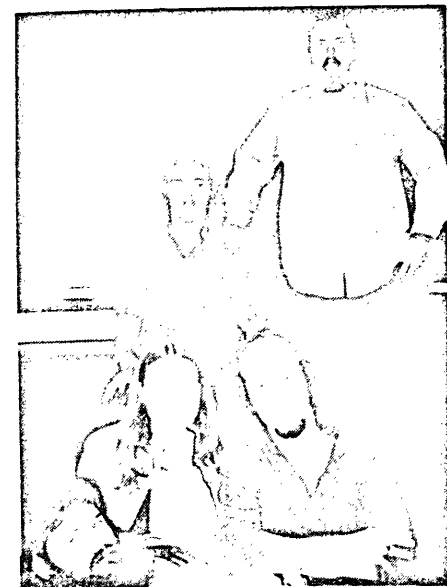
Members of Fairview church and group leader. (From left) V. P. Beeman, Ray Hubbard, W. B. Adams, Nathan Furlow, Jr., W. E. Crisp, the Rev. John O. Alston, DeQueen.



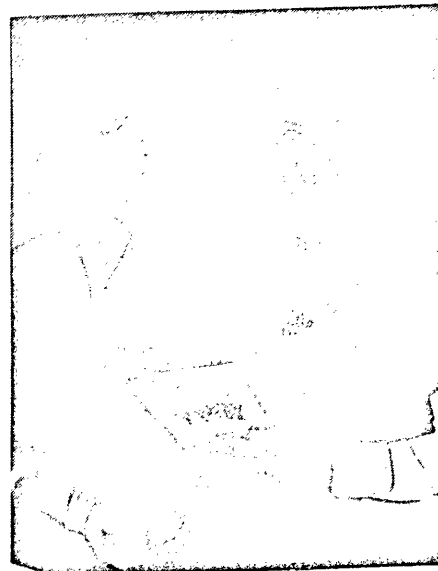
Jack Wimer, a ministerial student at Tulsa University, Tulsa, Okla. speaks on the Youth Service Fund. He is also director of Youth Work at First Church, Okmulgee, Okla.



Miss Susan Gladin, chairman of North Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry, making opening presentation to approximately 1,000 young folk, adult counselors, pastors, and others attending the Youth Rally, April 7.



The Howard Hanger Trio and Susan Gladin. Seated beside Susan is Mr. Hanger, director of the Trio which highlighted the Youth Rally program.



Mrs. Saville Henry (left), North Arkansas coordinator of Youth Ministries and Miss Gladin (right) discussing youth rally program in progress at Staples Auditorium, Hendrix College. Mrs. Henry is program director at Lakewood Church, North Little Rock.

Congressman Mills to address UM Education meeting

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Congressman Wilbur D. Mills and Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger will speak at a May 4 meeting of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church.

Attending the meeting at the Shoreham Hotel here will be the presidents, board of trustee presidents, and selected Washington area alumni from the United Methodist institutions. More than 100 of these schools are in the first year of a program known as "New Generations for New Days", a program which has three goals:

1) "To restate and reaffirm the relationship between the church and its colleges.

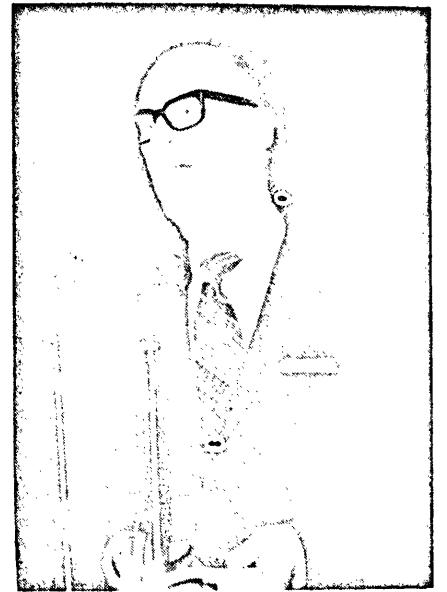
2) "To acquaint a growing number of students with the programs of these schools and colleges.

3) "To raise \$400 million in new money for their programs."

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. with Secretary Weinberger speaking at 11 a.m. and Congressman Mills speaking following lunch. Adjournment is at 3 p.m.

Dr. Fred E. Harris, Nashville, Tenn., associate general secretary of the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church, said the association of higher education leaders is fortunate to have secured these two speakers because of their special competence with regard to the proposed modifications of tax laws regarding charitable contributions and the emerging policies of the administration concerning programs related to higher education.

Congressman Mills is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee which is reviewing the wide spectrum of tax laws.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank addressing recent Ladies' Night audience at Gardner Memorial Church in North Little Rock. The event attracted 140 persons. The Sunshine Trio (mixed voices) and the Youth Choir under the direction of Peter Cooper, director of music, presented special music. Other participants included Conway District Lay Leader, Jim Lane; Roy Garlington, president of Methodist Men, and the Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor. (Photo by Joe A. Taylor)

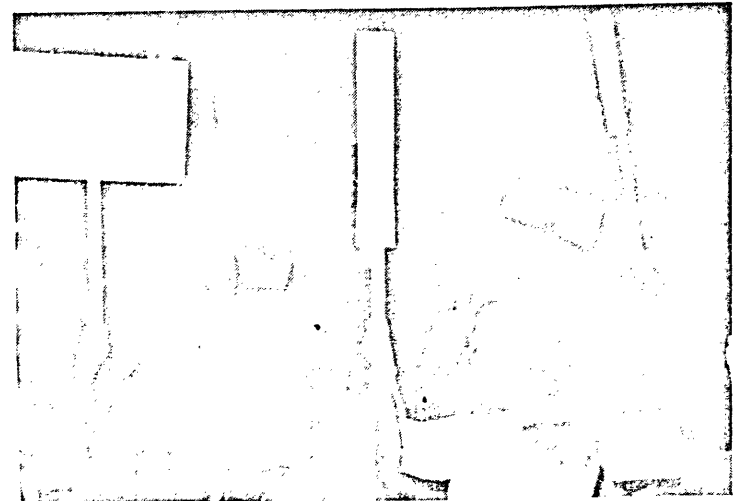
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CAMP

with Charles Mabry and "Outdoor Crafts and Camping Hints" with Rog Rogers are planned for the afternoon. Saturday night activities will include a campfire session and a community snack.

The weekend will conclude Sunday at noon with a one hour lunch period following 9 a.m. family discussion group sessions and a 10 a.m. worship and communion service.

Registration is \$5 per family. Please mail fee to North Arkansas Council on Ministries, 715 Center, Little Rock 72201.



Recent Little Rock District Youth Rally scene at Lonoke United Methodist Church. The banners in evidence at the "open convention" elections were provided by the youth of the host church. Elected were DISTRICT OFFICERS: Eddie Robinson of St. Paul church, Maumelle, president; Kim Edwards, vice president and Shelly Pinkston, secretary; DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE COUNCIL: Edna Johnson, Jeudi Arnold and alternate, Eddie Robinson; DELEGATES TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Mike McHughes and Steve Williams with Steve Darr and Lynn Rea as alternates. The Rev. Bob VanHook presided over the election and installation service; Ben Allen and Jeff Rettig of First Church, Little Rock, played guitars and sang. Around \$1,800 was pledged to the Youth Service Fund. The Rev. Mike Clayton is minister at the Lonoke church.

by Dr. Joel Cooper
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Luke 24:13-35

It seemed like a dream. So much had happened in so short a time that they could not assimilate the experiences, almost psychodelic. They walked slowly headed home to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, the city where it had all happened. Their conversation drifted and swirled around a man riding a donkey through the streets of the city. They had been there and had shouted along with the others. They had never been more hopeful in their lives. But nothing had come of it. Their hopes were raised again momentarily, they reminded each other, as this man ran the money changers and traders out of the temple court. After that, things went from bad to worse. "I don't understand it," said Cleopas. "Jesus had us all in the palm of his hand; he could have done anything." "Yes," said Simon, "He could have, but He didn't. I keep seeing him hanging there on the cross. I can't get it out of my mind."

They walked in silence for a while. Finally, Cleopas asked seriously, "Do you buy the tale those women told?" Just as Simon was about to answer, a man overtook them and began to walk along with them. After the greetings, the stranger asked, "Well, what's new? You seemed to be in a serious conversation as I walked up". Cleopas turned as he spoke, "You mean you haven't heard? I don't see how you could have helped hearing. Why there has been more excitement in the last few days in Jerusalem than I have known in I don't know when. There was this fellow named Jesus. He was a prophet, I believe. Our rulers and priests connived to get him crucified. We had hoped that he was the Messiah, but He didn't look much like a Messiah hanging there on the cross. But see how this grabs you. It was the day before yesterday that He was crucified. This morning early some women went to his tomb to anoint his body, but it wasn't there. Some of our friends checked on the story and they said that the women had told it right." Cleopas waited to see how the stranger would respond.

"Don't you believe what the prophets wrote?" the stranger asked. "Let me remind you . . ." And then He quoted a number of passages from the Old Testament. It was an interesting discussion which continued until the three reached the edge of the village of Emmaus. The stranger started to bid them goodbye, but Cleopas and Simon persuaded Him to go home with them. At the table Cleopas called on Him to say the grace. He did. Then he picked up a loaf of bread, He broke off a couple of pieces and handed them to Cleopas and Simon. It was then that they recognized Jesus, Luke says simply, "And He vanished out of their sight."

Cleopas turned to Simon and said, "That explains it; that's why

my heart burned so as we were talking with the stranger on the road. It was Jesus. He is risen."

Now, I am aware of some of the exegetical problems of the scripture passage. I see in this story a message for Easter Day so powerful that it must be proclaimed. There is a burning in our hearts today. That burning is the work of the risen Lord within us. But not until we recognize Him as Lord and Savior will we know the cause of our divine discontent — and the answer to it.

Simon and Cleopas did not describe for us in detail what the experience of the burning heart meant to them. But . . . I want to say . . . that the living Christ who burns within us is the answer to the burning as well as its cause.

First of all . . . the living Christ is making us discontented with a life that is less than its best. There are men everywhere who long to become what they are capable of becoming.

He (Christ) is not only the cause of the burning, he is the answer to it. In the Christ event which stretches from the throne of God through a Bethlehem stable, from the top of a Golgotha to the bottom of a borrowed tomb, and on and up into the lives of countless men — in the Christ event there is the answer to the burning desire of men to become fully human.

How does it work? Take, first, the matter of man's awareness of his own nature. How is the Christ event an answer to this? Look at the cross. In the cross a man sees both the depths of depravity to which men can sink and the heights of self-giving to which man may rise. The men who connived for, acquiesced in, and participated in the death of Jesus show us what we are at our worst. The man on the cross shows us the self-giving life style which is ours at our best. No man is fully human until he knows both the evil and the good he is capable of doing. The Christ event is the moment of truth about our natures.

Then there is this matter of freedom to become progressively what we are meant to become. Freedom is freedom from something or freedom to something. In either case, the highest value is something other than freedom.

Where does Christ enter the picture? In the commitment of our lives to Christ, we find the freedom to become. It is not perfect freedom. When our top priority is given to Christ, we no longer have the freedom to put other loyalties on top. But the men and the women who have met and recognized the risen Lord testify to a new freedom.

The life that is surrendered to Jesus Christ is the free life, but it is a life that is free to become, free to move toward its potential.

Men want to become what they are capable of becoming. When a man gives his life to Jesus Christ,

puts Christ in first place, he becomes an integrated personality. The inner divisions which have sapped his vitality and dissipated his energy and confused his life direction are gone. Now, he is free, because he is a captive. Jesus is his Lord, and that makes a man a man.

In the second place, there is a burning desire in man for mission. People are looking for something to which they can give their lives. Even as they want to become what they are capable of becoming, so they want to do for others what they are capable of doing. Young people today are as vitally concerned about their world as any generation I have known or read about. Their hearts burn for others. Children of affluence have turned their backs upon affluence because they can't stand the apparent indifference of the strong toward the weak. Men desire a mission.

What I worry about is the way in which you may attempt to work out your mission.

For example, some of you are demolitionists; you believe that you must level to the ground old structures in order that creative new ones may be built. You must be reminded that demolition is much easier and faster than constructive endeavor. You must be reminded that the erasure of old structures does not automatically create better new ones. You must be reminded that historical perspective has always been a desirable ingredient of future planning. You must be reminded that social, economic, religious structures are in reality supports which hold up our way of life. It is a perilous undertaking when these supports are knocked out before better supports have been put into position. The times call for reformation but not for revolution. Jesus was a reformationist, but not a revolutionist. He turned his back upon the temptation to be that kind of Messiah.

Some of you are humanists. The Christian . . . understands the depravity of man, understands that man's worth is a derived worth, i.e. God loves the man, therefore, the man is of worth. This understanding of the reason for man's value keeps Christians, along with Christ, eternally at the task of being "men for others."

Now, there are some Christians

in mission who sometimes lose perspective. There are those individualistic missionaries who conceive of the Christian mission as the leading of individuals to an experience of God's acceptance through Jesus Christ. This is a vital mission. It seeks to meet a dire need of mankind. Man is a spiritual being as well as a physical being. He needs a spiritual nourishment. Christians must be on mission to provide that spiritual nourishment without which man cannot really live. The trouble with this individualistic understanding of mission is its exclusiveness. There are those Christians who feel that the Christian mission is exclusively to the "souls" of men.

On the other hand, there are those Christians who see their mission as a kind of social activism. They get involved not only in the direct relief of the hungry, the sick, the poor, the downtrodden, but they get involved in changing the structures of society which have so much to do with the nurture of persons. This, too, is a vital mission. Men are in need; there is a giant agony in the world. A mission to the hurt, the hungry, the hounded is surely a Christian mission. The trouble with this socially activist understanding of mission is that it is often exclusive. There are those Christians today who think the church is irrelevant if it spends any of its time and energy and money in "spiritual" endeavor.

The risen Christ is working in the hearts of men. He gives them the burning desire for mission. And He is the answer to the burning. When a man is committed to Jesus Christ and comes to understand the non-violent, self-giving reformation principles of Jesus, comes to understand the derived nature of man's worth, and comes to see the Christian mission as mission to the whole man and every man, then he will go out on mission without fear of disillusionment or ultimate failure.

In the third place, there is in man a burning desire for meaning. Man wants whatever assurance he can have that his life counts for something. I would say, as I have of the other two points, the risen Christ is labor-

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Cynthia Wedel, former president of the National Council of Churches, addressing the 11th plenary session of COCU in Memphis, declared: "There is nothing wrong in preferring one way of worship to another, but there is something wrong in trying to prove to others that our way is more correct, more acceptable to God." Dr. Wedel continued, "The basis for a Christian's acceptance of pluralism lies in the realization that God is far greater than we can comprehend. The minute we press for the exclusive 'rightness' of our particular way of doing things, we are, by implication, limiting God — cutting him down to our size."

Professor Carl Schalk, editor of Church Music and professor of organ at Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., said at a Minneapolis meeting of church musicians that changes in worship are slowing down and becoming less flamboyant partly because congregations have become exhausted by constant experimentation. Noting that congregations are returning more and more to traditional forms of worship, Schalk said they have begun to realize that much of what has passed for innovation and which was to have brought renewed vitality and meaning to worship, "has brought only the same enervating monotony and sameness as before."

A meeting in Toronto, of the national executives of the Council for the Faith, a coalition of clergy and laity banded together to present what they consider to be essentials of Anglican faith and tradition, has rejected the official "Plan of Union," which embodies the results of more than 25 years of discussions and negotiations between the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada, and more recently, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Plan calls for a three-fold ministry of bishops, presbyters and deacons. It endorses the ordination of women, a faith and order that is based upon scripture and it recognizes the authority of the traditional creeds. National executive members of the Council for the Faith say union will mean a "watering down" of Anglican doctrine and faith.

Gov. Bruce King has vetoed a bill, opposed by a number of religious leaders, that would have lowered the legal drinking age in New Mexico from 21 to 19. Announcing his veto, the governor said "In light of the demonstrated seriousness of the drinking problem and the widespread parental concern over excessive drinking of young people, I cannot sign into law a measure which will make alcoholic beverages more accessible to young people."

First steps to form a new regional council of all Anglican Churches in South America were taken in Lima, Peru recently by a meeting of 20 delegates representing all existing Anglican Church work on the continent. The delegates including a bishop, priest and layman or woman from each of the Church's seven dioceses, as well as the independent Episcopal Church of Brazil, proposed that the new council should take as its name the Consejo Anglicano Sud Americano (CASA).

Eight Jehovah's Witnesses were sentenced to jail terms ranging from seven to 11 months in Katerini, Greece on charges of proselytizing. Each must pay a \$100 fine and undergo eight months of police surveillance after release. Meanwhile, an employee of the Church of Christ in Thessaloniki was convicted in Katerini on similar charges.

Spokesmen for four religious press associations have urged the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee to recommend passage of a bill providing subsidies to the religious press on postal increases. Under the legislation, introduced by Rep. Morris K. Udall (Ariz.) any postal increases scheduled for religious and other non-profit publications would be shared 50-50 by the publications and the federal government. In addition, the first 250,000 copies of any publication (including profit-making ones) would be entitled to a government subsidy of one-third on its total postal rate. John F. Fink, representing the Associated Church Press, the Catholic Press Assn., Evangelical Press Assn., and the American Jewish Press Assn., told the committee: "We wholeheartedly support the provisions of the Udall Bill — and urge the committee to recommend its passage."

"It is a mistake to think that Christianity is a white man's religion," said the Rev. Wonder Johns, recently ordained pastor of the First Seminole Baptist Church on the Hollywood Reservation in Florida, reflecting on reports that the American Indian Movement (AIM) discourages Christian churches on reservations. Agreeing with the 38-year-old Mr. Johns, Mrs. Winifred Tiger, a Cherokee juvenile counselor who married a Seminole and moved to Hollywood 15 years ago, said AIM leaders "don't want any religion for themselves, and don't want anyone else to have any either." Both Mrs. Tiger and Mr. Johns maintain that the problems at Wounded Knee can be worked out in peaceful cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"Religious Education: Building Values and Meaning," will be the theme of the 70th annual Nat'l. Catholic Educational Association's convention in New Orleans, April 23 to 26, which is expected to attract more than 10,000 Roman Catholic educators. The closing sessions on April 26 will hear Dr. Viktor E. Frankl, Viennese psychiatrist, who will speak on "Youth in Search of Meaning."

In an unusually hard-hitting commentary, Vatican Radio said the atheist leadership of the country of Albania has managed to bring about "the total elimination of the Roman Catholic hierarchy" there. The network program, beamed to Albania as well as to other Communist and non-Communist nations throughout the world, noted that in 1967 the Balkan country had proclaimed itself as "the first atheist state in the world." The broadcast disclosed that only a few Roman Catholic priests remain in Albania.

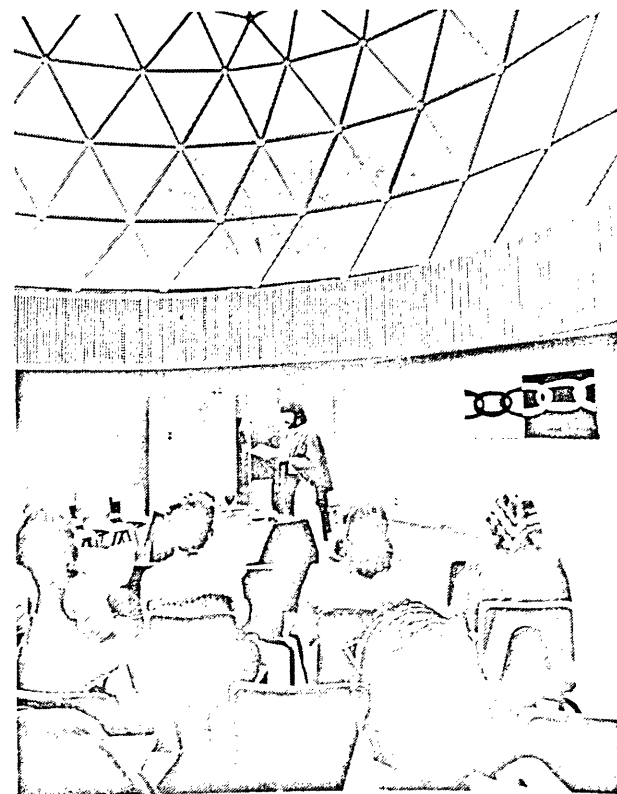
Navy Capt. Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., the first prisoner of war to return to the U. S., speaking before a group at Elon College (United Church of Christ) where his son is student body president said, "Some of you are old enough to remember World War II's expression 'There are no atheists in foxholes.'" "I have seen that man's active faith in God increases proportionately with the degree to which man is faced with the more absolute pressures of life and death." Noting that many people look upon the Ten Commandments as outmoded today, Capt. Denton said "God's commandments are the channels within which man must behave not only for heavenly reward but for successful coexistence as a species on this earth."

The birth rate in Finland is going down and the divorce rate is going up, according to a report issued by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. Births declined by 20.4 per cent during the 1967-1971 period. Church membership statistics for the five-year period revealed that 92.5 per cent of the people belong to the State Lutheran Church. Some Church leaders fear that a new religious education plan now in effect "is linked with sets of values which conflict with the set of values represented by the Christian faith."

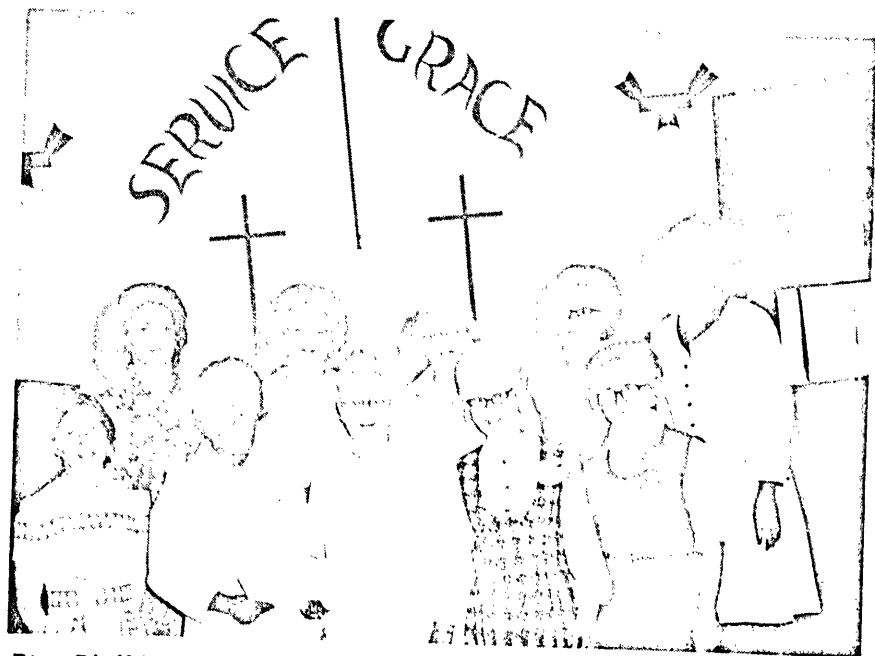
Upon being re-elected president of the American Jewish Congress national Women's Division, Mrs. Jacqueline Levine of West Orange, N. J. declared that the declining role of the family in the transmitting of the Jewish heritage has weakened our attachment to — and our knowledge of — the ideals of social justice which run through the history of the Jewish people. "We (Jews) do not read the Bible at home," Mrs. Levine said, "and so we do not know the prophets' dream of world peace, and the injunction of our sages to love mercy and do justice."

The "Star of Bethlehem," a 747 El Al jet, left New York on April 4 carrying more than 400 persons on what was believed to be one of the largest airborne pilgrimages of Christians to the Holy Land on record. Singer Pat Boone and his family were among the pilgrims making the trip in support of the Bethlehem Crippled Children's Hospital, maintained by the Holy Land Mission of Kansas City. The entertainer was also going to Israel to film a television special called "Christmas in Bethlehem." Special cargo included 400 pairs of orthopedic shoes and 700 pairs of regular shoes for children served by Holy Land Mission.

The proportion of black high school graduates entering college in 1972 was virtually the same as for whites, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The federal agency reported that 49.4 per cent of the white and 47.6 per cent of the black high school graduates of last June were enrolled in college as of Oct. 1972. "In 1968 the enrollment rate was 56.6 per cent for whites and 46.2 for blacks, a difference of 10.4 percentage points," the agency said.



EDWARDSVILLE, ILL. — A service is conducted beneath the R. Buckminster Fuller-designed geodesic dome of the Religious Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The unique building is the only religious facility on the campus and serves Lutherans, Episcopalians, American Baptists, Roman Catholics, United Methodists and the United Christian Foundation (Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ). The building was privately financed by the denominations on land leased from the university. Mr. Fuller wanted to show that religion is central to life and learning when he designed the Center. Programming at the Center is highly ecumenical. There are six campus clergymen who conduct a broad range of religious services and counseling. The building has also been used for weddings and memorial services. (RNS Photo)



Pine Bluff District officers of United Methodist Women were elected at the meeting held in Carr Memorial Church, Pine Bluff. Front row, from left: Mrs. Ed Matthews, vice president; Mrs. L. A. Torrence, secretary; Mrs. Hazel Dabney, president; Miss Mary Brain, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Chalfant, chairman of Nominations. Back row: Mrs. Harold Hansford, Supportive Community; Mrs. W. J. Deane, Global Concerns; Mrs. Herman Little, associate treasurer; Mrs. Ethyl Sadler, Membership; and Mrs. Harold Flowers, Program Resources.

CHURCH HEALTH AND WELFARE HOLD 33RD MEETING

The 33rd annual convention of the United Methodist National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries met in Atlanta, Mar. 13-15. The 500 representatives heard a keynote address from Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Chicago, president of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The Health and Welfare Ministries is considered as "a demonstrated expression of the Christian Gospel in direct services to those who hurt and have particular needs. It is concerned with emotional, physical, and spiritual health and well-being of all persons." The program theme was "Which Way Tomorrow?"

Bishop Washburn confronted and challenged the convention with a stirring message using the "Great Commandment" as his text. A question asked of the body, "Is the compassion quotient of our church able to keep us in our 'servant role' as mounting frustrations of human needs surround us?" United Methodists, from the very earliest days of the denomination, have been concerned about health and welfare of all men. In 1740, soon after the first Methodist society began meeting in the Old Foundry in London, a free dispensary was opened by John Wesley. He believed and taught that Christians had a primary duty to care for the poor, the sick and the helpless.

Now, The United Methodist Church, more than 10-million members strong, is deeply involved on a daily basis with the health and welfare of many more millions, both in and outside the church. Some idea of the enormous size and great variety of ministries carried on under the name of United Methodism can be seen in the statistics below.

Agency Ministries:

Aging services: 185, with persons served in 1972, 59,036.

Health Care Services: There are 78 agencies with 4,770,250 persons served in 1972.

Children and Youth Services, 1972:

The 64 institutions served 24,400 persons.

Residences: The 15 resident-homes cared for 1,750 persons.

United Methodist Health and Welfare Ministries in 1972: Operated 342 agencies, and served 4,855,436 people in need.

The Ministries gave \$47,993,210 in free services, expended \$792,059,875 in operating budget, employed 83,176 persons, and received \$11,859,065 from churches and conferences.

Church Programs:

In addition to its extensive agency ministries, the church has an even greater opportunity for service through its local congregations. Many churches are actively involved in local programs to help meet the Health and Welfare needs of persons in church and community. Golden Cross Sunday is a way to get your church involved.

Golden Cross Sunday Observance Growing:

More annual conferences observed Golden Cross Sunday in 1972 than ever before. In 1970 when the General Program Council designated the first Sunday in May as Golden Cross Sunday, 23 conferences encouraged local churches to take special offerings on that day. Now the number is 68.

In 1972 these conferences reported that they raised more than \$800,000. This is up from \$280,000 in 1970. Golden Cross funds are used to pay medical bills for the indigent, support scholarship programs for nursing students and other health and welfare services not provided by other programs or funds. The annual conference retains all funds raised through the Golden Cross offerings and determines how the moneys are to be spent.

Those from this area attending the Health and Welfare meeting in Atlanta included, from Louisiana: the Rev. Nathaniel P. Perry and the Rev. Alfred Pollar; and from Arkansas: the Rev. Michael A. Velchoff, the Rev. Harold Spence, and Mrs. Alice Preston. The report printed above was submitted by Mrs. Preston.



Jonesboro District officers of United Methodist Women are shown. From left on front row are: Mrs. Roy Weld, president; Mrs. George Disinger, vice-president; Mrs. Wilma Wimberly, secretary; Miss Leton Adams, treasurer; Mrs. H. D. Jackson, chairman of Nominations and Mrs. Earl Warren, Christian Personhood. Back Row: Mrs. Frank Weatherford, Supportive Community; Mrs. Amos Decker, Christian Social Involvement; Miss Mildred Osment, former conference president; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Global Concerns; Mrs. Ned Darter, program materials; Mrs. Julia Morrison, Nominations and Mrs. Almus Matthews, associate treasurer.

JONESBORO DISTRICT HAS SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Monette United Methodist Church was the setting for the service of celebration for United Methodist Women of the Jonesboro District on Sunday, March 18. One-hundred forty-two women came from all over the district to hear the program entitled "Sing Unto The Lord A New Song." Mrs. Roy Weld of Fisher welcomed those present and after singing of the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Mrs. George Disinger of Jonesboro led the Call to Worship. The program included a responsive reading "What Are We Doing Here" to which members of Women's Society and Wesleyan Guild, a Sunday School Teacher, and mem-

bers-at-large responded.

An original hymn "Sing Unto The Lord A New Song" written by Mrs. D. W. Gilbert of Jonesboro was sung by the group and was followed by the "Celebration of Remembering the Past" by Mrs. Weld, a litany on "Recognizing Old Officers" led by Mrs. Disinger, "Celebration of Hope for the Future" by Mrs. Russell Massey of Jonesboro, Election and Installation of Officers, led by Miss Mildred Osment, "Celebration of Rejoicing in the Present" and "Statement of Purpose" by Mrs. Disinger. An offering was received to be used for the cultivation program of the new organization.

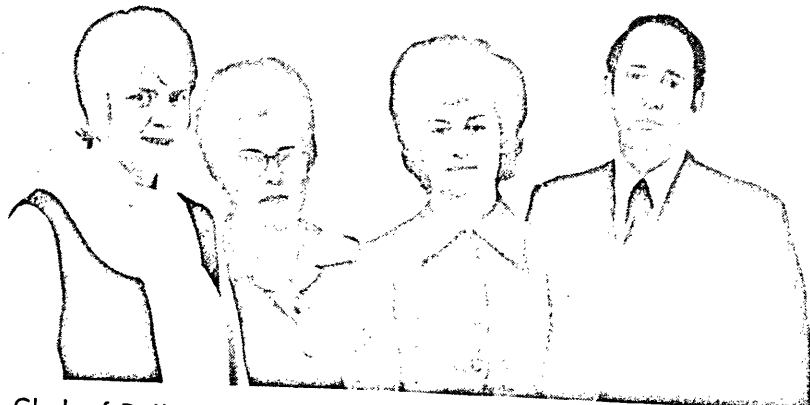
Miss Donna Kernodle of Monette, who is the Jonesboro District scholarship recipient, was a guest. Members of the Monette Methodist Church entertained in their fellowship hall with a tea following the program. New officers elected to serve are listed with their picture on this page.

PLEASE BE PATIENT

We hope to have space for the story and pictures concerning the Warren Centennial in the next issue.

We are swamped with reports and pictures of Celebration Services being held by women. We hope to print all of them, eventually.

Ditto, pictures of confirmation classes.



Joan Clark of Dallas, who is a member of the staff of the General Board of Global Ministries and assigned to the South Central Jurisdiction, has made several visits to various places in the state this spring. She is shown above at left, with a group in Fairview Church, Camden, where she led a workshop on the purposes of United Methodist Women and ways to implement these purposes. With her are Jean Simpson, WSG president; Earlena Campbell, WSCS past-president; and the Rev. George A. Tanner, Fairview pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

WASHINGTON AVENUE CHURCH in North Little Rock had Bishop Eugene M. Frank as guest speaker at the Key 73 fellowship dinner held on March 27. Dr. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent was a guest, as were Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Clayton. The Rev. Kenneth Renfro was host pastor.

THE FORDYCE CHURCH is holding a revival this week with the Rev. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia district superintendent as guest evangelist. Bill Fuller, music and youth director at Carlisle, is leading the music. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is pastor.

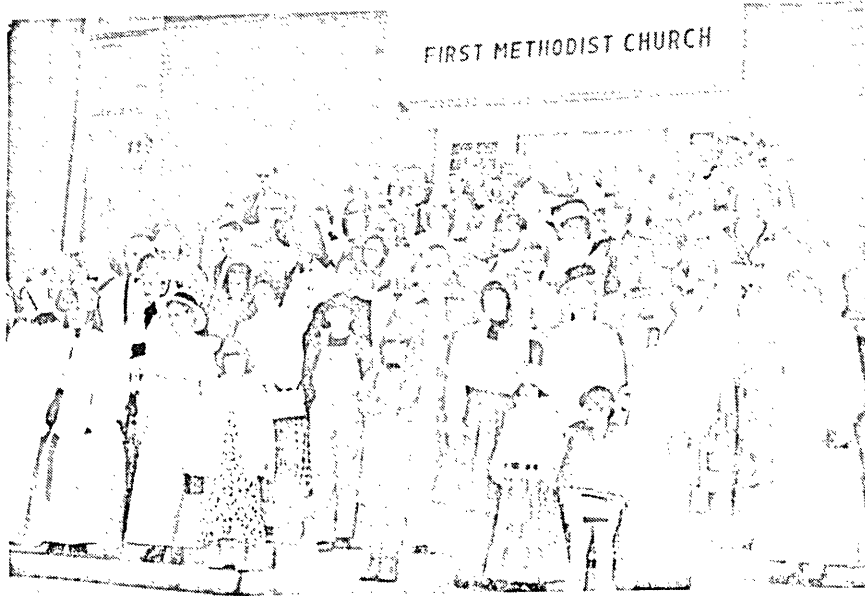
THE MOUNTAIN HOME revival begins Easter and continues through April 25. The Rev. Merle A. Johnson, Jr., Siloam Springs minister and author is bringing the sermons. The Rev. Norman Carter is pastor.

MISS JOAN CLARK was the guest speaker, April 1, in the pulpit of the Stamps United Methodist Church where the Rev. Robert W. Johnson serves as pastor. Miss Clark, a regional worker for the Board of Global Ministries with headquarters in Dallas, spoke concerning the value and work of the Board. Assisting in the worship service were Mrs. Walter Hudson, Mrs. Robert Johnson and Mrs. Irving Wilson. Miss Clark also led a workshop for women from the Lewisville, Bradley, and Stamps churches during the afternoon.

THE POCAHONTAS LAY Witness Mission had as coordinator Leo Faulkner from Fort Smith. David Cox of Morrow was youth coordinator. A. L. McFall was local general chairman for the mission, held in March, and the Rev. G. A. McKelvey is pastor.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, Little Rock, held a Leadership Workshop in March under the leadership of Mrs. Ann Puryear, chairman of the Work Area of Education. Teachers included District Superintendent Ed Dunlap, Miss Olive Smith, Mrs. Harold Allen and Mrs. Hazel Dabney. Dr. Joe R. Phillips is pastor.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Church in Little Rock concluded the mission series on India, April 8, with Father Edwin Geers of Heifer Project International as guest speaker. A dinner featuring Indian food preceded his message. Dr. Don Wold, former missionary in Pakistan, explained and demonstrated some musical instruments from India, including the sitar, a stringed instrument, and the tabla, a drum type instrument. Dr. Joseph E. Taylor is the Trinity minister.



The congregation of First United Methodist Church in Rector gathers on the steps of the church following the Old Fashioned Day service March 25. The service was one of many held in the county in conjunction with the Clay County Centennial. The pastor, Wayne C. Jarvis, and his family are pictured in the right foreground.

RECTOR UNITED METHODISTS are holding Holy Week services, April 15-22, with the Rev. Jim Beal of Helena as guest evangelist. Bob Fuller of Jonesboro is leading the singing. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis is host pastor.

THE REV. JAMES GATLIN, pastor of the Duncanville (Tex.) United Methodist Church, preached during the Lenten revival held in Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, April 8-13. He is a nephew of the pastor, the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin.

MORRILTON METHODISTS heard William Earl Maxwell, Jr. preach at two services on Sunday, April 8. He was recently licensed to preach by that church and is a student at Hendrix. The Rev. Clyde T. Parsons is his pastor.

THREE YOUNG MEN of First Church, Jonesboro, who have recently answered the call to the ministry, spoke in that church during the Sunday at Six Service, April 8. They are Steve Brizzi, Billy Hubbell and Rex Darling. The Rev. Worth Gibson is their pastor.

MARIANNA UNITED Methodists dedicated a new church library during the worship service April 1. Assisting the Rev. Leonard Byers were Marvin Caldwell, charge lay leader, and Mrs. Lon Mann, chairman of the library commission.

DELTA UMY SUB-DISTRICT met in First Church, West Memphis on April 1 at 5 p.m. Steve Schoettle, president, presided. The program was a series of skits written by Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dean and enacted by John Manning, Carol Hughes, Phillip Para, Diane Felty, Elton Rieves and Leslie Maxwell. Panelists following the skits included Marc Tate, Elisa Sims, Gaye Hightshoe, Rick Bollinger, Diane Demuth and Steve Schoettle. The Rev. Ben Hines, host pastor, was the moderator.

MRS. DOVIE MAXWELL MARTIN

Mrs. Dovie Maxwell Martin, 75, of Morrilton died Thursday, March 22, 1973 at a Morrilton hospital.

She was born Feb. 17, 1898, in Lanty, a daughter of the late Alvus M. and Mary Ann Maxwell, and wife of the late Edgar P. Martin. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Morrilton, the Bearden Sunday School Class, and Circle One of the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include three sons: Wendell Ray Martin of Garland, Texas; Dr. George Wayne Martin of Arkadelphia; and James Luther Martin of Morrilton; a daughter, Mrs. Hattie Pearl Burns of Morrilton; two brothers: Luther A. Maxwell of Cleveland and A. V. Maxwell of Morrilton; 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the First United Methodist Church by the Rev. Clyde Parsons and the Rev. I. L. Claud. Burial was in Friendship Cemetery at Solgohachia.

THE REV. JOHN WALKER, pastor of First Church, Smackover, was the preacher for Holy Week services at Fairview United Methodist Church in Camden. The Rev. George A. Tanner was host pastor.

GEYER SPRINGS CHURCH, Little Rock, will have the cantata "Hallelujah! What a Savior!" by Peterson, presented at the 10:15 a.m. Easter worship service. Bill Kennedy directs the choir with Mrs. Bobbie Carpenter at the organ and Mrs. Bill Miller at the piano. Ray Lange will serve as narrator. Soloists will be Mrs. Mike Howell, Mrs. Sam Wood, Miss Roanne Hart, John Cowan and Robert Baker. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffe will bring the Easter message at 11 a.m.

VICKY ALLEN, director of Youth Work at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, has three articles in a new book on leisure ministry entitled: "Every Day A Holy Day; A Leisure Ministries Handbook." The collection is edited by Robert Ochsenrider and is published by Tidings.

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. 22—Sunday	Mark 16:1-11
Apr. 23	Luke 24:13-27
Apr. 24	Luke 24:28-48
Apr. 25	1 Cor. 15:12-28
Apr. 26	Rom. 9:1-21
Apr. 27	Rom. 9:25-33
Apr. 28	Rom. 10:1-21
Apr. 29—Sunday	John 20:11-18

OSCEOLA CHURCHES IN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Churches of Osceola, under the sponsorship of the Osceola Ministerial Alliance, will come together, April 20, for the annual community Good Friday Service to be held at the First Baptist Church from 12:30 to 1:30.

The Rev. Larry Barger, minister of the Assembly of God Church, will bring the message. The call of worship will be given by the Rev. M. D. Mabry, of the First Pentecostal Church of God, and scripture readings will be given by the Rev. William Shows, minister of the First Presbyterian Church and by the Rev. Ted Boswell, vicar of the Calvary Episcopal Church. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers, pastor of the First United Methodist Church will give the benediction.

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY of Mrs. Mary Louise Smither, new electronic equipment valued at \$2,000 was used in First Church, Harrison, on Sunday, April 1. The New Covenant Singers, youth choir, brought special music. The Rev. John M. McCormack delivered the sermon. At the evening service, the Rev. George Rogers taught the Bible study.

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY of the CONTACT telephone ministry in Pine Bluff was observed on March 29. The program, held in First United Methodist Church, had as speaker the Rev. Ed Matthews of Lakeside United Methodist Church. Dr. John Lindsay was host pastor.

DEVALLS BLUFF Methodists held a spring revival the first week in April with the Rev. Mike Clayton of Lonoke as evangelist. The Rev. Kirvin Hale is pastor.

CONWAY YOUTH presented excerpts from "Jesus Christ Superstar" in First Church during the evening service, April 1. Singers and instrumentalists were under the direction of Elise Shoemaker. The Rev. Ben Jordan is pastor.

BEARDEN UNITED METHODISTS heard the youth singers from First Church, Camden, on Sunday night, April 1. The Share Singers, directed by David Glaze, presented the program. The Bearden pastor is the Rev. Sam Albright.

ALDERSGATE FAIR NEWS

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Council Directors to Local Churches

VIPS

What a privilege to write a few words, hopefully to help the VIP (Very Important Persons) in the pastorate. These men and women are doing a great piece of work and deserve our love, our appreciation, and our assistance.

1. SUPPOSE THE WORK AREA CHAIRMAN of mission came to a Pastor and said, "What are my responsibilities?" The wise pastor would hand him a leaflet entitled "What I would do if I were Work Area Chairman of Missions in a Local Church". Such a leaflet can be secured from SERVICE CENTER, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.

2. SUPPOSE A MAN SAID TO A MINISTER, "Please tell me about the new women's organization." What could a minister say? "Well, The United Methodist Women is a new inclusive organization. In fact in every local church there shall be an organiz-

ed unit of United Methodist Women."

PURPOSE: The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose Purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to any woman who wants to belong and is willing to participate in the global mission of the church through United Methodist Women.

**WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?
WHAT IS REALLY NEW?**

From where I sit the newness is in emphasis on the individual woman and

her growth and understanding as a person; on developing a supportive fellowship of women as they work together in the church; on being part of the total church; on being part of a team; on developing a structure within a given framework which will best serve the members of the local unit. In part, this last item relates to forming sub-groups.

We have a great opportunity for newness here!! It will take interested capable leadership in the local unit to study the interests and needs of the members and then to plan the kind of sub-groups that will meet these needs.

So, WHAT'S NEW? The many possibilities provided within the framework of United Methodist Women and the challenge to rise to these possibilities!

3. SUPPOSE A YOUNG COUPLE ASKED A PREACHER about opportunities for leadership training? He might well answer "The finest opportunities can be found right here in the

State. In fact a laboratory training enterprise for workers with children, youth, and adults, church library, weekday kindergarten will be held July 1-6 at Mt. Sequoyah. A Weekday Kindergarten and seminar for prospective laboratory leaders of children, youth and adult age groups, and library workers will start June 30.

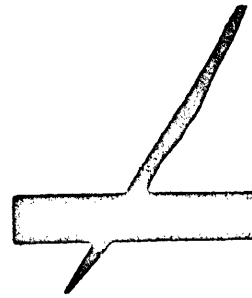
Registration must be made to the Director, Conference Council on Ministries, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Cost for the Laboratory Classes is \$35 for adult lab classes and \$50 for the seminar and laboratory together; \$10 for youth lab, and \$6 for children's lab.

No finer opportunity can be found in the South than this, planned and sponsored by The United Methodist Church.

4. SUPPOSE YOU WANTED TO SAY MORE but had to wait until next week? Anyway, Thanks for reading—
Your Program Council Director.

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 29: Man Responds Through Faith

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16: 13-16; John 20:24-31; Acts 16:25-34; Romans 10:5-13

MEMORY SELECTION: Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider the difference it makes to be a Christian.

The four Scripture references that have been chosen for today's study are all related to the miracle that is wrought in the life of an individual when he or she becomes acquainted with Christ. The account in Acts of the conversion of the Philippian jailer and his family is particularly striking. "What must I do to be saved?" is the pleading question which the frightened jail-keeper put to Paul and Silas that night. It is the question which, in one form or another, is asked over and over in every generation.

LIVING IN EARTHQUAKE TIMES

We must keep in mind the fact that there had just been an earthquake. Of all the disasters that afflict earth-dwellers—fire, tornadoes, blizzards—there is nothing quite so frightening as an earthquake. I have never been through one and have no desire for the thrill, but I have talked with a number of people who have had the first hand experience. They all say there is nothing else quite like it. The whole earth, usually so steady and dependable, seems to be shaking. One has the feeling, these people say, that nothing is secure and there is a sense of terror as to what will happen next.

It is no exaggeration of the facts to say that the times through which we are passing are "earthquake times". Standards, customs, principles, which we once took for granted as being secure and permanent have been severely shaken if not completely overturned. It is probable that few if any of you who reads these words, if you are forty or over, haven't said to yourself, "I never thought I would live to see anything like this." And the end is not yet. In earthquake times the question continues to arise, sometimes with desperate urgency, and at varied levels—individual, family, economically, socially—"What must we do to be saved?"

Our concern, as Christians, is with the question "What have we, as individuals and as a Church, to say in response to this question?" The reply that Paul and Silas gave to the frightened jailer that night is, in essence, the reply which is given by the entire New Testament and by the whole body of the disciples of Christ in that generation, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." That seems a very simple and incomplete answer, even for that day, and for complex and confused times like these we are in, some believe it to be wholly inadequate.

THE ONLY VALID ANSWER

Let us take a deeper look. In the first place, it must be understood that the word here translated "believe" has a much wider meaning than mere intellectual assent. The New English Bible translates

it more accurately, "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." By this is meant, "Accept Christ as the one who has brought to the world a full revelation of God's love for mankind and of his offer of forgiveness and reconciliation and of his plan for man's victory over sin and death." With this understanding of the meaning of life, the one who has put his trust in Christ is ready to live in the fullest sense of the word.

This prescription for living was all that the early Christians had to offer. It is the best we have today. John Wesley, in recording in his Journal a service of preaching, would frequently say, "I gave them Christ." Today the Church has spacious and comfortable buildings, an elaborate ritual, a magnificent organization and no small degree of worldly influence. The New Testament Christians had none of these. But they had what we are in danger of relegating to a place of secondary importance. They had a vivid awareness of the presence of the living Christ in their lives and an impassioned desire to share this experience with the whole world. This was true not only of those who had been associated with him in his ministry in the flesh but also of those who had come to know him through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The Church and its members will never have a gift to offer to the world that matches this one.

A TOTAL COMMITMENT

When we seek to discover what it was that the New Testament Christians found in Christ that accounts for their amazing vitality and steadfastness in the face of tremendous difficulties, three facts stand out quite clearly. First, **THEY FOUND IN CHRIST A MAN WHO EMBODIED SO MUCH OF GOD THAT THEY FELT COMPELLED TO GIVE HIM THEIR SUPREME LOYALTY.** We have come to think of the word "totalitarian" as an ugly and evil word. In the merely human context it is just that and represents a pattern of life that must be resisted at all costs. But in a very real sense, Christianity is a "totalitarian" religion. It requires all that we have and all that we are. It will not compromise for anything less. Jesus said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:24) Nowhere in the teachings of Jesus do we find any word that indicates that he appealed to the part of our nature that loves ease and security. He always appealed to the self-sacrificing and heroic. The reason one finds so many unhappy, disappointed church members is that they have made only a partial commitment to the Christian way of life. This is not sufficient. It requires total submission to the will of Christ. Dr. E. Stanley Jones wrote a little book which he called, "Victory Through Surrender" which is a discussion of this secret of the Christian way from defeat to triumph.

And yet the New Testament Christians, instead of finding this loyalty to Christ a restraining bondage, discovered that it was the way to freedom and courage and victory. When they surrendered their self-centered selves, they found through fellowship with Christ their real selves. This is a discovery that needs to be made in every generation by those who are seeking the fullness of life.

TO SING AT MIDNIGHT

Second, **THEY FOUND IN CHRIST A STRENGTH AND COMFORT TO MATCH THE DEMANDS OF EVERY SITUATION.** When we read of the trials and persecutions and martyrdoms which they endured it is easy to see that only super-human courage and fortitude could have enabled them to prevail. In describing the early Christians, Dr. L. P. Jacks of England wrote, "They were absurdly happy, perfectly fearless, and always in trouble." It was only this kind of inner confidence that could have made it possible for Paul and Silas, in the inner prison with their feet in the stocks, to sing at midnight. Paul may have been thinking of the incident at Pentecost in which the jubilant Christians were accused of drinking too much wine when he wrote to his fellow Christians in Ephesus, "Do not give way to drunkenness and dissipation that goes with it, but let the Holy Spirit fill you." (Ephesians 5:18 NEB) This is only another evidence that the early Christians remembered the words of Jesus when he said, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

Third, **THEY FOUND IN CHRIST THE SECRET OF RECONCILIATION.** The world in which the Christian message was first released was a divided, strife-torn, world. The healing, unifying, ministry of Christ was described in this statement: "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." (II Corinthians 5:18, 19) We are in the same kind of world today.

Man needs to be reconciled with himself. In the seventh chapter of the letter to the Romans, Paul is writing about himself and gives us a vivid description of a man in whom a continuing struggle was in process, "I can will what is right but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil do I not want is what I do." Instead of being a unified person he was a civil war. The warfare continued until an encounter with the Living Christ resulted in his reconciliation to God and the unifying of his total being through this supreme loyalty. Then he was able to say, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." He was then able to proclaim his message of reconciliation between persons, classes, races, and nations. Dr. Albert C. Outler of the Perkins Seminary describes the responsibility of the Church; "Here, of course, is where the Church comes in; this is what the Church is for. If, in the atonement, man's estrangement from God was overcome in Christ's body on the Cross, so also the Church remains in the world as Christ's body to continue the ministry of peace-bringing; to be a reconciled and reconciling community acting under the authority and by the power of Christ himself. Here is the criterion of the Church; here is the measure of her success or failure."

Because this is true, as individual members of the Church we cannot escape our responsibility as "Ambassadors for Christ" and agents of reconciliation.

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'Trilogue' cautions against offending non-Christians

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Ronn Kerr, staff member of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, was a guest resource leader in a pioneering, interreligious "trilogue" involving Jews, Roman Catholics, and Southern Baptists here March 25-27.

Mr. Kerr, head of the Key 73 launch phase, was on the program along with several other speakers including Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee and one of the most outspoken critics of Key 73.

Following the trilogue the 60 participating scholars and theologians issued a declaration of intent which included a caution to leaders of the North American Key 73 evangelism program to "avoid offending the religious heritage of non-Christians, and avoid any temptation to make targets of non-Christian faith groups."

Rabbi Tanenbaum said Jews have never questioned the right of Christians to proclaim their religious faith. The issue, he said, is the nature of the proclamation, especially when it singles Jews out as a special target audience.

Mr. Kerr said an early concern of Key 73 leaders was that the movement had a dangerous potential of emphasizing a kind of national folk religion which would affirm that "to be a Christian one must be an American." If Key 73 should perpetuate that myth "it would be terrible," he added.

The concern of Key 73, Mr. Kerr said, is that there is a great block of people in North America who have

Dr. S. Duane Bruce to direct Jurisdiction Ministries Council

LUBBOCK, Tex. (UMI) — The Rev. Dr. S. Duane Bruce, program director of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church since 1968, has been named executive director of the Council on Ministries of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction.

The election of Dr. Bruce, effective June 1, was announced jointly by Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, Albuquerque, N. M., and the Rev. Bruce Blake, Wichita, Kans., chairman of the Council on Ministries.

Dr. Bruce, 52, succeeds the Rev. Virgil D. Morris who is retiring after 13 years in the staff position. Offices will continue to be located in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Bruce's election was confirmed April 11 by members of the Council on Ministries and ratified by the Council on Finance and Administration following nomination by a joint committee on personnel headed by Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Dallas.

The South Central Jurisdiction includes Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Missouri, and Texas.

The Council on Ministries provides programs of leadership development, promotes jurisdictional institutions, coordinates activities of the annual conferences, and provides resources that are available at other levels of the

not yet sensed the presence of God's love in their lives through any religious affiliation.

church.

Dr. Bruce attended high school at Loraine, Tex.; received his B.A. degree and an honorary D.D. degree from McMurry College, Abilene, Tex.; and his B.D. degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.

He served several Texas pastorates including associate at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock, Denver City, White Deer, Albany, Hamlin, Phillips, and Perryton. He has also been superintendent of the Childress and Seymour Districts.

Dr. Bruce has served on several annual conference agencies and has been vice chairman of the Jurisdictional Council on Ministries since 1972. He was a delegate to the 1968, 1970, and 1972 General Conferences. He has been secretary-treasurer of the National Fellowship of Program Directors and is a member of the General Board of Discipleship.

Active in ecumenical affairs, he has been a member of the executive committee of the Texas Conference of Churches.

He is also chairman of the Informational Services Division of the United Methodist Communications Council representing the annual conferences of Texas and New Mexico.

Dr. Bruce and his wife Gladys have one son, Dan D., who is an ordained United Methodist minister on the staff of The Methodist Home, Waco, Tex.; and a daughter, Sharamine Ruth, employed at the Cokesbury Bookstore in Dallas.

World Methodism to observe Pentecost Sunday

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UMI)—Methodist Churches all over the world are being asked to observe Pentecost Sunday, June 10, 1973 as a time for calling all members to a dedication to an intensive evangelistic mission to the world.

April 1 copies of the World Methodist Council's "Call to Mission and Evangelism," as found in the World Methodist Evangelism Report No. 1, will be sent to all ministers in the United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and Free Methodist Churches in the United States.

The call is being translated into many languages for use on Pentecost. In South America, leadership is being given by CIEMAL (Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America). The Home Mission Department of the British Methodist Church has a key person in each district who is promoting this observance of Whit Sunday (Pentecost), and other aspects of the World Methodist Council evangelistic thrust.

At the heart of this Call is the Challenging sentence: "That the mission shall emphasize the reality of and necessity for the inward personal experience of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and the necessity to fashion a just social order in which all people, especially those who hitherto have been deprived, may live a truly human experience."

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ing in our lives to create this burning. He is the one who causes us to say wistfully, "Surely there is some meaning to it all." And he is the one in whom there is the affirmative answer.

It is impossible for me, perhaps impossible for anyone, to give a clear and rational explanation of how it is that the risen Lord gives meaning to our lives. But that he does is the testimony of everyone who has sincerely sought the answer in Jesus Christ.

Men have met the Risen Christ, have recognized Him, have trusted Him, and followed Him. Their experience is a mystery, i.e. it cannot be validated fully by the ordinary processes of reason. But neither can it be invalidated. The work of the risen Lord is known to men. They usually say, "I felt it or I heard it or I saw it" — trying to express the inexpressible.

Here follows an illustration I have had in my files a long time. I don't know how to give credit for it.

The scene is the Queen's Hall, London. A cultured audience had gathered to listen to a concert. One of the items on the program

was a song by a young girl. She was making her first appearance before the critical music public of London. She sang — with perfect poise — a song which she had practiced many hours with her distinguished tutor. At the end of the song the applause was deafening and extended. Both tutor and audience demanded that she sing again. She did — the same song.

But it had been a long time since the audience had heard anything so fresh and understandable and altogether captivating. It was imperative that she should sing yet again. She conferred with her tutor. She had arranged to sing only this one song. The tutor was not willing to risk more. "What else have you got?" he asks. From her music case she takes out a song and says very simply, "I should like to sing this to them." She goes to the platform. The noise and tumult and cheering subside. In perfect stillness she begins:

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.
She sang it to Gounod's glor-

ious setting. The effect was electrical. It had been a long time since many in the audience had heard any religious message, and a very long time indeed since they had heard the message of the cross. The beautiful voice goes on:

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

The silence becomes almost tangible. The tension almost more than people can bear, and still the voice goes on:

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

There were not many dry eyes. Women wept openly, unable to restrain their tears. Men gripped the seats in front of them, their

A BURNING HEART

knuckles white with the intensity of their grip, their faces strained by the depth of their emotion. The singer seems almost unconscious of the audience. She is singing a song so precious to her own heart that she is not singing to please the audience. She has forgotten it is there. She is bearing out through Gounod's music the adoration of her own heart for the crucified Lord. So to those final and wonderful notes the young voice travels on:

O dearly, dearly he has loved,
And we must love him, too,
And trust in his redeeming blood.
And try his works to do.

The soloist forgets to bow. The audience notices no omission. There is no applause — only a great silence. Their hearts were burning with the presence of the Living Lord.

Can you sit motionless and in perfect silence for a moment? Does your heart burn within you this Eastertide? It is the presence of the living Christ giving you the burning desire for mission, for meaning — and offering Himself as the answer.

"The Lord is Risen indeed".

Local interchurch fellowship experiments encouraged as COCU Plan of Union undergoes revisions for later consideration

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UMI) — With a strong reaffirmation for eventual church union, the delegates from eight denominations in the Consultation On Church Union (COCU) gave unanimous approval here April 2-6 to a set of priorities whereby the churches can begin to live and work together.

The delegates found "general agreement among the churches on matters of faith, worship, and the basic nature of the church's ministry" as outlined in the COCU plan of union released in 1970, but said there was "general unreadiness to accept the organizational structures proposed for a united church."

The proposed union would bring together more than 22 million persons from eight denominations into one "Church of Christ Uniting."

As a result of the feedback from local churches which had studied the proposal, the delegates took steps to have revised for adoption the parts of the union plan about which there is general agreement, and put off structure decisions until experimentation together can test common life from which suitable structures might emerge.

United Methodists, along with the other seven denominations, will be called on to affirm their commitment to union, and COCU as the vehicle toward that end.

The United Methodist delegation was one of the most representative present. It included two bishops: Bishop Wayne K. Clymer of Minneapolis who headed the delegation, and Bishop Jack M. Tuell of Portland; four ordained clergy, two of whom were women (one being a youth under 25); and two seminarians. Two of the delegates were black. There were also 12 associate United Methodist delegates present.

More than 60 percent of the entire COCU delegation had never attended a COCU plenary before. Only three of

the United Methodists had attended a previous plenary.

The delegates outlined several emphases which they recommended to the member churches for immediate attention:

- Dealing with institutional racism.
- Agreeing on faith, worship, and ministry.
- Developing some "generating communities" which would be local congregations of COCU churches living and working together to the degree they feel they are able.
- Studying the local expression of the church — the congregation and the parish as proposed in the COCU plan of union.
- Working out some form of "interim eucharistic fellowship," a regular celebration of the Lord's Supper by COCU churches.

Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, Hollywood, Calif., director of urban ministries and ecumenical relations for the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected chairman of COCU for the next two years. He succeeds Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr. of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

At a press conference following the plenary, Bishop Jordan said church union is not only possible but is the will of God. "Eventually there will be a union but God has not told us yet what the dates are," he declared.

In a statement of "covenant" the United Methodist delegates affirmed church union as a priority and said they plan to use their influence at all levels of the church to "press the claims of the Consultation."

The delegation developed several resolutions for the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division of the Board of Global Ministries and several other agencies asking for greater support and increased funds "for the approved expanded approaches of the

Consultation for revision of a plan and for living into union."

The COCU delegates, including 10 persons from each denomination, authorized a commission to perfect portions of the plan of union dealing with faith, worship, and ministry. The delegates, at the next plenary if possible, will be asked to approve the revision which will then be submitted to member churches for a vote.

Richard Johnson, a United Methodist seminarian at Yale University, made an amendment asking the churches in that eventual vote to approve "immediate recognition of members and ministry" among the churches.

United Methodist delegates supported the amendment but it was defeated. The issue of mutual recognition of members and ministry is a sensitive one because of constitutional provision against it in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. and the Episcopal Church.

Speaking against the amendment, Episcopal Bishop Robert G. Gibson of Richmond, Va., said he was personally in favor of mutual recognition but that "now is not the time."

The plenary voted to encourage the churches to explore "alternative models of church life," particularly at the regional levels.

It also authorized a task force to make a theological and sociological study of the forms of the church at the local level, and approved the idea of creating several "generating communities" which would generate church union at the local level in the local style. A report was also approved which offered some models for local united action.

A Commission on Institutional Racism was approved which will deal with the need for "compensatory action" for blacks and others denied opportunities by churches in the past, as well as monitoring the activities of churches in this regard.

The plenary also called on seminaries of the COCU churches to concern themselves with the issues and principles involved in the proposed union.

Dr. Paul A. Crow Jr., general secretary for COCU, said in his "state of COCU address", that many individuals and churches are moving beyond negativism about church union.

Delegates and visitors to the Memphis plenary celebrated the Lord's Supper together in a 110-year-old black Baptist church built by newly-freed slaves on historic Beale Street where W. C. Handy gave birth to the late blues.

Sessions were adjourned so that persons could participate in a memorial march to the Lorraine Motel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated five years earlier.

COCU denominations are: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

The United Presbyterian Church is the only denomination to withdraw from the Consultation and many COCU speakers predicted that the denomination will reenter the Consultation following its next General Assembly in May.

The United Methodist Church is related to COCU through its Board of Global Ministries Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns and funds the Consultation with \$35,000 annually. Associate General Secretary, of the Division, Dr. Robert W. Huston, and Assistant General Secretary, the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, are both on the COCU United Methodist delegation.

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Ministerial Exchange Opportunities

NEW YORK (UMI) — What are called two "unusual ministerial exchange opportunities" for the summer of 1973 have been announced by the World Methodist Council office at Lake Junaluska, N. C. The Council for many years has facilitated exchange of ministers in various areas of world Methodism on a short or longer term basis.

The Council office gave these descriptions of the exchange opportunities that only recently became available:

Seoul, Korea: 4-6 weeks, summer 1973. No knowledge of Korean language necessary. No travel assistance for Korean pastor required.

Hobart, Tasmania: July 9-August 30, 1973. Requires use of English language only. Some travel assistance necessary for Tasmanian pastor.

Interested ministers are invited to write or call: World Methodist Council, Lake Junaluska, N. Car. 28745.

Benevolent and Administrative giving up from last year

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists gave 9 per cent more in the first quarter of 1973 to the worldwide benevolent and administrative programs of their denomination than they did in the same period a year ago, according to a report released here April 5.

Total giving to 17 funds through March 31 was \$7,616,219, according to R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination, an increase of \$642,889 above the first three months of 1972. Of the 17 funds, six showed gains, eight decreased, two are new in the report this year and one is a special disaster offering which was started in late spring of 1972.

Largest single gain was in giving to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The increase was 399 per cent for the month of March and 75 per cent for the quarter, reflecting contributions to Nicaraguan earthquake relief.

The greatest decrease for the quarter was 71 per cent in One Great Hour

of Sharing. A year ago this offering was received earlier in the year and more of the support was reflected in the March 31 report.

While total giving was up, there was a decrease of almost 9 per cent in support of World Service, the denomination's basic program fund. Through March 31 of this year, \$2,463,969 was received against an annual goal of \$23,500,000.

New in the list this quadrennium is the Black College Fund and the Human Relations Day offering. Through March 31, a total of \$431,473 had been received in the former and \$226,049 in the latter against annual goals of \$6,000,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

During the quarter, \$22,306 was received for the 1972 U. S. flood disaster special offering. More than \$1,300,000 was received for this purpose during 1972.

The complete report on continuing benevolence funds, compared with a year ago, shows:

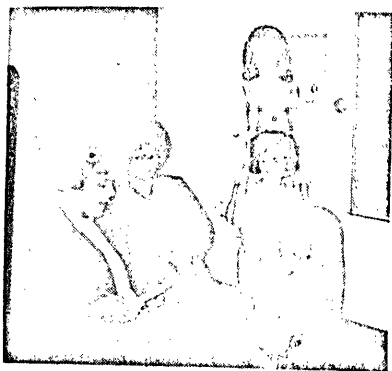
World Service — \$2,463,969, down 8.85 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials — \$1,708,130, down 2.06 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials — \$546,403, down 3.40 per cent; UMCOR — \$622,198, up 75.18 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing — \$21,196, down 71.35 per cent; World Communion — \$40,365, down .98 per cent; World Service Specials — \$14,521, down 26.07 per cent; Temporary General Aid — \$133,419, up 30.61 per cent; Black College Fund — \$431,473, new this quadrennium; Ministerial Education — \$617,067, up 4.03 per cent; Human Relations Day — \$226,049, new this quadrennium; Student Day — \$33,010, up 48.16 per cent; Youth Service Fund — \$41,791, up 44.85 per cent.

The report for three administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund — \$398,986, down 9.16 per cent; General Administration — \$192,957, down 4.77 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation — \$102,371, up 23.85 per cent.



Don Woods, weatherman for Channel KTUL-TV, Tulsa, with a young questioner after Woods' recent guest appearance at Wesley Church, Springdale. Woods, who spoke concerning Key 73, Phase 3, used his TV cartoon character, Gusto, to illustrate God's plan of salvation. Woods is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa. The Rev. W. P. Fiser is pastor at Wesley Church.



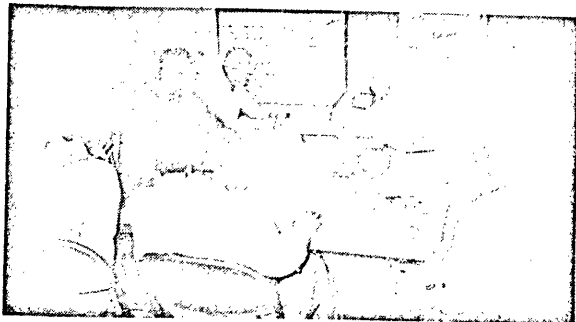
Mrs. Sandy Haustein, pastor's wife, supervises children's workers at recent Church School Training Enterprise held at St. Andrew Church, Little Rock.

ST. ANDREW LAUNCHES KEY 73

St. Andrew, Little Rock, initiated Key 73 on March 25. Pastor Haustein explained the purpose and mission of the movement and Mrs. Edna Earle Williams, local chairman, presented the local challenge.

Key 73 Covenant Cards were signed at the Congregational Covenant Service and members received a key as a reminder "That Christ would open many doors to them" in 1973.

Special guests were The Hope Trio from Arkansas Children's Colony in Conway and their director, Don Poole.



Youth workers at St. Andrew's training sessions join in discussion led by Miss Vicky Allen, director of Youth Work at First Church, Little Rock.



Adult workers at St. Andrew Church School Enterprise were guided by the Rev. Fred Arnold, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock.



Arkeology

by Gene Herrington

I like that part about "Greet the brethren with a holy kiss."



News in Brief

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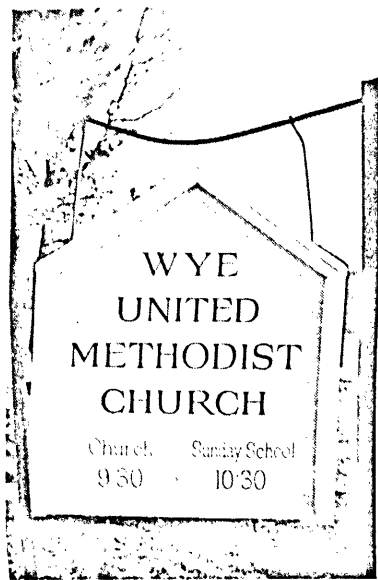
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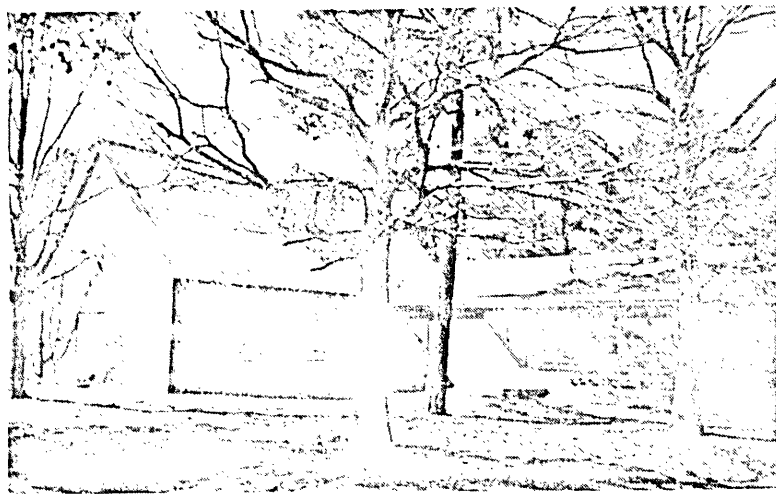
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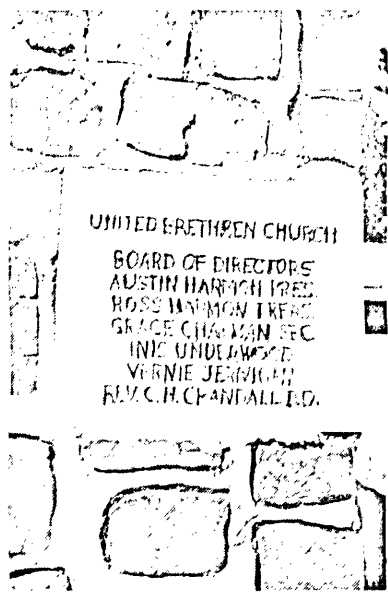
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Wye church erected in about 1948. The congregation, made up of United Brethren families from Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma, who had settled in the Wye Mountain area, organized in 1919 under the leadership of the Rev. Ira A. Holbrook, district superintendent of United Brethren work in Oklahoma. For many years the group met in the white frame schoolhouse (no longer in use) a few hundred yards down the road from the present church.



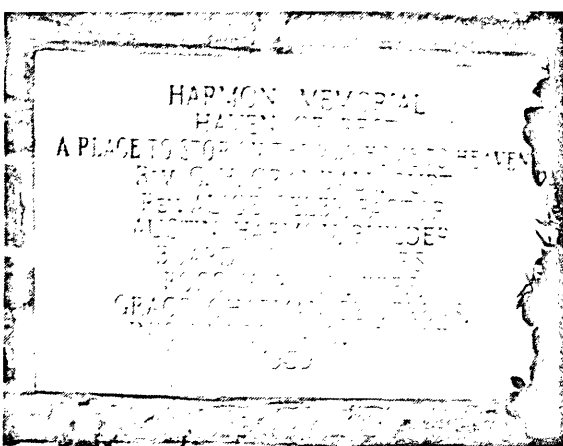
The church cornerstone records names of some of the persons who have provided leadership for the Wye church. The Rev. Austin Harmon, who during 1922-23 served as minister to the congregation, continued in a leadership role until his death in November of 1965. Ross Harmon, his son, and Inis Underwood, whose names appear on the cornerstone are still active, and Mrs. Grace Chapman who lives in Little Rock is still a member. There are presently only eight families in the church, with average Sunday attendance around 20. The Rev. Bert Powell of North Little Rock is the present pastor.



Mrs. Harmon, wife of the late Austin Harmon, stands at corner of stone house erected in 1959 by her husband and their son Ross, who is a builder, with some assistance from other members of the church. The bouquet of yellow jonquils which Mrs. Harmon holds are symbolic of a labor of love which her husband began (described below).



Mailbox in front of Harmon residence. Mrs. Harmon relates how for many years the family lived about a mile away from the main thoroughfare and she had urged her husband to build a house near the road so they would not have so far to go for their mail. Paraphrasing a well-known poem, Mr. Harmon responded jovially, "I know, you want to live in a house by the side of the road."



This cornerstone marks the "house by the side of the road" as the "Harmon Memorial Haven of Rest - a place to stop on the way home to heaven." The house was erected near the church, also situated on the 40 acres of land purchased many years ago from a Mr. Adolph Flactiff, a member of the church. The congregation had ruled that any of the members could build on the acreage with the understanding that such buildings would become the property of the church when they no longer had use for it.



Years ago Mr. Austin Harmon conceived the idea of utilizing seven idle acres of land beside the house with a project that would make it both productive and pleasing to the eye. Through the generosity of Little Rock florists he obtained jonquil and daffodil bulbs for planting. In a short while they multiplied so rapidly that in 1945, with assistance from other parishioners 65 bushels of bulbs were replanted. For many years bulbs and blossoms were sold commercially in surrounding states, with monetary returns implementing the church budget. In more recent years local demand has made it unnecessary to market the jonquils out-of-state. Each year hundreds of Arkansans visit Wye Mountain to take in the springtime beauty of this jonquilled area.

-Photos by Dr. Harold Woolard

POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

The Easter reality, once it dawns, is startling. Charles Morgan wrote... "There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved; it is God's finger on man's shoulder."

Easter Time Is Here Again

Easter Time is here again,
Let's thank God for His Son,
Who came to earth, and gave His life,
That men's souls might be won.

He bled, and died upon the cross,
To save us from our sin,
He stands outside the door and knocks,
Why don't we let Him in?

He suffered many cruel things,
While here on earth below,
And now, it breaks my heart to think
That Jesus suffered so.

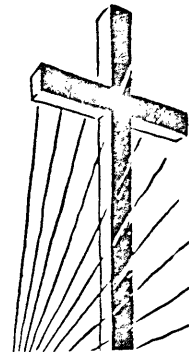
As He was hanging on the cross,
Blood streaming from His side,
He prayed, "Forgive them, Father,"
And then our Savior died.

They placed Him in a borrowed tomb,
And sealed it with a stone,
Two women came on Easter Morn
And found their Lord was gone.

So as they stood there gazing
At where their Lord had lain,
Their thoughts went back to what He said,
That He would rise again.

Yes, Jesus rose triumphant,
And came forth from the grave,
He gave His life upon the cross,
That all Men might be saved.

-by Frank M. Hansford



Easter

Remember not the Cross and shame
Of that dark Friday when
Men tried to end His glorious life
And killed the Prince of Men!

Remember more the joyous morn
Of Resurrection fine,
When He arose as He had said
And proved He was Divine!

-by Amy T. Oliver