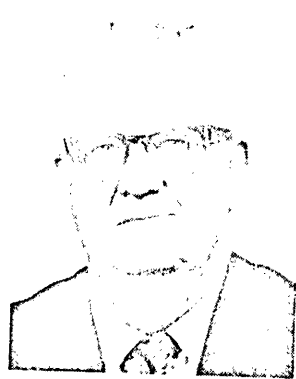


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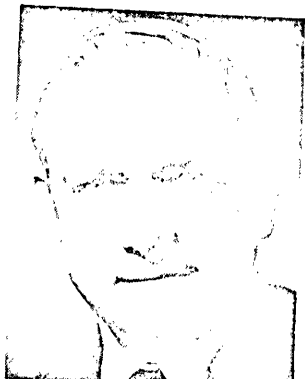
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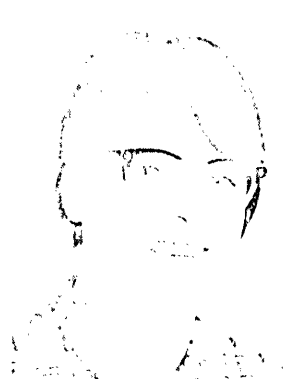
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## Hendrix to honor four Distinguished Alumni

Hendrix College will observe its annual Alumni Day activities on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28.

Four Hendrix alumni will receive Distinguished Alumnus Awards at a luncheon on Saturday.

Individuals who will be so honored this year include Dr. Frank B. Davis, head of the speech department at Auburn University; Jon B. Riffel, vice

president of the Southern California Gas Company; Dr. Ada L. Ryland, a senior research chemist with Du Pont Chemical Company, and George W. Wells, Jr., former manager of OK Storage and Transfer Company.

The awards are designated for graduates who have achieved distinction in their profession, have made outstanding contributions to their fel-

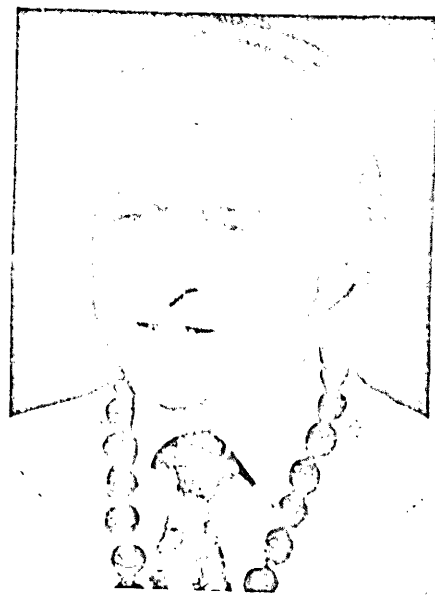
low men, or have rendered unusual service to Hendrix College.

Davis, a native of Harrison, graduated from Hendrix in 1935 and received the doctor of philosophy degree in speech from Louisiana State University in 1949. He taught at Colorado State University and Louisiana State University before coming to Auburn University in 1948. President of the Southern Speech Association in 1955-56, Dr. Davis was named professor and head of the department of speech at Auburn in 1956.

A native of Little Rock, Riffel graduated from Hendrix in 1942 and received the master of arts degree from American University in 1957. In 1959 Riffel became director of public relations for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, and in 1971 he served as the national chairman of the Public Relations Society of America. He was awarded a Presidential Citation for professional leadership in 1970 and again in 1972, and has served as a member of the board of directors of the National Center for Voluntary Action since 1971.

Dr. Ryland, born in Pine Bluff, was graduated from Hendrix *magna cum laude* in 1945. Dr. Ryland holds the doctor of philosophy degree in chemistry from Louisiana State University. In 1951 she began working for Du Pont. She was named senior research chem-

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The Rev. Bill Smith

## Hawaii pastor to deliver 1973 Raney Lectures

The 1973 Raney Lectures will be presented at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, April 30 through May 2. The 1973 lecturer will be the Rev. Bill Smith, pastor of Wai'alae Baptist Church, Honolulu, Hawaii. Smith, a native of South Carolina, is the producer and moderator of the television program, the "Good Life," on the NBC television network.

He has a weekly radio program and has written numerous articles in international magazines and denominational publications. He has conducted television crusades and has led crusades in Japan, New Zealand, Portugal, France, England, and the Bahamas.

The theme of the lectures will be "How to Be Married and Married Abundantly." Lecture topics are: "Love Is . . .," "It's the Real Thing," "I Can't Believe I Blew the Whole Thing," "Try It You'll Like It," and "How Sweet It is."

The T. J. and Inez Raney Lectures were established in 1951 by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney, Mrs. Dallas P. Raney and the late Dallas P. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Raney, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Raney in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Raney, consecrated leaders in Arkansas Methodism. The purpose of this lectureship is to bring to Little Rock and Arkansas distinguished ministers who will enrich the spiritual life of our community and state. In this spirit, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church invites you to share in this series of lectures.



New First United Methodist Church under construction in Arkadelphia. The complex will include (left to right) education building, sanctuary, chapel and recreational building.

## Arkadelphia First building two churches

The congregation of First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia is engaged in the unusual project of building two new churches at the same time — one in Arkadelphia, and one at Cochabamba, Bolivia.

"The church in Bolivia will be finished before the Arkadelphia church is completed," according to the Rev. John P. Miles, pastor of the Arkadelphia church. The Bolivia phase of the project began in 1971 when members of the Arkadelphia congregation contributed to a "Thirty Pieces of Silver Offering" during the period of Lent. Each member of the church was requested to place a sacrificially given piece of silver in a bag (provided by the church) each day during the per-

iod. The special offerings symbolize the 30 pieces of silver which Judas returned to the chief priests and elders as he repented for having betrayed the innocent blood of Christ. The special offering was received on Easter Day.

One-half of this over-and-above giving was designated for missions at home and one-half for materials to build the church in Bolivia. The Cochabamba congregation is providing the labor.

The Arkadelphia church requested that the new church in Bolivia be built in honor of Helen Wilson, a medical technologist and an administrator at Methodist Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia. Miss Wilson is from the Arkadelphia area.

Missionary Helen Wilson, a native of the Arkadelphia area, is shown outside the Iglesia Metodista Church nearing completion in Cochabamba, Bolivia, along with the Rev. Felix Caprile, pastor and workmen.



## SECOND KEY 73 TV SPECIAL, Saturday, April 28, 6 p.m.

The Second Key 73 TV Special, "Come Together" will be presented from El Dorado, Ark. on KTVE, Channel 10, Saturday, April 28 at 6 p.m. The hour-long musical experience in Christian love, by Jimmy and Carol Owens, features Pat Boone and his family, an orchestra, stage choir of nearly 100 youth and a background choir of 2000 youth presenting the gospel in song and demonstrating the fellowship of Christian unity. (Other showings in this area will be publicized as information becomes available to us.)

## 'Concerned Churchmen' issue statement

Church leaders representing major denominations in Arkansas have issued a public statement relating to "The Churches' Role in Human Needs." The statement came from a group designated as "Concerned Churchmen," following a series of discussions, the most recent of which was held Monday evening, April 16 at the Presbyterian Center located at 2200 Gaines Street in Little Rock. The statement follows:

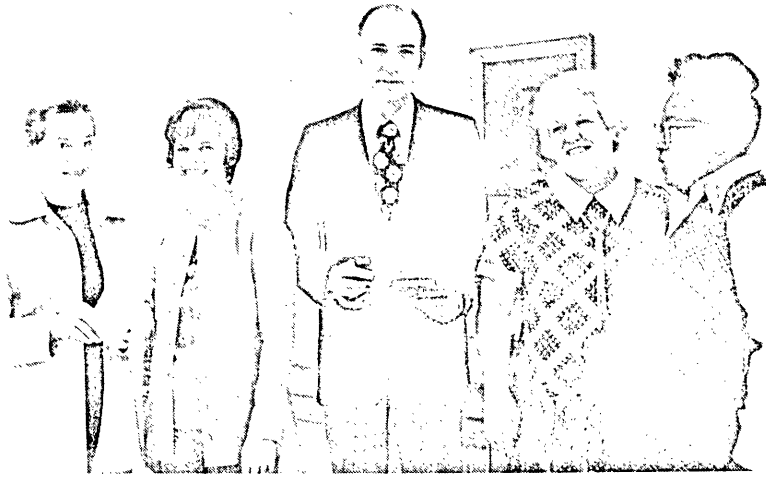
"As concerned churchmen, dedicated to the Biblical commands to love our neighbors, to feed, clothe, care for . . . and to do justice, we believe that our religious bodies must examine their position in light of recent restrictive regulations, impoundments, and cutbacks in government spending which endanger our country's ability to provide for its children, the urban and rural poor, the retarded and handicapped, and aged.

At this time we feel that one action we can take is to seek cooperation from and cooperate with all levels of government in Arkansas, to create a climate of opinion concerned with social needs, and to initiate disciplined citizen involvement that will assure the maintenance and strengthening of social programs conducted by the most

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"Tank" Harrison (left) of United Methodism's Board of Evangelism staff and Dr. George Wayne Martin (right), superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, have been named coordinators for annual Young Adult Conference Camp to be held at Tanako July 6, 7, 8. The Young Adult Conference Camp has been renamed "JOY," according to President Marquis E. Jones, and is open to all adults, single or married, of post-high school age.



Fifteen members of the Planning Committee for the 1973 Cooperative Inter-Conference School of Christian Mission for Arkansas met at Methodist Headquarters in Little Rock on April 18 to complete plans for the summer. The Rev. Earl B. Carter, dean of the school, is shown with Mrs. T. E. Davenport, (left) associate dean, Mrs. Cecil Holman (right), secretary, Mrs. Louis H. Fish (second from left), treasurer, and Mrs. Ed Davis, business manager. The school is scheduled for July 25-29.

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## ALUMNI AWARDS

ist in the plastics department in 1969. She has specialized in mass spectrometry and has authored several technical papers.

Wells, a native of Monticello, graduated from Hendrix in 1931. From 1931 until 1936 he served as a coach and principal at Morrilton High School. Wells worked as an assistant coach and admissions assistant from

1936-42 at Hendrix, when he joined the United States Coast Guard. He is a member of the administrative board of the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church and the Hendrix Board of Trustees. In 1964-65 Wells served as chairman of the Hendrix Alumni Loyalty Fund campaign.

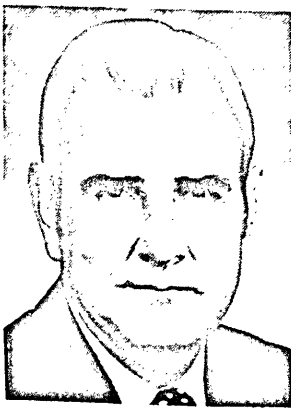
At 5:30 p.m. on April 27 the Class of 1923 will be the guests of honor at

## HENDRIX EXECUTIVE ELECTED TO NATIONAL POST

The vice-president and director of development of Hendrix College, the Rev. James E. Major, has been elected national trustee of the Southwest District of the American College Public Relations Association. The meeting was held April 15-19 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Major's term of office will run for three years and he will attend national conferences during each of those years.

The Hendrix executive was also selected program chairman for the 1974 regional conference, which will be held in Puebla, Mexico. Major served as program chairman for the district meeting in Hot Springs in 1970.



## The Leslie McCulloughs join Guidance Foundation staff

by The Rev. Gene Eflord

On Good Friday Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McCullough joined the staff of the Arkansas Guidance Foundation. Mr. McCullough will serve as housefather in charge of New Life Home and will also be available for assistance in the Foundation's Volunteers in Corrections program. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough are United Methodists from Harrisburg, Ark. For the past year they have been houseparents for an attention home in West Memphis.

Mr. McCullough has had many years experience in prison visitation and jail ministry. He is presently on the Cummins Chapel Board of Directors. During the period when I served as the institutional Chaplain at Cummins Farm, he would drive down from Harrisburg to do lay speaking for me each third Sunday. The inmates looked forward to his coming and had a deep respect for him.

Mr. McCullough and I have worked together in jail ministry workshops sponsored by the boards of Christian Social Concerns of both Conferences.

### Local Church Involvement

We are looking to Mr. McCullough to relieve me from many of the daily pressures of the Home so that I might continue to develop our statewide Volunteers in Corrections Program. The purpose of this program is to help local churches to be involved in corrections as a ministry and mission of the church. The Arkansas Department of Corrections is especially concerned to have church involvement and feels

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL AND WORKSHOP

The Fifth Annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival will be held Sunday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul Church, 2223 Durwood Rd., Little Rock. Richard D. Hoffland, director of Millikin University choir, will direct the festival. Hoffland will also conduct a music workshop Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at Winfield Church, 1601 Louisiana, Little Rock, for those interested in children and youth choir music.

a dinner in Hulén Ballroom. At this dinner the members of that class will be inducted into the Hendrix Half Century Club.

Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, and at 10 a.m., Dr. John Stuckey, a professor of chemistry at Hendrix, will present a lecture to the alumni.

The Hendrix Choir, conducted by Robert M. McGill, will present a concert at 11 a.m. After the concert the alumni will attend a luncheon at which Dr. Burvin C. Alread, vice president and treasurer of Hendrix, will speak on the future of the College. Dr. Francis Christie, dean of the College, will present the alumni awards.

Following the luncheon the class reunions will be held.

that this is crucial to the total correctional process.

For over a year and a half volunteers from Churches in Little Rock, Conway, Pine Bluff and Hot Springs have been visiting the youthful offenders at Tucker Intermediate Reformatory each Sunday night. The prison administration is now beginning to think of these volunteers as part of the treatment team. The program is carried out in coordination with Chaplain Sherman Lewis.

The Foundation is currently considering an organization plan which allows us to carry our program of one-to-one parolee sponsorship to communities all over the state. In this way the local churches may be more fully involved in bringing the message of Christ to public offenders.

In the past our major denominations have too often considered corrections to be a problem for rescue missions on one hand or for professionals on the other.

Today correctional leaders are pointing to the fact that correctional problems begin in the community and that most correctional work takes place in the community through paroles and probation. Prison Institutions can't do the work alone. Our own State Department of Corrections is now ready for statewide work by volunteers. It is our desire to assist the Department of Corrections by helping to mobilize community groups, and especially local churches, in this newly emerging ministry.

## Campus ministers 'have to get into the water with the fish'

As you probably know, Wesley Foundations are one of our institutions that have a real struggle. I think that a lot of our difficulty has been the fact that we don't communicate very well our ministry with youth. And part of the reason for that is not because what we do on College campuses is not completely above board but we find it is very difficult to articulate, exactly what we are doing. I don't believe it should be, because qualitatively, we do exactly the same thing that the local church does. We try to make the students on the campus, just as you do in your local church, aware of the redeeming love of God.

So as far as the purpose for our existence is concerned, I would be very confused if it weren't completely in line with what other pastors do and other laymen do who are witnessing for Christ. For what happens is—and this is where the communications rub comes in — because of the strange situation of life on the college campus the way we go about doing this is kind of cut out for us. And so our ministry doesn't necessarily resemble the kinds of things you do in a local church.

I guess, since there are probably a bunch of fishermen here, the difference between being a Wesley Foundation director minister and being a local church pastor is that the local church pastor is much like an orthodox fisherman who stands on the bank or in the boat and he casts for the fish. But, in the case of the Wesley Foundation director we have to strip down to our bathing suits and get in the water with the fish. We are immersed in the life of the people we try to minister to in a strange and inescapable way. So the Wesley Foundation is supposed to be on the campus and involved in that way.

There seems to have been a change in student mentality in the last couple of years. I can remember when I first became a director three years ago, students were hostile towards religion. And the best way to demonstrate

this graphically is the college is very friendly towards the religious group directors, and they allow us a place in the registration line to pick up the religious preference cards of the students. About three years ago, a significant number of students refused to fill out such cards. And many of the students who did fill out the cards put some very glib and not too useful remarks on the cards so that they remained anonymous even though they turned the cards in. But this last semester, last two semesters, as a matter of fact, I was at my place in the line and all the students filled in religious preference cards. Of course, there were a few that were not legitimate, but the change is very marked.

I have recently discussed this with my Wesley Foundation director colleagues and there has been a real tendency on the part of students to look not only to religion, to the movements outside the church, but there has been a real change in their attitude towards the institutional church itself. You might want to say that students are more religiously conservative; well, that might be an economical way of putting it.

It is very important in the ministry since we have institutional norms and standards, to demonstrate some kind of success, in one's work. It's important to be able to say money, and time and education and talent is invested in the ministry and to demonstrate how this ministry bears fruit. It is kind of hard to demonstrate the fruits of a Wesley Foundation immediately on demand. I guess that's why we get defensive because people can

(The Rev. James W. Jones, director of the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern Louisiana University at Natchitoches recently made the following presentation during a session of the Louisiana Conference Board of the Laity. It concerns the deep involvement which Wesley Foundation directors must have in campus life and among students.)

get to the heart of the matter for them very quickly by saying "How many people do you have at your Wesley Foundation?" "How many active students do you have?"

"That's hard for us to answer because so much of the time we have to say that we are the church on the campus, and we are present and we deal with those persons who demonstrate a need to us but many times there are not very many actually, physically, that we minister to.

On the other hand, the incredible kinds of crises that arise that students get involved in, sometimes, make the work tremendously worthwhile. Other long-term results come from things like these. One, many of the ministers in our Louisiana Conference are ministers because they came under the influence of a Wesley Foundation on their college campus while undergraduates. Now, I'm not going to be so egotistical as to say that some people came to be ministers because of this or that Wesley Foundation, but I think what we do is to give an opportunity to young men interested in the ministry to try their wings, at a time when they can have some good and meaningful experiences.

I am the product of a Wesley Foundation, in that I came to college already knowing that I had accepted the call to become a minister, but I had to have some good experiences along the way or I wouldn't have stayed with it. And so, Wesley Foundations have enabled some men to fulfill their calling for the ministry. And I think this is a significant service that we render to the church. And there is another

thing that we do, which could be called idealistic.

Because of the way we have to minister to the students on campus, and in view of the fact that the circumstances are so different from those in the local church, I like to think that, in a sense, we are pioneers for a new model for the church. For we are forced to do this because of the situation. And we hope that some of the things we discover in trying to minister to people will be things that will be useful for the church of the future.

We are, in a sense, a kind of Christian laboratory. This demands some forbearance on your part, because many of the things we do are difficult to explain, but they are all undergirded by the fact that we see ourselves at one with you and the local church. We are trying to make people aware of the redeeming love of God and that is a difficult thing to do in the situation we are in. Once again, like getting in the water with the fish, it would be great if they were all bass, but once in a while there seem to be a few catfish with spines on their sides and top.

We Wesley Foundation directors strive to be involved in the whole campus life of the students, not just in the buildings we have. We work with committees in all phases of campus life, and urge our students to become involved in campus leadership. I also am involved in the life of the District, serving as standby minister at some of the churches in the area. This is possible since our services on the campus come at other times than just on Sunday morning.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An ecumenical worship service featuring expositions on the Seven Last Words of Christ was held on Good Friday at Greenwood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. The three-hour service, sponsored by the Park Slope Clergy Assn., included preaching by Roman Catholic, Baptist, United Methodist and Reformed clergy. Persons attending were asked to donate blood to The Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, as a sacrificial gift, on behalf of the clergy association.

**"It is time to stop merely analyzing and discussing the family crisis. It is time for the family to be defended in real terms by all citizens,"** the freshman Congressman from Arizona said in Globe. Rep. John B. Conlan remarked that "Parents must mentally cut through what may appear to be a general tide of opposition to their family's survival — the distractions of television, the fidgetyness of a society that would keep everyone stirring up and dashing off from place to place." Mr. Conlan praised women who "affirm their right to spend full time at the role of mother and wife," and fathers who "devote time to family projects and are willing to risk stepping off the promotion treadmill to remain in communities their families enjoy and which have preserved a healthy environment for family living."

Geoffrey Corry, field officer of the British Council of Churches Youth Department, reported to the Spring session of BCC at which Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury presided, that the "Jesus People" have the experience of Jesus and the Churches have the tradition of Christianity and both need each other. Mr. Corry, who spent six months studying the Jesus Movement, said: "If many of the older generation are experiencing a 'crisis of faith,' their state of uncertainty is in stark contrast to those of the younger generation in these islands who are caught up in a compulsive personal 'search for living faith.'" "The most striking example has been the Jesus People from America and the numerous other Jesus groups in Britain who have shown a tremendous vitality and commitment in openly expressing their Christian faith," Corry said.

Speaking at Methodist Centenary Church in Dublin, Ireland, Norman J. Gibson, professor of economics at the New University of Ulster, urged Protestants there to "come to terms with the fact that they are native-born Irishmen," and as such must join in the building of a greater Ireland free of religious tensions. A major emphasis of his address was the need for both Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches in the North to resolve deep-seated divisions and become "mutually accepting and supportive of each other."

Panels of the national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Methodist Church, following their second round of talks on unity issued an official statement which said: "Detailed consideration was given to a draft statement on doctrinal standards which, when finalized, will form the theological basis for the proposed union" of the two Churches. The statement said the panels also discussed preliminary reports of working parties on various topics, including the integration of ministries and a proposed program of education and publicity. Interim reports on the talks will be presented to the forthcoming General Assembly (at Edinburgh in May) and Methodist Conference (at Newcastle-on-Tyne), northeast England, in June.

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Pennsylvania's new law requiring local school boards to provide whatever bus service they have for public schools to parochial and other non-public schools is expected to be challenged in court. The law states: along with other provisions, that any district which provides bus service for public school students must give "identical" service to parochial and other non-public students residing within the district to private schools up to 10 miles beyond the border of the district.

For the first time in history there are more Anglicans outside the Church of England than in it, and the Anglican Communion is no longer "the Church of England writ large," according to a survey published in London. It reveals there are 32 million members of the Church of England and an almost exactly equal amount in the other branches of the Anglican Communion.

**Gov. Bruce King's veto of a bill that would have lowered New Mexico's "drinking age" to 19 was praised by the Rev. Charles E. Price, president of the Albuquerque Ministerial Alliance — also a volunteer police chaplain. "It is certainly heartening to see a public official speak with the power of his convictions,"** Price said. "I am well aware of the fact that you cannot legislate morality, goodness, etc., but our lawmakers can surely, by their actions, give support to those elements of our society who are trying to bring about a better environment, especially where our youth are concerned," Price added.

Mormon President Harold B. Lee told an overflow crowd of 8,500 at the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and millions who listened to TV, radio and closed circuit Conference broadcast around the world, that Mormons must have "qualities of sanctity" and an "inward loveliness which may be observed by mankind as a reflection of holiness . . ." Speaking earlier in Pocatello, Idaho, to Mormon students at the State University, President Lee urged the young people to live clean lives, and to live in tune with God so that the "Spirit of the Lord" could come through to them in time of need.

Addressing a meeting of Primary Association leaders of the Mormon Church, Thomas S. Monson of the Mormon Council of 12 Apostles, said that "teachers of children have a task larger than themselves — to exalt and build for eternity." Primary is an auxiliary for children, pre-school through age 12. "The power to lead is also the power to mislead and the power to mislead is the power to destroy," Monson added.

In a message on freedom and responsibility issued by Rabbi William Berkowitz, president of the N. Y. Board of Rabbis, he said that in the United States "the message of freedom linked with responsibility must be directed to vocal segments of our young people. The abandonment of all restraints, sexual and moral, and the tragic involvement with drugs, has, in too many quarters, become synonymous with the quest for freedom." True liberty, Rabbi Berkowitz concluded, "is indissolubly connected with sober responsibility — to self, family and humanity. This is the eternal message of freedom."

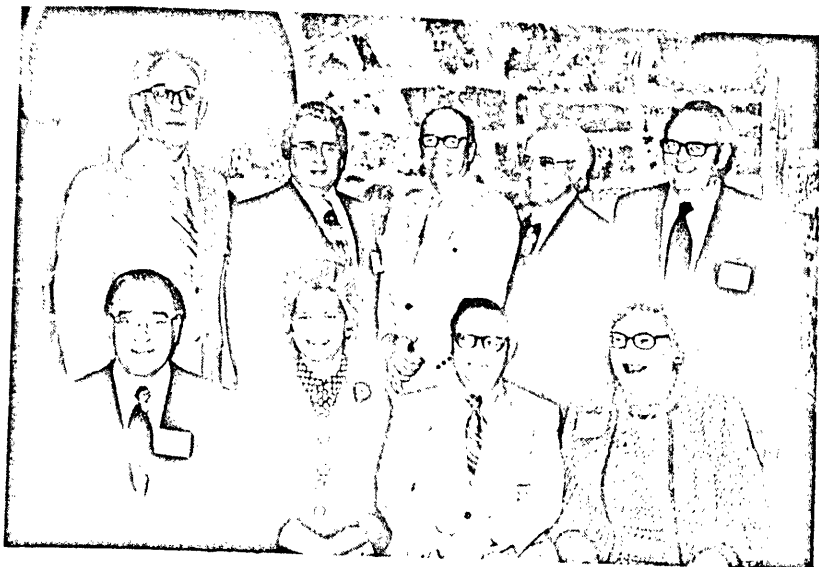
Unique laser beam equipment built in Albuquerque, N. M. will be used to clean decaying and eroding religious statues in Venice. The International Fund for Monuments in New York City, an affiliate of UNESCO, has awarded a \$35,000 contract to construct a laser statue cleaner for use in Italy's historic canal city. Experimentation has proved the laser to be an effective, and harmless, cleaning medium. Sandblasting frequently has had an erosive effect, destroying artistic detail and exposing statues to new hazards.

Kenneth H. Emmerson, treasurer of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, commented that "Results of the dollar's devaluation in many overseas areas are drastic. Personnel budgets will have to be cut and missionaries brought home unless the difference can be made up." A spokesman for the denomination said Adventists have always met the goal of their mission budgets largely through their commitment to "tithing," turning over one-tenth of their personal income to the Church.

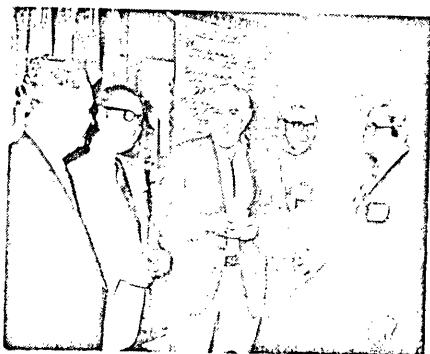


MEMPHIS — Leaders of the Consultation on Church Union hold a press conference during COCU's 11th plenary in Memphis. From left are: John Evum; Dr. Paul A. Crow, COCU general secretary, Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, newly-elected COCU chairman, and Dr. Rachel Henderlite, a Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) clergywoman. During the Memphis meeting, the Consultation set a new course for its efforts to bring unity to eight Protestant denominations. 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 could test common life and work from which suitable structure might emerge. A decision was also made to take unity efforts to local congregations. (RNS Photo)

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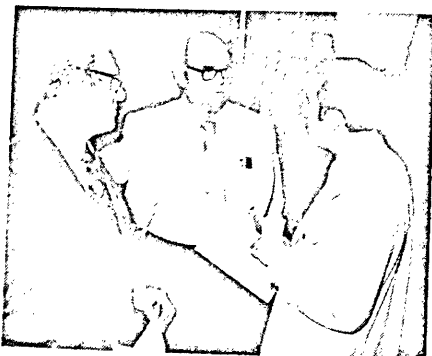
Participants in North Arkansas Council on Ministries/Administrative Board Laboratory-type Training event (Phase I), hosted by St. Paul Church, Fort Smith and Fort Smith District, April 12-14. The 17th event of this type in United Methodism, its purpose was to train leadership for similar events in other districts of the conference. (Seated, left to right) Dr. Harold Eggensperger, director of Conference Council on Ministries; Mrs. Walter Lindley, Jonesboro; the Rev. W. L. Douglas, St. Paul's pastor; Miss Aileen M. Sanborn, Board of Discipleship staff; (Standing) the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director Conference Council on Ministries; Dr. Wayne Lindecker, Board of Discipleship staff member; Charles Mabry, Batesville layman; the Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr., Walnut Ridge pastor; Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent.



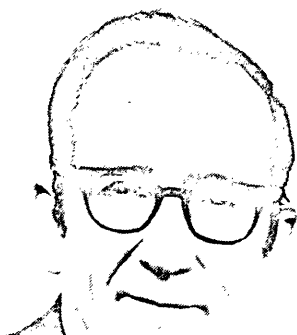
Dr. Lindecker (right) visits with a group of Fort Smith laymen during intermission, concerning the work of the Council on Ministries/Administrative Board.



Miss Sanborn (right) discusses another phase of the Council on Ministries/Administrative Board Training event with some of the participants.



AT LEFT: Charles Mabry (center), a member of the seminar team, visits with the Rev. Victor Green, pastor of Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith.



#### CAMDEN DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

DATE: May 6, 1973

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Paul United Methodist

## Council Directors to Local Churches

Every Annual Conference Council on Ministries should be in business to help the ministers and members of the local church lift up the "good news" concerning Christ. So once again attention is called to those factors which can be of real help in the local field of Christian service.

### I. WHAT CAN THE LOCAL CHURCH DO IN THE AREA OF WORSHIP?

Hoyt L. Hickman of the Office of Local Church Worship, Board of Discipleship has prepared a list of suggestions concerning BASIC MANUALS, MONTHLY PERIODICAL RESOURCES, OFFICIAL HYMN AND WORSHIP BOOKS, NEW ALTERNATE RITUALS FOR OPTIONAL USE, COLLECTIONS OF CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE ACTS AND SERVICES OF WORSHIP, and BOOKS FOR STUDY ABOUT WORSHIP. If this interests you, write Council on Ministries, 715 Center, for the total list.

### II. MUSIC, USHERING AND ALTAR APPOINTMENTS

Hoyt L. Hickman has also compiled a similar list for those seeking assistance in the area of CHURCH MUSIC, CHURCH USHERING, ACO-LYTES, ALTAR SOCIETIES, COMMUNION STEWARDS and FLOWER COMMITTEES. If interested, call or write your Conference Council on Ministries.

### III. USE IT TO HELP

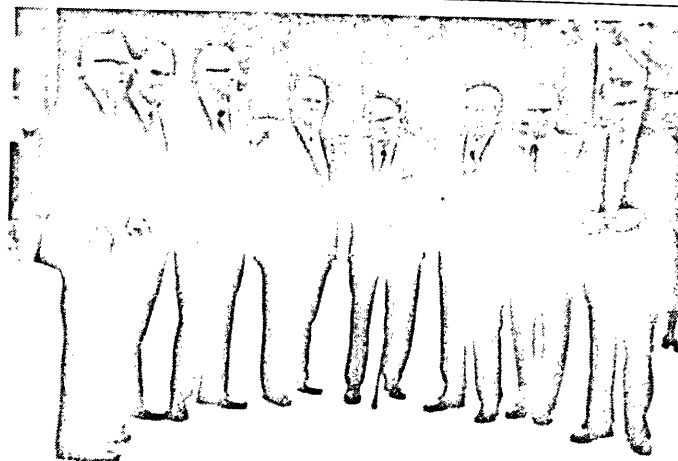
CURRIC-U-PHONE is the name of a new toll-free, long distance telephone service which was launched February 15 by the Section of Curriculum Resources of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Interested persons can ask questions, seek assistance, express opinions, make suggestions, and learn more about United Methodist church school curriculum resources by dialing a special number. The number to call is 1-800-251-8417.

### IV. "WITH BANNERS FLYING"

Does your congregation keep wondering where World Service money is used and how people are helped, This film will show them. It will show where our dollars are used in ministry. "With Banners Flying" pictures the many uses made of our World Service dollars, drawing upon the whole world for examples.

This film can be used with Administrative Boards, Councils on Ministries, membership classes, youth and adult church school and fellowship groups, mission and finance task groups, church night suppers, Sunday evening services, etc. It will help greatly your interpretation of missions. It is a Super Eight film and you will need a special projector also available from The Methodist Audiovisual Library, 715 Center, Little Rock, 72201 on a Transportation Cost Basis.



Seven former pastors and the present pastor at First United Methodist Church in Texarkana get together for special April 8 "Faith of Our Fathers" Service - a part of the Texarkana Centennial. (Left to right) Dr. Francis A. Buddin, pastor from 1930-33; the Rev. Edward W. Harris, 1945-49, delivered the morning sermon; Dr. Arthur Terry, 1958-66; Dr. Ralph Hillis, 1966-72; Dr. W. E. Brown, 1954-58; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, 1939-44; Dr. Fred Harrison, 1949-54, and the Dr. Edwin Dodson, present pastor.

# NEWS and NOTES

**THEIR 60th WEDDING** Anniversary was observed by the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Troupe on April 8. During Open House at their home in Little Rock their four daughters were hostesses. They also have two sons, 32 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

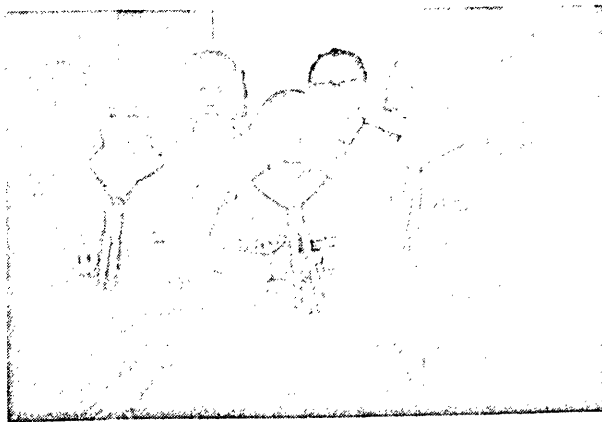
**THE REV. HOWARD WILLIAMS**, pastor of First Church, Magnolia, conducted a Lenten Revival in cooperation with the Key 73 program in the Waldo United Methodist Church, March 11-15. The Rev. J. Frank Hamm was host pastor.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH**, Fort Smith District, had as guest speaker on April 8, Arnold Feller of Mulberry. The Rev. J. T. Byrd, pastor, and Mrs. Byrd were visiting in Alabama.

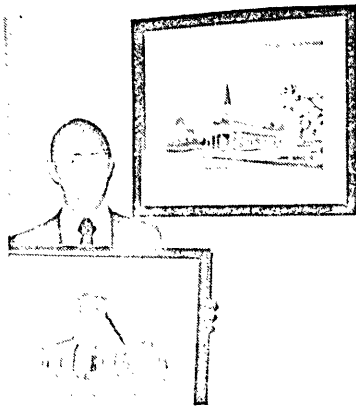
**THE UMYF GROUP** of the Brookland United Methodist Church recently presented a Lenten playlet entitled "The Seekers" at an evening worship service. Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Neff and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Shipman are youth counselors. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is their pastor.

**THE JUNCTION CITY Church** recently held a revival with the Rev. Ralph Mann, associate minister at First Church, El Dorado, bringing the messages. Cliff Morton provided special organ music and songs, assisted by other young people. Three members were received into the church by profession of faith and one by transfer of membership. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is pastor.

**DURING A LAYMEN's** service in the Cave City Church, April 1, the Men's Class presented a plaque to Will Ed Carpenter, teacher for the past 15 years. Jack Patterson was in charge of the program with Dr. Troy Raney telling What the Church Means to Cave City and Community. A. L. Due, Mitchell Agee and Ted Ford told What the Church Means to Me. Other participants were Allen Bradley, Dwain Anderson, Clyde Wooldridge, Oren Rodgers, and Verl Ball.



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The Rev. W. Darrel Bone holds a picture of the first Fairview Methodist Episcopal Church, South, built in Texarkana in 1890. In the background is a picture of the present church. (The Bone mustache was in tribute to the Texarkana Centennial.)

**WESTERN HILLS Church** in Little Rock was host to the Symphonic Choir of Friends University, Wichita, Kan., for a recent performance. The Rev. R. W. Robertson is pastor.

**GEYER SPRINGS CHURCH** in Little Rock will be conducting revival services beginning Sunday, April 29, through Thursday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Carl Dean Diffie, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Springhill, will be the preacher and Bill Kennedy of England will be the singer. The pastor, the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, invites everyone.

**THE REV. JAMES KEITH**, pastor of the Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, was the speaker at Easter services at Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro. The services were held the week of April 1-5. On Sunday evening, the "Reachout Singers" from the Sylvan Hills Church gave a concert for the Fisher Street congregation. The Rev. Pharis Holifield was host pastor.

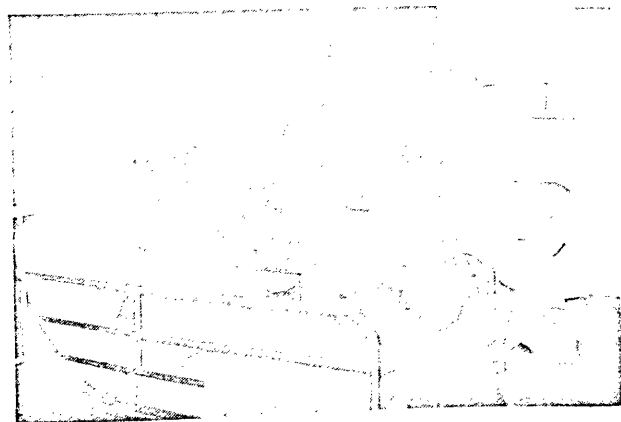
**CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH** in Batesville had its annual Easter Cantata on Sunday night, April 15, at 6 p.m. The cantata was directed by Mrs. Jim Fulkerson, the organist was Mrs. Hadley Jones and the director of the trumpet and trombone section was Robert Hogan. Solo parts were by Paul Melton, Mrs. Fred Wann, Rene Julian, Walt McSpadden and Mrs. Otha McSpadden. Trumpeters and trombonists were David Bowling, Don Steward, Johnny Lytle and Hank McNally. Dr. Charles Cas-teel is pastor.

## AT LEFT:

Three God and Country awards were presented in the Marion United Methodist Church recently by the pastor, the Rev. B. W. Stallcup, and Scout Master Jan Thomas with the assistance of Eddie Hurst and David Howard, Explorer Scouts. Receiving the awards were Charles Hurst, at left, Tony Sample, center, and David Fogleman. On the back row are Hurst, Howard, Stallcup and Thomas.

## AT RIGHT:

Cheering Harry Carlisle on his 83rd birthday is this group from the Desha Church. Mrs. Lorne Stubbs baked the cake she is holding. The Rev. Felix Holland is his pastor.



## FAIRVIEW AT TEXARKANA TRACES HISTORY

In preparing for the Texarkana Centennial, held the week of April 7-14, Fairview United Methodist Church traced its history.

Organized as a mission in 1890 by the First Church of Texarkana, Tex., Fairview Church was located on land purchased two years earlier due to the foresight of the Rev. G. C. Hardy.

The present church is the third structure built and stands on the same land at E. 16th and State Line. The present educational building was constructed in 1951. The sanctuary was built in 1956 and dedicated in 1963.

Fairview Church now has a membership of 486. The Rev. W. Darrel Bone serves as pastor.

**DR. FRED R. HARRISON**, retired and living at Malvern, will preach at the Sunday morning service at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, Malvern, April 29. The Rev. Charles Mashburn is pastor of Keith-Butterfield Churches.

**BOB FULLER**, minister of music in First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, directed 80 voices from the choirs of First Baptist, Walnut Street Baptist and First Methodist Churches in a presentation on April 15 of Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ." Orchestral accompaniment included a harp. The Rev. Worth Gibson was host pastor.

**THE REV. DOIS KENNEDY** of First Church, Batesville, presented a Bible to the Desha United Methodist Church recently. The gift was in memory of Fannie Bell Carlisle and was given by Dr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Hathcock and family. The Desha minister is the Rev. Felix Holland.

**LESTER E. HOSTO** was recently honored as the "Community Service Award" winner by the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Hosto gives leadership in the Mountain View United Methodist Church, and his community leadership positions include serving on the Pulaski Special School District (the largest in the state), and has served as a director of Metropolitan, the planning council of Pulaski and Saline Counties. He works with the EOA, the Robinson Optimist Club, PTAs, Dads Club, and Band Boosters Club. Professionally, he participates in the Drug Abuse Education Program.

## 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. 29—Sunday	John 20:11-18
Apr. 30	John 20:19-23
May 1	John 20:21-31
May 2	John 21:1-14
May 3	John 21:15-25
May 4	Mark 16:12-18
May 5	Matt. 28:16-20
May 6—Sunday	Deut. 6:1-15

**MIKE ROHRER**, president of United Methodist Youth of the Centerton Church, and a junior at Bentonville High School, brought the evening message in his home church on Sunday, April 8. Mike is one of six young people who surrendered their lives to a church related vocation during a youth camp-out sponsored by the Centerton Church last summer.

**THE SENIOR HIGH** and Chancel Choirs of First Church, Hope, presented an Easter cantata "On the Passion of Christ" by David H. Williams, on April 15. Soloists were Susan Turner, Mrs. Leon Johnson, Tim Hogan, Doyle Dunn and Paul O'Neal. Organist and director of the choirs is Lynn Bauman. The Rev. Norris Steele is pastor.

**NETTLETON CHURCH** of Jonesboro recently had a mission emphasis entitled "Faith and Justice in India." Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro was the guest leader. Mrs. Chellie White is local coordinator of missions. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is the Nettleton pastor.

**GOOD FAITH United Methodist Church**, Pine Bluff, had "New Life Mission" services March 25-27. Dr. Virgil Keeley, superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, was the speaker. John Browning, music director from Monticello, was the song leader. Special music was by the combined choirs of the Good Faith and Sulphur Springs Churches. Youth singers from the Salem Baptist Church in Benton provided special music on Tuesday. There were five commitments, two by letter, and many re-dedications. The Rev. Don R. Williams is pastor.



Mrs. Wynne, "Arkansas Mother of '73"

### MOTHER OF YEAR IS ACTIVE METHODIST

Mrs. T. D. Wynne, Jr., recently selected as "Arkansas Mother for 1973", is an active member of First United Methodist Church of Fordyce. So active is she as homemaker and church worker that one wonders how she finds time for her varied roles in the community.

Her pastor, the Rev. Rufus Sorrells, presented her award pin at the Proclamation ceremony in Little Rock, April 10, at which time Governor Dale Bumpers presided.

She was selected for the honor by the American Mothers of Arkansas, Inc., and will represent the state at the National Awards Week in Denver, Colo., May 5-11. The three "Merit Mothers" selected for citations in Arkansas are also members of the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Wynne (Margaret) is married to a lawyer who is also the Fordyce Municipal Judge. They have four children and one grandchild. She takes most pride in the church activities of her children (now grown). Their three boys had long-standing perfect attendance records in Sunday School. Tom, III, with a 11-year record, was also UMY president. He is a graduate student at Harvard where he is assistant director of admissions. Terry earned a 13-year pin, was also UMY president, and graduated from Harvard in 1972. Robin had a 14-year record (except one Sunday when he had the mumps) by the time he was 15 years old. He was sub-district and district UMY

### SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AT CAMDEN FIRST CHURCH

A service of celebration by the United Methodist Women was held in the sanctuary of First Church, Camden, Sunday afternoon, March 25. This marked the unification of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The program given was: Prelude by David A. Glaze, organist; Invocation by Dr. Clint Burleson; a hymn of praise, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by the congregation. The scripture was read by Mrs. James Guthrie, leader, and Mrs. Paul R. Newhouse, the out-going president of WSCS, gave "Our Response". The stated "Purpose" of the new organization was read in unison and Miss Rema Hutchinson with Mrs. Vessie Cawthon spoke on the "Implied Concept of the Purpose."

Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Jr. submitted the report of the nominating commit-

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP DAY

May Fellowship Day, scheduled for May 4, is the ecumenical observance sponsored by Church Women United which focuses on relationships in the local community. Since the first observance in 1933, it has been traditional for church women across the country to use the first Friday in May to emphasize the creative and healing relations that are possible among people in every community.

The theme this year, "As Hand Touches Hand", is a follow-up of the World Day of Prayer theme, "Alert in Our Time." Sensitized to the need to be alert at the March 3rd Day of Prayer programs, Christian women are looking at their own communities and at the work of countless volunteers there.

Programs will salute those who have initiated health care, education for children and adults, services to the aging and the imprisoned. Volunteers are working as monitors of legislation, as advocates for self-help programs, and as educators in the areas of consumerism, ecology, peace-building, international trade, and human rights.

Church Women United in Central Arkansas will meet at the United Church of Christ, 3 Lakeshore Drive (Broadmoor) in Little Rock at 10 a.m. The Business Women's Group will have a dinner meeting at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2223 Durwood Rd., Little Rock, at 6 p.m.

president, and is a second year student at Harvard. Their daughter, now Mrs. Larry Roark, is following her mother's footsteps as homemaker, church and civic leader, and is also enrolled in the U. of A. at Monticello.

Mrs. Wynne's community activities range from being first vice-president of the Arkansas Federation of Women's Clubs to serving as a delegate to the state Democratic Convention.

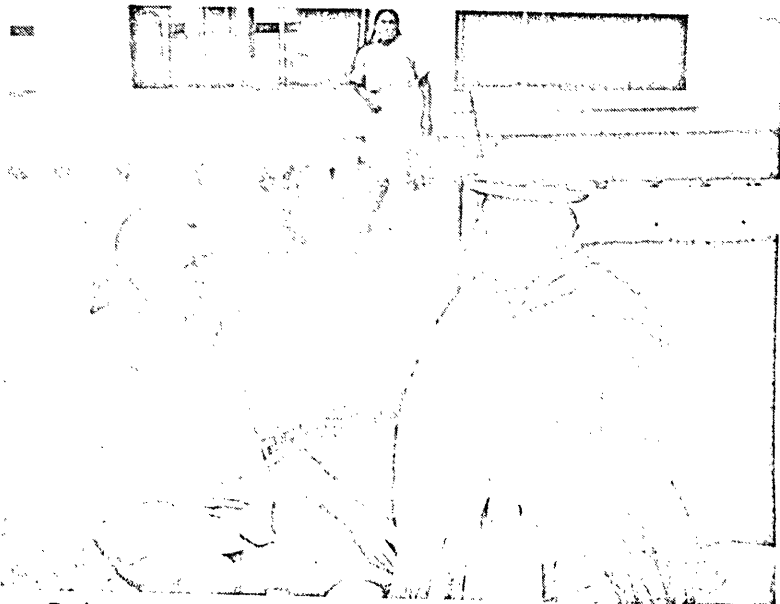
Her activities in First Church, Fordyce, include being WSCS president and the newly elected president of United Methodist Women, first woman chairman of the church Finance Committee, 25-year teacher in nursery, leader of mission studies and substitute organist.

tee, and the slate of officers for the United Methodist Women was accepted unanimously by the society.

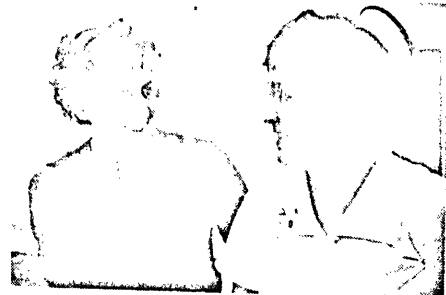
Dr. Burleson installed the new officers in a simple, but impressive, ceremony at the chancel and a pledge service was conducted by Misses Elizabeth Copeland and Sue Silliman. The benediction was given by Dr. Burleson and the organ postlude by Mr. Glaze closed the meeting.

The air of celebration continued in the tea which followed when incoming officers were honored. Heading the new society will be Mrs. Lora Reichman, president; Mrs. Vessie Cawthon, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Horton, secretary; and Mrs. Rachel Mosley, treasurer.

Pastors' wives, Sheila Kinard and Shirley Burleson presiding at the tea table, served more than 100 ladies. Mrs. J. L. Dedman, minister's widow, presided at the History Table which was covered with scrapbooks dating back to the 1930s.



The new Pediatric Wing of the Hospital Metodista in La Paz, Bolivia, was dedicated on Feb. 24. Missionary Helen Wilson of Hot Springs helped to spearhead the project and is shown above with some of the employees, and at right with Miss Hortensia Alarcon, chief of the nursing service. The Arkansas and Louisiana Conferences helped to pay for the project.



### Helen Wilson sends Easter greetings from Bolivia

Casilla 770  
Cochabamba  
Bolivia, S.Am.

Dear Friends of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences;

"I come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." is the verse in the entrance hall of the Methodist Hospital in La Paz where guests were received to participate in the dedication of the Pediatric Wing to the better health of children the 24th of February. What a memorable day for all of us who have taken part in this combined conference project since 1970. I thought of you and wished you could have been present.

The program was held in the dining room which is across a lovely patio from the new wing. The main speakers were our former Bishop Sante U. Barbieri for whom the total pavillion was named and Dr. Bill Jack Marshall a former missionary medical director with whom I had worked and for whom the Pediatric Wing was named. We then proceeded to the door of the wing to cut the ribbon. It is colorfully decorated in Bolivian folklore motif and very well equipped.

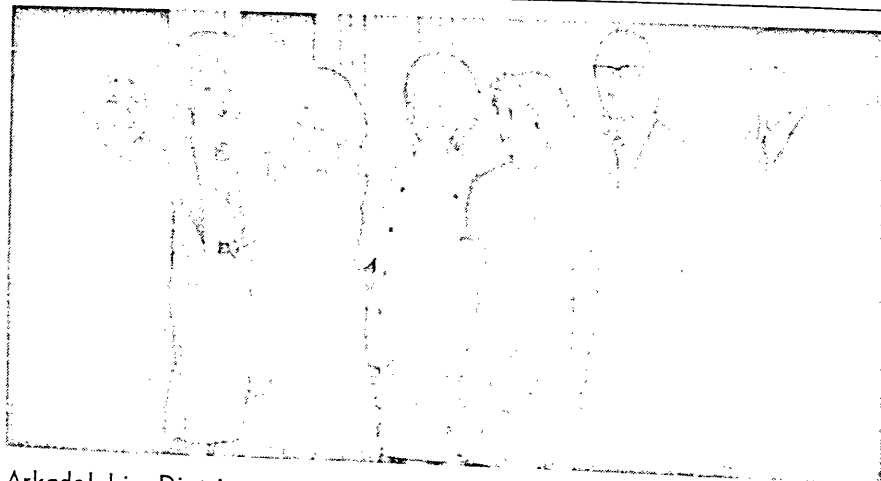
Thank you so much and "muchas gracias" in Spanish to each and all for your wonderful support to see this project through. Come and see it!

May the blessings and significance of Easter time continue to guide us through this year.

Your missionary in Bolivia,

*Helen*

Helen B. Wilson

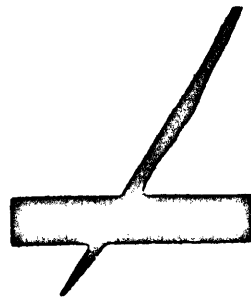


Arkadelphia District ministers and wives met at the Wesley Foundation, April 12, and had as guests Bishop and Mrs. Eugene Frank. The group shown above include, from left: Mrs. R. W. Trieschmann, Mrs. George Ivey, Mrs. George W. Martin, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. John Miles, Bishop Frank and Dr. George W. Martin.



# 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 MAY 6: Christ Makes Men New

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** John 1:9-13; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 3:1-17

**MEMORY SELECTION:** If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To consider the reality of the conversion experience and the nature of the life that follows.

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"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

"You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

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### THE REALITY OF CONVERSION

In group discussions about moral reform and decent behavior, it is not uncommon for someone to say, "But we must remember that you can't change human nature." The words from the New Testament that are cited above are only a few that might have been chosen to show that a central doctrine of the Christian faith is based upon the conviction that by grace and power of Christ, rebirth is a reality and human nature can be changed.

The philosopher, William James, defines conversion in this manner, "Conversion is a process, gradual or sudden, by which a self hitherto divided and consciously wrong, inferior and unhappy, becomes unified and consciously right, superior, and happy." This is a sound Christian definition with the addition of this sentence, "This experience is the gift of a merciful and forgiving God through faith in Christ."

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### ONE MAN'S EXPERIENCE

The conversion of Sam Hadley, an alcoholic outcast, is so thoroughly typical of what has happened again and again that it is in order to let him tell his experience here, "One Tuesday I was sitting in a saloon in Harlem, a homeless, friendless, dying drunkard. I had pawned or sold everything that would buy a drink. I had not eaten for days, and for four nights I had suffered with delirium tremors from midnight 'til morning. I had often said: 'I will never be a tramp. I will never be cornered. When the time comes I will find a home in the bottom of the river.' When the time did come, I was not able to walk a quarter of the way there . . . Toward evening it came into my head to go to the Jerry McAuley Mission. The place was packed, and it was with difficulty that I made my way to the space near the platform. McAuley rose and told of his experience. I found myself saying: 'I wonder if God can save me?' Then I listened to the testimony of twenty or thirty other people, every one of them saved from rum. I made up my mind that I would be saved too, or die right there. When the invitation was given I knelt down with a crowd of drunkards. What a conflict was going on for my poor soul! Something within me said, 'Come!' I hesitated a moment, and then with a breaking heart I cried: 'Dear Jesus, can you save me?' Never can I describe what happened. Up to that moment I had been filled

with utter darkness. Now the brightness of noon-day seemed to stream around me. I was a free man again. From that moment I have never wanted a drink of whiskey, and I have never seen money enough to make me take one." And this was the beginning of a new life. For nearly 40 years Hadley was like an angel of mercy bringing hope and redemption to vagrants and derelicts on the skid-rows of New York. Conversion is a reality; the birth from above is the normal entrance into the Kingdom of God.

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### THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT

In considering the place which conversion must be given in the life of a truly Christian congregation, there are two emphases that must be kept in mind. The first is, that just as there are no two persons who have exactly the same intellectual and emotional characteristics, so there are no two conversions that are identical. In the days of early Methodism there was a tendency to question the genuineness of any conversion that was not attended by an emotional upheaval. This is, of course, not our problem today. We of this generation are in danger of attaching too little importance to the emotional element in conversion. On the basis of what we know of human nature, there is good reason to believe that there are persons all about us who, in all probability, will never be brought into fellowship with Christ by any other method than that of a sudden conversion. For this reason it is the obligation of the Church to keep alive its faith in this kind of an experience and to give every possible encouragement to it through public evangelistic services and through the more direct individual approach.

In the typical congregation of today, by far a larger number have become members of the Church through the influence of a Christian home environment, through the process of teaching in the church school, and through instruction in a membership training class. All of this is good but the sum total of it cannot substitute for a definite decision by the individual to make a full commitment of his or her life to Christ — indeed it is essential for the fullest Christian development. Is Dr. E. Stanley Jones too severe when he warns us, "Joining the Church and confirmation are good, but these may become something in lieu of conversion; then they are not good — they may be spiritually disastrous, letting the person settle down this side of conversion. In this case they become the spiritually anemic type of persons filling our churches — non-contagious, bowled over by suffering and sorrow, with just enough religion to set up an irritation. They try to make of a halfway house a home. They represent a flattened-out type of Christianity, expecting and seeing no miracle of change in themselves or others, no Christian expression except attending church and working on committees to keep the creaking, because oilless, machinery of church activities going. It is all duty-ridden and joyless and inadequate for the business of living."

In addition to this call for genuineness we must remember that no matter how we begin the Christian life, whether by a sudden or gradual conversion, whenever we find an area of our lives that has not been brought under the complete control of Christ we are in acute need of another conversion. Is this not an experience through which many church members, in all parts of our country, have passed during

recent years with respect to their feelings and behavior concerning the question of race relations? It is likely that as long as we are on this earthly pilgrimage we shall continue to encounter this kind of demand for an extension of the converted portion of our lives.

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### A CONTINUING COMMITMENT

The second area of thought and action concerning conversions grows out of this question: Is the normal conversion simply a mystical experience through which one feels the release from the burden of sin and the joy of divine acceptance or does it also involve a commitment to a new and higher pattern of living? This is a question that has, at times, been a source of controversy. There is today, I believe, an increasing realization that we urgently need both conversion and commitment to service. Sound conversions do not occur in a moral vacuum. Faith and works belong together. Dr. Elton Trueblood offers this comment: "What is new today is not the social gospel, but the conviction that the social gospel can stand alone, and that it is the only gospel. Thus it is common to hear participants in Christian conferences say quite frankly that they have no patience with those who waste time on prayer and worship. The idea of a 'quiet time' is held by some to be obsolete, because it interferes with possible action and service. The pure activist sometimes expresses open contempt for those who give serious thought to the life of personal devotion, because this seems to him to involve an escape from the urgent business at hand . . . The fact is, that emphasis upon the life of outer service, without a corresponding emphasis upon the life of inner devotion, has already led to obviously damaging results, one of which is calculated arrogance."

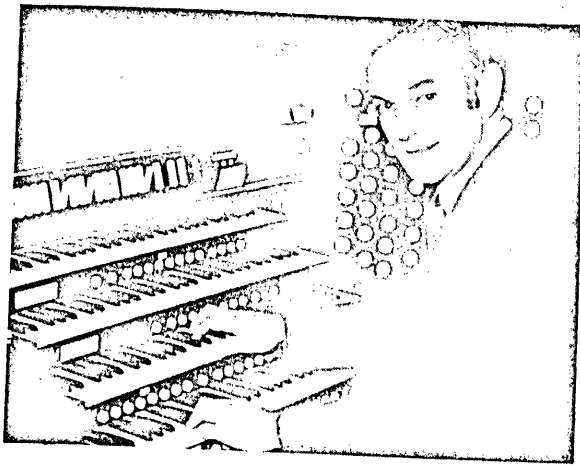
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### THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

Those of us who came up in the Methodist tradition have had a good example of the blending of these two emphases in the life and ministry of the founder of the movement, John Wesley. There can be no question as to his insistence upon the indispensable place of conversion in a normal Christian experience. It is equally certain that he never thought of this experience as a place to stop. Commitment to Christ led directly into whatever activity was at hand, whether it was visiting in the prisons, helping to feed the hungry, providing religious instruction for the children of the underprivileged, or in response to any other area of human need that presented itself. One of the last letters he wrote was to William Wilberforce to commend and encourage him in his struggle against slavery, which Wesley called "that execrable villany." In the life of this remarkable man the love of God and the love of his fellow man were never allowed to become separated. Divisiveness in the Church with respect to which of these two elements of the Christian life is more important will be overcome when all the disciples of Christ are committed to both elements of Christ's supreme command: "You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."

On the basis of this understanding of the new life in Christ we move ahead in the next three lessons to consider "Christ Makes Men Brothers," "God's Grace Sustains Us," and "Christ Is Our Hope."





Dr. Alec Wyton,  
organist and  
master of  
choristers of  
New York's Cath-  
edral of St.  
John the  
Divine.

## Worship specialists to lead biennial FUMM convocation

LAKELAND, Fla. (UMI) — Alec Wyton, organist and master of the choristers of New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine, will be among a large number of leaders at a biennial convocation of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians (FUMM) at Florida Southern College Aug. 5-11.

In addition to leading organ workshops each day during the convocation he is scheduled to present a special mid-week organ recital at Orlando's First United Methodist Church including a new work he has written especially for the Fellowship.

Leading worship each day will be a well-known team of composers and worship specialists, Richard Avery and Donald Marsh, Port Jervis, N. Y. Avery is pastor and Marsh is choir-master and director of the arts in Christian education at the First Pres-

byterian Church in Port Jervis.

A youth music workshop is being sponsored separately by the Florida Conference. Former Fellowship president, Philip R. Dietterich of Westfield, N. J., will be leading the youth workshop.

The FUMM convocation will have sessions for adult choirs led by Austin Lovelace, minister of music at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas and a member of the editorial committee of *The Methodist Hymnal* published in 1966; and children's choirs led by Mrs. Mabel Boyter, founder and director of the Children's School of Music in Atlanta, Ga.

Special sessions during the week will include one on "Soul Music" led by James A. Johnson, Sr., who is now completing his master of divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in

New York.

Dr. Wyton, born in England and educated at Oxford University and the Royal Academy of Music in London, also serves as adjunct professor of music at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J.

Avery and Marsh, as they are popularly known, have together composed *Hymns Hot and Carols Cool* and *More, More, More* two songbooks which have sold more than 100,000 copies.

Mr. Avery is widely known for his innovations in worship and education, particularly for the average size congregation.

Mr. Johnson, a native of Columbia, S. C., has been a highschool music teacher and was the minister of music at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark before joining the staff as urban minister for First United Methodist Church in Westfield and Trinity

United Methodist Church in Newark.

At the close of the first full day, the participants will be given a walking tour of several campus buildings designed by the late Frank Lloyd Wright. Leading the tour will be Wright's apprentice, Nils M. Schweizer, who came to Lakeland in 1952 to supervise the construction of the buildings.

President of the Fellowship is Howard Coble, director of music at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, N. C. Executive director is the Rev. Glenn S. Gothard, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the Board of Discipleship.

Chairman of the 1973 convocation planning committee is the Rev. Robert Scoggin, president-elect of the Fellowship. He is minister of music at Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester, Minn.

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The Rev. Richard  
Avery, pastor,  
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## Missionary work in Rhodesia experiencing problems

by Leonard Perryman

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI)—A United Methodist missionary who with his family has been denied permission to re-enter Rhodesia said here that though he has been given no reason for refusal, "I believe it is because I have been concerned to interpret to persons outside Rhodesia the increasingly oppressive and racist policies of the white regime."

Shortly before he anticipated resuming missionary service in May, the Rev. Dr. Norman E. Thomas received a letter from Rhodesia's chief immigration officer saying he was "an undesirable inhabitant of or an undesirable visitor to Rhodesia." Said the letter: "This means that neither you nor your family will be allowed to return to Rhodesia."

Presumably, said Dr. Thomas, this could end 11 years of missionary service he and his family have given because he said no process for appeal from the ruling was indicated. He was in St. Louis to speak to the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries which met March 23-31.

Saying he and his family would "gladly return" to Rhodesia if they had opportunity, Dr. Thomas said that as many as 40 missionaries, including about 20 United Methodists, have been deported or denied entry to Rhodesia in the last 10 years. "I believe

it is fairly clear why we have been denied," he said, adding: "We as a family have tried to live as brothers with the African people with whom we have worked, identifying with them at a time when the Rhodesian government seeks to separate races and to relate whites and blacks solely on a master-servant basis."

At the meeting, Board assistant general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Isaac Bivens, said the denial "points out the increasing difficulty the church faces as we try to appoint effective American personnel to work in Rhodesia. We sincerely regret this denial and would welcome any assistance from proper officials which would lead to rescinding the unfortunate order. So far as the Board is concerned, the Thomases have identified with those interests which we believe to be in the best interest of the majority of Rhodesian people. We maintain an open stance and are willing at any time to discuss this and any other matter with the Rhodesian government."

Dr. Thomas said he and his family — which includes Mrs. Thomas and their four children — are awaiting possible re-assignment to missionary service in another African country. In Rhodesia he has taught in a theological school, been urban secretary of the Christian Council and director of Christian education of the United Methodist Conference. Mrs. Thomas has been a nurse. Since coming to the U. S. on a

short furlough in January he has been teaching at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif.

As for the future in racially tense Rhodesia, Dr. Thomas said continuation of "present policy by white rulers will inevitably lead to violence. However, I believe the African people desire opportunities for advancement on merit and want participation in decision-making rather than bloodshed."

He expressed strong support for the African National Council, black political organization in Rhodesia working for majority rights and headed by United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, for whom Dr. Thomas expressed "highest regard and admiration, and warm personal friendship. The Council, which has unified the African people in their crusade for human dignity, challenges the small ruling white minority to work out together a mutually agreeable formula for achieving racial harmony and a just society."

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### Same Concern for Peace as for Meat Prices Urged

MONTCLAIR, N. J. (UMI) — If church members would be as much concerned about "peace for their children and grandchildren as they are about the price of meat, we'd really accomplish something," United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord told a New Jersey Council of Churches peace task force here.

### Evanston Recommended Seminary Site

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — The present campus of United Methodism's Garrett Theological Seminary here is being recommended as the site for administrative headquarters and degree programs of the proposed merger of Garrett and Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill.

The task force of representatives from both schools working out details of the merger said April 7 they would recommend the Evanston site to their respective boards of trustees. The Naperville facilities would be considered for possible use in related programs to be developed by the new school, such as continuing education, the Center for Parish Development, and field education units.

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### UNITED METHODIST MINISTRIES SPONSORS DEAF WORKSHOP

NEW YORK (UMI) — A need to educate both hearing and deaf persons about each other was stressed at a United Methodist Ministries to the Deaf Workshop recently in Williamsburg, Va. The first conference of this type was held last year.

Nine United Methodist ministries to the deaf were represented at the workshop which was partially financed by the Department of Urban Ministries of the National Division, Board of Global Ministries.

## New Book of Discipline available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The 1972 Book of Discipline, official book of "law" of the United Methodist Church, is being released here this month by the United Methodist Publishing House.

Resulting from the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta, the 653-page volume will include for the first time a glossary of commonly used terms. Male oriented language has also been deleted from the book where possible.

Available through regional service centers and Cokesbury Bookstores, the book includes the Constitution, doctrinal statements, general rules, social principles, and the organization and administration of the local church, ministry, lay worker, conferences, boards and agencies, church property and judicial activities. Enabling legislation is included as an appendix.

An 84-page index is comprehensive with all major items cross-referenced and with listings of former boards and agencies cross-referenced to new agency listings.

Major changes were made in the section on organization and administration because of sweeping structural changes made by the 1972 General Conference.

The Publishing House reports advance sales of the *Discipline* exceeding 50,000 copies. The volume is available in a \$3 maroon edition or a \$6 black, imitation leather edition.

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## Caterpillar Company rejects Women's Division request

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI) — Stockholders of Caterpillar Tractor Company April 11 voted down a proposal that their management disclose detailed information on the firm's South Africa operations, but the number voting in favor of a disclosure resolution showed what is interpreted as a marked increase in awareness by stockholders of the apartheid in South Africa.

The 7 per cent favorable vote the disclosure resolution received is the largest, so far as is known, any Southern Africa issue has received in the three years that churches have placed such issues before corporations.

The request that the information on South Africa operations be provided to each stockholder was made at Caterpillar's annual meeting by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The resolution — first such corporate responsibility resolution initiated by the Division — was presented in person by Florence Little, New York, Division treasurer.

Caterpillar management recommended that the request be refused and held enough proxies to defeat the resolution by a 10-1 margin. But holders of nearly 4,000,000 of the company's 577,000,000 shares agreed with the church organization. The Women's Division owns 7,000 shares.

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## Pikeville Hospital Board censured for non-compliance with Social Principles

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (UMI) — The refusal of the Methodist Hospital board of directors in Pikeville, Ky., to recognize a union representing more than 200 of the hospital's non-professional workers, was condemned in a strongly worded resolution approved here April 13 by the United Methodist Appalachian Development Committee (ADC).

The Committee also established a "Striker Support Fund" for the workers and agreed to actively solicit voluntary contributions. Being mailed to all United Methodist bishops with a cover letter from ADC chairman Dr. Norman Klump, the resolution says the board's position is "in clear and flagrant violation of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church."

The Social Principles "support the right of public and private (including farm, government, institutional and domestic) employees and employers to organize for collective bargaining."

The hospital workers went on strike June 10, 1972 and more than 212 signed cards asking Communications Workers of America Local 10317 to represent them. The hospital has refused to negotiate with the union and as a non-profit institution is not required to do so by the National Labor Relations Act.

The Division of Health and Welfare Ministries of the Board of Global Ministries is asked in the resolution to "move aggressively" to uphold the Social Principles "by all means at its disposal."

## European Bishop elected for life

NEW YORK (UMI) — Bishop Franz W. Schaefer was elected unanimously to a second term as episcopal leader of the United Methodist Church's Central and Southern Europe Central Conference when it met in late March in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, according to reports to United Methodist Information.

Then a short time later in the Conference, the delegates balloted a second time and, with only six dissenting votes, elected the 52-year-old bishop to life tenure. (Unlike United Methodist bishops in the U. S. who are elected for life, those in Central Conferences overseas can be elected for terms of varying number of years).

The Central and Southern Europe Central Conference is one of the more diverse in the United Methodist Church, extending from the Baltic Sea to the Sahara desert and from the Russian border to eastern France. Delegates were present from seven countries — Algeria, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. There are about 39,000 United Methodists in the Central Conference.

Representing the United Methodists Council of Bishops at the quadrennial Central Conference session at Schaffhausen was Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Nashville, Tenn. Visitors were present from Belgium, Germany, Sweden and Britain.

Bishop Frank L. Robertson and the Kentucky Conference are also asked to insist that the directors observe the United Methodist Social Principles. If the board refuses, the Committee asks the Kentucky Conference to "declare the total membership of the present hospital board vacant and that they be replaced with directors committed so to bargain; further that the duly elected hospital board members be urged to dismiss the administrator and to replace him with a person sensitive and sympathetic to effective bargaining."

The Board of Global Ministries at its recent meeting in St. Louis referred the entire Pikeville issue to its "Collaborative Staff" which represents the Health and Welfare Ministries, National, and Women's Divisions.

The ADC asked the staff to "proceed to assemble facts of the Pikeville strike situation and present them to the total church", and to "proceed immediately to expedite negotiations so as to settle the strike without delay consistent with the Statement of Social Principles of the United Methodist Church."

The Committee initiated a feasibility study for economic development of the Appalachian region and set in motion efforts to establish an "Interstate university" which would be a collective means for all United Methodist institutions of higher education to attack common problems of the region.

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## NEW 'ECUMENICAL CHURCH' IN SWEDEN

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodist, Baptist and Swedish Covenant members have joined a new "ecumenical church" in Nykoping, Sweden.

The Rev. Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, United Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia, also reports that plans are going ahead for a new United Methodist school for youth and adult education at Soltun in northern Norway and that Norway's mission secretary was in Liberia recently to lay the foundation stone at a new church agricultural center. Norwegian Methodists have been helping Librarians establish the center.

Of the Nykoping project, Dr. Kristoffersen said this would be "the first time three local churches of different denominations have gone together to build a church to serve all three."

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## THREE SCOUTS FROM TEXAS CHURCH KILLED IN TORNADO

DALLAS, Tex. (UMI) — Tornados left three young United Methodists dead, several injured and scores of others homeless in three different sections of the state as a result of a line of storms that struck Sunday, April 15.

Joint funeral services were conducted at Lake Highlands United Methodist Church here for three members of the church's Boy Scout Troop 980 who died when a 100 foot tall pine tree was blown over on their tent during a hike in Davy Crockett National Forest in East Texas. The boys were active in United Methodist Youth and members of the church.

## Singapore 1976 World Methodist Conference site

NEW YORK (UMI) — World Methodists will assemble for the 13th World Methodist Conference in late August, 1976, in Singapore, it has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, N. C., general secretary of the World Methodist Council.

The 1976 Conference will mark the first time the international Methodist family will have gathered in the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America), Dr. Tuttle observed. All previous quinquennial World Methodist Conferences have been held in North America (mostly the U. S.), continental Europe or Britain.

Exact dates of the 1976 conclave will be set by the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee when it meets in Mexico City this summer. The Executive Committee, of which Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., Princeton, N. J., is chairman, guides the program and work of the Council between quinquennial sessions. It has met in Africa and the West Indies, as well as Europe, England and North America.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., is chairman of the Program Committee for the 1976 World Methodist Conference. The last Conference was held in Denver, Colo., in 1971.

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## CRISES

by Wilson O. Weldon

In the Book of Jeremiah, Chapter 12, there is a very searching and, too, very helpful question. I give it this translation: "If you have run with men, and they have made you tired, how will you do when you run against horses? If in time of peace you have become weary, how will you do in the time of crisis when the river Jordan is overflowing?" (Verse 5)

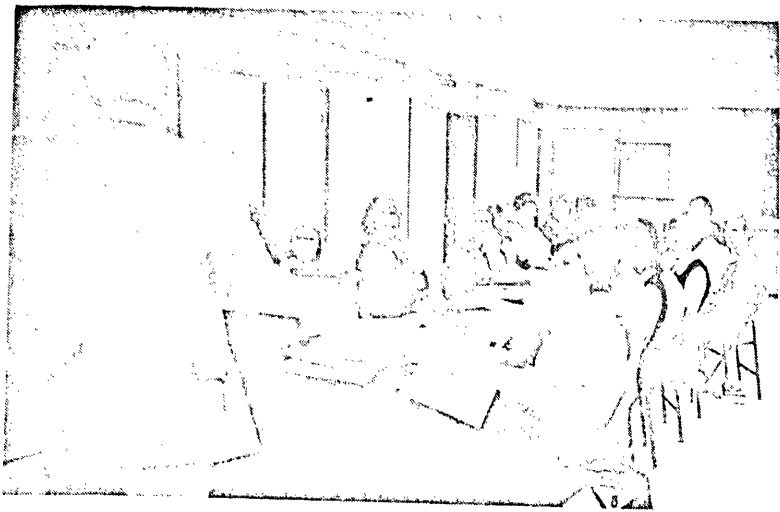
Many of us modern Americans have developed resources for the hour of crisis — but we let down when peace and ordinary times come upon us. We need to develop a faith, not only for the "swelling of the Jordan" but also for easier times.

To be able to come through with a faith, strong and steady, in the hour of crisis is a grand achievement. But too many depend upon some catastrophe to draw out their best.

James Hilton once made this strong statement: "The League of Nations sickened and died from the deadliest of modern diseases — popular approval without private faith." It is no wonder that many of our dreams and hopes for world brotherhood have crashed to pieces in former days — and will do so again unless we undergird our popular plans with a private faith which moves in the direction of goodness and devotion for every individual.

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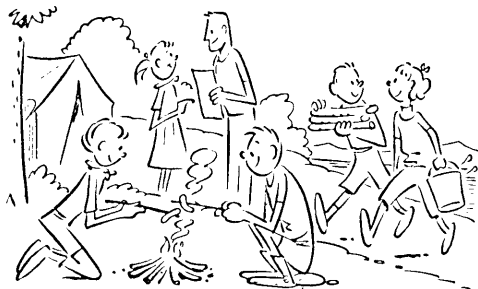


The Rev. Joe Wilkerson, Dell-Christ Church pastor, leading April 2 Jonesboro District Vacation Church School Workshop for local directors at Harrisburg United Methodist Church. Mrs. James Barton, Hickory Ridge, is district coordinator of Children's Ministries and taught the session for Elementary I-III. Other age level resource persons included: Mrs. Walter Lindley, Mrs. B. J. Burnett, Mrs. Vergie Dorton and the Rev. James Barton. The Rev. Thomas Weir was host pastor. (A District V.C.S. Teaching Workshop will be conducted on Saturday, May 5 at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Persons attending are requested to take sack lunches. The host church will provide drinks).

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## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FAMILY CAMP

"The Christian Family: Time Together?"



PLACE: Myers Ranch - Five miles from Shirley, Arkansas

DATE: May 4, 5, and 6

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### AGENDA

#### FRIDAY, May 4

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Set up Camp and Eat  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Get acquainted around the camp fire

#### SATURDAY, May 5

Morning: "Do your own thing"  
Afternoon: Nature Study  
by Charles Mabry  
Outdoor Crafts and Camping  
by Rog Rogers  
Night: Camp Fire Singing  
Community Snack

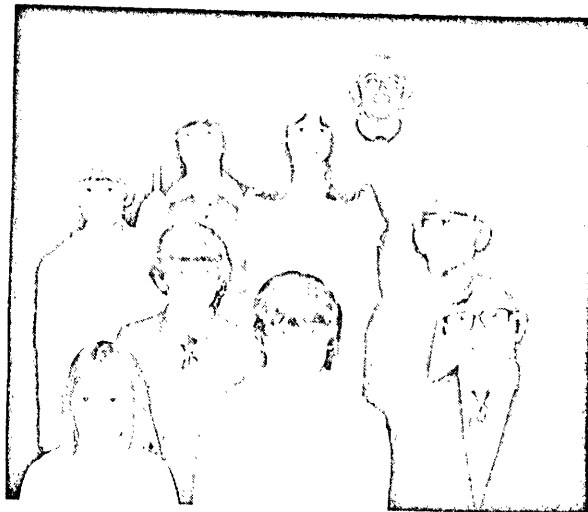
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#### SUNDAY, May 6

9:00 a.m. Family Discussion Groups  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion Service  
11:00 a.m. Eat Lunch, Break Camp  
12:00 Noon "See you next year"

CAMP DIRECTORS: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mabry, First United Methodist Church, Batesville

The Rev. Gerald K. Fincher, pastor of Mabelvale United Methodist Church, Little Rock, pictured with Confirmation Class received into membership on Passion Sunday, April 8.



### NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CAMP CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Mr. Eldon Douglas, director of the canoe trip originally scheduled for June 11-15 and later scheduled for July 9-14, has announced the point of departure as Gilbert, Ark. with the finish point being Norfolk on the White River. This trip will cover a distance of about 65 miles by river. Mr. Douglas has also requested that only young people 15 years of age or older register. Places are still available for 8 more youth. Pastors have the necessary registration forms which they will sign and mail to the Council on Ministries' office along with \$20 registration per person.

Young persons will want to talk to their ministers immediately about this camp.

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### CONCERNED

effective — local, state or federal — agency.

We further are requesting each of our religious bodies and their members to investigate the local implications of these curtailments, to exercise a concern for the equitable use of Revenue Sharing Funds, and to develop leadership to help assure the achievement of social justice at all levels."

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### CORRECTION

In the April 19 issue of Arkansas Methodist the name of Mrs. Wade H. Scott, Sr. was listed as one of the persons who had been memorialized with gifts to Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. The name which should have been submitted to us was that of Mr. Wade H. Scott, Sr.

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### MRS. CANNIE COULTER

Mrs. Cannie Thomas Coulter, 91, of Jacksonville, wife of the late Earnest C. Coulter, died April 11. Mrs. Coulter, a member of the Jacksonville United Methodist Church had been active in the Methodist Church from earliest childhood.

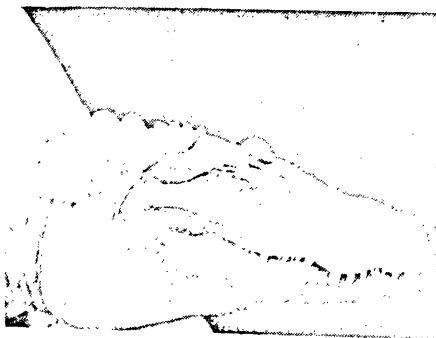
The Rev. Bob Edwards, pastor, officiated at the funeral service conducted from the Jacksonville church. Burial was in Bayou Meto Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Sterling McKenzie; a son, Clyde Coulter; a sister, Mrs. Floss Herrod—all of Jacksonville; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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by Gene Herrington



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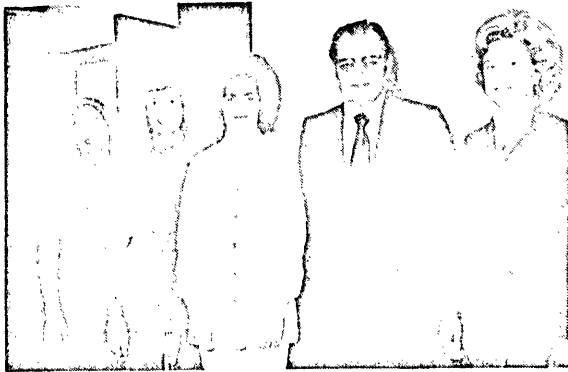
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# LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

April 9-14

## HOPE DISTRICT



Hope District Workshop staff members were led by Mrs. John Prothro, district coordinator. The Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr., First Church, Ashdown, was host pastor. Dr. D. Mouzon Mann is district superintendent.



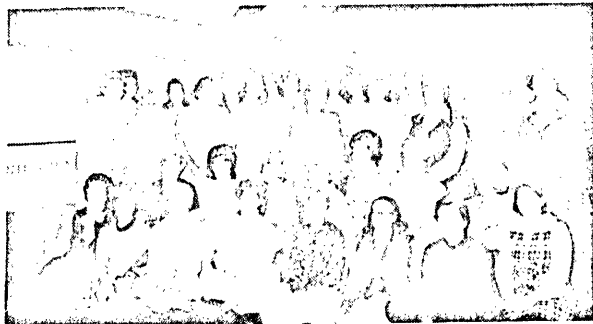
Hope District workers take coffee break.



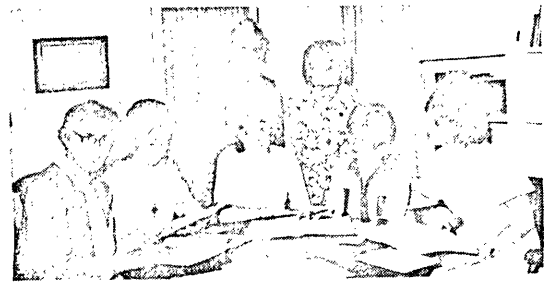
Sessions at Hope District Workshop met in small groups to receive individual training.

## ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT



Participants in Monticello District Workshop. Mrs. N. J. Garrett is district coordinator; the Rev. Everett Vinson is district superintendent. The Rev. Ferris Norton, Crossett, was host pastor.

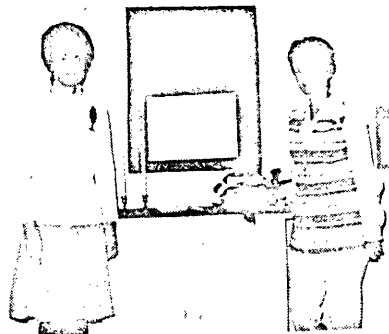


Monticello District Nursery Workshop provided training for those who guide pre-schoolers.

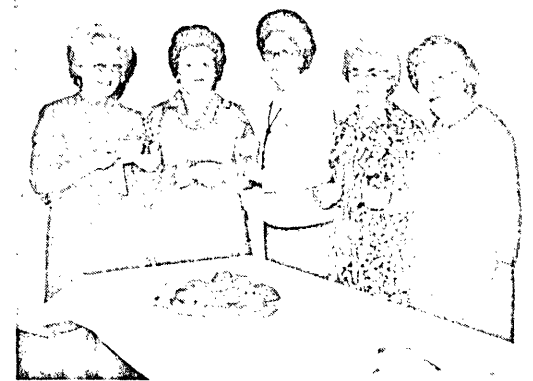
## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT



Directors of the Pine Bluff District workshop before training sessions began. Mrs. T. Nichols Evans is district coordinator; Dr. Virgil Keeley is district superintendent. The Rev. Ed Matthews is pastor at Lakeside, the host church.



(From left) Mrs. Harold Hansford and Mrs. Guy Gill, Jr., leaders of one Pine Bluff District session for Elementary workers, at the worship center.



Mrs. Kelly Oliver (left), Arkadelphia District coordinator, joins other staff members during coffee break. Dr. George W. Martin is district superintendent. The workshop was held at Malvern First Church with the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft serving as host pastor.



The various age level Elementary workshops like this one at the Arkadelphia District session for grades III-IV prepared participants to deal specifically with one age group.

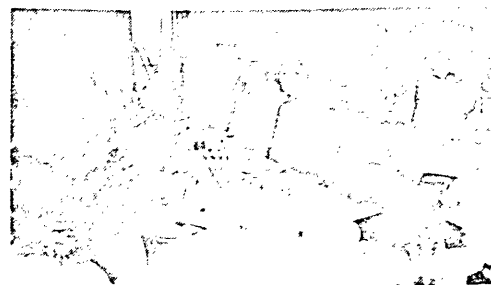
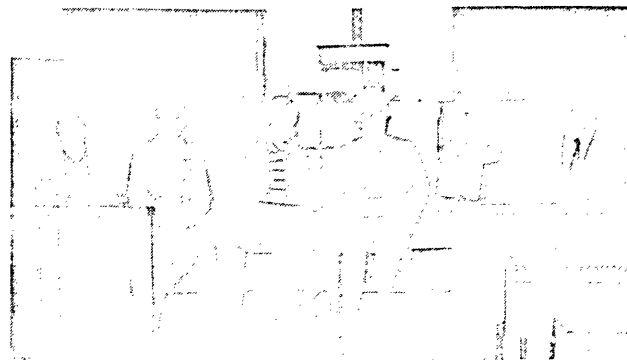
## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT



Little Rock District workers break for coffee and donuts. Mrs. Charles Jones is district coordinator; Dr. J. Edward Dunlap is district superintendent. Host pastor was Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Winfield Church, Little Rock.



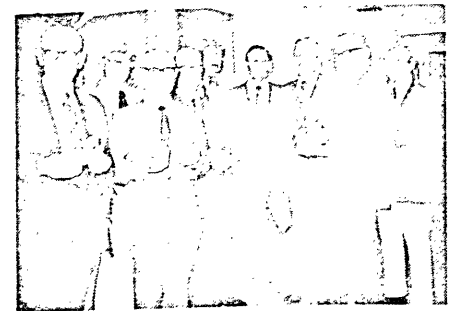
Directors of Little Rock District Workshop meet before training sessions begin.



Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank were present for the luncheon held for Camden District Workshop staff at Asbury Church in Magnolia. Host pastor Don Nolley and Mrs. Nolley were present also. Bishop Frank was the speaker for a series of special services at First Church, Magnolia during the period of the workshop.

## CAMDEN DISTRICT

The Camden District workshop included a panel discussion on "How the Bible is used with age levels for 1973 Vacation Church School." Mrs. John Ross is district coordinator; Dr. Roy I. Bagley is district superintendent.



Ministers attending the Camden District Preachers Meeting, held in conjunction with the V.C.S. Workshop, take a coffee break.

— Mrs. John L. Tucker,  
Conference coordinator