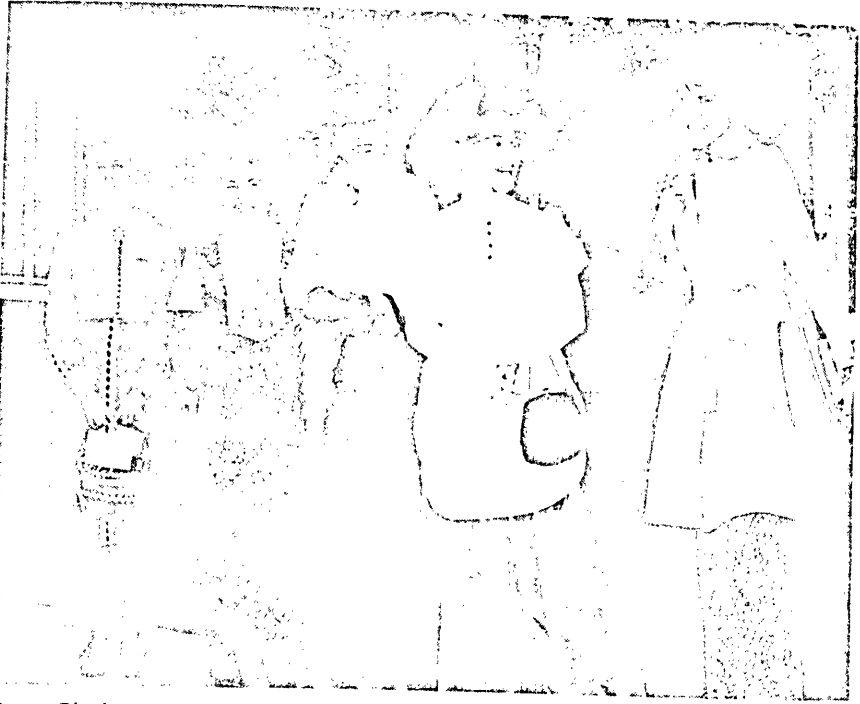


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Joan Clark, at right, a principal speaker at the Centennial Pilgrimage held in Warren, is shown with members of the Planning Committee for the event. From left are: Mrs. Louis W. Ederington, general chairman, Mrs. Edward Harris, Mrs. Grafton Thomas, and Mrs. E. T. Davenport.

Hundreds of UM Women honor organizers of State's mission work

Seven women gave \$50 to missions in 1873. In this day of the changing role of women in the church, are we as venturesome as they? Could those seven women envision that they were starting a movement in the state which 100 years later had snowballed into 22,800 women giving \$225,000 to missions. That they were among the first few forerunning groups in the nation which spawned 36,000 societies with 1,500,000 members giving \$4,183,444 to missions, accounting for one-third of the total giving of United Methodists to missions?

These seven women, who lived in Warren, Arkansas, were eulogized recently in a "Pilgrimage" program when hundreds of women poured into Warren in cars and buses to pay tribute to them and to the many leaders who followed, and to be challenged

by the changing day when the fourth reorganization (previous ones were in 1913, 1940, and 1968) is taking place, uniting all Methodist women.

Warren ladies, headed by Mrs. Hugh Moseley, Jr., president, were hostesses (in costume) for an overflow crowd at the height of the dogwood flowering season. By costume, skit and folk song, the program focused attention on the 100-year heritage. The "present" phase of the program emphasized the scope of women's activities during the recent 33-year period and was presented in verse and narrative by Mrs. E. D. Galloway, a former conference president who had lived in Warren as a minister's wife. The "future" was presented as a challenge by the very youthful Joan Clark, regional worker for the Women's Division of the National Board of

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Bishop Golden to head Council

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Bishop Charles F. Golden of Los Angeles is the new president of the United Methodist Church's Council of Bishops. He succeeds Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, Texas, who concluded his one-year term at the close of the Council's spring meeting here April 27.

Named president-elect at the meeting a year ago, Bishop Golden now moves into the church's highest ecclesiastical office for a one-year term.

Elected to the episcopacy in 1960, Bishop Golden served in Nashville-Birmingham and San Francisco Areas before being assigned to the Los Angeles Area last summer. He is the second black bishop to head the Council of Bishops. In 1965-66, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., of Princeton, N. J., was the first.

The 60-year-old bishop is a native Mississippian, with a long experience as a pastor, college professor, Army chaplain and missions board executive before he was elected a bishop. He is a graduate of Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary, both in Atlanta, and has a master's degree from Boston University, as well as several honorary doctorates.

He administers the largest area in the church's Western Jurisdiction—the Los Angeles Area with 250,000 members in 500 churches.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder of Detroit, head of the church's Michigan Area, was named president-elect of the Council for 1974-75.

Bishop Loder was elected to the episcopacy from the presidency of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill. He had previously served as pastor of one of the denomination's largest churches, Hennepin Avenue Church in Minneapolis, Minn. He has been the spiritual leader of the Michigan Area since his election in 1964.

The following are the new officers of several Jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops:

North Central — President, Paul A. Washburn, Chicago; vice president, A.

James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D.; secretary, Wayne K. Clymer, Minneapolis, Minn.

Northeastern — President, James K. Mathews, Washington, D.C.; secretary, D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va.

South Central — President, Alsie H. Carleton, Albuquerque, N.M.; secretary, Don W. Holter, Lincoln, Nebr.

Southeastern — President, Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C.; secretary, L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.

Western — President, R. Marvin Stuart, San Francisco; secretary, Jack M. Tuell, Portland, Ore. (The Western Jurisdictional officers serve two-year terms.)

Central Conference (overseas) bishops have as their chairman Bishop C. Ernst Sommer of Frankfurt, Germany.

Adopting a plan to avoid shifting the leadership of the four committees at the same time, two chairmen concluded their terms at the end of the current session.

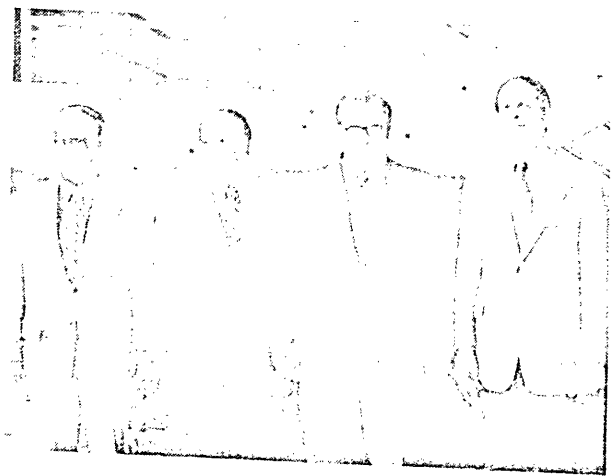
Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., will be replaced as head of the Committee on Pastoral Concerns by Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Houston, Texas. Bishop Dwight E. Loder of Detroit will succeed Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Dallas, Texas, as chairman of Teaching Concerns. Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Chicago continues as head of Relational Concerns, and Bishop W. Ralph Ward of New York Area, as chairman of Administrative Concerns.

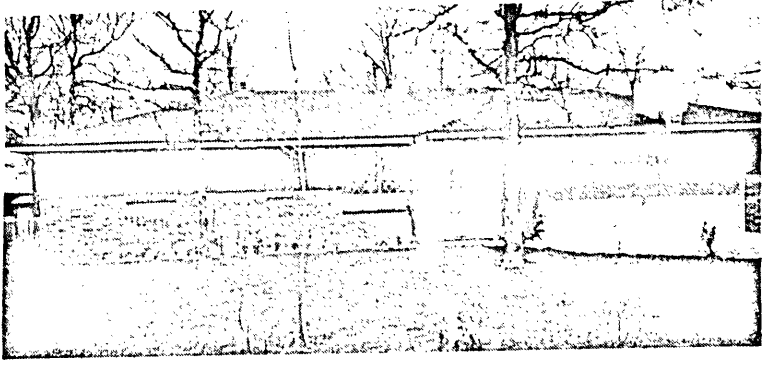
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THE BETHEL United Methodist Church is holding the annual homecoming on Sunday May 6. Principal speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service will be Dr. Ralph Clayton, Conway district superintendent. A covered dish dinner will follow. The afternoon singing will feature the "New Horizons" and the "Spiritualetts". The Rev. Jerry Pulliam is pastor of the Bethel Church, which is located between Jacksonville and Conway.

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Members of Boards of Ministry from Little Rock Conference and North Arkansas Conference who attended recent South Central Jurisdictional Workshop on the Ministry in Oklahoma City. LEFT PHOTO: North Arkansas delegation (left to right) Jim Beal, Helena First Church; Jon Guthrie, Hendrix College counselor and minister to students; Wayne Clark, Corning; Max Whitfield, St. Paul Church, Harrison; Richard Preston, Mallalieu; Pryor Cruce, Midland Heights, Fort Smith; Myers B. Curtis, Amboy Church, North Little Rock. PHOTO AT RIGHT: Little Rock Conference representatives — R. O. Beck, Stuttgart First Church; F. Gladwin Connell, St. Paul Church, El Dorado; John Ross, Stephens, and Edward B. Hollenbeck, Benton First Church.





Decatur United Methodist Church has purchased the above parsonage at a cost of \$19,000. Pastor John W. Lee, Mrs. Lee, and their four children, recently held an open house for church members.



The Rev. Leslie G. Craze



The Rev. Kenneth Renfroe

Hot Springs Area Council sponsors Holy Week series

The Hot Springs Area Church and Community Council sponsored Holy Week services, April 15-19, at five churches with guest preachers as follows:

Sunday, Pullman Heights Church, the Rev. Lloyd Smith of Haven; Monday, Mountain Pine Church, the Rev. Robert E. Woody of Gardner-New Salem; Tuesday, Haven Church, the Rev. Dorsey Caldwell of Tigert-Morning Star; Wednesday, Morning Star Church, Bro. Raymond Hillis, Malvern layman; Thursday, Gardner Church, the Rev. James Robken of Pullman Heights.

Two hundred and forty-five persons from 10 churches attended the services, which concluded with Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

Mrs. Grace Dwyer is the Church and Community worker; the Rev. Robert E. Woody is Council chairman.

INVITATION

An invitation has been extended to area churchmen to hear Bishop Joseph Howze, D.D., auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, Miss. Bishop Howze will give the final lecture of the 1972-73 Lecture Series, sponsored by St. Andrew's Cathedral, Office of Adult Religious Education, on Monday, May 7, 8 p.m. at the Cathedral Hall, located at 9th and Louisiana, Little Rock.

Decatur-Centerton Charge Holds Dinner, Mission

A Lay Witness Mission was recently held at Centerton Church. David Bentley, director of the Security Division for the Little Rock Veterans Administration and an active member of the Markham Street Church in Little Rock, was coordinator of the mission; Lewis Hershberger was general chairman.

A church-wide recognition and appreciation dinner at Decatur Church was recently held to honor the 21 new members received into membership during the past year. Twenty-four persons have been received into the Centerton Church during the past year.

The Rev. John W. Lee is pastor of the Decatur-Centerton Charge in the Fayetteville District.

KAMPUS KITTY WEEK HELD AT HENDRIX

Kampus Kitty Week was held at Hendrix College in Conway last week to raise funds for charities, both local and world-wide.

Student-sponsored activities included dances, plays, movies, carnivals, folk concerts, and a Red Cross Blood Drive. Events were opened to Conway residents.

Last year enough money was raised to send \$500 to Ghana to aid in construction of a school. Funds were also distributed locally to the Walnut Street Day Care Center and Conway Independent Living Services.

North Little Rock and British Summer pastoral exchange planned

The Rev. Kenneth F. Renfroe, pastor of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, and Mrs. Renfroe will go to England on a summer ministerial exchange program sponsored by the World Methodist Council Exchange of Pastors.

Renfroe will serve at Norman Road Church, Leonard's-on-the-Sea, Sussex, July 1-August 5, while that pastor, the Rev. Leslie G. Craze and Mrs. Craze, will be at Washington Avenue Church.

The families will live in each other's parsonages during the six weeks.

Since the English use a "circuit" system, Renfroe will hold services at several churches, including John Wesley's Chapel where Wesley preached his last open-air sermon, and Sackville Road Church, attended by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, widely known in World Methodism.

HENDRIX CHOIR AND CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT WITH GUEST SOLOISTS

The Hendrix College Choir and Chorus, with the addition of four guest soloists, will present a concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 6, at First United Methodist Church in Conway.

The guest soloists will include Mrs. Jeff Henderson of Conway, alto; Mrs. Henry Henley of New York City, soprano; William Kennedy of England, Ark., baritone, and Harold Thompson of Conway, tenor.

The choir of 53 voices will present the first portion of the program, and the chorus of 100 voices will sing the Lord Nelson "Mass of Haydn." Both groups are directed by Robert McGill.

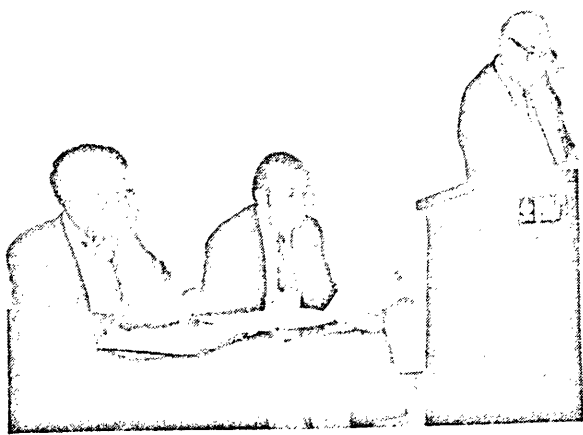
The soprano soloist, Mrs. Henley, is the mother of Hank Henley, a senior choir member.

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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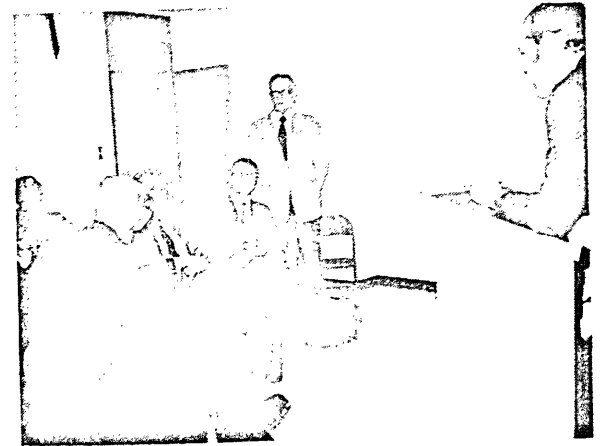
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 5. People to attend, buy and participate in the activities
- Remember: If you can't come, you can send a contribution.



The Rev. Alf A. Eason, Little Rock Conference director of Council on Ministries, leads executive committee meeting in discussion of proposed priorities to be presented for consideration of the annual conference which will meet May 28-31 in Hot Springs.



Members of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries' executive committee (from left) R. O. Beck, William M. Shepherd, Joe E. Arnold, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Charles Ashcraft, John Thompson, and Fred Arnold.



Area Treasurer Grafton Thomas reports to executive committee of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, presided over by Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, that total income for First quarter of 1973 shows a marked increase. (Photos by Mrs. John L. Tucker, Conference Children's Coordinator)

(With the approach of the National Family Week observance during the May 6-13 period, we present the following findings of Religious News Service writer, Tammy Tanaka, who has engaged in extensive research among various religious groups in an effort to discover what is occurring in the area of American family and home life.)

What's Happening to the American Family?

The media today are flooded with articles heralding the gloomy news (joyful to some) that the "traditional" American family and home life is dead. Or most certainly dying.

You don't hear much about "family togetherness" these days. What you hear now are dire forecasts — or happy anticipations — of "serial marriage," "group marriages," "extended family communes," or "marriage-by contract" renewable every three years. Even "swapped families" like the left-handed pitchers of the New York Yankees baseball team.

Very little is said about the traditional "made-to-last" family composed of mother, father, children, and perhaps close relatives.

Even less is said about "home," — that mysterious combination of individuals, things and spirit which results in what religions throughout the ages have called a "sanctuary dedicated to God for the exaltation of the family."

Is the "traditional" American family and home life really disappearing? If so, what is being done, especially by the religious community, to preserve it? Is it worth preserving? What is a family and home life for, anyway?

Scholars and religious leaders may have opposing opinions as to the future of family life, but they agree that family life of some kind is essential. They also agree that the family today is being torn by unprecedented strains from "outside forces."

"We've had a lot of experiments in history of trying to get rid of the family and they have never worked," anthropologist Margaret Mead told a meeting of the Christian Family Movement at Tarrytown, N. Y.

"And I don't think we are going to get rid of it in our lifetime," she said. "But we can make an awful mess of it — as we are at present."

Sociologist Alvin Toffler says the family has been described as the "giant shock absorber" of society — "the place to which the bruised and battered individual returns after doing battle with the world, the one stable point in an increasingly flux-filled environment."

But now, the "shock absorber" itself is being "shocked."

Religion leaders say that ideally, the home should be a sanctuary where abides the love of God. It should be a place where family members, sustained by the

Spirit of God, give one another love and encouragement to help one another grow. But few families have established this ideal.

My research and interviews with spokesmen of major religious faiths show that the deterioration of home life in America is becoming an increasing focus of concern.

Most religious groups are giving increasing attention to strengthening home life, and are developing or expanding programs designed to increase family unity.

The "marriage encounter" movement appears to be gaining popularity among Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Father William Young of the Christian and Family Development Office of the New York Catholic archdiocese noted that while the "marriage encounters" are primarily aimed at developing deeper commitment between husband and wife through the power of God — the ultimate result hopefully is the spiritual enrichment and improved relationship of the entire family.

Among Protestants, the United Methodist Church, for example, recently launched a "Family Enrichment Weekend" program as a "means of discovering family potentials."

An extension of the "Marriage Enrichment" program, it is structured for all families, including those having only "one parent."

Many Jewish agencies, including B'nai B'rith, have also launched "family institutes" and weekend programs to enhance family unity and spirituality. There is also renewed emphasis among Jewish faiths to observe the Sabbath.

Dr. Gladys Rosen, a program specialist for the American Jew-

ish Committee, said the Jewish community has always been concerned with family unity. But with the attack on the family from all sides by the "counter culture," there is even more of a concerted effort by all Jewish agencies to focus on family enrichment," she said.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has an on-going weekly "Family Home Evening" program which is widely recognized as one of the best in the nation.

"Family Home Evenings," designed to be held every Monday in Mormon homes around the world, seek to provide "positive family experiences" and fun which will "fill our souls with the things of God" — and help make the home "a sanctuary from evil and a source of strength" to each of its members.

Each year, Mormon Church headquarters in Salt Lake City issues a thick manual containing suggested guidelines and themes for family home evenings. The 1973 manual lists activities under four major goals: "Commitment to be a good member of the family, commitment to live as a child of our Heavenly Father, commitment to remember Christ, commitment to seek the Holy Ghost."

Will these attempts by religious groups to strengthen home life be successful in the long run? How much more effort must be exerted by the religious community *en masse* to "turn the tide" and re-channel American family life into a more spiritual direction?

Available evidence indicates that religion's challenge is great. But certainly not impossible. As one clergyman said: "With God, anything is possible."

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'Code of Human Relations'

BUFFALO, N. Y. (RNS) — A "Code of Human Relations" has been formulated by the Inter-High School Student Council here to serve as a guideline for students, teachers, parents "and all Americans."

The code was adopted by the Council and presented to the Buffalo Board of Education.

"The practice of these 'Ten Commandments of Human Relations' will guarantee our human rights through the exercise of our human responsibilities," the council said.

Qualities cited in the code as important in building good human relations include respect, acceptance, understanding, patience, responsibility, trust, honesty, dignity, friendship and love.

The text of the code reads:

"Respect: Respect yourself, and treat others with the respect that you would desire for yourself. Respect and value differences in other people.

"Acceptance: Accept other people for what they are. Accept them as individuals and not as a member of a group.

"Understanding: Have empathy

for those whose beliefs or practices differ or conflict with one's own. Allow for differences. Be open-minded. Try to understand the other person's point of view. 'Walk a mile in his shoes.'

"Patience: Bear problems and difficulties calmly and without complaint. Be not hasty or impetuous in judging others.

"Responsibility: Answer for your own conduct and obligations. Don't always blame others. Look to yourself.

"Trust: Act in such a way that others can rely on your character and truthfulness. Place confidence and hope in others.

"Honesty: Be truthful with others. Be fair and straightforward in your conduct, but be sensitive to other people's feelings.

"Dignity: Have pride in yourself. Earn the respect of others by being a worthy person.

"Friendship: To have a friend, be a friend. Hold out your hand to others, regardless of their race, creed or national origin.

"Love: What the world needs is love. All the rest will follow."

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Private schools and other institutions operated for public benefit by religious groups would be seriously threatened if tax exemptions on charitable donations are further reduced, Roland R. Hegstad, editor of Liberty magazine, told the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, D. C. Hegstad cited the Seventh-day Adventists' Loma Linda University as an example. The Adventist editor testified that if there is any material reduction in the income, estate, and gift tax incentives, "the programs of the university to meet education, medical, and health needs locally, nationwide, and worldwide — even its research programs on heart disease and cancer — would be in serious jeopardy."

The Tennessee Senate has voted to restrict evolution to a "theory" in textbooks designed for public schools and colleges. With a vote of 28 to 1, the Senate said books dealing with human origins should give "commensurate attention to, and an equal amount of emphasis on, the origins and creation of man," including Genesis from the Bible. Speedy approval of the measure was expected in the House. Fifty years ago the teacher, John T. Scopes was convicted and fined \$100 for teaching evolution in violation of the state's so-called "monkey law."

Non-Muslim religious minorities have been given seven of 495 seats in four provincial assemblies, under Pakistan's new constitution. The minorities, in order of size, are the Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis. The constitution requires that both the President and the Prime Minister be Muslim. Minorities, especially Christians, have been troubled by the recent so-called "Islamization" of schools and curricula. The literacy level among Christians is reported to be generally higher than the "20 per cent" for the nation at large. Now that minorities are assured representation in assemblies, Christians hope to protect their interests by constitutional means.

Dr. Martin Marty, widely known church historian who teaches at the University of Chicago, named in an interview some Protestant groups that are not growing, Congregationalist, Episcopalians, Presbyterians and American Baptists. He said these groups are "thinly spread everywhere and lack a dominant region. On the other hand, Dr. Marty added, Southern Baptists and some regions of the United Methodists and Lutherans have "turf."

An interreligious "summit" meeting that, according to observers, may become Ireland's most significant ecumenical event to date is expected to be held in Dublin in late September. Matters of mutual concern will be discussed by leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Ireland (Anglican), the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland.

In the 12 years from 1960 to 1972 world membership in the Latter-day Saints (Mormon) Church increased by 94 per cent, according to a recent statistical tabulation. In addition, the Church's annual report issued at the end of 1972 showed an increase for the year of approximately 136,800. Setting the pace for rapid growth in the 12-year period was South America with a 1,100 per cent increase in membership followed by Central America with 948 per cent and Asia with 751 per cent.

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The National Council of Churches has formally asked the U. S. Supreme Court to accept an appeal aimed at restoring the tax exemption of the Rev. Billy James Hargis, anti-Communist crusader and long-time critic of the NCC. A NCC brief, with support from eight Protestant Churches and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, contends that a December judgment against the Hargis organization constituted a serious threat to the freedom of all religious groups to speak on public issues. The Rev. Dean Kelley, church-state expert, says the decision of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals against the Hargis corporation, constituted a blow against First Amendment freedoms of religion, speech and petition to government.

"A political awakening is occurring among evangelicals," according to Dr. Paul Henry of Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Mich.), "but it needs direction." Dr. Henry gave this as the reason for the "Conference on Christianity and Politics," attended by 350 professors, students, ministers and political figures. Represented were a wide range of political viewpoints, with delegates from both evangelical and Reformed backgrounds debating such subjects as civic religion, violence, capitalism and the effect of the Jesus People on social involvement.

Every Christian denomination in New Orleans is reported to have had representation among the 5,000 persons who walked through the downtown business district in a pre-Easter "March for Christ." At the conclusion of the parade, which was held to publicize Key 73, 1,500 of the marchers jammed historic St. Louis Catholic Cathedral for a one-hour ecumenical service. As worshipers left the cathedral, they joined together in singing: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love," a song that has become associated with the "Jesus Movement."

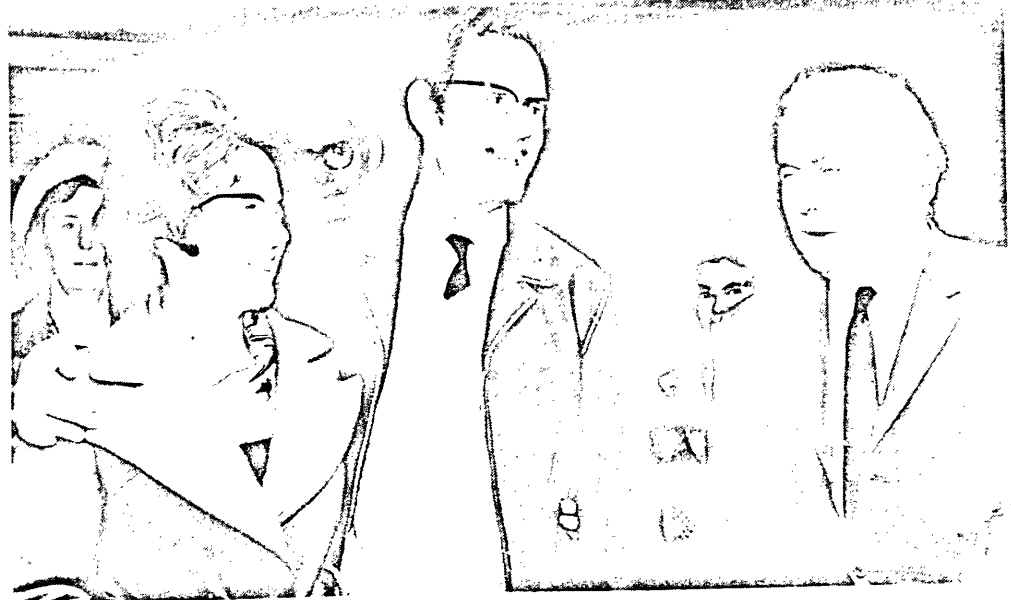
United Presbyterian Dr. Arthur R. McKay has resigned from the presidency of a major theological complex in Rochester, N.Y. He went to head the Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary in 1970 following his former presidency at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Dr. McKay said he plans to return to the pastoral ministry.

Evangelical Christians and Jews have been drawn closer together through their support of the State of Israel, which they see as an expression of Divine will, according to Rabbi Arnold Goodman, Minneapolis rabbi of a Conservative congregation. Rabbi Goodman said Evangelical Christians and Jews now agree—but for different reasons—that the Jewish return to Israel is "a prelude to the dawn of the Messianic era." In a service, jointly sponsored by the two groups, marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Israeli state, the offering was divided equally between two institutions on Mount Zion—the American Bible Institute and the Yeshiva Mt. Zion.

Churches in Zambia, the modern nation in which much of famed David Livingstone's missionary work took place in the 19th Century, are marking the anniversary of his death 100 years ago in 1873 with massive ecumenical celebrations. Centennial services have also been scheduled for Westminster Abbey in London, where Livingstone is buried, and in Scotland, his native land.

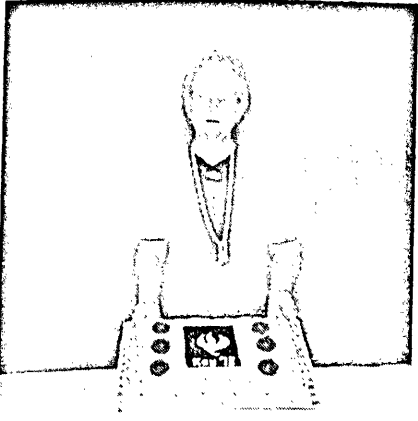
Dr. Tracey K. Jones, a leading missions official in the United Methodist Church, told students and faculty at DePauw University that the missionary movement is becoming more international, less dominated by Western Churches and more sensitive toward other religions. "The whole understanding of giving and receiving is so critical for our times," Dr. Jones said, "Asian and African and Latin American Christians simply cannot understand how Americans who have mastered technology have such a hard time with human relationships, and they say, 'being people of color, 'We think we can help you.'"

The Centurymen, a 100-voice choir composed of ministers of music of Southern Baptist churches across the country, will be featured in a new 15-minute music program called "Night-song." Designed for the "night people of the nation," the stereo program scheduled to begin June 15, will be marketed through FM stereo stations for airing after 11 p.m. and before 6 a.m. three times weekly. The singers come from 26 states and range in age from 20 to 52 with musical tastes ranging from classical to gospel.



LONDON — It's a happy 41st birthday for the Rev. David Hathaway, a British Pentecostal minister, as he is reunited with his wife, Zela, at a London airport after he was pardoned and deported from Czechoslovakia. Hathaway was arrested on June 23, 1972 at the frontier station of Rozvadov on the West German border. Czech customs officials found him in possession of "several hundred Bibles," and other religious pamphlets printed in "various East European languages," according to a Prague Radio broadcast. He received a two-year sentence in a Czech jail. With the Hathaways is British Labor Party leader Harold Wilson (right), who had been visiting Prague and returned on the same plane as Hathaway. The former British Prime Minister claimed some of the credit for the minister's release. "I knew that if I made the proper approaches for lenience," Wilson said, "Mr. Hathaway would stand a good chance of freedom."

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Mrs. Mary Meyer Green, out-going president of the Jessie Porter Guild in Geyer Springs Church is pictured with the Key 73 cake which the Guild served at the joint meeting of the WSCS and WSG. Mrs. Guy Shaver, WSCS member, was leader of the program. Three service pins were awarded to three Guild members: Mrs. Mary Jo Smith, Mrs. Betty Bruce and Mrs. Harriett Brooks.

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HEALING MISSION CONDUCTED AT FORREST CITY

United Methodists of Forrest City participated in the three-day healing mission conducted in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Forrest City, in April, as a part of their "Lenten awareness." Leader for the mission was the Rev. Rufus Womble, rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Little Rock.

Services of prayer, preparation and worship were held each evening in the sanctuary, followed by question and answer sessions in the parish house. A healing service climaxed the series when virtually every worshiper came to the altar for personal healing or to intercede for a friend or relative. Dr. Womble was assisted by a Roman Catholic, a United Methodist and two Episcopal ministers.

Ten persons were inducted into the International Order of Saint Luke the Physician. These included the Rev. Earl Hughes, pastor of First United Methodist Church.

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FIRST CHURCH, BENTON, was host to the Louisiana Tech College Choir on April 5. Kristi Garrison, youth worker at Benton the past two summers, is a member of the choir. Dr. Ed Hollenbeck is pastor.

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MT. SEQUOYAH—SUMMER, 1973

Western Methodist Assembly opened its gates on June 21, 1923. Since that date, thousands of people have found training which equipped them for service, and inspiration while on these grounds which made service a joy. During the existence of The Assembly, The Methodist Church was created in 1939, and The United Methodist Church in 1968. In 1968, the charter was revised and the name changed to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly. Below you will find paragraphs about three delightful events planned for the summer, 1973.

LAY SPEAKING COURSE COMPLETED AT CONWAY

A school to train lay speakers was held in First United Methodist Church, Conway, on five consecutive Monday nights. Dr. George W. Harrod, Hendrix professor, was the instructor. Students were from the Tri-County area.

The following men were awarded Lay Speaking Certificates by Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent: Bill Patrick, Mayflower; Robert M. McHenry, First Church, Conway; Paul J. Crossman, First Church, Russellville; Lonnie H. Price, Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock; Paul L. Bankhead, Dover; Earl Wise, Dardanelle; the Rev. Joseph C. Wright, Dover; Samuel E. Blair, Dardanelle; and Neal W. Goins, Dardanelle.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MT. SEQUOYAH ASSEMBLY

From June 25 to June 28, Mt. Sequoyah will be celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. The theme for the week will be "Methodist Heritage Celebration."

Activities of the week will include: (1) The Willson Lectures delivered by Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, (2) Bible Study under the leadership of Dr. Francis Christie of Hendrix College, (3) A Workshop on "Personal Evangelism in the 70s" by Dr. George E. Morris, a native of Southern Appalachia, (4) A Workshop on "A Plan of Evangelism for the Local Church" by Dr. Roberto Escamilla of the Division of Evangelism, Board of Discipleship, and (5) "Music in Evangelism by the Rev. James D. Bass who serves as Director of Youth Ministries in the Division of Evangelism.

The cost is \$5.00 per day per person. Brochures are available from your Conference Office.

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

A laboratory training enterprise for workers with children, youth, adults, library, weekday kindergarten will be conducted July 1-6; and a seminar for prospective laboratory leaders will begin June 30. The Laboratory School is the most advanced form of teacher training in the United Methodist

Church. It is a training enterprise in which participants plan, execute and evaluate learning experiences with the guidance of a trained laboratory leader in a specific age group.

The laboratory setting provides opportunities for participants to test theories and insights relating to the teaching/learning process, psychological data, group process, use of curriculum resources, methods of teaching and the Gospel. In the laboratory class, persons receive help in putting theory into practice in Christian Education. The SEMINAR is a training opportunity for persons working toward certification as laboratory leaders.

Brochures are available from your Conference Office.

CONFERENCE ON ECUMENICAL MISSION

The Conference on Ecumenical Mission will be conducted July 15-19. The purpose of the conference is: To provide an experience of inter-denominational and inter-racial fellowship for Christians; to discover the Biblical meaning of the nature and Mission of the Church . . . why we are compelled to make Christ known to all persons; to gain inspiration and knowledge for effective participation in the World Mission of the church by individuals.

Among the leaders for the conference are: Dr. Hans-Ruedi Weber, a Swiss Reformed pastor, who holds the Biblical Study portfolio for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland; Rev. William Sterling Cary, United Church of Christ minister, and newly elected president of the National Council of Churches; and Mrs. Margaret L. Sonnenday, National Vice President of Church Women United.

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June 1-3

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NEWS and NOTES

GOVERNOR DALE BUMPERS is scheduled to be the speaker at the Tri-County Laymen's dinner to be held in First Church, Conway, May 8. Hosts will be laymen of the Wesley-Vilonia Charge.

THE CHARGE CONFERENCE of the First United Methodist Church, Monticello, voted to purchase the two lots and houses adjoining the church property on Jackson Street. This purchase will allow for much needed expansion of church facilities and parking areas. The Rev. William D. Elliott is the pastor.

THE REV. GEORGE McGHEHEY, retired minister and former pastor of the Fisher Street United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, was the Easter sunrise service speaker at Fisher Street Church. The Rev. Pharis Holifield was host pastor.

THE REV. I. L. CLAUD, retired and living in Morrilton, taught the study course on Romans on four Tuesday evenings, concluding April 17, in First Church, Morrilton where the Rev. Clyde Parsons is pastor.

HIGHLAND CHURCH, Little Rock, is climaxing the Discipline and Discovery program this weekend, May 5-6, with special "coffees" in homes, a lay witness service Saturday night, and a Catacomb service Sunday night. Bob Donaldson is chairman of the 12-week progressive program designed to invigorate the inner life. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is the pastor.

THE SPRINGDALE ADULT Choir was under the direction of Karen Chambers when the cantata "My Redeemer Liveth" was presented in First Church. Dorothy Joyce was the organist. The Rev. Clinton Atchley is their pastor.

MONTICELLO WOMEN HAVE SPRING LUNCHEON

Seventy-five Methodist women and their guests enjoyed a potluck luncheon April 2 at Monticello First United Methodist Church. Luncheon music was provided by the Youth Choir of First Church, Monticello, directed by John Browning. Special guests for the luncheon were Mrs. G. A. Norris, Jr. from Lake Village, Monticello District UMW President; Mrs. Bessie Johnson, Hot Springs; and Mrs. Everett Vinson, district superintendent's wife.

The highlight of the day was the guest speaker, Mrs. Don Brooks from Hot Springs. Fellowship Group #2 were hostesses, Mrs. John Fincher, Chairman. The Rev. Bill Elliott is minister, and Mrs. Sturgis Saffold is president of the local group.

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PLEASE NOTE that the address of Dr. Arthur Terry, recently appointed to Westside Church, Camden, is not the same address as the former pastor. The Rev. Marion W. Miller, retired, had been serving the church until January, 1973, and the address given in the Journal is his personal address: 1005 Amanda. Dr. Terry's parsonage is at 2211 Maul Rd., Camden, 71701.

DR. RALPH HILLIS, superintendent of the Jonesboro District, was the speaker for the Key 73 community Easter sunrise service in First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro. A college choir from First and Walnut Street Baptist Churches sang selections from "Celebrating Life".

THE MANILA United Methodist Church held Holy Week services with the Rev. Elmo Thomason, superintendent of the Paragould District, as guest minister. The Rev. Wendell Dorman was host pastor.

THE REV. JOE TAYLOR, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock, was guest speaker for special Holy Week services held at First Church, Atkins. Special music was furnished by Kathy Chronister and Linda Hudson of Arkansas Tech, David Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Martin, and the Chancel Choir. Mr. Taylor is a former pastor of the Atkins Church. The Rev. Jim Pollard is the current pastor.

THE BROOKLAND United Methodist Church of the Jonesboro District recently appointed a building committee for the purpose of constructing a new church plant. Members of the committee are Alva Neff Sr., chairman; Lestel Elder; Billy Carter; James Gambill; Larry Pitman; Charlie McEwen; Dale Elder; Mickey Neff and Mrs. Yvonne Nelms. The young adults of the church recently sponsored a benefit dinner in which \$1,100 came in for the Building Fund. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor.

HARMONY UNITED METHODIST Church is celebrating the founding of the church with a homecoming on Sunday, May 13. Services will be in the morning, with dinner at noon and singing in the afternoon. The Harmony Church is located on State Road 305 in White County. The Rev. Kelley Jones is pastor.

SHERRILL UNITED METHODIST Church held Easter sunrise services with 86 attending. Special music was provided by Mrs. W. A. Albright. Easter lilies were placed in the church in memory of loved ones by Mrs. L. A. Pack, Mrs. Marvin Carson, and Mrs. Leslie Rogers. A fellowship breakfast followed the service. The children enjoyed an egg hunt; the Rev. Gene Ratekin is pastor at Sherrill.

P.K. KORNER

ALICIA JEAN AVERITT was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Averitt on March 25. Steve missed the event, since he is on the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier Coral Sea, stationed in waters near Vietnam. Mrs. Averitt is the former Linda Lou Rogers and is with her parents in Little Rock. Proud grandmother is Mrs. Thelma Averitt, widow of the Rev. Louis Averitt, and former conference treasurer.

VAN AND MARIE MASHBURN of North Babylon, New York, have adopted a son, christened Christopher Paul Mashburn. Van (Buddy) is the son of the Rev. Charlie Mashburn, pastor of Keith-Butterfield Charge in the Arkadelphia District, and his wife.

MRS. MARTELLE STOVER, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Williams, now retired and living in North Little Rock, has been promoted to assistant director of Human Development at the Lurleen B. Wallace Development Center in Decatur, Ala. The center develops and trains the mentally retarded, and Mrs. Stover will coordinate all program areas.

WILLIAM CHRIS GEORGE was born on Feb. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. William George of Springdale. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil George of Leslie and the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Strayhorn of Batesville.

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.

May 6—Sunday	Deut. 6:1-15
May 7	Josh. 25:1-15
May 8	Eph. 5:1-20
May 9	Eph. 5:21-33
May 10	Eph. 6:1-10
May 11	Titus 2:1-15
May 12	1 Peter 3:1-17
May 13—Sunday	1 Sam. 1:8-28

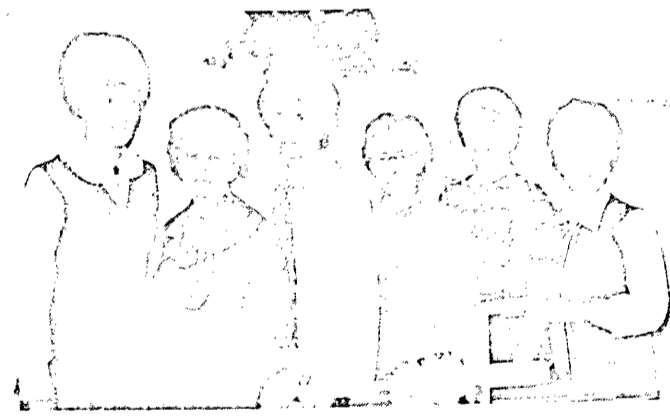
THE WYNNE COMMUNITY Choir, made up of Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists from Wynne and Parkin presented "The Seven Last Works of Christ" by Dubois on Easter at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wynne under the direction of Mrs. Fred Lines, choir director of the Wynne Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Joe Dugan was organist and Miss Karen Gibbs was pianist. Soloists were Mrs. Anthony Borell, Mrs. Erskine Falls, Mrs. Melvin Weaver, Mike White, Ronnie Cox, Fred Helms, and Harry Fondren. Following the presentation, benediction was said by the Rev. William M. Wilder, pastor at First United Methodist Church in Wynne.

MABELVALE YOUTH presented the pageant "I Saw Him" by Sarah Miller, in their church on Sunday evening, April 8. The Carol Choir and The Free Spirits brought special music. The Rev. Gerald Fincher is their pastor.

THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE United Methodist Men observed Ladies' Night at their regular meeting on April 10 with 119 present. Dr. T. J. Stickel of Thayer, Mo., spoke on the subject of "Wake Up and Live". Approximately \$225 was cleared and added to the parking lot improvement fund from a recent pancake supper. Harold Conrad is the president of United Methodist Men; the Rev. Roy E. Poyner is pastor.



Leaders of the Service of Celebration for women of First Church, Monticello, are shown. They are, from left: Mrs. Sturgis Saffold, Monticello UMW president; the Rev. Bill Elliott, minister; Mrs. Don Brooks, Hot Springs, luncheon speaker; Mrs. G. A. Norris, Jr., Lake Village, Monticello UMW district president.



Mrs. Mary Stark (left) Paragould District United Methodist Women president, poses with the newly installed officers of the Rector United Methodist Women following the Service of Celebration, April 2. The officers pictured are Mrs. J. A. Marlar, Mrs. Roy Bucy, Sr., Mrs. Donald McCluney, Mrs. Wayne C. Jarvis, and Mrs. Fonzy Mays.

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Women note 100 years of work for foreign missions

Centennial Pilgrimage held at Warren

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PILGRIMAGE

Global Ministries. The celebration was concluded with the sacrament of Holy Communion administered by the host pastor, the Rev. George G. Meyer, assisted by retired Bishop William C. Martin and the Rev. Everett Vinson, superintendent of the Monticello District.

History available with slides

The historical portion of the Warren program relied heavily on the book "Builders: of a Kingdom" written in 1923 by Coralce Gannaway Williams, who was commissioned to do so in preparation for the "Jubilee Celebration" of 50 years of women's work. Her book contains many pictures and first-hand accounts of early triumphs and tribulations. These pictures were made into slides, used on the program by Mrs. L. W. Ederington, general chairman for the celebration, and Mrs. George Meyer, pastor's wife, and are now available with narration for local groups to use.

Heading the list of those eulogized at Warren was Sue Ward McKinnon, wife of the Rev. H. D. McKinnon, daughter and granddaughter of Methodist ministers. Her husband was appointed to Warren in 1873, and the couple immediately began work on "an idea whose time had come." Ardent supporters were not numerous, but were dedicated.

The McKinnons enthusiasm was so contagious that with every transfer by the bishop, they left behind organized groups of women working for missions. They were endowed with a concern for people that reached beyond their locale.

The skit "Warren Women Begin" was written by Mrs. G. N. Kephart and was first presented in 1938. The skit and slide narration focused on early individuals whose courage established one of the first groups working for foreign missions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and probably the first west of the Mississippi.

An earlier organization for women in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun by Mrs. M. L. Kelley, minister's wife on Lebanon Circuit, Tennessee, in 1834. The Lebanon Missionary Society sent \$100 to Li-

beria for the support of a missionary. This society, with societies organized at Natchez and Woodville, Miss., constitute the earliest organizations of women in the Southern Church to support missions. Their efforts were directed toward supporting the J. W. Lambuths, who were from Mississippi and working at a mission in China.

And it was to this same mission that the women of Warren were inspired to send their \$50 for the education of a Chinese girl.

In 1878, General Conference established Woman's Board

Women's work was not authorized by General Conference in the M. E. Church, South, until 1878, although a memorial had been sent to the General Conference of 1974 requesting such action.

The banding together by women to promote missionary activity spread like wildfire in several denominations. The first group to establish a Woman's Board of Missions was the Congregational in 1868. Within the span of eleven years, connectional societies came into existence in ten denominations.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was next in 1869 and sent Isabella Thoburn as their first missionary to India; the Presbyterians in 1870; Baptists in 1871; United Brethren in 1872; Free Baptist in 1873; Dutch Reformed in 1875; Methodist Episcopal, South, in 1878; Methodist Protestant and Lutheran in 1879.

After four years at Warren, the McKinnons were transferred to Pine Bluff. True to character, women's societies were organized there and in Mineral Springs. During their later ministry, new groups were formed at Monticello.

Little Rock Conference women organize in Hot Springs

By 1878 the groups became connectional. The Little Rock Conference Foreign Missionary Society was organized in Hot Springs. Seven local societies had been formed in Toledo, Malvern, Little Rock and Monticello, in addition to Warren, Pine Bluff and Mineral Springs. The Rev. McKinnon presided as officers were elected. Mrs. Juliana Hayes, president of the just-organized Board of Women's Foreign Missions, attended.

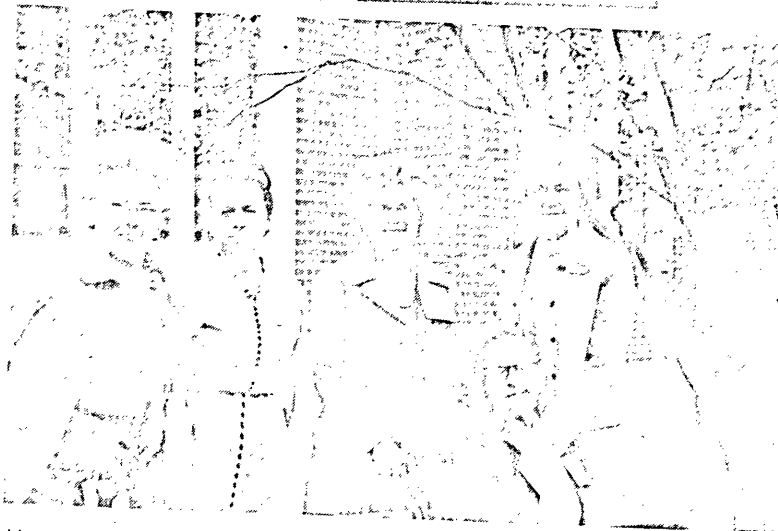
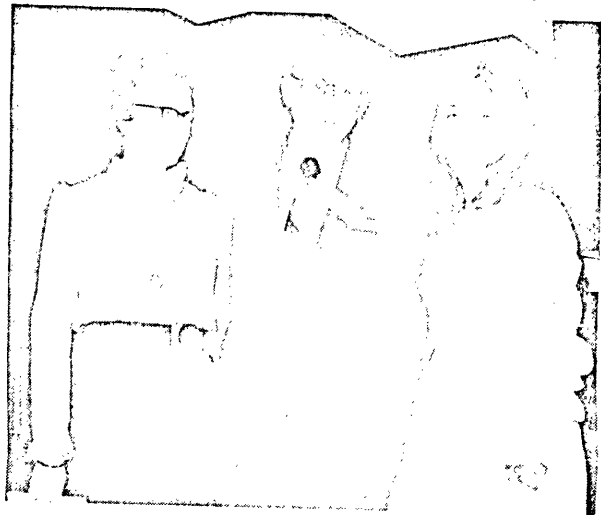
Sarah Galloway summed it well in her remarks: "We are not compelled or controlled by the past, but we must not lose a sense of the past. It was as though the women let go of their security blankets to enter a very risky involvement with their world. Their compulsion did not yet include such terms as brotherhood, social well-being, Christian ethics in a work-a-day world, haves and have-nots, totalitarian, ecumenical, civil rights, charisma, social implications of the gospel, nor woman's lib. But it did include scriptural injunctions such as go, share, take the gospel. The early stirrings in the hearts of women might be called revolutionary, though they did not travel far from home. They called their efforts 'cutting away the jungles of ignorance, bridging impossible chasms, wearing away opposition, strengthening the faith of more feeble sisters, opening a highway for missions.' Their hallmark was the testing of cultural practices and institutions — labor, slavery, social injustice, illiteracy, dis-

franchisement — in the light of God's will."



Warren hostesses included Mrs. Jon Wyrick and Mrs. Daniel Barnett.

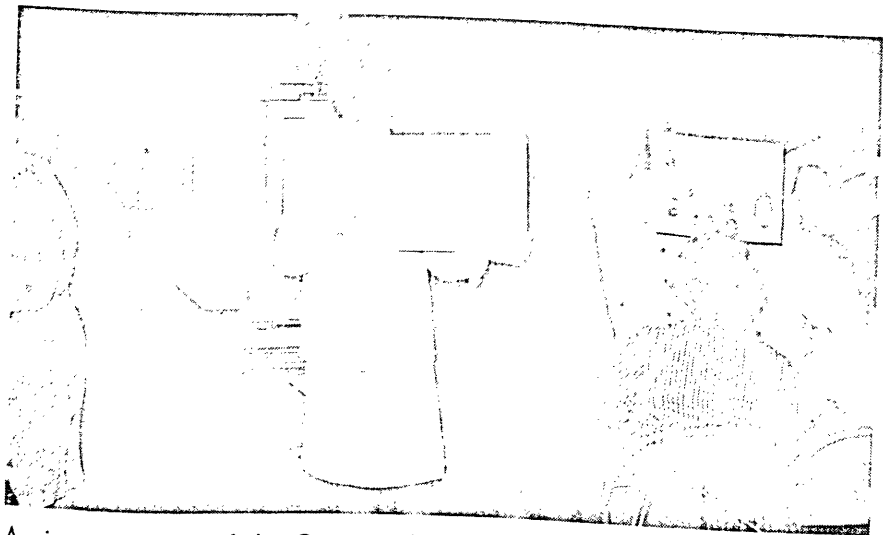
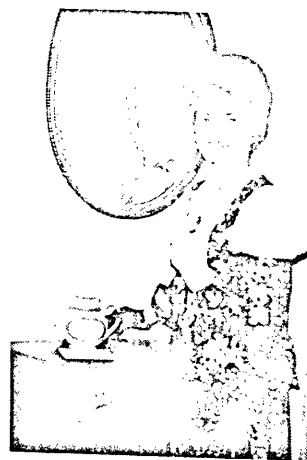
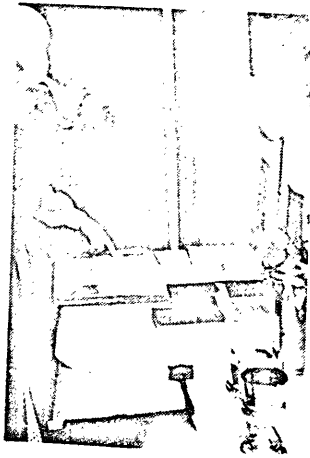
The Rev. George G. Meyer, host pastor, and his wife are shown at left. At right is Vicki Allen, director of Christian education at First Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Allen and a group of young people wrote and recorded a folk ballad concerning the early efforts of Warren women.



Mrs. E. D. Galloway, at left, who was one of the principal speakers at the Warren Centennial, is shown with members of the pioneer Ederington family. Seated is Mrs. Louis Ederington. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Louis W. Ederington is second from left. Daughters are Mrs. Robert Pugh and Mrs. Edwin Baxley.

Mementoes of Arkansas Methodism on display dated back 140 years.

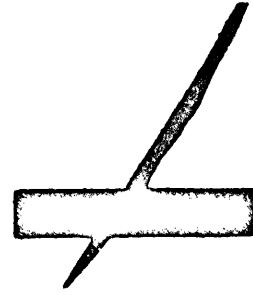
Wesleyanna on display included the Wesley teapot given to the Warren Church in memory of Mrs. Noel Martin by her daughters: Mrs. Ed Harris (shown with the teapot) of Little Rock, and Mrs. Paul Fiser of Russellville.



An important part of the Centennial program was the "March of Accomplishments". Representatives of local societies in the Little Rock Conference brought special leaves bearing histories to be placed in a large "Book of Memory." The representative from Hamburg is shown above.

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 13: Christ Makes Men Brothers

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES: Acts 11:4-18; Galatians 3:23-29; Ephesians 2:11-22; I John 4:7-12

MEMORY SELECTION: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To examine the principle of Christian brotherhood in today's world.

When we declare our faith through the words of the Korean creed we say, "We believe in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." These two elements of the Christian conception of life are inseparable. History has demonstrated over and over that there can be no real and sustained experience of the brotherhood of man that is not rooted in the recognition of the fatherhood of God. Such an exhortation as Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome, "Love one another with brotherly affection," has no depth of meaning except in an atmosphere of conviction that these men and women were children of God.

CHRIST'S MAJOR PURPOSE

If we begin from the human side of this relationship of love to God and to man, an unwillingness to accept our fellow man as a brother will be an effective barrier to our approach to God. Jesus said, "If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." And the Apostle John in his First Letter put it this way: "He who loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

The entire earthly ministry of Christ can be summarized as an endeavor to create and maintain a worldwide brotherhood. It began with a small group of men at first; it grew slowly against great odds. After his resurrection there was a period of rapid growth. The first great barrier to be broken down was the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile. It was only after the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles with the same light and power that had come to the Jews that the Apostles, Peter and Paul, were able to convince their Jewish fellow Christians that God, through Christ, had created a new fellowship and it could now be said, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." There is no more fitting expression of this assurance in modern terms than the one we have in John Oxenham's Hymn.

"In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."

THE UNREVOKED COMMAND

In spite of the dream and the hope of the early Christians, after nearly twenty centuries of striving

for true brotherhood we are still confronted with a divided and war-threatened world. The Berlin wall, the seething unrest in the Middle East, violent strife in Northern Ireland, and the continuing remnants of war in Southeast Asia — these and other similar situations remind us that there is a long, hard road before us. Only the command of the Risen Lord to take his gospel into all the world and his promise to go with us all the way could keep the Church and its members faithful in this difficult assignment.

LIVING AND SERVING IN AN EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD

In the effort to fulfill the Christian obligation to promote the spirit and practice of brotherhood, there are two contemporary areas of outreach that challenge our devotion and give us encouraging hope. The first of these is the Missionary Movement. There is certainly nothing new about this activity — it is as old as the Christian gospel itself. But there are certain new aspects of it that are calling for our understanding and participation. For one thing, during the past twenty-five years the world has undergone a rapidly shrinking process as the result of modern methods of transportation and communication. Some of us easily remember the days when China and India and Brazil were so far away that the term "foreign missions" was an appropriate expression. This is no longer true. There can now be no significant occurrence in any part of the world that is not reported in a matter of hours — sometimes minutes — both by words and pictures, in every population center of the world. Supersonic means of travel have dwarfed the distances that separate the continents. In a day like this there is no other intelligent conception of our world than that it is an expanded neighborhood. With atomic powers of destruction in the hands of an increasing number of nations, small as well as large, the only rational conclusion as to the outcome is, as someone has put it, "Brotherhood or bombs."

It is against the background of this kind of disordered world that the evangelizing mission of the Church must be considered today. Only a beginning has been made. No limits can be set for the possible outreach of a plan that coordinates an awakened missionary conscience with direct opportunities of service. But this plan must also be matched in the churches with the enlistment of young people of high courage and sound training, and this can happen only in a church atmosphere which demonstrates its zeal and commitment to the missionary clause in the daily life of the congregation. These young people will not be frightened by the perils that are incident in the life of the most troubled quarters of the world. It is not without meaning that within a relatively short time after the announcement of the massacre of five young missionaries by an Indian tribe in South America, more than a thousand students in widely separated colleges in America volunteered for missionary service. The spirit of missionary adventure is not dead. It needs only to be awakened and this will happen in any church itself awakened to the world mission of the world Church.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

The other agency that I have in mind as a sup-

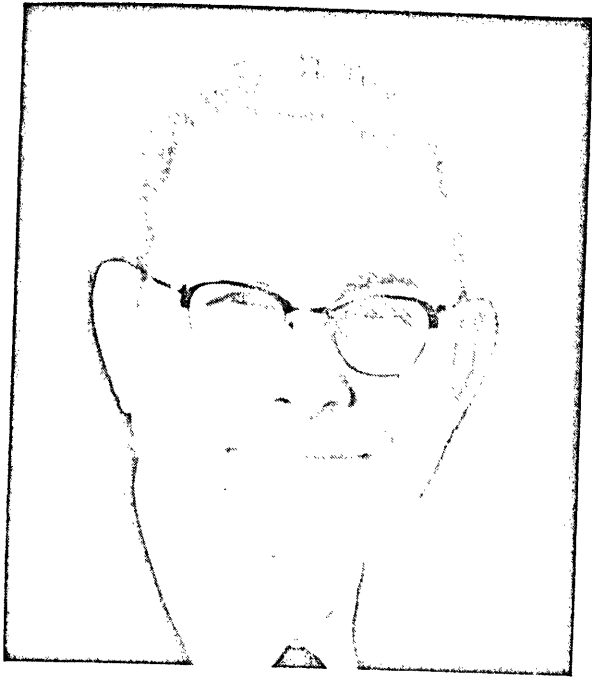
porter of world brotherhood is the movement toward Christian unity — sometimes called the Ecumenical Movement. We who are members of the Church are compelled to confess that the very organization that has had chief responsibility for this process has not always been true to its commission. There has often been evident a spirit of rivalry, contention, and sometimes a bitterness which has been anything but the embodiment of brotherliness. Even if there are lingering elements of this spirit, we can rejoice that tremendous progress has been made toward a recognition of the Christian mission of the Church. The kind of mutual confidence, understanding, and active cooperation which we witness today on every hand could scarcely have seemed possible twenty years ago. Just now there seems to be a lessening interest in organic union between the denominations but the desire and the determination to lower the barriers of separation in fields of service to mankind are more active than they have ever been in the history of our nation. There is evidence that more Christians than ever before are concerned for the fulfilling of the prayer of our Lord that his followers may all be one that the world may believe. This is a hopeful sign.

THE CALL TO ERASE DISCRIMINATION

During recent years the Church has not been remiss, whether in local congregations, denominations, or Councils of Churches, in declaring its commitment to the kind of living which the recognition of Christian brotherhood requires. For example, The United Methodist Church expresses its dedication to racial justice in these words: "Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us that all men are brothers. His gospel makes no room for the arbitrary distinctions and expressions of racial or group prejudices. His followers came early to see that God has no favorites, but in every nation the man who is Godfearing and does what is right is acceptable to Him. Through faith you are all sons of God in union with Christ Jesus. There is no such thing as Jew and Greek, slave and free man, male and female; for you are all one person in Christ Jesus. The Church is an instrument of God's purpose. This is His Church. It is ours only as stewards under his Lordship. The house of God must be open to the whole family of God. If we discriminate against persons, we deny the essential nature of the church as a fellowship in Christ."

"By Biblical and theological precept, by the law of the Church, by General Conference pronouncement, and by episcopal expression, the matter is clear. With respect to race, the aim of The United Methodist Church is nothing less than an inclusive Church in an inclusive society. The United Methodist Church therefore calls upon all its people to perform those faithful deeds of love and justice in both church and community that will bring this aim into full reality."

Statements like these are sources of encouragement but they can never substitute for the concern and behavior of the individual Christian in circumstances that are not always conducive to Christian action. These are the situations in which the remembrance of the fatherhood of God provides the soundest basis for brotherly conduct. "And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also."



Dr. S. Duane Bruce, recently-named executive director of the Council on Ministries of the South Central Jurisdiction (which includes Arkansas and Louisiana). Dr. Bruce, presently program director of the Northwest Texas Conference, will assume his new position on June 1.

'Something Besides Rice,' new mission study documentary

NEW YORK (UMI) — "Something Besides Rice," a new United Methodist film about overseas missionaries, sets out to show that today's missionary lines do not extend just from the U.S., or some other Western country, to Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The film seeks to personify the globalization of world mission in missionaries who are seen in various settings, all in countries other than their own. These missionaries, who are shown telling why they believe it is important to be present with Christians in other lands, include Japanese and American missionaries in Nepal, an American missionary in Japan and a Japanese missionary in America.

All is wrapped into a 28-minute color documentary produced by the Audiovisual Resources Office of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The film has been produced for use with the 1973-74 mission study "Why Christian Mission Today." It is the first full-length film about overseas missionaries produced in the United Methodist Church.

The locations chosen to show missionaries at work overseas, and the missionary personnel selected are designed to symbolize the international character of Christian mission, a

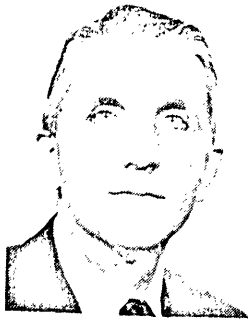


Dr. James Edward Will has been named Harris Franklin Rall professor of systematic theology at Garrett Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., Dr. Will replaces Dr. Phillip Watson, who is retiring.

Profile:

Dr. J. Harry Haines

by helen kromer



The tall lean browned New Zealander, Dr. J. Harry Haines, associate director of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, smiles wryly as he pours cups of jasmine tea from a basket thermos in his office on the fourteenth floor of the Interchurch Center. The room is a corner room, flooded with sunlight, almost tropically hot, though the weather outside has iced the Hudson River below.

"I find it difficult to be 'home' in any one place. I got off a plane in Bangkok last week and had tea in a teahouse. America seemed a million miles away. Wherever I am is home . . . My parents still live in New Zealand; I went to school in four countries and lived in seven; my wife was born in the Philippines and we met and married in China. I'm an ecumenical gypsy. I travel 50,000 miles a year and I've been to 12 countries in the last two and a half months."

Haines, the one American named by the World Council of Churches to the Indochina Fund for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, had just returned from its first meeting in Bangkok. Having lived and worked in several countries in Asia, and having traveled many times around the world on assignments, he is peculiarly fitted to direct UMCOR's program which operates in 55 countries and reaches 5 1/2 million people.

Born in New Zealand in 1918 into "a wonderful home where my parents were nominal Christians — pleasant happy pagans," he never entered a church until he was 14 years of age when he was invited by a school friend to visit the friend's home church. "They were hanging from the rafters that night — 1,400 of them farewelling four of their own who were going to China as missionaries. I heard testimonies from a lawyer . . . a nurse . . . people whose lives had been changed. At the end of the evening, the minister asked if anyone would like to give

his life to Jesus Christ. I found myself lifted . . . picked up by the scruff of the neck and I walked down to the front of the church."

He made the decision to be a Christian and missionary in the same encounter. "I found a Bible in the house and I wrote in it that I had given my life to Christ and would be willing to go anywhere on earth. That kept me going for the next seven years. When I was 21, I found myself on a ship bound for China as an agricultural missionary. I entered China the day after Pearl Harbor."

Haines had been attending schools in Wales and Australia and had managed to complete two and a half years of college while he worked for the New Zealand Fruit Growers Association, becoming their sales manager at age 19. At the same time he had been studying fruit diseases and learning to demonstrate disease control, which, of course, is why he can talk fruit trees and terracing with Middle Eastern refugees today and seed development and immunization to Asian and African farmers.

China was to be "home" for seven years. Haines met and married another missionary, the former Loma Housely, and in Chungking, the wartime capital, they had the first of their four sons.

"I was picked up by the Methodists when I got engaged to one of their missionaries," says Haines smilingly. "Rather than lose one, I guess they thought they'd gain one." He had been studying for the ministry and after 18 months of intensive work, he was ordained a pastor by a Chinese Methodist bishop and became evangelist and treasurer to the West China Methodist

Conference.

The Methodist Board brought him to the United States when his wife and he came home on furlough. In the next three years he finished his college education, earned a master's degree and a doctor of philosophy at Princeton Theological Seminary.

He and his wife were assigned to Malaya in 1950.

Haines had become something of a specialist in refugee work during the years in China. For most of World War II he had worked with the refugees fleeing from the east and north of the country. Now in Malaya, while he served as pastor of the Methodist churches in Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh, and then as superintendent of the Central Malaya District, he became attached to Church World Service as Malayan Representative.

Five hundred thousand refugees had fled out of China and Haines helped set up refugee centers in Malaya and made numerous trips to recruit doctors and teachers to staff the centers.

In 1962 the World Council of Churches asked him to come on as Asia Secretary of their Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service; and in 1965 he was named to UMCOR.

Haines sees UMCOR as "the catalyst, the enabler, putting needs and resources together." Two years ago when he spoke at the First United Church in Phoenix, Arizona, an orthopedic surgeon and his wife, an anesthetist, came up afterward. They offered to take a month and go at their own expense to give their services anywhere on earth. It was the beginning of an extensive program involving volunteer lay experts, who compound the value

spokesman said.

The rental for "Something Besides Rice" is \$12 from Cokesbury stores. It may also be available from some annual conference film libraries.

of the money sent for relief and rehabilitation, by contributing their skills.

Doctors recruited in South Carolina, for example, spend several weeks in Haiti giving mass inoculations against tetanus and polio; farmers from Indiana use their agricultural skills in Central America; plumbers, electricians and carpenters build clinics and churches off the coast of Honduras and leave their tools for the use of the men they have trained.

Volunteer lay service is one way to combat what Haines calls "compassion fatigue." As the disasters multiply (UMCOR has a new emergency appeal every 11 days and answers all of them within 72 hours), the mind boggles and finally rejects the statistics altogether. But if the "statistics" are people with whom you have worked and whose trouble you have shared, they cannot remain faceless digits.

UMCOR funds have doubled in the past five years and in areas like Africa where there were three projects five years ago, there are now 15. In Latin America where there was no work there is now extensive work. But Haines never lets American United Methodists think they are doing the job alone. "Sixty-five per cent of all UMCOR funds are spent ecumenically and all relief operations are increasingly international. The American presence today is muted."

A muted presence can be more sensitive because it is more humble. Haines believes UMCOR can help develop a growing sense of what the church of Jesus Christ is all about.

"Show me a church involved in compassion ministries and I'll show you a church doing the Lord's business."

Board of Discipleship planning youth ministry consultation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Presidents of youth councils and coordinators of youth ministry from all the United Methodist annual conferences are being invited to consider the future of youth ministry in the denomination at a special consultation in Oklahoma City November 1-5.

The Consultation will be one link in a process which began here early in April with the meeting of a youth ministry task force and is expected to culminate in some kind of formal action at the 1976 United Methodist General Conference.

The task force includes six staff members of the Board of Discipleship who have responsibility for youth ministry, and three conference youth council presidents.

The Rev. Charles Courtoy, staff member of the Board's Section on

Local Church Ministry, said there is widespread confusion about what kind of ministry to youth the church is providing.

"Supposedly we have killed the traditional Methodist Youth Fellowship style of program," he said. "We no longer provide resources for that kind of organization and yet we recognize the popularity of many quasi-religious club-type groups."

He also said the dismantling of youth ministry structures and the reduction of general and annual conference staff working with youth has added to the confusion.

The job of developing a clear purpose and philosophy of youth ministry is being taken very seriously by the Board of Discipleship which has been designated by the General Conference to perform this task, Mr. Courtoy said.

The task force, he said, is attempting to evaluate the present philosophies and structures of youth ministry and to establish a system of linkage or mutual support between annual conferences and the general church.

First step in the process is to identify issues and secondly to invite people to explore these issues. In November more than 150 persons representing youth council presidents and youth coordinators are expected to create an ongoing process by which they can participate in the evolution of the future of youth ministry in the church.

Specifically, the Consultation is expected to produce some possible alternative forms of youth ministry from annual conferences of the church and to create from these models of ministry which can be presented to the Board of Discipleship in 1974 for in-

depth testing. In 1975 the Board will be asked to adopt a philosophy, structure, and program for youth ministry for presentation to the 1976 General Conference.

Members of the Board of Discipleship-Annual Conference Youth Ministry Task Force are Mr. Courtoy, Richard Rice, Earl Barfoot, James Bass, David Eakin, and Susan Wickett of the Board of Discipleship staff, Jeff Page, Cincinnati, Ohio, David Wilcox, Roswell, N. Mex., and Beatrice Jones, Sumter, S. C., representing conference youth councils, and Noah Long, Oklahoma City, Don Cottrill, Shreveport, La., and Rex Britt, Los Angeles, Calif., conference coordinators of youth ministry.

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Media Production Workshop June 18-22

LAKELAND, Fla. — A church-wide Media Production Workshop will be held June 18-22 on the campus of Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

The "how to do it" workshop is designed primarily for high school seniors, college-age youth and adults who want to sharpen their skills and increase their knowledge of production techniques in a variety of media for use in the local church, district or other situations.

The workshop will offer opportunities to work with professionals in the media of motion pictures, video-tape, filmstrips, slides, cassettes, gaming, inexpensive do-it-yourself media, and multi-image presentations.

Sponsors are the TRAFICO section of the general church's Joint Committee on Communications and the Florida Conference Council on Ministries.

The total fee is \$54, including room and meals at Florida Southern.

For more information and application form, write J. P. Floyd, United Methodist Building, P. O. Box 70, Lakeland, Fla. 33802.

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Higher Education Foundation elects officers

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMI)—Bradford D. Ansley, Jr., Englewood, N.J., chairman of the board of Piedmont Capital Corporation, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees of the National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education.

The Foundation, chartered in 1966, has as its purpose to obtain greater understanding and support for the 142 schools, colleges, universities, and seminaries related to the United Methodist Church and the 400 ministers working on other campuses.

Mr. Ansley was elected at an April 11 meeting here to succeed Syracuse University Chancellor Emeritus William Pearson Tolley, founding chairman of the Foundation.

Elected vice-chairman was Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.,

Property title transfers in process for autonomous churches

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI) — Through concurrent authorization of two United Methodist Board of Global Ministries units, titles to church-related properties in the Philippines are in process of being turned over to Filipino church groups by the two units.

The properties involved are estimated to be valued roughly at not less than \$8 million to \$9 million, said the Rev. Dr. Edwin O. Fisher, Jr., head of the Board. Included are titles to such major institutions as Mary Johnston Hospital, Philippines Wesleyan College, and Manila's Knox Memorial and Central United Methodist Churches, as well as social agencies, some missionary residences, parsonages, schools, churches, etc.

Titles to property have been held by the Women's and World Divisions of the Board. Both divisions officially authorized the title transfers at their March 23-31 meetings here. The transfer machinery has been and will be in process for some time, it was said.

Receiving title to properties are units of the Philippines United Meth-

NEW YORK (UMI) — Title to properties held by American agencies of the United Methodist Church are in process of being transferred to the newly autonomous United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone.

Included are schools, churches, missionary residences, and other projects and institutions for which title heretofore has been held by the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and/or its predecessor agencies in the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. Sierra Leone was the earliest and largest "mission field" in Africa of the EUB Church.

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odist Central Conference and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Among such units are the United Methodist Women's Work Foundation, annual conferences and institutional boards of trustees.

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Scarritt to host Peace Consultation

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A United Methodist Consultation on Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples, the first of several such meetings anticipated across the United States this year, will be held at Scarritt College here May 11-13.

The weekend meeting is being sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Ministries, the National Coordinating Committee on the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples, and the Scarritt Center for Continuing Education.

Keynote speaker and resource leader for the consultation will be Bishop James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. Dak., chairman of the United Methodist

Board of Church and Society. The Consultation at Scarritt is scheduled to open Friday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn Sunday, May 13 at 3:30 p.m. For registration information, write Dr. Robert Reber, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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Swimming coach reappointed

Bill Barr, who has been serving this year as a temporary replacement for Bob Courtway as aquatics coach at Hendrix College, has been reappointed to that position for the 1973-74 academic year.

Barr, a 1972 graduate of Southern Methodist University and a native of Dallas, this year directed the Hendrix swimming team to its eighth Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference swimming championship.

In addition to coaching the swimming and water polo teams, Barr served as a physical education instructor. Courtway, whose position Barr will assume, has been named chairman of the education department at Hendrix.

Barr and his wife, Brooke, have also been serving recently as head residents of Couch Hall, a men's dormitory. Mrs. Barr is the assistant director of student services and coach of the women's tennis team.

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Two receive scholarships for graduate study

A Hendrix senior, Jerry Hamling of Little Rock, and a recent Hendrix graduate, Morris Hughes of Texarkana, have recently received scholarships totalling \$9,200.

Hamling, a physics major, was awarded a \$5,600 fellowship to attend the Henry Krumb School of Mines of Columbia University during the 1973-74 academic year. The H. H. Kellogg Fellowship in Extractive Metallurgy will aid Hamling in his study of high vacuum techniques and their application. Hamling is the son of Mrs. A. W. Hamling of Little Rock.

Hughes, who graduated last winter, has received a \$3,600 assistantship to study physics next year at the University of Mississippi. He is married to Anita Arnold of Pine Bluff, who also graduated from Hendrix at the same time. Mrs. Hughes will be in dental school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis next year.

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Nimocks to study in France

A sophomore at Hendrix College, Byron Nimocks of Forrest City, has been admitted to the 1973-74 Sweet Briar Junior Year in France, coeducational study program which has been conducted by Sweet Briar College for over 25 years. Nimocks is a history and political science major and a member of the Hendrix Golf team.

Beginning in September, students from five colleges and universities in the states will spend the first six weeks in Tours, provincial capital of the chateau district, for orientation to French academic methods and social customs. Late in October they will enroll in the winter term at the University of Paris and affiliated institutions. In both cities they will live with French families.

Nearly 2500 students from 219 American institutions have participated in the Junior Year in France since Sweet Briar took over the program from the University of Delaware in 1948.

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NEW YORK, N.Y., (NCC) — National mission leaders of member denominations of the National Council of Churches made several crucial decisions recently that will change the face of the council's Division of Church and Society.

After months of evaluating its program, the Steering Committee decided to:

- Make important staff changes
- Centralize decision making, priority setting and budget in the division's board, cutting down on the former autonomy of project funding
- Hire an Associate General Secretary as early as possible to guide the development of the division
- Recommend that its Corporate Information Center remain in the Council
- Organize a staff team around a primary concern for justice
- Discontinue field services
- Lodge Evangelism concerns with the Associate General Secretary

According to Church and Society chairman James Christison of the American Baptist Churches, it was a day of "reordering the affairs of the division."

Accordingly, the Steering Committee cut projections from last year's general undesignated income of \$469,000 to \$390,000.

DUNCAN MEMORIAL HAS WOMAN'S DAY

Duncan United Methodist Church in Little Rock observed a Woman's Day at the 11 a.m. service, April 8. With Mrs. Pernetha Barber presiding, the program was given by Mrs. Stella Smith, Mrs. Velma Waugh, Mrs. Queen Brown, Miss Cassandra Norman, Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Barber Smith, and Miss Beverly Webb. Principal speaker was Mrs. Snowrene Saxton of Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Elsie Coley was chairman of arrangements. The Rev. R. B. Brown is the Duncan pastor.

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Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



What you look like on the outside doesn't always tell what you are on the inside.

In addition to the core budget for the support of executive staff, the division administers special projects which in 1972 created a total budget of \$1,042,000. That total for 1973 is expected to reach \$750,000.

Consequently the committee reduced from thirteen to seven the number of the executive staff. Action was taken to give notice of termination to all staff but with the understanding that they can reapply for newly described positions.

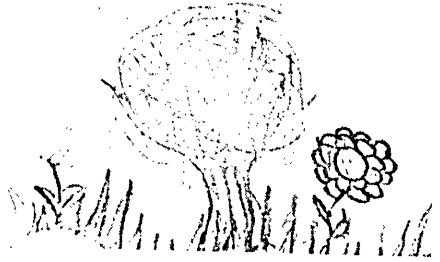
The committee also empowered a 12-member denominational group to rewrite job descriptions, and recommend hiring of executive staff as well as an Associate General Secretary. The committee is headed by Mrs. Peggy Billings of the United Methodist Church and includes several members of the committee which recommended the changes that were adopted.

The reasons for the recommendations were outlined by one of the committee's members, the Rev. Carl Thomas of the Lutheran Church of America. Throughout their evaluation, the key themes were "dissatisfaction with the status quo," he said. "No one saw additional funds for carrying on business as usual."

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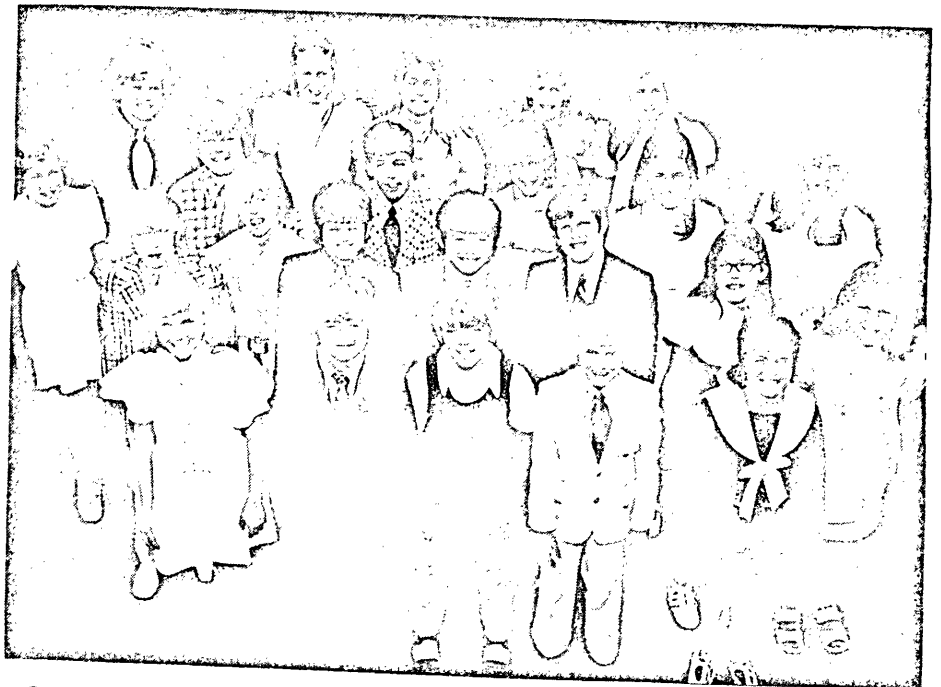
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THANK YOU LORD FOR LETTING ME BE ALIVE TODAY,
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THANK-YOU FOR MY FAMILY,
WE DO LIVE QUITE HAPPILY,
WE ALWAYS PLAY TOGETHER,
OH! THANK-YOU FOR THE SUNSHINE WEATHER,
IT'S JUST WONDERFUL TO BE ALIVE!



CARMICHAEL, Calif. — The poignant poem, written by nine-year-old Tami Hogan, was found the day after she died of leukemia. For two years her family and teacher kept the illness a secret from her. But her teacher in Carmichael, Calif. said, "she knew something was wrong," adding that she was a "little girl who loved life." The poem expresses that. (RNS Photo)

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Confirmation class received into membership of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, by the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor, on Palm Sunday.

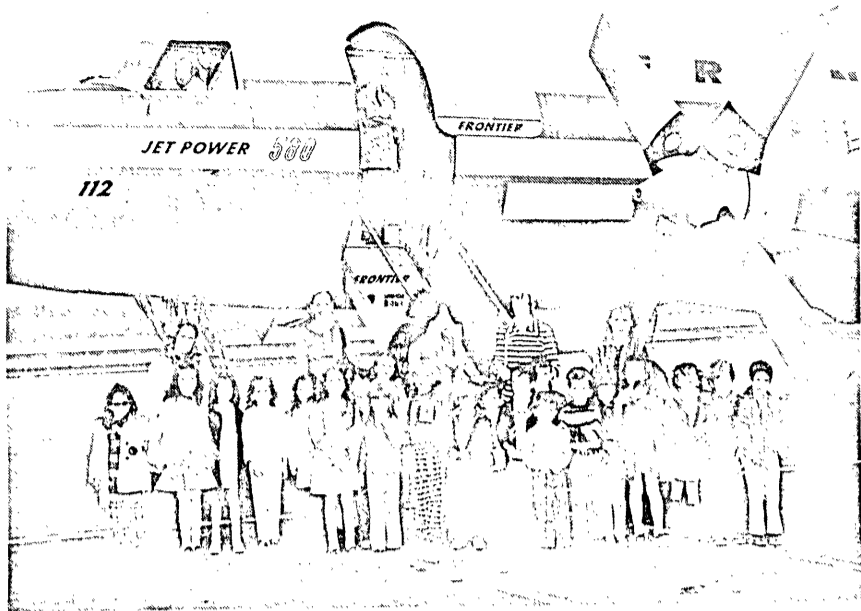
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Stanley Roach, a United Methodist from Guymon, Okla., was first-place winner in a national Boy Scout public speaking contest in Washington, D. C.

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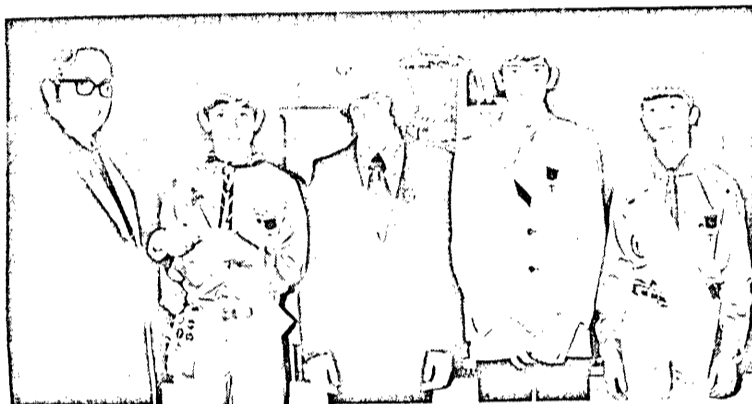
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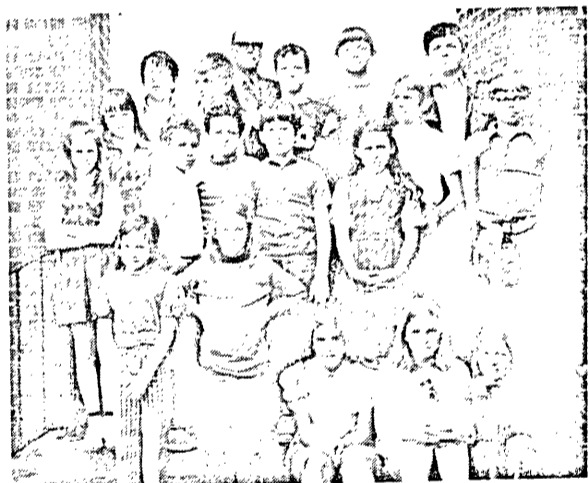


First Church Day Kindergarten of Springdale recently toured airport facilities and this plane at Drake Field, Fayetteville. Teachers are Miss Terry Rakes and Mrs. Ed McLaughlin.

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The Rev. Thomas Weir, pastor of Harrisburg First Church, congratulates recent God and Country Award recipients, (from left) Mark Prescott, Mike Bradford, Gary Prescott, and James Jones. The scouts also received personal letters of commendation from Bishop Eugene M. Frank.

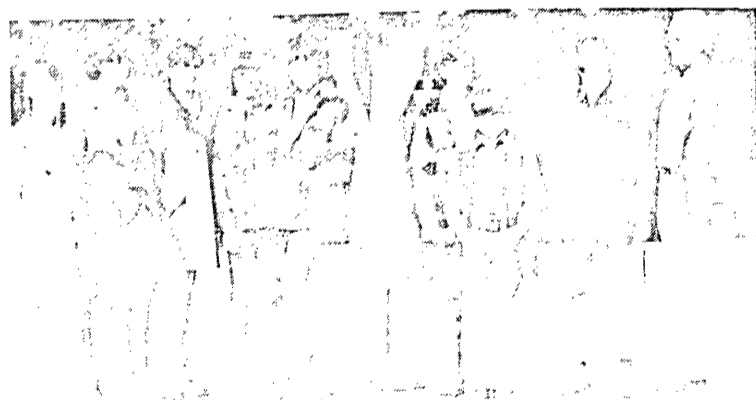


Eighteen new members of Lakeside Church, Lake Village, with their pastor, the Rev. Clyde N. Swift. Thirteen of the youth were received into membership on Palm Sunday; the other five had joined earlier.



The Choraliars from Haviland, Kans., boarding the bus at Danville. The singing group, 36 youth and six adults from Haviland's United Methodist Church and The Friends Church, recently toured Arkansas, performing at Fort Smith, Danville, and Clarksville.

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Elaine Church youth with Pastor James B. Breazeale (right) on a recent Holy Land trip to attend the First World Bible Conference in Jerusalem and Galilee. Breazeale is pastor of the Elaine Charge which includes Mellwood and Wabash.

BELOW: The folk group of First Church, Wynne, is currently presenting a program, "Tell It Like It Is," at area churches. Upcoming presentations are in First Church, Augusta, Sunday evening, May 6; First Church, Marked Tree, Sunday evening, May 13; and First Church, Batesville, Sunday evening, May 20. Harry Fondren, Jr. is director and Miss Karen Gibbs is pianist.



Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

"Life is meant to be wonderful. The divine wonder of life is awaiting us if we will only let God bestow it upon us. He is always willing..." (Margaret Moore Jacobs in "Roses Every Day")

To Claim Our Star

When dark thoughts dim the noon-time of our days
And roses wither in the killing frost;
When friends depart the vale of earthly ways
And make us feel disconsolate and lost;
We must keep going on the upward road
And strive to reach the goals that lead us on;
We must take heart and lift the heavy load
And fight till all our battles have been won.
For we still hear the gentle falling rain
And see the rainbow when the storm clouds pass;
We feel the spring time breezes once again
And hear them whisper to the greening grass.
We are much stronger than we think we are
And can, through faith, reach out to claim our star.

-by Deener W. Wardlow

Quest

The answers that I seek as mine
Are not enclosed by space or time
My mind transcends the limits placed
By mere life in the human race.
Though firmly planted on this earth
My heart desires that strange rebirth.
A yearning deep within my soul
Searches beyond this world's control
And upward climbs heaven bound
Until a higher plane is found.

-by Mary W. Gee