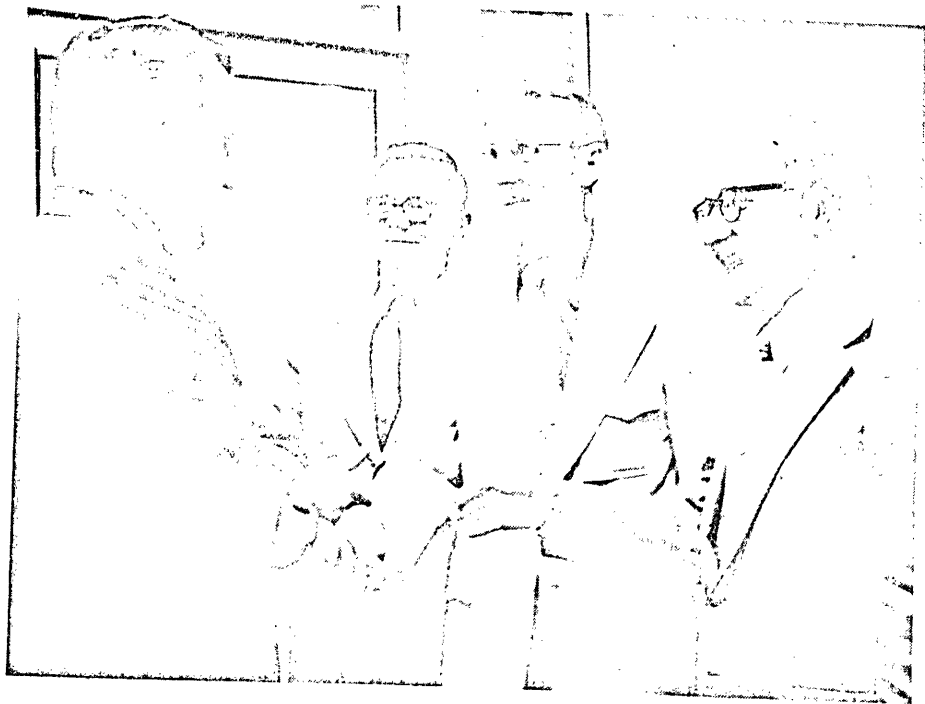


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Gov. Dale Bumpers (left), speaker for the Tri-County United Methodist Men's quarterly meeting held at First Church, Conway on May 8, is greeted at the door by (left to right) the Rev. Britt Cordell, Wesley pastor, Doise Farley, Tri-County president, and the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, host pastor. The Tri-County organization includes Faulkner, Conway and Perry Counties. The chief executive is a United Methodist. (Photo by Bill Ward of LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT staff)

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## Bruce Larson to host Key 73 TV series on KTHV, Channel 11

A series of Key 73 television specials will be presented by KTHV on Channel 11 on four consecutive Sundays, May 20, 27, June 3 and 10 at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Bruce Larson, author and Christian communicator, will host the series.

Two major assertions will be made as the theme "More Than You Are" is developed: 1) that there is a new birth, and 2) that there is life after birth. The series will feature original, contemporary music, by David Yantis.

Titles and guests for the program are: "You Can Communicate" with Keith Miller, Episcopal businessman and author, and Don Miller, lay leader in the Jesus movement and originator of the one way symbol;

"You Can Change" with Louise Mohr, homemaker and lay witness, and Dr. Ralph Berkeley, prominent eye surgeon;

"You Can Make a Difference" with Hull Youngblood, Baptist layman and

president of Southern Steel, Inc., and Glenn Evans, United Methodist minister active in the Appalachian ministry; and,

"I'm Ready — Let the Revolution Begin" with Dr. Ira Gallaway, general secretary of Evangelism in the United Methodist Church and leader in world evangelism, and Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, United Presbyterian evangelism.

The series is appropriate for individual or group viewing. For information about the Group Leader's Guides and individual Participant's Guide, write: TIDINGS, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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### News in Brief

Alaska Methodist University will celebrate a "first" at this May's commencement when 14 students receive bachelor of science degrees in the school's nursing curriculum.

## Dr. Curtis Chambers nominated to head Communications staff

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — The Rev. Curtis A. Chambers, Park Ridge, Ill., was nominated here May 11 to head the United Methodist Church's new general communications staff. His nomination was accepted by the 30-member Joint Committee on Communications without a dissenting vote.

Dr. Chambers, 48, editorial director of the denomination's two general magazines, will serve as the first executive secretary of the Joint Committee on Communications (JCC), subject to final election by the General Council on Ministries (GCOM). If the action by the GCOM is favorable, it is expected that he will begin his new duties in mid-summer.

Created by the 1972 General Conference, the JCC includes what was the Division of Interpretation and the Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFICO) of the former Program Council, and the Commission on Public Relations and United Methodist Information, the general news service of the denomination. It presently has offices here in Dayton, Ohio, Nashville, Tenn., New York and Washington, D. C.

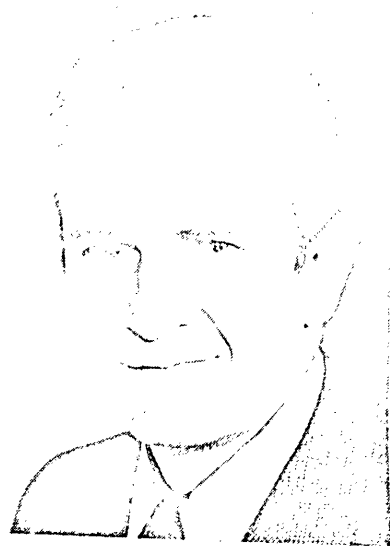
Dr. John S. Detweiler, committee chairman, said the search for the new JCC executive began in February and included some 40 nominations from a wide range of sources. The original list was narrowed to 27 active candidates, and from this list seven persons were interviewed.

"Dr. Chambers has an impressive educational, professional and church background and is the kind of leader we would like to serve under," Dr. Detweiler said.

Accepting the nomination, Dr. Chambers said that he views the post as "a very crucial one" and said the JCC "must chart a course to accomplish some of the high hopes set out for it by the General Conference."

Although it is expected that the permanent headquarters for the JCC will be in the same city as that of the GCOM, presently Dayton, it was agreed that Dr. Chambers will have his own office here for at least the next year.

The new JCC executive has been involved since 1959 in the communications activities of the Evangelical United Brethren, the United Methodist Church (formed in 1968), and interdenominational agencies. He is a na-



tive of Damascus, Ohio, and holds degrees from Marion (Ind.) College; Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; and Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., where his doctoral dissertation was in the field of religion and mental health.

He also studied at Oberlin (Ohio) Graduate School of Theology and received an honorary degree from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., in 1967.

Entering the editorial field in 1959, Dr. Chambers served until 1965 as editor of Evangelical United Brethren adult church school publications, and from 1964 until 1966 he was associate editor of Church and Home, general periodical of his denomination. He was named executive editor of the latter publication in 1967 and held that post until EUB-Methodist union in 1969 when he was named assistant editorial director of United Methodist general publications. Later that year he was elected editor of Together.

In January of 1972, Dr. Chambers was named acting editorial director of Together and Christian Advocate. He was named editorial director of both magazines and re-elected editor of Together in October of 1972.

Before entering the editorial field, the new communications executive was pastor of First Evangelical United Brethren Church in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1951 until 1953, and Rockville Church in Harrisburg, Pa., from 1953-59.

Dr. Chambers was a member of the

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# LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 28-30, 1973  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

## Agenda

(Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees will meet as called by chairmen. Meeting places are designated on page 7 of the Pre-Conference Report.)

### MONDAY AFTERNOON

Call to Order and Opening Remarks — Bishop Eugene Frank 4:00 p.m.  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 4:15 p.m.

### MONDAY EVENING

Concert by St. James Bell Ringers 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Service — Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. — Preacher 7:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY MORNING

Devotional — Rev. C. C. Hall — Speaker 8:30 a.m.  
Organization of Conference 9:00 a.m.  
Adoption of Agenda  
Roll Call  
Nomination of Secretarial Staff  
Designation of the Bar of the Conference  
Nominations from the Cabinet  
Welcome to First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs 9:20 a.m.  
Report No. 1 — Board of the Ministry 9:35 a.m.  
Report on the Council on Ministries 9:40 a.m.  
Report on Camp Tanako 10:00 a.m.  
Report of the Board of Trustees 10:10 a.m.  
Report of the Committee on Archives and History 10:20 a.m.  
Recess 10:30 a.m.  
Report of the Area Commission on Religion and Race 10:45 a.m.  
Report of the Board of the Laity 11:15 a.m.  
Report of United Methodist Women 11:30 a.m.  
Report of the Board of Evangelism 11:45 a.m.  
Courtesy Committee 12:00 Noon

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Open Hearing on the Proposal of the Board of Pensions 1:30 p.m.  
Report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns 2:30 p.m.  
Report of the Board of Education 2:40 p.m.  
The Committee on Higher Education  
Wesley Foundation Study Committee  
Hendrix College  
Philander Smith College  
Perkins School of Theology, SMU  
St. Paul School of Theology

Report of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries 3:40 p.m.  
The Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas 4:00 p.m.  
Report of the Board of Missions 4:20 p.m.  
Courtesy Committee 4:30 p.m.  
Board of Pensions Dinner — Grand Avenue Church 5:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY EVENING

Musical Concert by Philander Smith College 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Service — Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. — Preacher 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional — Mr. Harold Flowers — Speaker 8:30 a.m.  
Report of the Board of Ministry 9:00 a.m.  
Report of the Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations 9:30 a.m.  
Report from THE ARKANSAS METHODIST 9:40 a.m.  
Report of the Board of Pensions 9:50 a.m.  
Report of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs 10:30 a.m.  
Report of the Commission on Minimum Salary 10:40 a.m.  
Where will the next session of Conference be held? 10:50 a.m.  
Courtesy Committee 11:00 a.m.  
Recess 11:10 a.m.  
Service of Commemoration — Rev. James E. Major — Preacher 11:30 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Luncheon — Lay Delegates — Grand Avenue Church 12:30 p.m.  
Luncheon — Ministers' Wives — Hot Springs Village  
Lodge — Transportation will be furnished. 1:00 p.m.  
The Treasurer's Report 2:00 p.m.  
The Statistician's Report 2:10 p.m.  
Report of the Commission on Finance and Administration 2:20 p.m.  
Report of the Commission on Worship 2:35 p.m.  
Report of the Committee on Memoirs 2:45 p.m.  
Report of the Committee on Insurance 2:55 p.m.  
Report of the Committee on Episcopal Residence 3:05 p.m.  
Report of the Committee on Resolutions 3:10 p.m.  
Courtesy Committee 3:20 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Concert by Hendrix College Choir 7:00 p.m.  
Ordination Service — Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. — Preacher 7:30 p.m.

### THE REV. GEORGE R. TOWNSEND

The Rev. George R. Townsend, age 89, died May 3, at his home near Dierks, Ark. He was a life-long resident of Howard County and served 48 years as a local Methodist minister and a member of the United Methodist Church of Dierks.

Townsend served several circuits in the surrounding communities, including Umpire, Langley, and Good Hope.

He is survived by one son, Harmon Townsend of Dierks, eight grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 5, in the Dierks United Methodist Church with the pastor, the Rev. Altus Block in charge, and the Rev. Bruce Bean and the Rev. John W. Rushing assisting. Burial was in the Old Liberty Cemetery near Dierks.

### News in Brief

United Methodist Bishop Robert M. Blackburn of Raleigh, N. C., has received a 1973 "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" award from denominationally-related Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

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commission that developed the plan of union for the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches and was co-editor of the final document and the 1968 Book of Discipline for the united church.

Within the former EUB Church, he was secretary of the Department of Communication and chairman of the Communications Committee responsible for press, radio and television coverage of General Conference. He also served as a member of the Council of Administration, and boards of Missions, Evangelism, and Christian Education.

Ecumenically, Dr. Chambers served from 1962 until 1965 as chairman of the National Council of Churches' Committee on Audio Visual and Broadcast Education, and in 1965-66 as chairman of the NCC Commission on Educational Media. He was a member of the NCC's 1967 and 1972 General Assemblies and covered the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches for Church and Home.

Coming from a Quaker background

### Little Rock Conference Young Adult Weekend planned, July 6-8

A Young Adult Weekend, sponsored by the Little Rock Conference, will be held July 6-8 at Camp Tanako, located on Lake Catherine, between Malvern and Hot Springs. Marquis E. Jones is president of the conference group.

The weekend of study, devotions, recreation, and worship will be coordinated by "Tank" Harrison of United Methodist's Board of Evangelism staff and Dr. George Wayne Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District.

The camp is open to all adults, married or single, and facilities will be available for children three years old and up.

Registration will begin at 4 p.m. July 6 and continue until everyone is registered. The evening meal will be

in childhood and youth, he became affiliated with the Evangelical United Brethren Church in 1951 while doing graduate study in theology at Oberlin.

at 6:30 with the first session at 7:30 p.m. The camp gates will be locked at 10 p.m.

Fees are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Many churches will pay half the fee, so check with your pastor.

Those attending will need to provide their own linens or sleeping bags, pillows, towels, flashlight, swimsuit and tennis racket.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Six youth have been named to the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry (UMCYM) staffs in Washington, D. C., and Nashville beginning July 1.

Representing a total staff reduction of three persons, the youth were selected from 26 applicants by a personnel committee headed by Ms. Teresa Bell, Seattle, Wash. The staff members serve one-year terms and receive minimal salaries.

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## On Putting Key 73 In Perspective

This week we present the following in-depth overview of Key 73, which appeared in a recent issue of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. It was written by that publication's editor and manager, Dr. James C. Stokes.

Some Jewish leaders in the United States have recently expressed apprehension over the Key 73 mission to bring Christ to all persons on this continent. They point to the recent growth in understanding and dialogue between Christians and Jews and frankly fear that an aggressive confrontation of all peoples — including those of Jewish faith — by Key 73 will drive a wedge between the two religious groups.

The response to this concern has been mixed in Christian circles. Some leaders have suggested that the Key 73 mission go to pains to exclude Jews from those to whom the Gospel is to be offered. Others have assured their Jewish friends that this mission is not aimed at people of Jewish faith; that it is not basically an effort to proselytize people of other faiths, but is aimed to revitalize Christians. Still others have courteously but candidly pointed out that while no special effort will be made to proselytize Jews, the Christian message is to be proclaimed to all people; that the traditional practice of offering Christ to "whoever will come" is to be carried out.

We can understand the concern of Jewish leaders who have seen large numbers of youths lost to the Jewish faith through an increasing tide of intermarriage and through the inroads of secularism. We certainly do not think it proper that the Jews should be selected for special attention by the Key 73 mission. However, neither do we think it proper nor possible to exclude any particular group from the invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Savior. There should certainly not be any duress exercised upon anyone. The freedom to choose should not be infringed upon. Obnoxious methods are certainly to be condemned.

But the very nature of the Christian religion requires that Christ be offered to the whole

world. This is an essential mandate and the failure to follow it would be tantamount to a denial of a key commandment upon which the Christian religion was founded. To ask that Christ be offered to all persons except Jews or except Buddhists or except Asians or except millionaires is asking for more than Christians have the right to grant.

We cannot be true to Christ and not affirm the conviction that He holds the answer to the needs of all men irrespective of race or nation or station. However, we also believe that Christ can and does use all that is good and noble in the beliefs and practices of men. When He comes into human lives all that is worthy and excellent is enhanced and liberated for fuller use by the God and Father of us all.

The mood of our times encourages conciliation among divergent groups. We gladly join a host of others in working for better understanding among all the peoples of the world. But mutual understanding and appreciation does not require that persons and groups of people surrender their cherished identities and adhere to beliefs and practices which represent a mythical least common denominator.

As important as conciliation is, it must remain second to the inalienable heritage of every person to seek and find and know God within the context of his own lights and experiences. In the area of religion the market must remain free, the options must be kept open to all. This means that those of the Jewish faith must have reserved to them the right to win all people to the Mosaic Law if this can be done without infringement upon each person's freedom of choice. The same with Buddhism or Animism or Christian Science or Roman Catholicism or Methodism or Secularism or Satanism.

As we understand it, Key 73 is but a part of the time-honored contest for the minds and souls of people. This contest has gone on long before Key 73 came upon the scene, and it will continue long after this particular effort has spent itself. The contest need not be, and ought not to be, vicious or underhanded. Actually, how vigorously it is carried forward will largely depend upon the motivation of the "evangelists" who participate — whether they be Christians, Jews or whatever.

Christianity, beginning two

thousand years ago with an insignificant handful of disciples of Christ, has spread itself over the entire world. It has survived the rise and fall of empires and cultures. It has, almost from the beginning, taken on the characteristics of a universal faith — although its pockets of parochialism and prejudice have been extensive.

It has at times and in places been distorted almost beyond recognition. It has sat comfortably in high places while human beings perished in the muck and mire of tragedy. It has gone complacently to sleep while men fought and died. It has turned a deaf ear to human cries for help. But there is a brighter side of the picture. Christianity can claim a countless host of adherents who lived gloriously for Christ and died victoriously in the faith; who established orders and institutions of mercy; who cultivated learning, championed justice and preached Christ without regard for their own safety or self interest.

This is a day when all religions—including some new ones—seem to be arousing themselves for renewed efforts. Vast groups of the peoples of the world are awakening to new ways, being confronted with new ideas, searching for new meanings to life. Christianity has been at its best in times like these! It has, in the past, risen up to meet great and difficult challenges.

The vision of "Calling Our Continent to Christ," which is the basic theme of Key 73, is worthy of the best efforts we can give to it. These times call for a mighty thrust which will project human life to a much higher plane of existence. We must go steeply up, spiritually speaking, or we face the dire possibility of going steeply down.

We cannot pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. Some force beyond our merely human resources must be brought to bear upon our human situation. This force has got to be God. Christianity must once again become the vehicle for a great upward thrust of God's power as mediated through Jesus Christ. Men must be called to open their lives to Christ, to take Him and his ways seriously; to pattern their individual lives and the society of which they are a part after the designs of God as revealed through Him.

There is no question that Christ's way will "work" when people "work" it. We are in deep trouble in Christendom because we have too frequently retained the symbols and form of Christianity but have denied the spirit and content of it. While having the cure for the world's ills, the answer to its maladies, we have offered the world only palliatives and pain-killers. We have glorified the cross of Christ but have refused ourselves to take the way of the cross. This has not only affected the people called Christians at the very gut-level of their existence, but it has had its telling effect upon those of other religions and of no religion at all. They have been given some grounds for looking at us and then scornfully declaring, "If that is Christianity, then deliver me from it!"

The over-all theme of Key 73 is "Calling Our Continent to Christ." It is to be a call to repentance and prayer, a call to study the word of God, a call to reaffirm the resurrection, a call to enter into new life, a call to proclaim Christ to others, a call to commitment. God knows we all need to share in these decisions and actions. But do we know? And what are we doing about it?

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, addressing the Chicago Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, said "All of us who hold positions of leadership, whether in the political, economic or the religious spheres of life, must think through the meaning of the tragic affairs that have afflicted the highest leadership of our nation." Holding that there is an "idolatry of the Presidency," the senator said a Chief Executive "suffers burdens that no man should be expected to bear — demands of righteousness, wisdom and virtue worthy of an office of our adoration. The Baptist legislator said he is convinced the only way to guard against the "vulnerability of leadership" and overcoming the "corrupting influences" of the world's power is "to give our lives over to a higher power, the power of God's love" as it was "demonstrated in the Person of Christ."

**Bishop Charles F. Golden, the new president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, said that he fears the U. S. is in "imminent danger" of losing its basic freedoms. He called upon all church leaders to renew a commitment to a nation under God and to work for a "moral political climate in which elected leaders of our government will take seriously the oath under God to which they pledge themselves when being installed in office."**

The May 2 issue of the Christian Century, ecumenical weekly publication, maintains that "the only rationale for government censorship of a film or book is that its presentation involves a 'clear and present danger' to the state and its people. Otherwise, a democracy must rely on the taste of the marketplace to determine what material is disseminated." The Century agrees that "the most stringent regulations" are necessary to keep pornographic material out of the reach of children. But, it says, "the adult is a decision-making citizen. He or she must have full access to any and all information."

**Ten of 12 churches in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention which receive members without baptism by immersion have replied to an open letter from a convention committee investigating their practice. "All expressed a willingness to meet with the committee," a spokesman for the investigating group reported. The committee will conduct a series of area meetings.**

Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair of Austin, Tex., has apparently abandoned her attempt to prevent President Nixon from holding religious services in the White House. Dismissal of her suit by Federal District Court Judge George Hart, marks the second time in recent years her efforts to have public expressions of religious belief by public officials or under government auspices banned have been thwarted. In March 1971 the Supreme Court denied her request for a hearing on a suit she had initiated to prohibit Bible Reading and prayers by astronauts while on flights to outer space.

**Rabbi Robert J. Marx, a Reform rabbinic leader has urged that studies in Judaism be required for prospective Jewish couples, as well as for converts to Judaism. The rabbi told the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues at its annual Assembly of Delegates that although mixed marriage has become a major concern of rabbis, "the question as I see it is not 'Shall Gentiles be Jews?' but rather, 'Shall Jews be Jews?'"**

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Young people taking part in a meeting of the Southern dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church in New Orleans said the religious educational process in use today is "one cause" of alienation because the process "does not contain enough doctrinal content." In listing the causes of young people's disenchantment and alienation with the institutional Church, the youth representatives cited "a lack of true religious experience in the Church, discrimination against women, and a failure to involve youth in parish life and worship."

**Dr. Jacob E. Hershman, an executive of the U.-S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare told a gathering of evangelical educators meeting in Portland, Ore., that many Christian school officials have lost their sense of mission. He said he found in interviewing some 280 Christian school administrators during the past decade more interested in "gaining status on the totem pole" than those who "sought direction for the fulfillment of a mission."**

Dr. Hershman cautioned that "Christian higher education can live without impersonal doctrinal agreement or similarity of life, but it can't survive without actively and sincerely recognizing Christ as the source from which everything of value flows." According to Hershman, the philosophy of education for a Christian school "should include the goal of bringing each student, without compulsion of persuasion, face to face with the living God. It must lead students not only to the outer courts of life, but into the inner sanctuary."

**Thailand's new Alien Occupation Law gives missionaries first priority for residence visas, according to the immigration chief of Bangkok Airport. Addressing a group of missionaries and Thai church leaders, Lt. Col. Anond Arkhubutra explained that although the statute restricts 58 occupations to Thai nationals, this does not apply to teachers of religion. He urged Thai religious leaders to try to win the allegiance of persons not committed to any faith, particularly young people. "Regardless of what faith you choose," he said, "I only ask that you follow your religion wholeheartedly."**

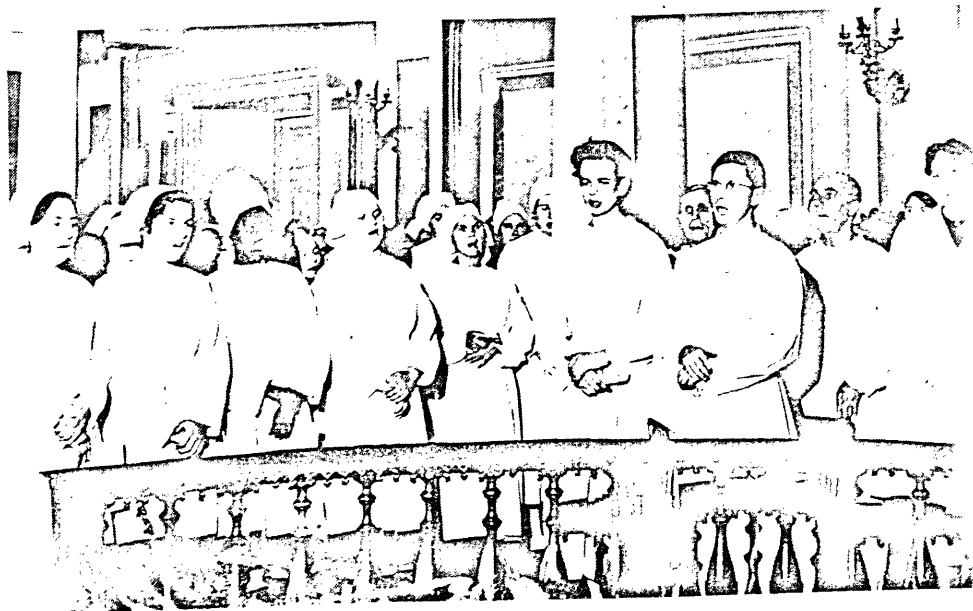
A group composed of some 50 Southern Baptist ministers and laymen reportedly concerned about what they consider to be a liberal drift in theology and emphasis within their denomination, has formed a new Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship in North Carolina. According to a statement released by the group they have no intention of withdrawing from the Southern Baptist Convention and will avoid any ties to groups or individuals advocating such a withdrawal.

**Chaplain (Capt.) Samuel Sobel, who in 1946 became the first rabbi ever to be commissioned a chaplain in the regular Navy, has now become the first Jewish chaplain to be appointed Chaplain of the U. S. Marine Corps. He will be responsible for the supervision of 200 Marine chaplains. While serving at the U. S. Naval Station in Norfolk, Va., Chaplain Sobel was instrumental in having the base's Jewish chapel rebuilt and named the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Chapel after the Navy captain who successfully campaigned for the abolition of flogging in the Navy in the mid-Nineteenth Century.**

With the decline of United Church of Canada "preaching places" from 5,741 to 4,442 in the last decade, the United Church Observer has called for a moratorium on closings and church mergers. The Observer said that the Church should be ready to listen and to be less forceful with its practical arguments why a little roadside church should be closed and its people transferred to a town or village congregation. It added that there should be no more closings or amalgamations except in those congregations where the people themselves, without coercion or manipulation by their minister, presbytery or neighbors, make the decisions.

**An ecumenical call to prayer for peace in Ireland was issued May 4 in a communique from Geneva and Rome by Dr. Philip A. Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and John Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. The letter to the churches around the world inviting them to join in the effort said: "At Pentecost 1973 Christians in all parts of the world will unite with their fellow-Christians in Ireland to pray for peace in this conflict-torn country. . . ."**

A group of Moravians staged a 14-mile walk to receive Holy Communion in Bethabara, N. C. in commemoration of a similar event that took place 200 years ago. Led by the Rev. John Geisler, pastor of Friedberg Moravian church, the 59 marchers left the small community of Friedberg on Easter Monday morning and walked 14 miles to Bethabara in 4½ hours. Upon arriving they received Communion. In 1770, Friedberg Moravians took a similar walk on Maundy Thursday to receive Communion because their lay preacher could not administer the sacrament. Pastor Geisler, who made 25-mile walks when he was a missionary to Nicaragua, had suggested that the walk be staged as part of his church's 200th anniversary.



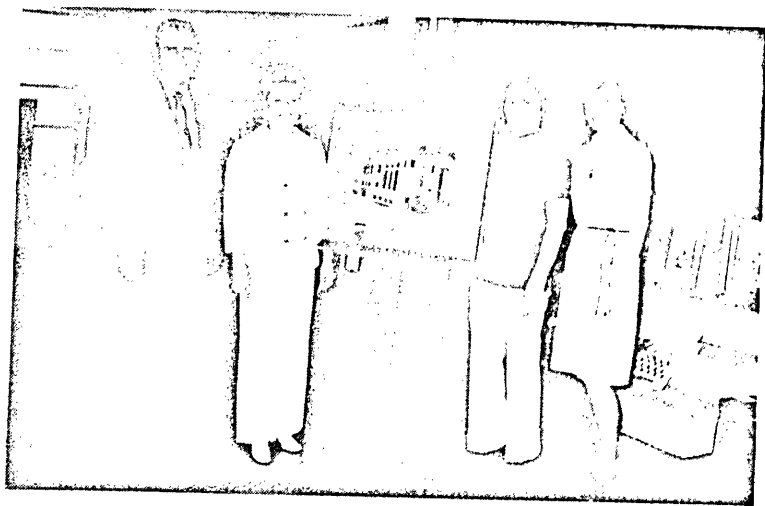
MOSCOW — Twenty-eight new converts are baptized at the Moscow Baptist church in first of four or five baptismal services planned for 1973. More than 2,000 persons crowded into the 1,200-seat church for the service. Among the candidates for baptism was Debora Dewala Diaomadi of the Republic of Chad, a predominantly Moslem and animist country in Central Africa, who is in the USSR as a student at the Moscow Medical Institute. (RNS Photo)

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Completing plans for the Little Rock Conference Arts and Crafts Festival which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference sessions at First Church, Hot Springs, was this foursome. (Left to right) Dr. Kelly Oliver of Arkadelphia, chairman, Judy Hendrick, Marilyn Bischof, and Kay Evans. First and second winning entries from the district festivals will be on exhibit. District showings will conclude this week — Camden District at St. Mark's Church, May 18; Pine Bluff District at First Church, Sunday, May 20; Little Rock District at Asbury, the same date. Artwork to be exhibited at Conference should arrive at the church on Sunday, May 27, 2 to 4 p.m., and Monday, May 28, 9 to 12 noon, according to Mrs. John L. Tucker, conference coordinator.



One entry in the Arkadelphia District Arts and Crafts Festival held May 5th at Malvern First Church was the drawing of that church (shown here) by artist Chuck Shryock. Persons in photo are (left to right) Dr. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, Mrs. Dewey Allen, Mrs. Harold Clem, district chairwoman, and Mrs. Wiley Banks. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is pastor of the Malvern Church.



The Delight Church delegation (shown at left) was representative of the various age levels participating in the Arkadelphia District Festival. Dr. Martin is pictured with them.

## Kickapoos get HPI cattle

Heifer Project International has shipped a truckload of cattle, sheep, swine and rabbits to the Kickapoo Indian tribe in Oklahoma. The animals were assembled for shipment on Fourche River Ranch, the HPI collection and distribution center near Perryville, Arkansas. Dr. Clarence H. Mannasmith, a long-time United Methodist leader is the new manager

of the ranch.

Arrival of the gift animals will provide the seed stock for an educational farm on Indian-owned land two miles north of McLoud, Oklahoma, in Pottawatomie County. The project is an undertaking of HPI with the co-operation of Native American Training and Educational Farms, an organization formed in 1972 through the assis-

## Council Directors to Local Churches

Recently my attention came to a book entitled "Putting it together in the Parish" by James D. Glasse. In it the following statement is made "The present day pastor has at his disposal a remarkable range of resources. If he can put all this together in the parish, he can have a creative and effective ministry." Then Dr. Glasse seeks to show the pastor how to "put it together." Among his suggestions is what he calls "paying the rent" of mission by maintaining the parish.

Among the great responsibilities of putting it together are the delegation of authority, and the enlistment of persons to assume roles of leadership. No greater field for recruitment can be found than among young adults. They have the ability — the energy — and the willingness to assume places of leadership in the service areas of the church's work.

### I. Ministry With Young Adults

In late March the department of Local Church Education, of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, released the much needed manual **Ministry With Young Adults in the Local Church** by Lander L. Beal.

The 64-page manual is designed as an aid to the local church in setting up a new young adult ministry and also as an aid and evaluative instrument for the existing young adult ministry. It presents the philosophy behind such a ministry as well as concrete and practical guidelines toward implementation.

tance of Oklahoma Indian leaders. Several other groups are also giving aid.

About 20 Kickapoo students from nearby schools will be given the opportunity to work on the farm, acquire agricultural and livestock management skills, business experience and experience in working with other people.

The Kickapoos' homeland is in Illinois. The Southern Kickapoos were among the last of the Indian tribes to accept a reservation in Indian Territory. Today, the Kickapoo people in Oklahoma own slightly more than 6,000 acres of land distributed among three counties. Some 250 families make up the population of approximately 1,200 Kickapoo tribesmen.

None of these families presently derives its living directly from the land. The unemployment rate ranges from 35 to 40 percent. Currently two or three families per week are returning to Oklahoma after unsuccessfully seeking jobs in the nation's larger cities.

The "Kickapoo Project" could be a big beginning toward providing Oklahoma's Kickapoo youth with modern day agriculture know-how by which they can achieve self-sufficiency from the land on which their tribe lives and owns but is not using productively.

Sample chapters in the manual include "Successful Programs in Young Adult Ministry," "Developing a Young Adult Ministry," and "Your Role in Young Adult Ministry." One of the most helpful aspects of the new manual is the section entitled "Sources of Additional Information" in which Mr. Beal presents a comprehensive and detailed list of resources concerning young adult ministry and the attitudes and beliefs germane to young adult culture itself.

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

### II. HELP IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL CONCERNS:

"What must we do?" is the title of a new 20-minute, color, sound filmstrip produced by TRAFICO for the Board of Church and Society, Washington, D. C. The filmstrip is an interpretation of the social principles statement of the United Methodist Church, adopted by the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Since 1908, the church has presented a social creed concerned with the issues of the day. This is usually a broad, theologically grounded statement pointing both to the issues and the way the church addresses them. The new filmstrip will help persons understand what the statement says, how it came to be, and its implications for themselves personally and as members of the church.

Executive producer is Warren Ebinger; script writers, Allan Brockway and Lee Ranck, Board of Church and Society. The filmstrip will be available for distribution May 1. Sale price is \$10. For information write, The Board of Church and Society, Service Center, 100 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002.

### III. SIXTY-FIVE MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Although fewer new missionaries are being sent overseas, needs continue for qualified workers to serve both in the United States and other countries, according to the Office of Missionary Personnel of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The needs vary — from a doctor in Algeria to a nurse in Zaire; from a pastor in Argentina to an urban developer in Japan; from a teacher in Kentucky to a pastor in Alaska. Altogether, lists of missionary personnel now needed show about 40 openings from the National Division, with service in the United States, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, and about 25 for World Division.

# NEWS and NOTES

**THE GREENBRIER** United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Lay Witness Mission for adults and youth beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25, and continuing through Sunday noon, May 27. Coordinator is Carl Manuel of Fort Smith. Mrs. James Wingo is general chairman and the Rev. James Wingo is pastor. Everyone is invited to attend this Mission.

**THE REV. C. C. HALL** of Hot Springs, a cabinet member of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, was a guest speaker at the Atkins United Methodist Church during Sunday morning worship, May 6. Mr. Hall spoke in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Jim Pollard, who was on vacation. The Halls were guests at a church dinner held in fellowship hall following the service.

**McARTHUR DRIVE** United Methodist Church of Jacksonville is holding a study of the Book of Romans during the month of May. The study is being led by the Rev. Gary McConnell, vicar of St. Stephens Episcopal Church of Jacksonville. The Rev. Jerry Pulliam is pastor of the McArthur Drive Church.

**THE ATKINS** United Methodist Church was host to the Conway District Conference, held on Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 4 o'clock. Dr. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent, presided over the afternoon and evening sessions. The Rev. M. D. Nelson, pastor of the Mt. Zion and Union Chapel Churches, gave the devotional. Ladies of the host church served the evening meal. The Rev. Jim Pollard was host pastor.

**HUNTINGTON AVENUE** Church, Jonesboro, held revival services the first week in May with the Rev. Harold Spence bringing the messages. Mr. Spence is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Paragould. The Huntington pastor is the Rev. James Chandler.

**MRS. DESSA MAE TRAYLOR**, active member of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, was named "Mother of the Year" by the Greater Little Rock Federation of Women's Clubs.

**THE REV. KENNETH L. SPORE**, retired and living in Bentonville, is a patient in the Rogers Memorial Hospital at Rogers following a light stroke May 7.

**A STUDY OF REVELATION** was sponsored by the Arkansas Valley United Methodist Church, April 29 30 and 31. Dr. Lindsey Pherigo of St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City, was the teacher of classes held in Wesley Church at Russellville. Participants were from Atkins, Pottsville, Bellville Parish, Bell's Chapel, Danville, Dardanelle, Dover, London, Ola, Plainview and Russellville.

**A PARSONAGE BUILDING** committee was named by the Administrative Board of First Church, Nashville, recently. Herschell Teague is chairman of the group. Recommendations for site, plan and financing will be presented to the congregation later.

**A PRE-EASTER TRIP** to the Holy Land was made by the Rev. Clarence B. Holland, associate pastor at First Church, Hot Springs, and Mrs. Holland. The trip was a gift from a young couples' Bible class in First Church.

**MARION UNITED METHODIST** Church will hold a week of evangelistic services, May 20-25. The Rev. Harold Spence, pastor of First United Methodist in Paragould, will be the preacher. Mrs. Richard Provost will be pianist. The Rev. B. W. Stallcup is pastor.

**GEORGE FISHER**, political cartoonist, folk singer, and commercial artist, was the speaker for Methodist Men's Ladies Night in Mabelvale Church, May 7. This was his third appearance for the club. The Rev. Gerald Fincher is the pastor.

**GODDARD MEMORIAL** Church, Fort Smith, was host to a Bible study on Romans, May 2, 3 and 4, conducted by Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, professor of New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, at Kansas City. The Rev. Archie Boyd was host pastor.

## JURISDICTION ASSOCIATION DEACONESS/HOME MISSIONARY PLANS NEW MEXICO MEET

An on-site exposure experience to get acquainted with two United Methodist mission projects in New Mexico is planned for the meeting of the Jurisdiction Deaconess/Home Missionary Association August 1-5 1973.

US-2's, missionary candidates, employed workers, conference United Methodist Women presidents and interested persons are expected to attend as well as deaconesses and home missionaries, and to participate in this first hand experience at Harwood School at Albuquerque and at McCurdy School at Espanola. Each school has a long history of service, Harwood under the former Methodist

Tribble presides

at annual

## NASW Conference

C. Ray Tribble, ACSW, executive director of Aldersgate United Methodist Camp, Little Rock, presided when the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers held the 62nd annual meeting in Hot Springs, April 24-26. Elected to succeed him is A. Joe Timmons, director of the Health and Welfare Council of Pulaski County.

A principal speaker during the sessions was Chauncey Alexander of Washington, D. C., executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, who urged Arkansas social workers to join a two-prong attack against the Administration's policy of trimming social services. He told the workers that "we ought to immediately fight the reduction in human services programs, and we need to come forward and present our own programs."

He cautioned the social workers to look to their own profession by saying "we must continue to update ourselves" educationally. He urged additional leadership training programs and said, "We must be concerned with our standards and personal practices."

The Arkansas Conference on Social Welfare was in session in Hot Springs at the same time. Members elected Mr. Tribble to serve as president during the 1973-74 term, succeeding Marvin Barnes of North Little Rock, supervisor of Field Services for the Rehabilitation Service. Mr. Tribble was elected a delegate to the National Association of Social Workers Assembly meeting in Atlanta, May 3-6.

Other speakers and panelists were involved in discussions and workshops relating to: "Social Welfare in Transition", "Current Trends and Issues in Health and Mental Health", "Special Challenges of Persons and Groups", "Technological Developments", and "The Economic and the Political Process".

## P. K. KORNER

**FROM GURDON**, the Rev. and Mrs. Therral Wilson announce the birth of their daughter, Melinda Gilliland, on May 8.

Church and McCurdy School and Hospital under the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

McCurdy buses will transport the group from Albuquerque to Espanola with several hours sight seeing in between in historic Santa Fe. Hill villages, Indian Pueblos and old mission churches will be included in a tour of the Santa Cruz area. Time for spiritual enrichment, business and discussion of current issues will round out the program.

There are approximately 125 active deaconesses and home missionaries and 60 retired ones in the jurisdiction and for many, this will be a first opportunity to visit these projects and to see this part of the country.

For further information write: Ruth Stambach, Box 127, Espanola, N.M. 87532.

## 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 20—Sunday	John 14:1-3
	1 Thes. 4:13-18
May 21	Rev. 4:1-11
May 22	Rev. 5:1-14
May 23	Rev. 11:15-19
May 24	Rev. 14:1-3
	15:2-4
May 25	Rev. 21:1-27
May 26	Rev. 22:1-21
May 27—Sunday	John 14:16-26

## VANTREASE SENIORS FETED

The United Methodist Women of Vantrease Church, El Dorado, entertained seven members of the high school graduating class, their parents and counselors at a banquet recently. The meal in Fellowship Hall of the church was planned and served by Circle Four, Mrs. L. T. Franks, chairman. The Rev. James Shaddox introduced Dr. Myron Shofner, who spoke to the group. Mrs. Paul Novack, presented Prayerbooks to the seniors. Entertainment was by Alan Avery, Jesse Stegall and Aaron Shook. Nancy Huskey gave the Benediction.

## PORTLAND CHURCH REPORTS

Maundy Thursday was observed in the Portland United Methodist Church by a special communion service. Mrs. Robert Riffin, assisted by Mrs. James Gay, gave a program on the 12 disciples. Music was by Mrs. S. A. Herren, Jr., organist. The Rev. Robert Riffin administered the communion. Following the service in the sanctuary, the young people met downstairs for a taped session of "Jesus Christ, Superstar" and a lively discussion.

Eight new members were taken into the church on Palm Sunday, an occasion for great rejoicing since this is a small congregation. Adults becoming members were Ernest B. Cokley, Jr., Gail N. Stephens and Larry Tipps. Babies baptized were James Ernest Cokley, Jennifer Gay Cokley, Thomas Justin Tipps, Thomas Ezell Moyers, III, and Charles Clayton Stephens, Jr.

The Easter service featured scripture and music by the pastor and organist, assisted by the choir. Refreshments and fellowship followed the worship service.

**HARRISON METHODIST MEN** sponsored a ladies' night banquet April 25, at the new Marble Falls Convention Center. Guest speaker was Jim Davidson, layman from Winfield Church, Little Rock, whose subject was on "Spiritual Enthusiasm". Musical entertainment was by the Rev. John McCormack and Mayor Hugh Ashley.

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## West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission trains leaders at Mt. Sequoyah

The West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission will be held June 18-22 at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly Grounds, Fayetteville, Arkansas. This is the program to train leadership for Conference Schools of Christian Mission which are held in July and August.

Courses being offered this year are: **JUSTICE, LIBERATION, AND DEVELOPMENT; WOMEN: OVER HALF THE EARTH'S PEOPLE; and CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANS AND THEIR WRITINGS.**

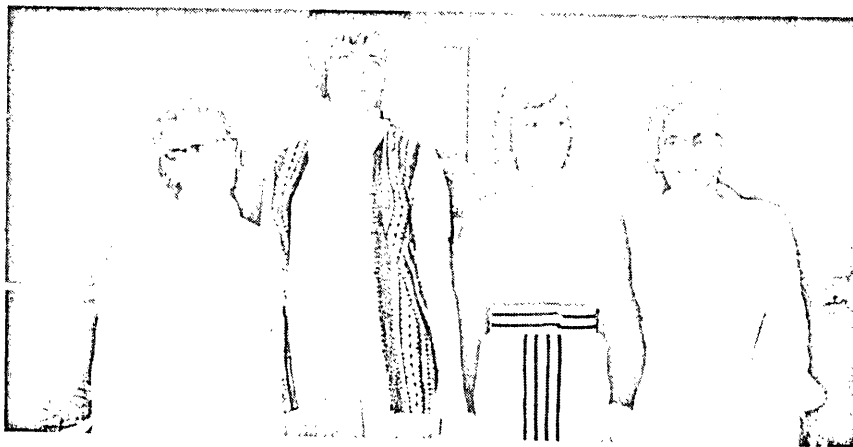
Leadership for these studies will be: Dr. Warren Hartman, serving as chairperson for the team, is Assistant General Secretary for Church School Development, Division of Education, Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; Ms. Nancy Grissom Self, recently chosen as one of two persons to fill the post of executive secretary of the new United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Chicago, Ill., will lead the course Women: over Half the Earth's People; Dr. Marion Brown from St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo. will teach Justice, Liberation, and Development; Contemporary Christians and their Writings will be taught by Mrs.

Martha Ross, Dunkirk, Maryland, Missionary Education Secretary for the Baltimore Conference.

Focus for the 1973 Regional School will be the work of the Board of Missions. The approach will deal with United Methodist Women in church and society. Representatives from the Women's Division who will be assisting in Mission Emphasis are Mrs. William Barnes, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. B. R. Cummins, Carlyle, Ill.; Miss Gene Maxwell, Denver, Colo.; Women's Division Staff persons are Miss Barbara Campbell and Miss Ann Eaton.

Attendance at the regional school is by pre-selection only. Conference UMW officers who will attend are: conference president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, associate treasurer, chairpersons for committee on nominations, and committee on membership, secretary of program resources, mission coordinators for Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, and Christian Global Concerns. Also: deans, assistant deans, and team coordinators of conference schools who are not already in the pattern for attendance. Teachers in conference schools may attend regional schools for certification.

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Officers of United Methodist Women in Asbury Church, Batesville, are shown above; From left: Mrs. Roy Drown, president; Mrs. Laverne Stephens, treasurer; Mrs. Burnell McClure, Sr., vice president; and Mrs. Ellis Hayes, secretary. The Service of Celebration, April 27, was led by Mrs. Bobby Reynolds, Mrs. George Cleary and Mrs. Alton Keeney.

### ARKANSAS WOMEN HELP PLAN REGIONAL SCHOOL

Arkansas women who serve on the West Gulf Regional School are Mrs. James Nix of Lonoke, Mrs. P. H. Hardin, Ft. Smith, Mrs. Alice Preston, Murfreesboro, and Mrs. D. E. McCoy, Sheridan.

### MINISTERS' WIVES SCHEDULE ANNUAL LUNCHEONS

#### Little Rock Conference

Ministers' Wives of the Little Rock Conference will hold the annual luncheon at the Hot Springs Village Club House on Wednesday, May 30. Because of limited space and other considerations, only wives and widows of ministers may attend.

Tickets will be on sale near the registration desk at conference and will be \$3.25. The chef must know the exact number by noon on Tuesday, the 29th, so please have your ticket or make a reservation by then.

Transportation will be provided and all may have a brief tour of the Village, if desired.

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#### North Arkansas Conference

The North Arkansas annual luncheon for Ministers' Wives will be at Ramada Inn in Jonesboro, Wednesday, June 6. Tickets are \$2.35, and will be on sale at conference.

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### HATHCOCK TO LEAD BATESVILLE WOMEN

Mrs. Alfred H. Hathcock was elected president of the new organization of United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Batesville. As a note of historical interest Mrs. Hathcock's mother, the late Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Sr., served as president of the Women's Missionary Society of this church for a number of years. It was during her tenure that the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild were formed.

Other officers elected at the service of celebration on Sunday are Mrs. Evelyn Stewart, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Stroud, secretary; Mrs. Hassell Marshall, treasurer; and Mrs. John R. Ward, chairman of nominations.

A grand march symbolized the nature of this new, all-inclusive organization. The women formed single lines down the far right and left aisles and marched to the altar where they met a partner, then sat together in the center section of the sanctuary. During the march they sang, "When All Men Shall Walk Together", with Mrs. Peter Musgrave as song leader and Mrs. Stanley Reed, organist.

Mrs. James Burley served as chairperson for the meeting. A social hour followed.

Chairperson for the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission will be **Dr. Warren J. Hartman**, assistant general secretary for Church Development, Division of Education of the Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Hartman is a Kansan and received his B.D. from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., and a D.D. from Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa, where he earlier received his B.A. degree. Dr. Hartman has been youth director of the Kansas Conference and pastor of churches in Meriden, Ill., and St. Joseph, Mo. before joining the EUB Board of Christian Education in 1953. He is the author of "A Study of the Church Schools in the United Methodist Church," and a number of guidebooks and articles.



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Dean of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission will be **Mrs. C. Jarrett (Mai) Gray** of Kansas City, Mo. She is the wife of the minister of Centennial United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo. Her educational background includes:



public schools and Cane College in Jackson, Tenn.; a Master of Religious Education from Gammon Seminary and a Master of Arts from the U. of Missouri at Kansas City. She is employed as an Elementary Consultant with the city school district. Mrs. Gray is a trustee of St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City, and was a member of the Committee of Twenty-Four to develop "One New and Inclusive Organization" for United Methodist Women.

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Nancy Grissom Self will lead the study of "Women: over Half the Earth's People." She was recently chosen as one of two persons to fill the post of executive secretary of the new United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and has headquarters in Chicago. Nancy had her early schooling in Akron, Ohio, and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Her theological training has been at Garrett, Vanderbilt and Claremont. Her Master of Theology degree is from the latter. As a U.S.-2 short term missionary, she was resident counselor at the Frances De Pauw Home for Latin American Girls in Hollywood, Calif. She is married to Norman D. Self, a United Methodist minister. She was a member of the "Committee of 24" which planned the new organization of United Methodist Women.



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Mrs. Martha Ross, who will lead the course on "Contemporary Christians and their Writings", is present Missionary Education Secretary for the Baltimore Conference. She is the widow of the Rev. Edwin Allan Ross of the same conference.



She was elected a delegate to the General Conferences of 1968, '70 and '72. She served an eight year tenure on the Board of Missions and for the past three years she was on the staff, serving as Interpreter for the Fund for Reconciliation.

Dr. Marion Brown, who will be teaching "Justice, Liberation, and Development" at Mt. Sequoyah, has been a member of the faculty at St. Paul School of Theology since 1968. She has a B.A. degree from Taylor U. in Indiana, a Master's of Religious Education from Asbury Seminary, and a Ph. D. degree from Ohio State University. During the years she worked with the Interboard Council of the Ohio Conference, she was twice elected as a lay delegate to General Conference.



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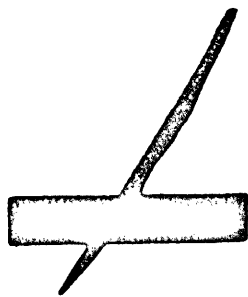
Miss Gene Maxwell is a deaconess of the United Methodist Church and a certified director of Christian Education. A Pennsylvanian, her work with the Board of Missions began in Wisconsin, where she was a Church and Community Worker. She joined the staff of the Women's Division in 1960 as Secretary of Children's Work and for the past six years has served as a regional worker from the Evanson, Ill., office. She is presently serving in the Denver office. She will be on the staff of the Regional School as a resource person.





# 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 27: Christ Is Our Hope

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Acts 1:6-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; I Peter 1:3-9; I John 3:1-3 stands today. It has no word of hope to speak. \* \* \*

**MEMORY SELECTION:** It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. (2 Timothy 2:11-12)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To examine some of the reasons why Christians can be hopeful even today. \* \* \*

Since this is the last lesson of the series for which I have had the privilege of writing the comment, I am grateful that we can look together at a vital element of our Christian experience—the hope that comes through fellowship with Christ. The title of the series is, "Affirmations of Our Faith" and it is fitting that the last of them should be devoted to the essential place of a deathless hope. Saint Paul says there are three things that last forever—Faith, Hope and Love. Even though Love is the greatest, both Faith and Hope are indispensable if Love is to be a reality. These three qualities of life are mutually interdependent. We are to consider Hope — its meaning and its source. \* \* \*

### ANY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT?

When Paul and Barnabas, on their first missionary journey, came to Antioch in Pisidia, they went, as their custom was, into the synagogue to worship. When the leader of the service heard that they were present he sent this message to them, according to a modern translation, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it now." This is still the eager expectation of most people who attend services of worship and of many who do not attend. The oldest of us cannot recall a time when there was so urgent a need for any word of hope and confidence that will call people back to a mood of responsible encouragement. Our nation's participation in two world wars and in two undeclared wars in less than sixty years has left most adults and many young people with a deep sense of serious questioning as to whether we shall ever again experience an extended period of stability and peace. In writing a comment like this, one cannot be sure that a world-shaking event will not occur even before it is read. If we have any sure word of hope and encouragement we should, by all means, say it now.

While I served in California I heard much about William Taylor, an early missionary to the West who later became a Methodist Bishop. He went out to San Francisco in the Gold Rush Days to preach the Gospel. There was no place for him to meet his people; there was no church, no building available. On Sunday mornings he did a very strange thing. He would go down to the streets of that pagan city and raise a great shout—"What's the news?" As the passers-by gathered out of curiosity to hear what this strange fellow had to say, he would begin his message to them, "Brothers, thank God I have good news for you this morning." This is the time for the Church to stand before the world and say that.

We may be sure of two things. The first is that such a word must not be an expression of shallow optimism but, if it is to be seriously heard, it must be based upon solid truth. The primary question is not, "Will it bring comfort, important as that is, but "Is it true?" The second fact is that if such a word is spoken it will be spoken by a Christian people and by the Church. Saint Paul reminded the Christians in Ephesus that before they became Christians they were, "strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." This is where the pagan world

### THE DIFFERENCE CHRISTIANITY MAKES

There is obviously not space here for a complete survey of all the current realities in today's world that should awaken and sustain a sense of hope. I shall mention two or three, both for their own worth and with the hope they may inspire readers to continue the search for others on their own. One of the most encouraging of these is the fact that there is a widening recognition that the Christian faith offers the most valid interpretation of reality in the world today for giving meaning and purpose to life. This does not mean that there are not other philosophies, secular and religious, which are bidding for the loyalty and devotion of mankind — some of them with the vast followings such as Communism and the non-Christian religions.

Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." We cannot claim, for a moment, that there has ever been any part of the world in which the spirit of Christ has been allowed to exercise complete control. But even in these areas in which He has been given limited dominion, the comparison with the parts from which He has been excluded is convincing. The differences in terms of individual freedom in thought and action, of reverence for life, of concern for the welfare of one's neighbor and, above all, of a confident hope of Life Everlasting — these basic differences make an eloquent appeal to all Christians to give renewed commitment to their obligation to take this gospel into all the world. \* \* \*

### NEW FRONTIERS TOWARD UNITY

Another source of encouragement is the fact that the spirit of understanding and cooperation between the denominations, including the Roman Catholic Church, is progressing at an unprecedented rate. This does not mean that all of the denominations are united in the conciliar movement but a large majority of them are. The Evangelistic Movement Key '73 is an example of this kind of cooperation. We are not to suppose that we are nearing the day when there will be one, big, all-inclusive church. Far from it. In fact less attention is given to that idea than was the case a few years ago. At a recent meeting of the Consultation on Church Union it was agreed that a new course be set for its efforts to bring unity to eight Protestant denominations. Without abandoning the idea of union at some future time, it was decided that special attention should be given to fuller cooperation in the area of faith, worship, and ministry. The delegates talked in terms of "Grassroots Ecumenism" which is, after all, where the action is and where real progress will be made. It is not what happens in Geneva or New York that finally matters but what is done where two or more churches serve the people in one community. There is real cause for hope in this increasing emphasis. \* \* \*

### "THE CHURCH IS OF GOD"

There is space for only the barest mention of one other fact of history that should be given much fuller consideration by Christians of this generation. One reads today in the public press so much criticism of the Church and such dire predictions of its early demise that it is no wonder that some people have fallen into a state of despair about its survival. It is at this point that nothing from the human level can help so much as an acquaintance with the threatening experiences through which the Church has passed during nearly twenty centuries of its history. There is no question but that the Church — all sections of it — is passing through a period of re-examination of its basis and mission and of restructuring its methods and operations. But the point is that this is a process through which the Church has been compelled to go again and again. We need to remember that Reformation is not a single event in

history but a continuing process. It is the price of life and growth. I know of no better summary of the basis of our faith at this point than the words of a hymn which we need to sing with our hearts as well as our voices:

"Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;

Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;

We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail."

It is an amazing and heartening fact that again and again in its long history, just as its critics and detractors were sure that the Church had reached the end of its journey, there was a rebirth of vitality and power that set it out on a new course of spiritual conquest. What God, through Christ, has done before, we dare to believe He will do again. \* \* \*

### THE ULTIMATE ASSURANCE

There is a great deal of speculation in these days about the Second Coming of Christ. Nothing is new about this — it began in New Testament times and has continued through every generation since. In a number of instances, an exact date has been set and the followers of the sect related to the prediction have left their work and have gone to a designated place to meet the Lord descending in physical form. Their disillusionment should never be allowed to reduce our confidence in the ultimate triumph of God's design even though the form of its coming goes beyond our understanding. Saint Paul's inspired prediction remains unchanged that "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father."

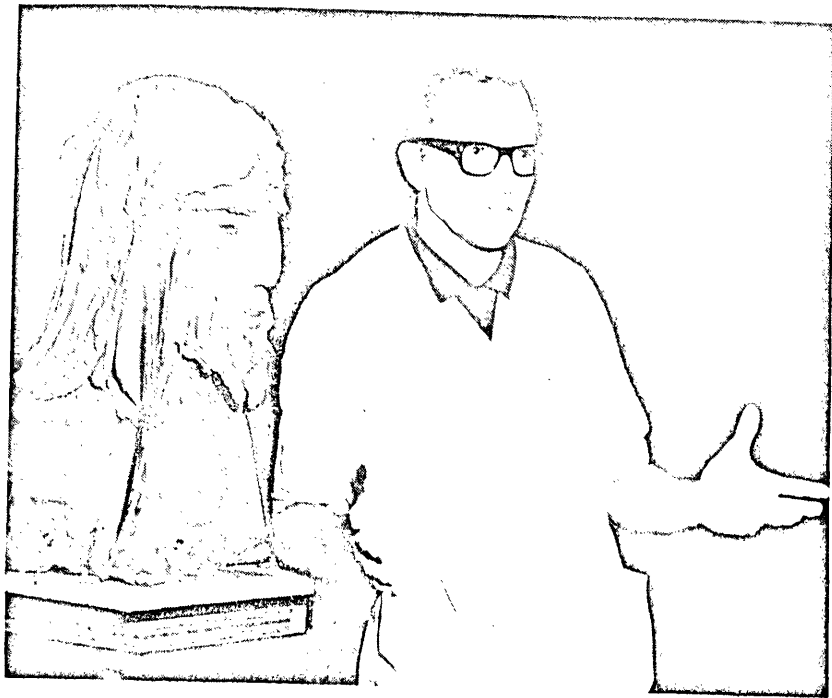
On the basis of this conviction we join with the Christians of all centuries and of all continents in the assured affirmation "Christ is Risen." This is our grand affirmation. This central truth is the source of our hope. Out of it comes the Good News we are commissioned to proclaim to all the world. The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus is able to give new Pentecosts of power to the people whom Christ came to redeem. "Christ is alive." The glad, triumphant, songs of Easter are still echoing in our minds and hearts. We must remember the weekly day of worship was changed for the followers of Christ from the Jewish Sabbath to the Christian Sunday in deference to the fact that it was on "the first day of the week" that the disciples came to find the body of Jesus, and, instead, they found an empty tomb. Therefore every Sunday, for us, should be Resurrection Sunday and every day a reminder that He is risen. The time and manner of the consummation of his Kingdom we cannot know. If it be that his church must again advance through a period of special trial and testing, comparable to some that have gone before, God will give to the faithful, strength and courage to endure.

This is not the first time His people have been called to bear witness in a time of swift change and unprecedented turmoil. Our love of ease and softness must not beguile us into pleading exemption from the suffering and sacrifices of those who have preceded us in this warfare. When the armies of the Lord are embattled, what Christian would pray to be safe! In this day when new ideas, new discoveries, new revelations, sweep across the world with lightning speed, who can say what new outbursts of grace and power God is preparing to release. We do know that our share in the evangelization of the world must be accomplished in this generation. Ours is the message; His is the victory. Ours is the responsibility to tell the Story, through word and life; His is the promise that so long as heaven and earth remain, this Word of His shall not pass away. And this must ever be the heart of our faith and of our proclamation to the world: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

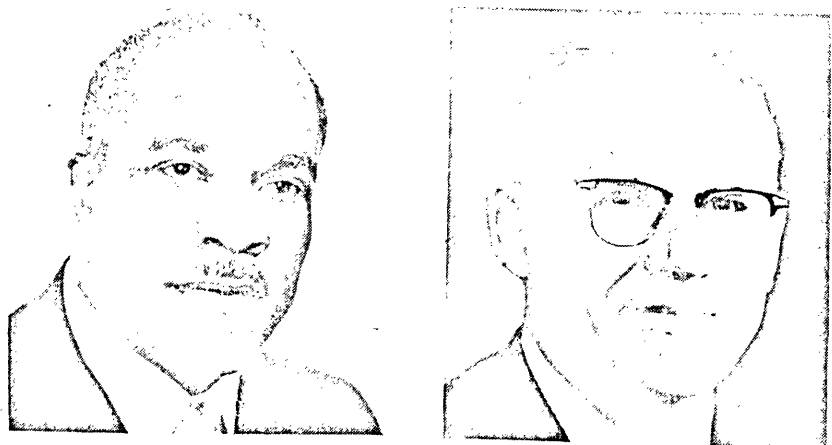
I know of no more hopeful word to leave with you than the brief prayer which the Apostle Paul included in his letter to the Christians in Rome. (15: 13)

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."





Leading the closing worship experience at the United Methodist National Conference of the Laity July 13-15 in W. Lafayette, Ind., will be Lt. Col. Gilbert N. Amelio, above, of March AFB, Calif. Col. Amelio will do a sculpture of the face of Christ while he interprets his work in word and music. Some 5,000 men, women and youth are expected to attend the conference which has as its theme "Commitment in Community."



Featured speakers at the United Methodist National Conference of the Laity July 13-15 in W. Lafayette, Ind., will include the Rev. Earnest A. Smith (left), a staff executive of the denomination's Board of Church and Society, and Louis R. Mobley (right), a consultant on leadership styles and a former staff member of IBM. (UMI Photos)

## Church leaders support funding for family planning services

WASHINGTON D. C. (UMI). — Support for federal funding for family planning services and population research was voiced to a Senate committee here May 8 by Bishop James Ault of Philadelphia.

Speaking on behalf of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, the bishop said the bill (S. 1708) addresses the problems both of unwanted fertility and of infertility, through its provision for safe family planning services to those unable otherwise to afford them and for increased research in the area of human reproduction.

Basing his testimony on actions taken by the 1970 and 1972 General Conferences, Ault asserted that the church's "primary concern is for the quality of life and the assurance of dignity to each individual and family." The church, he asserted "is attempting

to deal seriously with the problems of population growth and distribution in order to ensure individual freedom and dignity for all people."

The fear, he added, is not just of a crowded planet, but because "uncontrolled growth rates may lead to a world in which resource depletion, food shortages, overwhelming demands on a government designed to function best in a smaller setting, increasing restrictions on individual choices, and competition for limited resources may make life with dignity almost impossible for millions of individuals."

Commenting on a frequent charge that programs for low-income families tend to be coercive, Bishop Ault pointed to clauses in the legislation ensuring personal privacy and voluntary participation. He urged that "family planning programs should never be an excuse for avoiding other measures to

alleviate poverty."

Relating the proposal to the abortion issue, the bishop said, "The best way to ensure a decline in the number of abortions performed — legal or illegal — is to make available to all persons desiring them the information and services necessary for medically safe, effective means of contraception, and education in what responsible parenthood means." He added that the church's support for "the availability of medically safe, legal abortions" does not see this as a means of family planning but rather "as an extreme measure."

With special reference to the need

for research, Ault noted that, while this nation's birth rate has fallen sharply in the past year, "we do not really know why, and therefore we do not know whether it might go up again."

He related the proposal also to the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples, which views the threat of increasing population growth as among "the enemies of peace."

Also testifying on the bill was Dr. James Langley, representing the American Baptist Churches and Southern Baptist Convention, while other church leaders were expected to appear later.

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## CFA approves nation-wide package insurance program, support for Scarritt

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI)—Formulation of a nation-wide insurance program that sponsors say could save local churches up to 50 per cent in annual premium costs was approved here April 30 by the United Methodist Church's chief fiscal agency.

Both general insurance protection and workmen's compensation would be available under the plan accepted by the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA). All of the denomination's approximately 40,000 local churches would be eligible to enroll in the program, as would annual conferences, church-related institutions and general boards and agencies.

In other actions during its session here April 30-May 1, CFA approved the 1973-76 formula of support for Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., was told that recommended guidelines for investments would be available in the autumn, heard a progress report on a proposed standardization of titles and compensation for general agency staff members and concurred in changes in budget allocations to several boards recommended by the General Council on Ministries.

Development of the insurance program for local churches and other related units was authorized by the 1972 General Conference and was carried out by a committee headed by Paul Adrian, Smolan, Kans. Broker for the program is Frank B. Hall & Co. of New York and the insurance would be carried by Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co.

Presenting the plan, Mr. Adrian stressed that participation would be strictly voluntary on the part of individual churches and that all insurance would be placed through an agent of the church's own choosing. All types of protection would be in-

cluded, some as a mandatory part of the policy and others at the church's option.

Such a program is already in operation in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and some divisions of the denomination's Board of Global Ministries, in addition to units of other denominations.

R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of CFA, said that the savings for local churches would be possible because its nation-wide, package nature makes possible substantial discounts in basic premiums, and through a 15 per cent annual dividend which has been declared by Atlantic Mutual for a number of years.

The package plan would be available to churches in some 42 of the 50 states. In states where laws do not permit a package plan, other types of coverage would be provided, also at what is described as substantial savings.

Workmen's compensation coverage would be provided in a separate policy in accordance with various states' regulations.

Dr. Brawner said that the plan is believed to be the first of its kind on a nation-wide basis for any religious group.

In a separate action, the CFA approved in principle the creation of a trust fund to which churches desiring to do so would be invited to contribute the 15 per cent annual dividend. Monies in this fund would be used to help defray costs of the program to CFA and to help local churches that have low income make improvements to reduce chances of fire and other losses.

The program was adopted by the 42-member CFA without a dissenting vote.

Also adopted unanimously was the

formula of support for Scarritt College recommended by a committee headed by the Rev. R. Franklin Thompson, Tacoma, Wash., president of the University of Puget Sound.

Under the formula, Scarritt will receive up to \$300,000 on ratio from the 1973 World Service budget; \$200,000 on ratio in 1974 and up to \$100,000 in matching funds to those raised by Scarritt above a \$100,000 base; \$100,000 on ratio in 1975 and up to \$200,000 in matching funds; and up to \$300,000 matching funds in 1976 with no basic World Service allocation.

The formula is in accord with General Conference action that said "Scarritt must look forward to the day when it need not rely on the general church for support."

The investment policy guidelines will be developed by a committee headed by the Rev. Ray W. Ragsdale, Torrance, Calif., and submitted to the CFA executive committee in early October, or to the council's late-November session if the executive unit does not meet. Dr. Brawner said that a wide range of preliminary material has been compiled from a variety of sources, including the recent policy adopted by the National Council of Churches, and a general agency staff committee headed by the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Pensions.

Reporting on the progress of a committee seeking to standardize salaries and compensations of general agency staff members, Chester M. Alter, Denver, Colo., said that an estimated 350 to 400 positions would be covered representing a total annual payroll of some \$7,000,000. This study was approved by the 1972 General Conference.

Turning to changes in general agen-

cy budgets, CFA concurred with the General Council on Ministries on such items as reallocation of \$50,000 to the Board of Discipleship's Division of Lay Life and Work from the Division of Higher Education of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; the budgeting of \$50,000 for the new Division of Emerging Concerns in the Board of Church and Society; a total of \$71,461 for the Office of Personnel in the Board of Higher Education and Ministry; and \$49,500 for that board's Division of Lay Ministries.

All the changes are within the total World Service budget of \$23,500,000 annually during the 1973-76 quadrennium, according to Dr. Brawner and the Rev. Merrill W. Drennan, Washington, D. C., chairman of the CFA's General Agency Relationships Committee.

There was no action relative to any church-wide special appeal for relief funds in the current Mississippi River flood. Dr. Brawner said the need for any such aid is still being studied by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and a request may come later.

A spot check on April 27 by the denomination's communications agency found that while many church members were affected by the flood, damage to church property was confined to a few relatively minor instances.

The council members were told that a church-wide appeal in the wake of the 1972 floods that caused heavy damage to church property had brought in some \$1,330,000. This was reported to be about 10 per cent above known relief requirements and this balance is being set aside in a disaster reserve fund by UMCOR.

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## National church-related education commission proposed to deal with problem areas

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — In the face of tax problems and probable changes in federal aid for private colleges, heads of United Methodist-related schools heard a proposal here for a national agency to create new models for operation and relationships.

To the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church, Rep. Wilbur Mills (Ark.), outlined some of the problems of tax deductions for charitable contributions and of pressures for tax reforms. Caspar W. Weinberger, secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, said the Nixon administration wants to move from institutional support to student aid as its major thrust.

Dr. Fred E. Harris, Nashville, associate general secretary of the church's Division of Higher Education, proposed a national commission on higher education for the church, to organize around specific problems and to "find new paths, to design tomorrow for this special form of the human spirit—the church-related college."

Some 200 presidents, deans and

trustees attended the special meeting of the association on May 4.

Rep. Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and a graduate of Hendrix College in Arkansas, agreed that "private institutions of higher learning have done much to set the standard in education for all of our state institutions."

He said he believes Congressional consideration of tax reform will "keep in mind the importance" of an adequate tax deduction for contributions to private schools. Noting criticisms of present treatment for gifts of appreciated property as being too generous, Mills said this needs further examination, but, "I would doubt that, given the present acute financial difficulties of our private colleges and universities, Congress would want to completely eliminate this advantage at this time."

He pointed out that the well-being of such institutions "depends on the well being of the general community," so "we must see to it that there is a sound and dynamic economy," which

calls for a fair tax system. Mills said, "it is easy to forget how much we have already done" in tax reform, referring to 1969 actions, though "there is still room for improvement in our tax laws."

Weinberger said the administration goal is to insure that "no student shall be deprived of an education at the college of his choice because of the irrelevant factor of economic inability." The plan, subject to approval by Congress, would make up to \$1,400 per year available to students, or about half their college costs.

In his proposal for the church commission, which will be presented to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry this fall, Dr. Harris urged that it could "create new models" academically as well as in administration and governance, for "institutional expression of church-related values and concerns," and to illustrate the possible relationships among churches and colleges and between colleges and the state.

These goals, he held, are directly

related to the problem areas identified among the colleges. Part of the problem as noted by Harris is that "we are approaching the expiration of the period when innovation was our apparent reason for being."

He expressed concern that "the image of the great state or quasi-federal university has overwhelmed us as it has become the mold along which government policy is formed." As a result, "private colleges do not have adequate representation on the policy-recommending councils."

On behalf of the fund-raising "New Generations for New Days" program of the association and division, Dr. D. L. Mobberly of the Nashville staff called the more than 100 schools "glorious testimony to Methodism's consuming interest in the public good." He held that their sights are still fixed on the "public good, . . . to redefine the American dream, to struggle with the environmental quagmire, the energy crisis, urban sprawl and the other deeply pertinent questions which only transformed spirits and changes in attitudes can resolve."

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# METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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## Hendrix Student Association elects Dumas junior

Phil Price of Dumas, a junior at Hendrix College, was recently elected president of the student association for the 1973-74 academic year.

James Hearnberger, a junior from Little Rock was elected vice-president. Kent Chrisman, a junior from North Little Rock, and George Gleason, a freshman from Dardanelle, were elected senators-at-large.

Price, a member of the Hendrix golf team, has served as resident assistant and vice-president of his dormitory. He has also worked on the Social Committee and the Constitutional Revision Committee.

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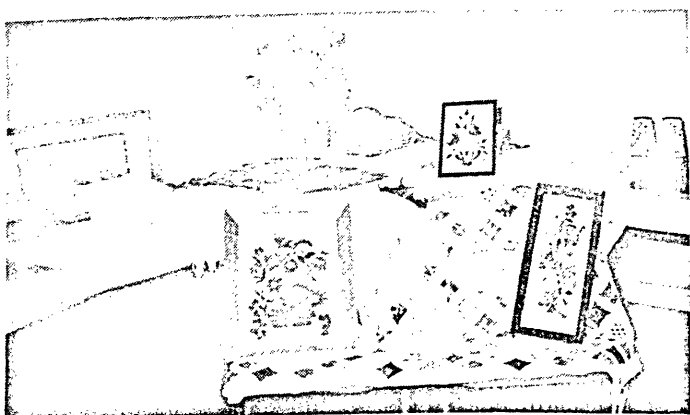
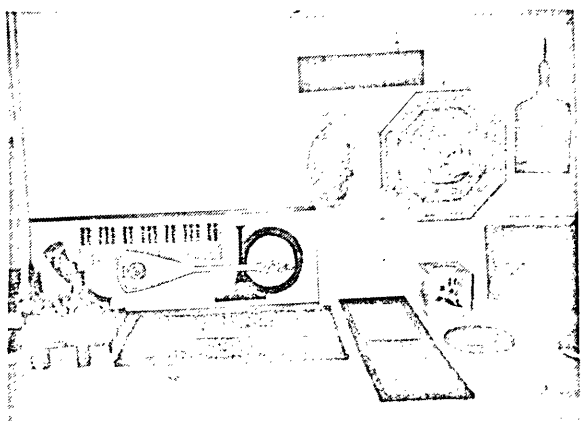
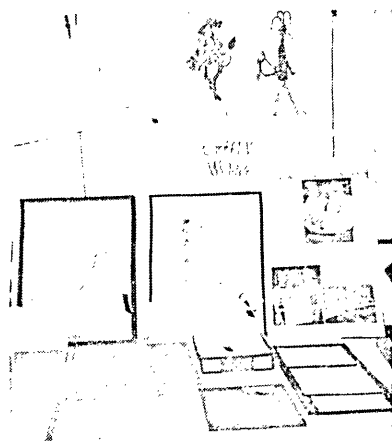
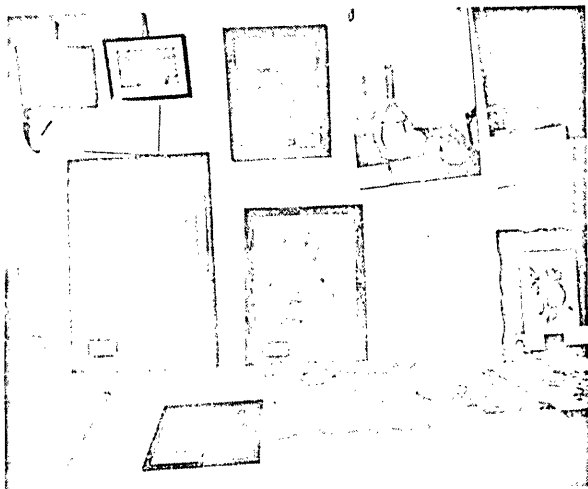
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## Winfield Arts and Crafts Festival

Over 150 items, from wood carvings to creative writing, were entered in the recent Arts and Crafts Festival at Winfield Church. Twenty-five blue ribbons were awarded to winners. Participants included first graders and senior citizens. Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor's wife, was festival director; she was assisted by Mrs. Mary Alice Hood. Some of the items exhibited are shown in pictures below.



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## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*Self is the most divisive thing there is unless it has been surrendered. Blaise Pascal wrote... "All the mischief in the world is done by one thing: the inability to remain at rest within one's own room."*

### Escape From The Rat Race

Steal away  
To a place  
Within the mind.  
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Can face  
What you need to find;  
A refuge  
In the faith you have  
In God.

"I'll be with you always,"  
Says the Lord  
Your God.

-by Joyce Bishop

### Greatness

He's climbed the highest mountains;  
He's calmed the restless seas.  
In Him we have our being,  
He holds the earthly keys.  
He'll hasten to unlock the door,  
If we bid Him come in,  
He'll join with us in song and prayer,  
Until the last Amen.

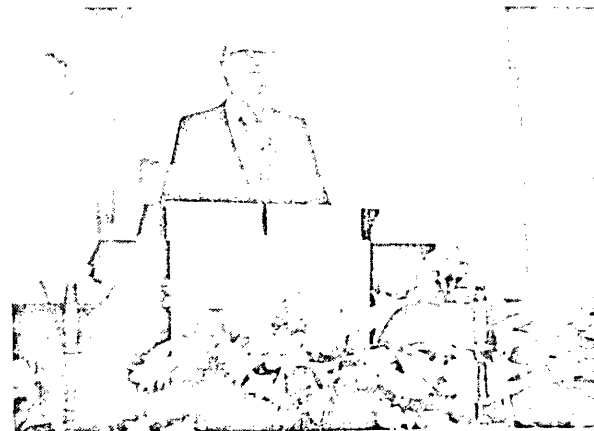
Let's give our joy to others,  
And all His truth impart.  
We'll find His many answers  
Lie buried in the heart.

-by Leota Taylor



ABOVE: Dr. D. L. Dykes, (left) pastor of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, La. was the guest preacher for a recent "Four Nights for God" series at First Church, Jonesboro. Shown with him is the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor.

BELOW: Dr. Dykes preaches at evening worship services.



The children's choir of St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, sang at the Palm Sunday service. As they sang one selection, "Little Grey Donkey", the children built palm trees at the altar. The Rev. Fred Haustein is pastor.



The junior choir of St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, sang at pre-Easter services. Mrs. James Lowry is coordinator and Mrs. Joe Arnold is director of the choirs.



ABOVE: At a recent evening worship service, Jim Knight, Troop 111 became the first scout from Wesley Church, Russellville, to receive the Eagle Rank. With Jim are (from left) his father, James C. Knight, a member of the Troop Committee; Scoutmaster Stanley L. Young; Jim's mother, Mrs. Johna Knight, who received a Mother's Recognition pen; (Jim); and Dr. Robert Nesbitt, local physician and Eagle Rank holder, who made the presentation. The Rev. Hershel H. McClurkin, Jr. is pastor.