

## N. Arkansas Conference to consider redistricting



Bishop Eugene M. Frank

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, resident bishop of the Arkansas area, will preside over the North Arkansas Annual Conference session which convenes Monday, June 4, 2:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, and closes Wednesday evening June 6 with the announcement of pastoral appointments.

Dr. W. Paul Worley of Candler School of Theology will preach for the evening services of worship. Special morning worship services will be under the direction of the Commission on Worship of which the Rev. Muriel Peters is chairman. The Wednesday evening service will be highlighted with the ordination of ministers who will receive deacons or elders orders.

Dr. Paul Worley, a member of the Holston Annual Conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, was pastor of Church Street Methodist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. from 1962-1969. From 1956-1962 he was professor of Practical Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Prior to that time Dr. Worley had served a number of pastoral appointments in the Holston Annual Conference, and with the General Board of Education staff in Nashville. Dr. and Mrs. Worley have conducted numerous tours through Europe, including tours to the Ecumenical Conferences of 1951 and 1961.

Dr. Joe Hale, director of Cooperative Evangelism for United Metho-

The North Arkansas Conference will meet in Jonesboro First United Methodist Church as scheduled.

dism's Board of Evangelism, will be the speaker at the North Arkansas Conference Board of Evangelism dinner, June 4, at 5 p.m. The dinner is scheduled to be held at Ramada Inn. Hale, a native of Arkansas, holds degrees from Asbury College and Southern Methodist University. He has lived in Southeast Asia, and his global witness of Christianity has taken him to Africa, the Middle East and Europe on repeated occasions. He has served on

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Bishop Paul Worley

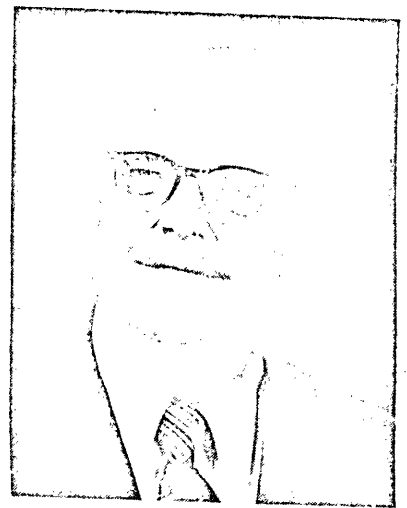
## Editor of Arkansas Methodist retiring; successor named

Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist and Louisiana Methodist publications since the Fall of 1960, is retiring for health reasons after 35 years in the ministry of the Methodist Church.

The Rev. John S. Workman, pastor of Markham Street United Methodist Church, Little Rock, for the past three years, will succeed Dr. Knox. His appointment will become effective at the conclusion of the North Arkansas Conference which meets June 4-6.

Mr. Workman, who served as pastor of the Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock, for six years before coming to his present pastorate, is a graduate of Hendrix College at Conway and of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex. Other pastoral appointments have included Berryville, Cabot, and Newark-Oil Trough. He served in the U. S. Army Security Agency in Japan and Korea.

The new editor of the Arkansas Methodist, now in its 92nd year of publication, and the Louisiana Methodist in its 25th year, was recently elected president of the Board of Aldersgate United Methodist Camp, Little Rock, and serves as chaplain for the Little Rock Police Department. In the Little Rock Conference he serves on the Board of Education and as secretary for the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at the Univer-



Dr. Alfred A. Knox



Rev. John S. Workman

sity of Arkansas at Little Rock.

While a member of the North Arkansas Conference, Mr. Workman served as chairman of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, as state director of the Methodist Student Move-

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## Editorial Correspondence from Hot Springs

## Little Rock Conference in session

"Every Christian disciple is either a mission leader or a mission field." So stated Bishop Eugene M. Frank as he opened the One Hundred Twentieth Session of the Little Rock Conference this last Monday.

Presiding over his 37th Conference session but his first one since assuming the Episcopal office in Arkansas, Bishop Frank stated that his dream for Arkansas Methodism was two-fold: to help the laity become the church

and to help each pastor and wife to be persons of God.

Speaking at the Service of Holy Communion Bishop Frank issued a call to repentance. "This is what this Service is all about," he stated. He noted that our nation had never been in a more grave crisis of morality and ethics. "The cry now is for persons of integrity and honesty. There is a call abroad for God-fearing persons." He

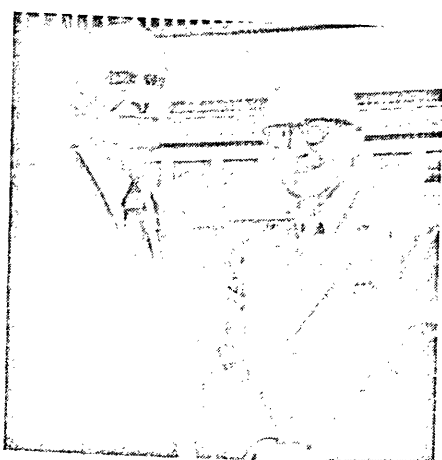
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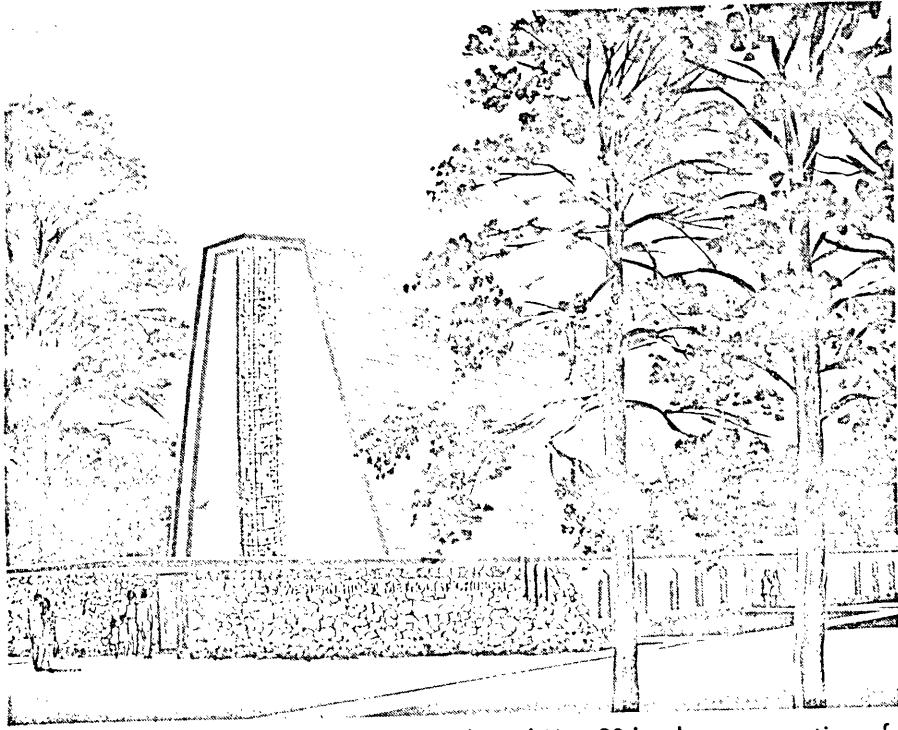


Dr. Joe Hale

RIGHT: Bishops Eugene M. Frank and Paul Hardin, Jr. photographed at opening session of Little Rock Annual Conference in Hot Springs.

BELOW: St. James Bell Ringers from St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock during Monday evening concert at Little Rock Annual Conference.





A ground-breaking ceremony was conducted May 20 by the congregation of Western Hills United Methodist Church, Little Rock, for this proposed \$225,000 auditorium. The building will accommodate about 550 persons. The church property consists of five and a half acres, purchased in 1966 from the Westridge Country Club. The congregation originally was the Douglassville Church at 7500 Asher Avenue. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, district superintendent was assisted in the ceremony by the Rev. Robert W. Robertson, pastor.

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## EDITORS

ment for two years, and as secretary of the Board of Ministry.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Workman of Conway, Ark. Dr. Workman, a retired member of the Little Rock Conference, is active in the chaplain ministry at the Little Rock and North Little Rock Veteran's Administration Hospitals. Coincidental to his son's appointment as editor, Dr. Workman is writing the current series of Sunday School Lessons for this publication during the period from June through August.

Mr. Workman is married to the former Ruth Elizabeth Teague, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Otto W. Teague, who reside in Little Rock. Dr. Teague, a retired minister, serves as associate pastor of Asbury Church. Mrs. Workman, a graduate of Hendrix College, also holds the master of arts degree in special education from State College of Arkansas at Conway. She is a teacher in Special Education at Forest Heights Junior High School.

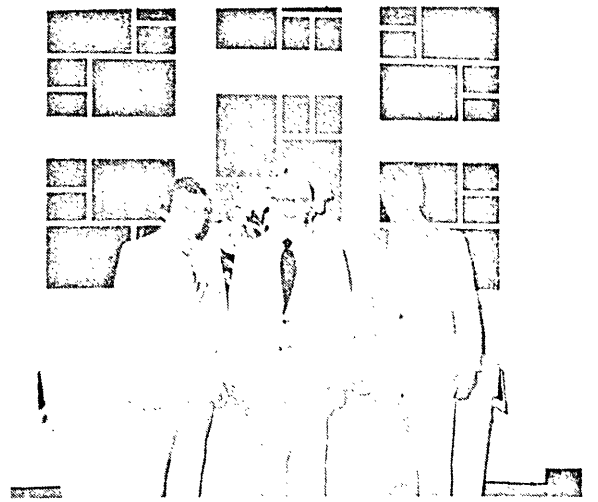
The Workmans have three sons, John Jr., 20, a senior at Hendrix College; Paul Steven, 19, a sophomore at

Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville; Charles Mark, 9, who will be a fourth grader at Terry Elementary School; and a daughter, Nancy Susan, 16, a senior at Parkview High School.

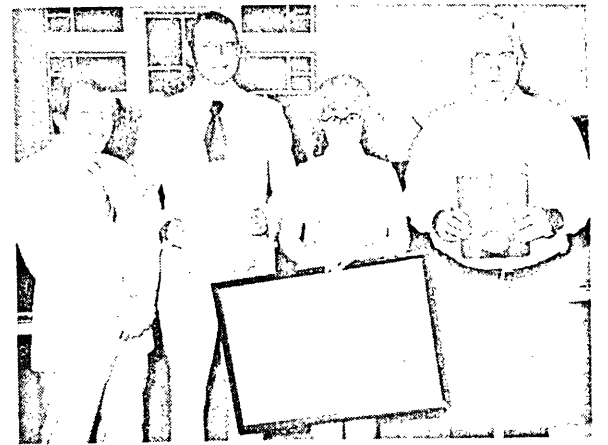
Dr. Knox, who was appointed to the editorship of the Arkansas Methodist and Louisiana Methodist more than 12 years ago, returned to Arkansas after having served for 3½ years as director of Methodist Information in the Ohio area of the Methodist Church. Previously he served pastorates at Fort Smith, West Memphis, Tuckerman, McCrory and Judsonia, and for four years as a chaplain with Air Corps units during World War II.

The retiring editor, a native of Paragould, graduated from Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Ark. and Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga. He served for two years as general secretary of the Methodist Commission on Camp Activities, an agency for administering funds from Fellowship of Suffering and Service offerings designated primarily for grants to assist local churches in providing services and facilities for minis-

The dedication service for St. Mark United Methodist Church in Camden was conducted May 9. Ministers participating in the service are, left to right: the Rev. Louis L. Averitt, pastor, Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent, and the Rev. Ben Hines, former pastor, now at First Church, West Memphis.



The pastor and trustees of St. Mark Church, Camden, are holding the mortgage note marked "paid", a picture of the church with future plans for sanctuary, and a deed. From left: pastor Averitt, Searcy Harrell, Mrs. Ed Lewis and W. A. Graves, Jr.



tering to personnel located in adjacent military installations.

Dr. Knox served for a two-year period as national president of the United Methodist Press Association. He has participated in four National Family Life Conferences and was press officer for the First World Methodist Family Life Conference in England in 1966. During his editorship, he has been the featured speaker for many church-related and civic events.

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Nursery for Pre-School age children FREE. Open for all sessions of North Arkansas Conference, First Church, Jonesboro.

Dr. J. Edward Dunlap (fifth from right), Little Rock District superintendent, and the Rev. T. G. Poss (sixth from right), pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, Benton, join in recent groundbreaking for new Mt. Carmel Educational Building. Approximate cost will be \$13,500.



Groundbreaking ceremony for the Salem United Methodist Church at Benton was held on May 20. Participants shown above are, from left on front row: Leon Patterson, the Rev. Loyd Perry, pastor, Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, district superintendent, and Hugh Bragg. Back row: Robert Gregory, Mrs. Jim Kane, Mrs. Loyd Perry and Mrs. Webb Long.

## EDITORIAL THOUGHTS

at

### Annual Conference time

Annual Conference time is either the very best or the very worst time to "theologize." It is the worst time because this is the busiest of seasons for those who must never desert their responsibility of thinking the thoughts of God, experiencing the hurts of man and doing the deeds of Christ. It is the best time in that it is the moment when the whole church gathers to consider its whole mission.

The world may properly look to the church to fulfill this awesome privilege of being "thinking and doing" Christians; God certainly expects his people to be vigilant in this, his gift of mission.

What are we to say then amidst all the busyness of hearing and making reports and laying plans and of doing what is often misrepresented as the house-work of the church?

Above all things we must say to ourselves and to the world that we gather as those who would remember who we are, why we are and what we are. As a community of sinners called to be saints, we first sit under the redeeming judgment of God. We enjoy the benefits of his suffering in Christ. We are sent to share his compassion in a world where persons are hurting. We have a divine commission to offer the cup of cold water and share the bread of life. We are called to announce that peace and justice and morality, and that whatever hurts the least of God's children are the concerns of God and therefore the agenda for his church.

All of this is why lay and clerical members of our Annual Conferences are willing to spend the long hours, the mental, physical and emotional energy required by a Conference session.

Underneath all that goes on can be heard, if you listen with the ear that hears, an exhilarating sound of triumph and joy; triumph because God's will can not be put down and joy in having the opportunity of living in such a time as servants of man in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, though our Conference members may go away with a ton of printed reports and with tiredness in body and mind, they can truthfully go away refreshed deep in their spirits. For no higher fulfillment can come than that of being a part of God's great mission in a day of such urgent need.

J.S.W.

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## Guest editorial

### Are We Reconcilers for Christ?

by Dr. Charles P. McDonald  
Superintendent, Fort Smith District

We have all read and heard a great deal in these past few months about the speaking-in-tongues movement (or Glossolalia, Charismatic, or New-Pentecostalism). Along with this are two other movements: Casting out demons and healing by the laying on of hands. These movements are prominent in all denominations, and have resulted from a lay renewal movement among the people within the churches. This renewal has been a powerful and good force in all the churches, but its leaders are now recognizing that it is in danger of becoming a divisive force between those who practice Glossolalia and those who do not.

Within the United Methodist Church, the Lay Witness Movement has been a force of renewal, and many people have found a greater relationship with God and Jesus Christ, and feel that the Holy Spirit has been leading them as never before. However, when Glossolalia, healing by the laying on of hands, and casting out demons has become a part of the Lay Witness Movement, it has become a polarizing factor within the churches.

At the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Atlanta, the Conference approved a Doctrine and Doctrinal Statement. This statement was presented by a study committee which had been working for four years. (This statement was approved by the largest vote on any proposal of the General Conference). The committee in their presentation emphasized the fact that the United Methodist Church is big enough (not in number but in spirit) to be an inclusive church. We do embrace conservatives and liberals not only in theological terms, but in

our social concerns. We are in the business to build, not destroy; include, not exclude. Hopefully, we can help people to grow in their Christian faith and find meaningful ways of serving the Lord.

In the Doctrinal Statement, it is suggested that we use four guidelines for determining our personal theology. These guidelines are expressed in four words: **SCRIPTURE — TRADITION — EXPERIENCE — REASON.**

Let me quote from this Doctrinal Statement:

**"These four norms for doctrinal formulations are not simply parallel and none can be subsumed by any other. There is a primacy that goes with Scripture, as the constitutive witness to biblical wellsprings of our faith. In practice, however, theological reflection may find its point of departure in tradition, 'experience', or rational analysis. What matters most is that all four guidelines be brought to bear upon every doctrinal consideration. Insights arising from serious study of the Scriptures and tradition enrich contemporary experience of existence. Imaginative and critical thought enable us to understand better the Bible and our common Christian history."**

We have all had some agonizing experiences as we have hammered out our own theology in light of the problems we are facing with the polarization we see developing in our Church. Therefore, I have concluded that we must not let our differences divide us. We must establish lines of communication with people with whom we differ. Surely, the Holy Spirit seeks to unite us, not

divide us. I do not speak in tongues, do not feel that it is necessary for me, and I do not desire the gift. But I hope and pray that I will not be judgmental, or condemn those who do. I must confess that I have felt their judgment on me. They have never said that their experience makes them better, or that I need the experience, but I have felt that attitude. In like manner, I am sure that I have caused them to feel that I disapprove of them and their experiences. Feelings and attitudes do not have to be expressed in words.

Now I will have to say that I do have strong reservations about healing-by-the-laying-on-of-hands and casting-out-demons, as I have heard of and seen it today. When I look at the guidelines for my theology and look at the United Methodist Church, I cannot find a place for this kind of religion.

I think that now is the time to test my theology, or faith, by the standards set by the General Conference. Is my faith, my theology, based on the Scriptures, tried by the traditions of the Christian faith, the United Methodist Church, based on an experience of grace and love, and, finally on sound reason? It seems to me that using these as our guide, we will find a solid, balanced faith that will make us reconcilers for Christ. Then we will share the common mission and ministry of Christ that will bring healing to his Body (the Church), and help us to be a part of His Kingdom today.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Six major Protestant denominations have launched, in collaboration with Jewish scholars, a joint Christian educational development project known as the "Shalom Curriculum." Dr. Edward A. Powers, a Christian Education executive of the United Church of Christ, explained that "Shalom conveys a Biblical concern for well-being, peace and justice, which are central objectives for religious education in contemporary life." Participating denominations include United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Presbyterian Church in the U. S., The Reformed Church in America, and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

In a brief order, the U. S. Supreme Court has announced that it will decide during the 1973-74 term whether two men, from Virginia and California, who served alternate civilian duty rather than be inducted into the Army, are entitled to the educational assistance available to men who served honorably in the military forces.

"What beauties these mortals be," is the spirit of the search for Miss Key 73 at Bricktown, N. J. Held as a part of the Annual Church Fair, July 14th, a Miss Key 73 pageant will select a girl who can best portray what Key 73 is trying to accomplish. This will be based on the contestant's choice of scripture selections or singing what she believes to be a related song in a maximum two-minute presentation. Complete news and radio coverage will attend the awarding of a monetary gift to the winner's youth group.

A membership loss of 35,789 was reported by the Lutheran Church in America during 1972, and Dr. Robert J. Marshall, president of the denomination, has predicted that this trend will continue in the future. He went on to say that "clearing of rolls" and improved reporting methods accounted for some of the decline in baptized members. But, he added, "We can expect continuing loss as mobility makes evangelism efforts more difficult."

Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly published in Washington, D. C. has criticized what is described as "selective morality" as applied by some people to the Watergate and Ellsberg cases. In an editorial titled "Political Espionage" in its May 25 issue, the periodical pointed out that "Both the Watergate and the Ellsberg incidents are exhibitions of law-breaking, and nothing should be allowed to obscure this fact."

Two state programs providing aid for students in non-public schools and colleges have been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the State of Washington. Glen L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, called the rulings "another magnificent link in the strong chain of court victories defending the right of individual citizens to be free of taxes for religious institutions."

Although it rejected a motion to insert the Genesis account of life into science texts, the California State Bd. of Education has approved a new introduction which states that the theory of organic evolution is the "best scientific description" available, but that science does not have all the answers. The science textbooks must now label evolution as "theory" instead of "fact."

British Baptists, often described as being opposed to Church union, heard the Rev. Douglas H. Hicks — their new president — declare in London's Westminster Chapel that the presence of the Christian church will be possible only on an ecumenical basis. Delivering a long address on the theme: "Sir, Our Business Is Persons," he said, "We must not shirk the demands of ecumenical involvement . . . I would point out that there are areas, and they will be increasing in number, where the presence of the Christian church will only be possible on an ecumenical basis."

One marriage of every seven in Czechoslovakia ends in divorce because of "alcoholism," according to a Prague Radio report. In a summary review of the country's alcohol problem, the broadcast said that some 50,000 children "live in families" where at least one of the parents is an active alcoholic. The report added that in 1971 nearly a third of all crimes in the country were committed "under the influence of alcohol."

The major missions unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has ended its operations as part of the denomination's restructuring. Dr. T. J. Liggett, president of the agency, announced in a memorandum that his agency has "phased out its programmatic responsibilities," although it will continue to exist as a legal entity in managing its properties and assets.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), has issued a plea to dissidents in the denomination to prevent a schism. Dr. Bell described "a tension and animosity which are dangerous to the very life of the Church," and said the animosity "is expressed to me in letters from conservatives (with whom I unashamedly identify myself) and from radical liberals who seem obsessed with the organizational rather than the spiritual nature of the Church." Dr. Bell asserted, "We may differ, but it must be in love."

More than 400 United Presbyterian laymen, ministers and their families are expected to attend the first National Convention of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, to be held at Grove City College (Pa.) the weekend of June 22-24. The theme for the Convention is "Now and Tomorrow."

Air pollution, a big problem for printers, is being attacked with revolutionary new processes by the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn. The House is experimenting with an ink drying technique known as Suncure, which employs ultraviolet rays to instantly change the chemical content of special solvent-free inks, leaving a hard film on the printing surface. The absence of solvents in the ink means there are no effluents to pollute the air.

Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, the former football star who now heads a Dallas marketing firm, has been named national chairman of the 1973 National Bible Week, Nov. 18-25. Commenting on the observance, Wilkinson, an Episcopalian, said, "The revitalization of America's spiritual heritage and vision is fundamentally important to the future of our nation. We can make progress toward this objective by motivating our citizens to read the Bible regularly."

The Executive Council of the Lutheran Church in America has directed the denomination's agencies and executives to use recycled paper, "print on both sides when feasible," recycle discarded paper, and "use biodegradable or reusable products. The LCA Council also invited the American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to "explore ways for cooperative expression of ecological concerns."

Five churches of different denominations in Swindon, England are to be sold and replaced by one in what is described as one of the most comprehensive ecumenical experiments yet launched in Britain. Two of the churches are owned by the United Reformed Church (formed last October through merger of English Presbyterians and Congregationalists) and one each by the Baptist, Methodist and Church of Christ denominations. The new all-purpose church complex to be built from proceeds of the sales will provide accommodations for the worship and work of the four denominations. It will include a youth center, an old people's club, clinics for marriage guidance, alcoholics and drug addicts, and a sanctuary for worship. A spokesman said that in many older towns churches need refurbishing and older buildings should be sold to make way for a similar experiment.

Conrad Hilton, chairman of Hilton Hotels Corp. will be honored as Lay Churchman of the Year by Religious Heritage of America. RHA is a national, interfaith, religious and educational organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating America's religious heritage. Hilton, long recognized as a business leader, is founder, director, or trustee of more than 100 charitable organizations.

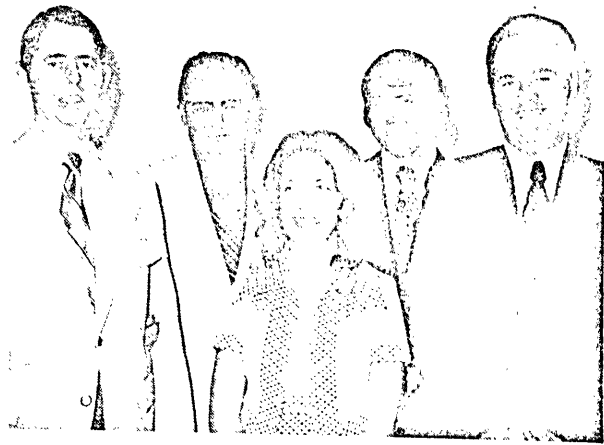
Dr. Harold O. J. Brown, associate editor of Christianity Today, addressing a recent Conference on Christianity and Politics, sponsored by Calvin College, decried the anti-capitalistic atmosphere that he feels is pervading America. He held that "many of the supposed evils of capitalism are really evils of technology. Admitting that capitalism has an inherent tendency to reduce all of life to economics, Brown said that communism by its basic philosophy has already done this. "Christians," he said, "must struggle to prevent a part of life—the economic—from becoming the totality of life."



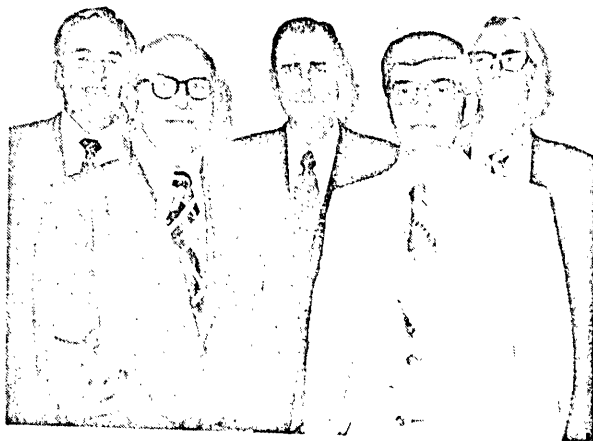
BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — George Reedy, a former Presidential aide who is now dean of Marquette University's College of Journalism, tells Protestant and Roman Catholic editors that the Watergate disclosures could well be a blessing in disguise as a point of departure in reforming the U.S. Presidency. Addressing the joint national convention of the Catholic Press Association and the Associated Church Press, the former aide to the late President Lyndon B. Johnson declared that "arrogance" and a position of exaltation in power and authority have become part of the White House scene in the last 20 to 30 years and that Watergate was "inevitable" and could have happened in previous administrations. (RNS Photo)



## Little Rock Conference Workshop on "Our Living Bible" series



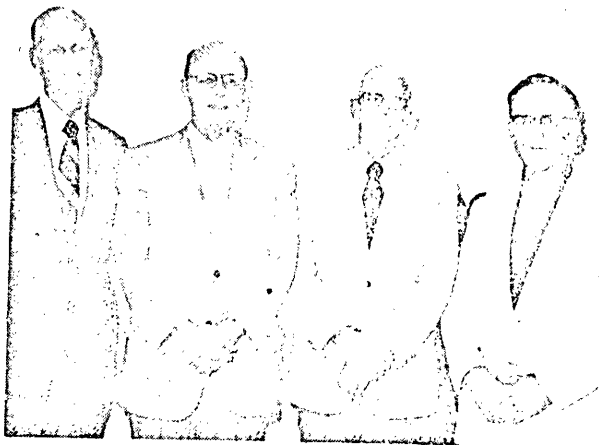
Hope District Superintendent Dr. D. Mouzon Mann and district team at Little Rock Conference Workshop on "Our Living Bible Series" held May 15 at Headquarters Building, Little Rock. Team members are the Rev. Darrell Bone, Miss Pam Alagood, the Rev. Charley Settle, and the Rev. Dan George.



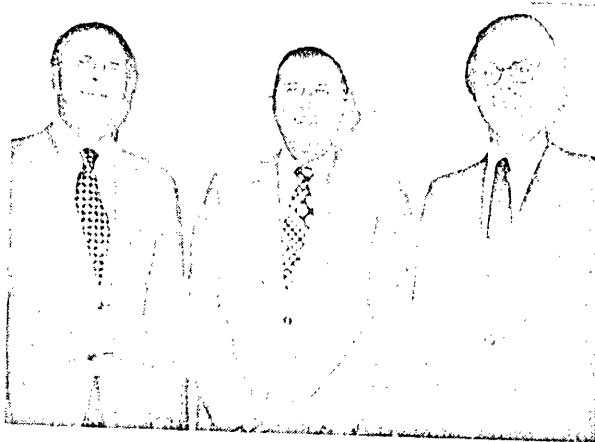
Arkadelphia District Superintendent Dr. George W. Martin and his team attended the workshop which examined the new adult curriculum resource material. Arkadelphia team includes the Revs. Bob Trieschmann, James Richardson, David Prothro, and Dr. George Ivey.



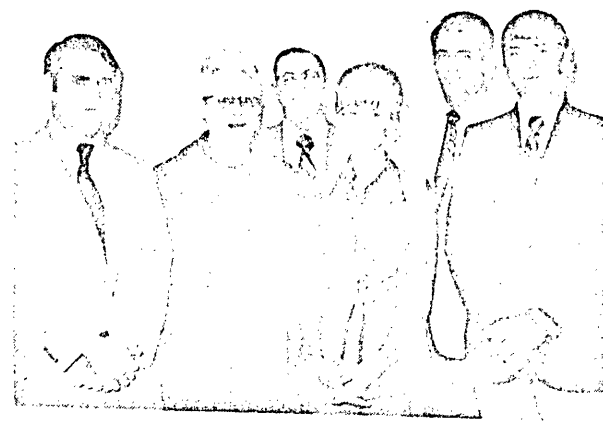
The workshop, attended by Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, and his team, was conducted by the Rev. Alf A. Eason, Program Council Director. Camden team members are the Rev. Don Nolley, Dr. Clint Burleson, the Revs. John Ross and George Tanner.



Monticello District Superintendent Everett Vinson and district team at meeting. Teams were trained to conduct workshops in their districts and sub-districts. Monticello team includes the Revs. Palmer Garner, George Meyer, and Virgil Bell.



Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent, and team members Dr. Ed Hollenbeck and the Rev. Michael Clayton at workshop. Each participant received a kit of materials on the Living Bible Series from the Conference Board of Education.



Pine Bluff District Superintendent Virgil D. Keeley and his team learned that the series will be available for use in September. Pine Bluff team members are the Rev. Larry Williams, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Mrs. Sarah Hays, the Rev. Edward Matthews, and the Rev. Jack Wilson.

## Council Directors to Local Churches

Adult Church School classes and groups will have a new piece of curriculum available for study in September, 1973. It is, "Our Living Bible Series," known to some by the letters (OLB). The INTRODUCTORY KITS are available now, from Cokesbury, 1910 Main Street, Dallas, Tex. 75221, \$2.95 each. Those who desire may begin now preparing for the use of this material.

The "Our Living Bible Series" will be a fuller and richer Bible Study than has been available in the past. Spiritual guidance and nourishment is the purpose of this material, instead of scholarly detail. During the three years for which it is planned, September 1973 through August 1976, the "Our Living Bible Series" will cover every major idea and all outstanding personalities in the Bible, including topics that are often omitted, such as the idea of heaven and hell. It will be a systematic study of the whole Bible consisting of twelve undated units, one per quarter.

The first unit, "Channels of His Spirit," is a study of the Acts of The Apostles. The other eleven units will follow the sequence of the books of the Bible. In the unit, "Acts Of The Apostles," groups will be studying the beginnings of the Christian Church and will be led to think through on how

the early Christians sought to understand what God was doing among them.

The second unit of this series will be on Genesis. It discusses the history and traditions of the people of God from the beginning with the creation story. Subsequent units will move through biblical history, concentrating on God's relationship, or covenant, with His people.

Resources are numerous, but the Bible will be the chief resource in the study of "Our Living Bible Series." A student book is available, but a teacher/leader's book is also provided. The teacher/leader's book explains how the Bible and the student book can be used in study sessions. A variety of teaching methods are offered in a second set of teaching plans.

Teachers/leaders that are competent in the use of other adult curriculum materials will have no difficulty in presenting the lessons from the "Our Living Bible Series." No unusual skills will be needed to use either of the two sets of teaching plans. However, each teacher/leader should seek to prepare in the best possible way for the presentation of this, or any, lesson materials studied.

The INTRODUCTORY KIT contains one copy of each of the student's and teacher's books, a BROCHURE

Introducing Our Living Bible Series, one CASSETTE C-30 tape, one copy of PLANBOOK FOR ADULTS 1973-1974, and a poster for use in the classrooms or on bulletin boards.

Commentaries teachers and other leaders study regularly will be helpful in the study of this new series. Also, two special resources are recommended: RSV OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE and RSV HARPER STUDY BIBLE. Those who teach this new material will find these helpful.

Symbolism used with the "Our Living Bible Series" is excellent. It consists of the "CIRCLE," "CHALICE," and "BURNING BUSH." The "CIRCLE" symbolizes God's universal nature. The "CHALICE" is our symbol of the New Covenant. The "BURNING BUSH" means to us the Old Covenant. When you put these three together, you are saying that God was present in the Old Covenant, but that His presence is also made known in and through the New Covenant. It seems appropriate that we shall begin a three-year study in adult groups with the theme: "Channels Of His Spirit."

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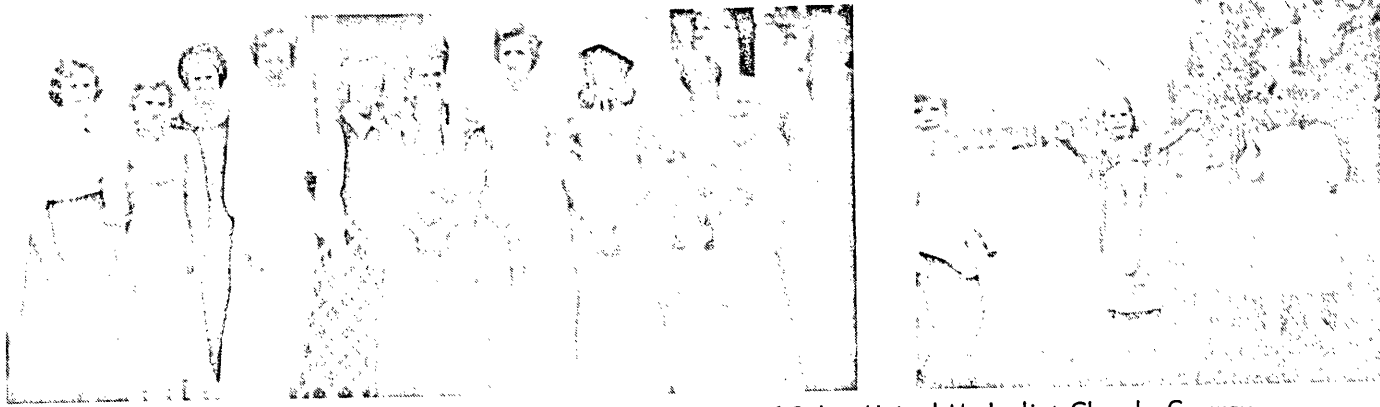
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Costumes of the last century were worn by parishioners of Salem United Methodist Church, Conway District, when the church observed Homecoming and Centennial Celebration, May 6. The little girl on the right is wearing a dress which her grandfather wore when he was a child. The Rev. Von D. Mooney is pastor of the Salem Church and also serves as campus minister at State College of Arkansas, Conway.

#### 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.

June 3—Sunday	Acts 2:22-36
June 4	Acts 2:37-47
June 5	Acts 4:1-4, 13-33
June 6	Acts 5:12-16
June 7	Acts 5:34-42
June 8	Acts 6:1-15
June 9	Acts 8:1-17
June 10	Acts 2:1-21

#### NEWS and NOTES

**HENDRICKS HILLS CHURCH** in Fort Smith will observe its Tenth Anniversary on Sunday, June 10. Dr. Charles McDonald, district superintendent, will preach during the 10:30 worship service. Immediately following, he and the Rev. C. Waymon Hollis, pastor, will consecrate the new educational building. A picnic dinner will be held on the grounds and there will be afternoon singing and special presentations.

**HOLLY SPRINGS** United Methodist Church will celebrate its annual homecoming Sunday, May 27. The morning worship service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a basket lunch during the noon hour. This year Holly Springs will commemorate 121 years of service to the area, which makes it one of the oldest churches in Miller County. It was established in 1852 and the cemetery shortly thereafter. The church is located between Genoa and Fouke, on the Rondo Circuit of the Hope District. The Rev. Roger Armstrong is pastor.

**COTTON PLANT** United Methodist members have purchased the property that joins the church on the east side. A new parsonage will be built some time in the future. John James is chairman of the Administrative Board, Billey Tarplet is church lay leader, and Jim Myover is president of Methodist Men. The Rev. Oliver W. Logan is pastor.

**AT BLYTHEVILLE**, 28 graduating seniors of First United Methodist Church families were honored at a country-western dinner in Wesley Hall, May 10. Decorations, program books, and entertainment featured the western theme. Music was by Johnny Tolley, vocalist and guitarist. The welcome was by the Rev. J. William Watson, pastor. The invocation and benediction were by L. D. Harris and Robert Stiles. Gifts to graduates were pendants of enameled crosses. Mrs. David Miles and Mrs. James E. Ross served as banquet chairmen. "Ranch hands" who assisted in serving were girls from the junior class.

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#### CHAPLAINS AND SMU ALUMNI TO MEET

A special breakfast will be held to honor all North Arkansas Conference Chaplains. This will be held at Luby's Cafeteria at 7 a.m. Tuesday morning, June 5. Chaplain Robert B. Howerton of San Antonio, Tex. will be presiding. Featured speaker is to be Dr. Purnell Bailey, executive secretary of the Commission on Chaplains.

The Southern Methodist University Alumni will hold a breakfast on Wednesday morning at 6:30 o'clock, June 6, at Holiday Inn. Representing Southern Methodist University will be Mr. Robert Bell. The North Arkansas Conference Alumni representatives are Dr. Charles McDonald, and Dr. Harold Eggensperger.

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**A PEACE OFFICERS** Breakfast will be held in Pine Bluff, May 31, with United Methodist Men of Lakeside Church as sponsors. Guests are expected from the Jefferson County area. Joe Sweatt is the featured speaker. The Rev. Ed Matthews is the Lakeside minister.

**THE REV. VON DELL MOONEY**, Wesley Foundation director at State College of Arkansas, Conway, and his daughter, Diane, escaped serious injury during the stormy evening of May 8. Returning from Fort Smith, near the Conway-Pope County line their car was lifted off the ground by tornadic winds, spun around twice in the road, pitched into the median and spun around two more times. Both wore seat belts and were uninjured.

**THE HOLIDAY HILLS** United Methodist Church served its first supper in the new Fellowship Hall Friday evening, May 18, with an attendance of 56, including the Batesville District Superintendent, Floyd G. Villines, Jr. and Mrs. Villines. Jahl R. Tucker served as MC and before introducing the district superintendent, he surprisingly presented to the pastor a plaque naming the new annex "TOM COWAN HALL." He also recognized all those who had made considerable contributions of free labor on the new fellowship hall.

## NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

the Executive Committee of Key 73.

The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is pastor of the host church, which will be assisted in hosting the conference by the following churches and pastors: Fisher Street, Pharis J. Holifield; Huntington Avenue, James R. Chandler; Nettleton-Brookland, John Holifield, and St. Paul's, Jerry Canada.

A major item of business which will come before the Annual Conference will be the proposed redistricting plan which calls for a reduction in the number of districts from seven to six. The Annual Conference will vote to determine the number of Districts and, if a change is indicated, boundary lines will be determined by the resident bishop.

A second important decision to be made by the Annual Conference will concern a plan for payment of the balance owed on Myers Ranch, a Conference camp property comprising nearly 1,000 acres near Clinton, Arkansas. The need and cost of a study for producing a master plan for future development will also be presented.

The Wesley Foundations of the upper half of the state — four in number — are presenting through the Commission on Higher Education a request for additional funds for improvements on student centers along with other needs. Foundations and directors include: Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, the Rev. James T. Randle; Arkansas Tech at Russellville, the Rev. Muriel Peters; State College of Arkansas, Conway, the Rev. Von Dell Mooney, and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, the Rev. Lewis Chesser.

A fourth item will be the presentation of the need for additional hospital facilities at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, which is owned by North Arkansas Conference along with two other Annual Conferences.

The election of Deacons and Elders into full connectional membership in the Conference will occur early in the session of the Annual Conference to give those received into this relation-

ship the privilege of voting on issues which come before the conference.

The schedule calls for special dinners and programs for various agencies and Boards. The Board of Pensions will honor all retired ministers and also those retiring this year. The Church of the Year Award Banquet, sponsored each year by the Committee on Town and Country Ministries will be held at Carl Reng Center, ASU. The Ministers' wives will meet for their annual luncheon and program.

This year a breakfast will be held on Tuesday morning to honor United Methodist Chaplains who will be present for the 9 a.m. business session. A Southern Methodist University Alumni breakfast is planned for Wednesday morning. During the Conference session representatives from Hendrix College, S.M.U., Philander Smith College, and St. Paul's School of Theology will speak in behalf of those institutions of higher learning.

This year all ministers will have advance knowledge of their next year's pastoral assignments. Thus both clerical and lay delegates will be free to give attention to conference matters.

Bishop Frank will be assisted by the district superintendents who comprise the North Arkansas Conference cabinet: the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Batesville District; Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District; Dr. Raymond L. Franks, Fayetteville District; Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District; Dr. Charles P. McDonald, Fort Smith District; Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District; the Rev. Elmo A. Thomason, Paragould District, and C. C. Hall, Hot Springs.

On hand to help in other areas of responsibility will be the Rev. James M. Meadors of Walnut Ridge, conference secretary; Grafton Thomas of Little Rock, conference treasurer; the Rev. Allan Hilliard of Fayetteville, conference statistician, and the directors of the Conference Council on Ministries, Dr. Harold Eggensperger, the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, and the Rev. John H. Thompson.

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**DR. ROY SHILLING**, president of Hendrix College, was the Ladies Night speaker for United Methodist Men of Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Wednesday, May 23. Dr. Ray Hozendorf is the Winfield pastor.

United Methodism's Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo., is planning a special one-week summer course of intensive studies in theology, Bible and ethics open to high school students who have completed their sophomore year.

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## Hendrix grad from Zaire, Africa to receive top honor

Miss Elsie Ann McKee, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles McKee of the Republic of Zaire, Africa, will be the top honor graduate in a class of 215 seniors who will receive the bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix College at Commencement exercises scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

Six seniors will graduate with honors. They include John Gillean of Texarkana, Susan Jelen of Little Rock, John Lovett of Crossett, Walter May of Hot Springs, Edgar Tyler of Conway and Stephen Venable of Little Rock.

Other graduates include Durant Charles Rizzie II of Arlington, Va.; Susan Jane Hazelbaker and Jeanette Keath of Augusta; James Wayne Etter of Bassett; Harriet Lynn Norris, James Mack Street and Grant Pierce Williams of Batesville; Gary Keith Allen of Bee Branch and Richard Lee Hayes of Beebe.

Pamela Ferguson, David Allen Grace, M. Samuel Jones III and Kristin Plummer of Benton; Ronald Edward Edgar and Joe Dodd Hester of Blytheville; Rita Ann Gray, Chester Monroe Lucas and Julia Ann Midkiff of Brinkley.

Elizabeth Ann See of Cabot; Elizabeth Kathleen Campbell and William Dale Dedman of Camden; Deborah Kay Pile of Charleston; James Thompson Shrigley of Clarksville; Jeff Rogers Smith of Clinton.

Paula Sue Alexander, John Thomas Bumpers, Donna Lynn Crawford, Terry Dwayne Hendricks, Raymond Anthony Kordsmeier, Lance David Leopold, Marsha Ann Lewis, Mary Jo Mobley, Pamela Susan Mooney, Mark Lee Ray, John William Ritchey, Barbara Baker Satterfield, Milton Marshall Satterfield, Jr., Jerrell E. Stamps

and Sheri Gayle Thompson of Conway.

Roy L. Rhodes of Corning; Ferris Wendel Norton III of Crossett; Joseph Oscar Thornton, Sr., of Damascus; Thomas Harold Grumbles of Dermott; Alan W. Eastham, Jr., of Dumas; Hugh Decimus Reynolds III, Robert R. Rumph, Clarice Ann Russell, Lyndon Gordon Strickland and Nanci Murray Vanderford of El Dorado.

Susan Dawne Benafield of England; John Maduako Agazie of Enugu, Nigeria; Mary Frances Keck of Eureka Springs; Mark Reeves Cate, Benjamin Harrison Hall and Richard Alan Lancaster of Fayetteville; Joe Dwain Durmon of Fordyce; Carol Faupel, William M. Gibbs III, Mary Ann Gwinn and Varnelle Bonner McCollum of Forrest City.

Susan Cloninger, Cleve Lindsey Cotner, Jr., David Alan Hawkins, Robyn Lynn Hutcheson, Wilfred Lewis Kleck, Ronald Paul McDonald and William Carl Temple of Fort Smith; Sondra Gail Ward of Harrison; Rita Thweatt Grumbles of Hazen; Nicholas Ray Brown and Ned Elbinus Penney, Jr., of Helena; Richard R. Wilson of Humphrey and Larry Don Wright of Hope.

Julia Elizabeth Connelly, Carl Arnold Crow, Jr., Connie Moore Gallagher, Karen Lynn Hunt, Katherine Louise McCully Randel, William Radford Randel, Kathryn M. Rowe and Danny M. Thomas of Hot Springs; Katherine Sue Fuller of Kansas City, Mo. and Manuel Oswaldo Juarez of Lima, Peru.

Clint Adams Albright, James Buckingham Argue, Jr., Susan Ann Barber, Stephen D. Barden, Stanley Keith Berry, Susan Annette Bew, Cynthia Bowen Blanchard, Margaret Bost, Cary B. Bradburn, Deborah Ann

Brians, Robert Raymond Bumpas, Harry Michael Carter, Russell B. Chitwood, Jr., Martha Crofoot, Gary Wayne Douglas, Karen Ann Eberle, Brian Michael Elwood, Jeannine Michelier Eremea, Ernest B. Farquharson, Gary Richard Faulkner, Lucinda Elizabeth Forgy, Richard J. Gallagher II, Omar F. Greene II, Jerry Wayne Handling, Mary Elizabeth Henry, Cindie Holland, John Gardner Howard III, Martha Kay Hunt, Alice Penelope Jaques, Thomas Michael Kumpuris, Beverly Ann Landers, Mary Elaine Lester, Larry D. Lowe, Ann Louise Mallory, Sally Louise Moseley, Wesley Louis Nolden II, Marilela Pence, Steven Phillips, Ida Melissa Pike, William Arlee Pollard, William Randolph Reehm, Louise English Rice, Harry Truman Rosenblum, James Gregory Russell, Ralph D. Scott, Jr., Robert Dale Swesey, Jr., Peter Owen Thomas, Jr., Mary Margaret Capps White, Julie Smith Wiedower and Roger Godfrey Williams of Little Rock.

Rebecca Bransford Smith of Looke; James Clifton Christopher of Louisville, Ky.; Clayton Neils Gould of McGehee; James David Alford, Laura Gail Atkinson, Patrick L. Weber of Magnolia; Roy Lee Ashabranner, Jr., of Manila; Susan Marie Read of Matteson, Illinois and Peter M. Soens of Mayflower.

Darryl Alan Warren of Memphis; Edsel Clinton Langley, Jr., of Monroe, La.; Jeanne Irene Harris, Sarah Vinson Short of Monticello and Georgia Ann Miles of Mountain Home.

Warren Martin Blanchard, Jill Fishback Brown, Gary DeHaven Cohen, Gordon R. Donham, Mary Jane Goss, Martin Lee Hearne, Aniel H. House, Jr., Michael Patrick Kelley, Clifford William McBryde, Randy Dale Mc-

Pherson, Robert Wayne McWilliams, Jimmy Eugene Murphy, Thomas Ewing Porter, Sandra Christine Smith, Adrian Elyse Sprigg and Kathy Walker of North Little Rock.

Marcia Beth Coley of Newport; Lloyd Austin Mehaffey of New Orleans, La.; George Patton Hughes of Osceola; Glenda Parker Bean, Mary Jean Crume, Dennis E. Go, Thelma La'Vern Hampton, Anita Arnold Hughes, Richard Stockton Lambert, William Kirby Mouser, William Kirk Riley, Frances Ann Unsell and Linda Hammond Williams of Pine Bluff.

Kurt W. Wulfekuhler of Paragould; David Wayne Utley of Paris; Herb Rummel of Paron; Lynne D. Boone of Plummerville; Lois Virginia Kincaid of Richmond, Mo.; Fran Alleen Featherston and Anne McMurtrey of Rison; Glen Michael Millar of Roland and James E. Schnebly II of Rose Bud.

Hervey H. Hill, Patricia Carol Hugler, Fred Ernest King and Bruce Mobley of Russellville; Henry Howard Henley III of Scarsdale, N. Y.; George Frank Carder III, Stephen Maxwell Patterson, Phyllis Pyeatt and Richard John Turrentine of Searcy.

Timothy Jay Armstrong of Sheridan; Lynda Sue Carter of Sherrill; Joe Frank Atkinson, Jr., of Shreveport; Robert Joseph Lambert, Jr., of Sikeston, Mo.; William Norton Reed of Star City; Morris Hughes of Texarkana; Linda Kathleen Sloan of Van Buren and Amy Hubbard Thomason of Vine-land, N. J.

Steven Clark Fincher of Waldo; James Paul Beachboard and John Thomas Ederington of Warren; Karen S. Hill of Wayland, Mass.; Deborah Hardwick Primm of Wheatley and Valerie Lindsay Thwing of Wynne.

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cautioned that while the church must call the nation to repentance, it must first heed the call itself. "We have been judgmental of each other; we have condemned each others theological viewpoints. We must ourselves respond to the call to repentance and faith."

The opening Communion Service, planned by the Commission on Worship, was built around John Wesley's Covenant Service. A brass ensemble and the Girls Choir from First Church provided the music during the unusual and inspiring Service.

### BISHOP PAUL HARDIN, JR. IS CONFERENCE PREACHER

If the church is to fulfill its mission to the world today it must "release its brakes," according to Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. Speaking at the opening Worship Service of the Little Rock Conference last Monday evening the Bishop stated that "the brake light on the dashboard of the church has been flashing for a long time," indicating loss of members, decrease in attendance, waning influence and other signs of decline. "We're still trying to operate the church with the brakes on," reiterated the Bishop, now retired and living at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

Bishop Hardin urged his hearers to

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overcome their doubts, noting that we need a great faith in our time. United Methodists must, he urged, "release the brakes" of indifference, prejudice, extremism, of materialism and of fear. The Bishop preached at Tuesday evening's Service and at the Ordination Service Wednesday night.

### CALLED BUSINESS SESSION MONDAY NIGHT

At a special called evening session the Conference heard Dr. Walter Hazard, president of Philander Smith College, speak in the interest of the Black College Development Fund. Noting the emphasis today to "search for the new man" of our time, he stated that the church must not forget its responsibility "to nurture the underprivileged and underdeveloped man." The goal for the Fund for this quadrennium is six million dollars which if reached would bring about \$250,000 a year for the four years to Philander Smith College.

The Conference also heard Roy Smith, youth delegate from the Pine Bluff District. He reported on the progress of a proposed new constitution for the youth work of the Conference. This study group is recommending that the Conference go on record the establishing as a moral re-

sponsibility a goal that one-third of the membership of the Conference Youth Council be of minority group membership and that one-third of the delegates to Conference Camp from each District be from members of former Southwest Conference churches.

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### THE REV. PAUL KELLEY

The Rev. Paul Kelley, 59, pastor of First United Methodist Church at Melbourne, died on Friday, April 20, at a Fort Smith Hospital following 28 days in the intensive care unit. Funeral services were held at the Midland Heights United Methodist Church in Fort Smith with burial at Elizabeth Hall Cemetery at New Blaine.

He leaves his wife, Ina; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Pullen of Fort Smith; three sons, Don and Delton, both of Fort Smith, and Doyle of Columbia, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Irma Colby of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two brothers, Robert and Holman, both of North Little Rock, and 11 grandchildren.

For eight years he was pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church (now Wesley Church) in Fort Smith. He had been pastor of the Melbourne Church since 1969.

### MRS. T. A. PREWITT

Mrs. Hughetta Duncan Prewitt, 87, of Tillar, wife of T. Archie Prewitt, a southeast Arkansas agricultural, political, and Methodist leader, died May 14. Mrs. Prewitt was a member of the Tillar United Methodist for 76 years. She was the author of several inspirational books and tracts which were published and distributed by the Methodist Publishing House.

She attended Drew Normal Institute near Monticello, and Henderson-Brown College (now Henderson State College) at Arkadelphia.

The Prewitts observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1957.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Catheryn P. McDaniel of Little Rock; two sons, T. A. Prewitt of McGehee and C. R. Prewitt of Tillar, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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### News in Brief

Arthur S. Flemming, prominent United Methodist layman and a former U.S. cabinet member, has been nominated by President Nixon to be commissioner on aging in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



## LESSON FOR JUNE 10: God Is Supreme

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:3-6; Matthew 6:24-34; James 4:7-8.

**MEMORY LESSON:** You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** to understand God as the one true God, and to love Him above all other rivals for our goals and values in life.

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"In God We Trust" is engraved on our money. Is He written, in the first place, supreme in our heart, thought, word and deed? Even among the great Judeo-Christian religions there are varying viewpoints of God's place in the Ten Commandments, but he is always first and last — supreme. Judaism, the religion of the Jews, makes the first commandment mean "I am the Lord." Most Protestants, Greek Orthodox adherents, and reformed traditions make this mean that there are no other gods. Roman Catholic and Lutheran Churches make it mean that there are no other gods, and no images shall be made. For the second commandment, Judaism proclaims no other gods and no images. Most of Protestantism, Greek Orthodox and Reformed traditions, make it proclaim "No Images." Roman Catholics emphasize the Name of the Lord. The various representations of these first two commandments is dramatized in two main groupings of the Ten Commandments, four and six, and five and five. Dr. Weaver's photograph, "Moses and the Ten Commandments", page 1, of the Adult Leader, shows the four and six order. Most pictures of the commandments show them five on either column of the tables. Always, God is the one true God and no image is to be made of Him.

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### A BUSINESSMAN PUTS GOD FIRST

Bishop Edward L. Tullis, quotes in "What Is Our Concern?", p. 12, Adult Bible Studies, the conversation of a friend of John Wanamaker: "He was a merchant, postmaster general, and president of one of the largest department stores in America. He was a faithful churchman and worked in the education and worship programs of his church. The friend asked him, 'How do you find time to work in Sunday School when you have so many other obligations that take your time?' Mr. Wanamaker replied, 'Why the Sunday School is my business, all other things are just "things." Forty-five years ago I decided that God's promise was true and sure: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.' " The commandment that was put first in the revelation to Moses took first place in this Christian's life.

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### THE ONE SUPREME GOD IS SEEN IN JESUS CHRIST

Jesus worshipped God. He never gave an argument for God. There is none in the Bible, Old or New Testament. There is no definition or name or God in the Bible. "I Am That I Am", (Exodus 3:14) is God's "amazing answer" to Moses' question. Can you find any record of Jesus calling God by name? He taught his followers to pray to "our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." God's revelations of Himself are far beyond the limits of argument and definition in the life of Jesus Christ, Paul, and Philip. To Philip Jesus answered, "He who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:8-11) No idol image of God can represent the immensity of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ our Lord. The first scripture for today's lesson is interpreted by Lutherans and Roman Catholics as completion of the first commandment, whereas others make them two commandments. God is supreme in the teaching of the commandments. In following the priority of the first commandment we are assured that "we cannot have other gods, but we can always have Him," Bishop Tullis states.

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### IDOL WORSHIP MEANS LESSER LOYALTY THAN WORSHIP OF GOD

When Moses gave the commandments to Israel from the height of Sinai, he found the Israelites below in the worship of the golden calf idol. He rebuked them for having "lesser loyalty to idols." They should have "one commanding loyalty." The Israelites lived among Canaanites who worshipped Baal, an agricultural deity who was supposed to bring fertility to the land and produce abundant harvests. Bishop Tullis asks, "Why not give Baal a part of life's worship and play it safe? This temptation did not die with the Israelites. Why not divide up life's interests? Why should one God demand supreme loyalty? What is the difference between these loyalties?"

Idolatry was denounced by the prophets as prostitution of the worship of God. When they proclaimed the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of the living, they were witnessing to the supremacy of God over death and life. This God is a god of righteousness, justice, mercy — and the dignity of the humble is to walk with Him.

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### WORSHIP OF GOD IS ONE SUPREME LOYALTY

The heart of this lesson is to worship God with all one's heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love one's neighbor as himself. Jesus' teaching of "No one can serve God and mammon" calls for love over hate and devotion over abhorrence. One cannot do both. Life's anxieties are rebuked by God's care of the birds of the air, and the lilies of the field.

A humble preacher was giving a large sum — for his small income — for a Christian school in distress. His successful son-in-law admonished him sharply for his "extravagance." The preacher replied, "Consider the birds and the flowers." The younger man replied, "That's not very practical!" Or, is it? The preacher knew that he couldn't take it with him, but he could leave it invested in Christian teaching. Three generations since have been blessed by his following the spirit of the words of his Lord.

In "serving" the Lord, Dr. Barclay freshens the meaning by saying the word "serve" means "to be a slave." Also, he continues, the word "Master" means "absolute ownership." "Mammon" means money or property used as a medium of exchange. So to worship God means to serve as his slave. For what worth is money except what you get in its exchange? John Wesley's rule was to earn all you can, save all you can, spend all you can, and give all you can, in the spirit the Lord Jesus Christ has given us. That applies to this Pentecost anniversary, as it did in Wesley's days of circuit riding. Wesley feared that his people would grow so prosperous in worldly things that they would forget the Lord who made it possible for them to have "over and above" what they needed. The liberty in slavery to Jesus Christ our Lord is given a lasting testimony in the hymn of George Matheson, "Make me a captive Lord, and then I shall be free . . ." His hymn, "O Love that wilt not let me go . . ." again witnesses to the slavery to God which is true Christian sonship to the One God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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### DO WE IDENTIFY OUR MODERN IDOLS?

In the Adult Leader John D. Humphrey recommended Bishop Tullis' identification of man's idolatries. The following statement from Martin Luther is quoted: "Your god is that around which you entwine your heart and on which you place your confidence . . . Man-made idols, other gods, had no particular moral principles." These man-made idols, gods of physical ease, comfort, popularity, prestige, or security, leave man dissatisfied in his hunger and thirst for righteousness. A distinguished Frenchman, on a visit to the United States, said to some American friends, "I see you put up in New York Harbor

a monstrous idol which you called "Liberty." Truly with all the liberation experiments currently enervating our lives, the liberty and the freedom with which God in Christ sets us free, cry out for a renewing of the old and new life abundant.

Bishop Tullis' outlines the following topics for our study of the scriptures: "We Must Have a God"; The God we worship "Determines The Direction of our Lives"; In worship we "Give Ourselves to God", in a manner exemplified in John Wanamaker's dedication; and follow the way — "How to Put God First." True, lesser idols, objects of loyalty and worship do exist; work, money, speed, success, status, health, travel, leisure, "but they are not God." Harold Minor, Editor of "Adult Leader," challenges us with the effects of these competing idols in modern life. The Christian attitude in prayer to the one supreme God, will polarize our chief loyalty to Him. God's will for the life of each child of his will command that child's every thought, word, and deed, and give strength to live in his care. The first commandment affirms the unique first choice of God for Israel's worship, "the unity of all life," and all its aspects as "integral parts of one common universe."

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### GOD'S JEALOUS LOVE REQUIRES OUR FIRST LOVE

The second commandment, next to the longest of the ten, cries out against a superficial tolerance of beliefs in other gods with the proclamation of God's nature, of jealous love! God loves us, and requires our first love of Him. God desires us to love Him above every other object of attention and devotion. "Either God is one's supreme object of devotion, or something else dominates one's life." Just as God cares for all nature, much more does He care for each child of his creation.

Someone has said that "word" and "weather" are life's two most meaningful expressions. God's love and man's eternal communion with Him are the fulfilling of the first two commandments. Words about God must lead us to revealing His wonderful acts in our daily life. We need emotional, mental, moral, physical, and total spiritual wholeness in fulfilling the spirit of these commandments. Other loyalties than first loyalty to God split life into many lesser loyalties to tear apart life that was created to be whole, holy, and wholesome. This is God's vow, and covenant, like the marriage covenant, in Hosea, and in Revelation; "The Spirit and the Bride say come." No promises of security in the resources of commercial media, newsprint, television, radio, signboard, and talk, can satisfy the human hunger for the Way, the Truth and The Life abundant in loyalty to God's will.

Rollo May, a long admired counselor, diagnoses the emptiness of our rapidly changing society as a result of our "outer-directed" rather than "inner-directed" life. Fears and anxiety result. Jesus preached life's major loyalty, life's driving force in the Sermon on the Mount. This is life's first and final commandment, to be fulfilled. Harold Minor reports a newspaper topic, "Back to God, If No Ball Game." A modern cartoon cited the bride in gown and train, accosting the groom on the golf tee, and his reply, "I said, If it doesn't rain." Weather and word proclaim our worship, our intention and devotion. "In God We Trust" should mean "Our Trust is God."

To attend church worship and Church School. to read and live Bible truth are evidences and operations of celestial nurture, therapy and surgery, through true repentance and faith.

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### DEVOTIONAL AIDS IN DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Exodus 20:3-6; God or Mammon — Matthew 6:24-33; James 4:1-10; Genesis 32:22-32; Exodus 34:11-17; Luke 18:18-30; and Psalms 62 are helpful studies for home devotion during the week before this lesson is considered the following Sunday. They center our attention upon God, and our Lord.

Next week's lesson, is "More Than Lip Service," dealing with the third commandment. "Father, fix our hearts, our wills, upon Thee in perfect confidence."



# Bolivian bishop urges continuing missionary presence

NEW YORK (UMI) — Without abandoning its commitment to "an integral Gospel for all men and for the whole of man" including commitment to social involvement and service, Methodists of Bolivia "at this moment" are placing a top priority on evangelism, church growth and congregational life, says their leader.

Other priorities are leadership training of indigenous pastors, agriculturalists and other workers, and further internationalization of the "foreign" missionary corps serving with Bolivian coworkers, according to Bishop Mortimer Arias. He said missionaries from the U. S. are "needed and useful" in Bolivia.

Since 1969 when the Evangelical Methodist Church became autonomous, Bishop Arias has been its episcopal head. The church has a constituency of about 10,000 and a membership of about 2,500. The latter represents a figure that means active, participating members, said the bishop, because only those who make a public declaration and agree to actively support the church are received as members. The constituency includes adherents, probationary members and others in the "Methodist community," he added.

Interviewed while conferring in New York with United Methodist officials on a recent U. S.-European trip, Bishop Arias emphasized that "though it may sound obvious, our first priority is proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are, of course, many ways to proclaim the Gospel, and our church has been known for its concern in social issues and needs of the country, and involvement of the church in service of men."

In keeping with a stance of "an integrated Gospel for all men and for the whole of man," the church continues its involvement in educational work with the government and communities, in medical work and in agricultural work, Bishop Arias said.

However, he noted, "at this moment, our priority is evangelism, church growth and congregational life. This doesn't mean we are leaving our former emphases, but that we are trying to balance the inner life of the church and the outreach and influence outside in society. In recent times, there has been a reawakening of interest in evangelism among congregations and pastors."

Going along with interest in evangelism is concern for church growth, the

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## WORLD-WIDE DAY OF COMMITMENT

Methodists, the world over are being urged to enter a period of new commitment to mission on Pentecost, June 10, 1973. The World Evangelism Committee suggests that in each country, and in each congregation the World Methodist Call to Evangelism be announced and copies of the Call distributed.

It is hoped that millions of individuals will participate in a prayer of commitment indicating their desire to be a part of the world-wide thrust.

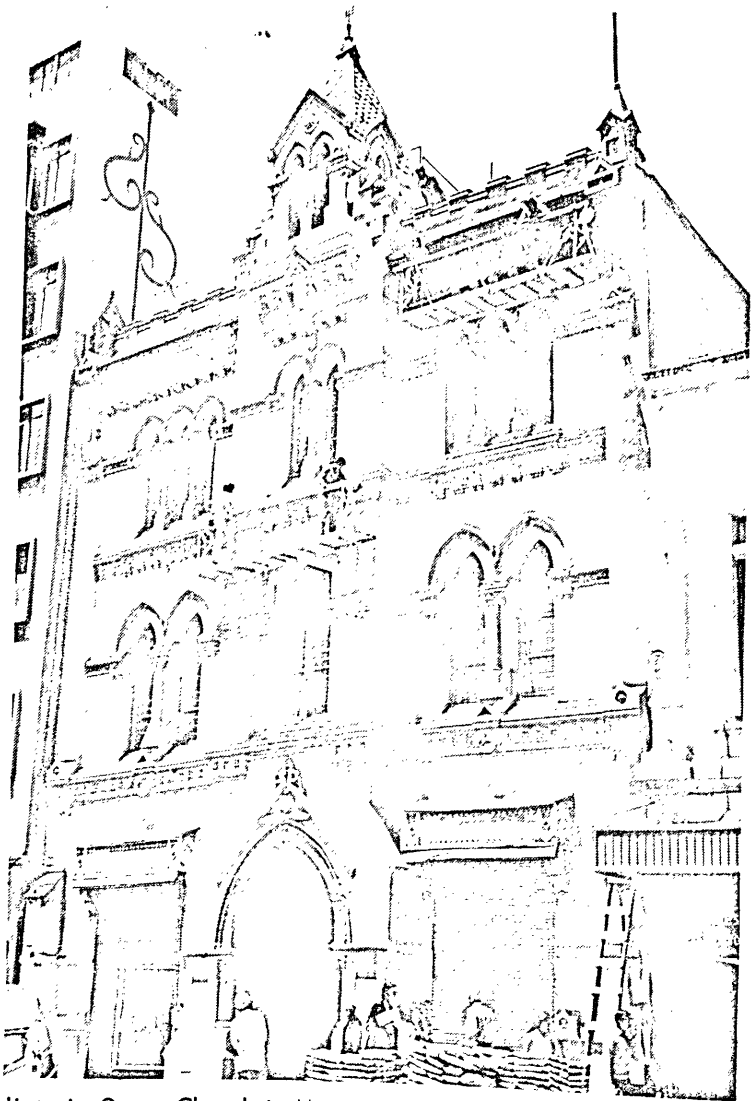
The period of commitment, which begins with Pentecost, 1973, will climax with the World-Wide Vigil of Prayer on New Year's Eve, 1973.

As a part of your implementation of the World-Wide Day of Commitment, plan to secure copies of this issue of WORLD METHODIST EVANGELISM REPORT for congregational distribution on Pentecost Sunday. Or, reproduce parts of it in your bulletin for the entire congregation.

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Historic Gante Church in Mexico City is center for 1973 activities of world and Mexican Methodism. The World Federation of Methodist Women and the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council will both meet in July; in December a national convocation will celebrate 100 years of Methodism in Mexico.

Photo: United Methodist Missions  
by Toge Fujihira

Bolivian church leader noted, and growth is occurring. He said it is more visible among Aymara-speaking (Indian) congregations, both in cities such as La Paz where a new church is established virtually every year, and in the high altiplano along Lake Titicaca, where congregations are led by Aymaras themselves.

To a question often asked by Americans, Bishop Arias answered, "yes, missionaries are needed and useful in Bolivia. We have continued to request them from the U. S. and other parts of the world."

The present expatriate missionary force includes about 40 U. S. missionaries, he said, plus missionaries from Japan supported by Swiss United Methodists. He said the Bolivian church is working with Methodist missionary societies in Europe and with the World Council of Churches to recruit missionaries from Europe, Latin American countries and various other parts of the Third World. The East Asia Christian Conference has been invited to send a missionary couple from the Philippines, he added.

Along with continued missionary presence, however, goes stress on training Bolivian church leadership, Bishop Arias made clear. "This is pretty much one of our first priorities, and we are trying to train national leaders as best and quickly as possible. We are even using the fact that several of our leaders are in (political) exile to train them better until they are allowed to return to Bolivia. They are studying in Chile, Argentina and the U. S."

A new type of seminary is in the experimental stage, Bishop Arias reported. It is called an "extension semi-

nary" and operates in several areas of the country in an attempt to "reach local leadership of the church and give them better in-service training," he explained. The traditional residential seminary in Montero is being closed for a few years, he said.

Perhaps typical of a style of both using missionaries and training national leadership, said the bishop, is the case of a U. S. agriculturist who asked church leaders for permission to do further study in agronomy while on furlough. The church approved such training but asked the missionary to help find resources to support a Bolivian agronomist in his agricultural post while he was away and to enable the Bolivian to receive the same level of training.

In that way, Bishop Arias said, "at the same time that we are helping missionaries to receive training we are also preparing national leadership to work with missionaries and eventually perhaps to replace them."

### News in Brief

Because of financial pressures resulting from world monetary changes, the World Council of Churches will hold its 1973 Central Committee meeting at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, rather than Helsinki, Finland, Aug. 22-29.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has sent \$2,000 to assist in relief after a cyclone ripped across portions of the Tonga Islands.

## Travel group to study Church's role in changing culture

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Twenty-seven persons — pastors, college and university chaplains and professors, a hospital chaplain, a conference staff member, and the director of an urban ministry — along with 28 of their family members will participate in a seven-week United Methodist Travel-Study Seminar to Eastern and Central Europe this summer.

Scheduled for June 30-August 22, the pilot project is being led by Dr. Mark A. Rouch and Dr. Donald S. Stanton, staff members of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Purpose of the seminar, according to the administrators, is to "explore the relationships of the Church and culture in ways which will illuminate the Church's role in the changing culture of the United States." Laboratory for the exploration will be the Graz Center in Austria and field trips to Italy, Yugoslavia, Western Austria, West and East Germany, and Czechoslovakia.

Individuals were invited to participate in the seminar following recommendations from annual conference board of ministry chairpersons and college administrators. The group was deliberately chosen to be representative of sex, age, race, geographic location, and size of churches or colleges.

The administrators hope that the seminar can prove to be more than other overseas tours which they say often amount to "travel with a dash of education thrown in."

"We believe the Church should move with deliberate speed in planning international study programs with well-defined, realistic objectives and sound educational procedures," they said.

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## Layman to head 'Good News' movement

WILMORE, Ky. (UMC) — Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, former general secretary of the Methodist Board of Lay Activities who is now vice president in charge of development for Asbury Seminary here, has been elected chairman of Good News, United Methodism's unofficial evangelical movement.

Dr. Mayfield, an attorney, is the first layman to head the movement in its seven-year history.

Other officers elected are: the Rev. Michael Walker, pastor of Salem-Kinsler United Methodist Church, Greenville, Tex., first vice chairman; Laurence H. Souder, Jr., computer specialist from West Palm Beach, Fla., second vice chairman; Dr. David A. Seamonds, missionary specialist and pastor of the United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky., third vice chairman; the Rev. John Collier, Wesley Foundation director at the University of Tulsa, secretary; and James E. Foreman, insurance executive from Atlanta, Ga., treasurer.

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## Commercial interest rates affect UMDF investments

NEW YORK (UMI) — A report of a decline in investments — attributed to increased commercial interests rates available to investors and interpreted as positive — election of officers, granting of loans and setting of interest rates for last half of 1973 marked the annual meeting of the board of directors of the United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) May 16.

UMDF is the national agency which receives investments from United Methodist members, churches and agencies, and makes loans to churches for building purposes. It is related to the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Despite less in investments in the Fund than in withdrawals from it for the first four months this year, the total in the UMDf, \$47,438,110, as of April 30 was \$224,000 above that as of December 31, 1972, reported treasurer Beverley C. Berry, New York. The increase was accounted for through interest payments on UMDf loans by churches and interest received on the

Fund's unloaned capital, she said.

Miss Berry reported that investments in the first four months of 1973 were down \$3,683,000 from the similar period of 1972, the 1973 figure being \$1,744,662. Also she reported, withdrawals for the first four months of this year were \$1,218,000 higher than in the similar period of 1972.

In a statement after the meeting, Dr. H. Paul Smith, UMDf executive secretary, stressed that the Fund was still actively soliciting investments and that the recent trends were only indicative that the UMDf is returning to what had been, prior to 1972, a normal pattern of investment. "The unusual money market — with low interest rates — generated significant new investment and with the return of commercial agencies to higher rates, many large investors who normally would not have looked our direction did so, but now are returning to their usual places of investment in the commercial field."

A major factor in the withdrawals,

he said was the withdrawal of more than \$1,000,000 by one agency, which had immediate need for its funds.

Dr. Smith told the directors the increasing commercial rates have had "a beneficial effect on the Fund." He explained that a concern had been that the Fund might have to take losses in interest on a large accumulation of unloaned capital because of previous low short-term interest rates (the UMDf invests unloaned capital temporarily in short-term securities). Such losses, he said, could have drained away capital reserves, and perhaps have had other adverse effects.

However, he told the directors, "much of this fear has been alleviated by the drastic change in the commercial interest rate structure since December . . . Instead of suffering a loss on our temporary investments, we have been able to purchase certificates of deposit (short-term securities) which will earn as much as our long-term mortgages (on churches)."

The UMDf directors continued the interest rate to investors at 6½ per cent for the July 1-December 31 period, and the interest rate to borrowing churches at 7½ per cent.

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## UM properties escape extensive damage

NEW YORK (UMI) — In the aftermath of flooding on the Mississippi river and several tributaries, United Methodist property apparently has been spared extensive damage, human needs are being met, and no church-wide appeal is anticipated at this stage, the Rev. J. Harry Haines, New York, said. He is chief executive of the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR).

Preliminary reports from five episcopal areas surveyed by UMCOR showed damage to three churches and two parsonages in southern Illinois, totalling \$42,000; to four churches in Louisiana, totalling \$14,000, and to two churches and a parsonage in Mississippi, totalling \$17,000, plus \$33,000 lost in pastoral salaries in Mississippi, Dr. Haines said. Damage was also reported to Missouri churches, he

added, and later reports may be received for the areas.

The only emergency aid sought from UMCOR to date has been blankets, which were furnished immediately through Church World Service, Dr. Haines said, adding that many agencies such as the Red Cross and churches are working to meet immediate human needs. Heavy personal losses, particularly to crops and residences, are expected to receive Federal and State aid, he said.

If asked for financial aid, UMCOR will provide what it can from existing resources, including about \$100,000 from United Methodism's National Disaster Fund set up in 1972 after the Northeastern floods, Dr. Haines noted.

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## KENT STATE STUDENTS REQUEST INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Three years after the killing of four Kent State University students, a new plea for federal grand jury investigation was made here May 10 to the White House.

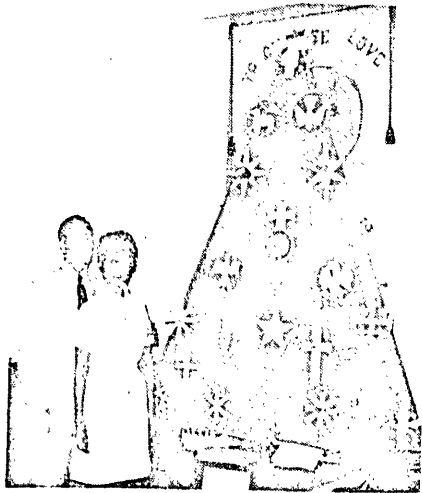
Fifty thousand signatures on petitions for such a probe were resubmitted on the basis that the President might never have heard of or seen the first request in November, 1971. A student spokesman said the current Watergate scandal indicated that President Nixon might have been shielded from the Kent appeals as well.

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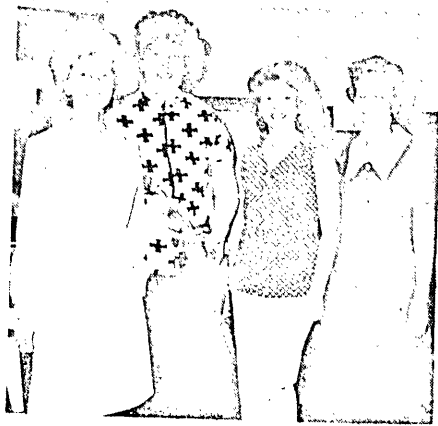
The Church Center for the United Nations — designed to symbolize Christian concern for international peace and brotherhood — will celebrate its 10th anniversary this fall. United Methodists, who own the building and contributed greatly to its construction, are planning a special UN/international relations seminar for United Methodist leaders with UN and community leaders to be invited for certain events. A public event, planned by United Methodists and other denominations, is also scheduled for Sept. 23, with invitations to be sent to UN officials, both U.S. and foreign, and to New York City and State officials.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Drawbaugh of St. Paul Church, Little Rock, with Chrismon display at recent Little Rock District Arts and Crafts Festival held at Asbury Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is the Asbury pastor. The Rev. J. Edward Dunlap is district superintendent.

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Little Rock District Committee at recent Festival. (From left) Mrs. Cecil Morrow, Mrs. Jerry Conatser, Mrs. Fred Arnold, and Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf.



Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, capped 91 student nurses at recent ceremony at Madison Heights United Methodist Church. John Hinterthuer of Russellville, Ark. was one of two male students who received certificates for satisfactory completion of the first level of training. Upon completion of remainder of courses, the nurses will graduate in December, 1974.

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Senior citizens of St. Paul Church, Jonesboro, were honored by church members at recent pot luck luncheon. The Rev. Jerry Canada is pastor.

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## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*William Law, devout spirit of the 18th century, clergyman and theologian, wrote that God and Christ and the Kingdom of Heaven are only to be found by man in his own heart, and only capable of being found there by his love of them, faith in them, and absolute dependence upon them.*

### "Help Thou, My Unbelief"

"Dear Lord, could I, in rapturous joy,  
Kneel at Thy nail-scarred feet,  
And look into Thy blessed eyes,  
My life would be complete.

"But faith is weak  
And will supine,  
And evil thoughts would rob me  
Of all that is divine.

"So, Blessed Christ, I plead Thee...  
I raise my voice in grief,  
'I believe, O Lord,' please hear me,  
'Help Thou, my unbelief'."

-by Herman G. Bonds

### The Kingdom Of God

"When will the Kingdom of God come?"  
The Pharisees asked Christ to say.  
And He told them it is "among you",  
Not a matter of hour or day.

And again, He said, it is "within you";  
The Kingdom of God is "at hand"...  
A state of heavenly being,  
Not a mystical, far-away land.

The Kingdom is peace that envelops  
The mind when the will is released  
Into an infinite power source,  
And self control is ceased.

"At hand", "among", and "within you",  
Not beyond some distant star;  
"Not my will, but thine" is the Kingdom...  
So near, and yet so far.

-by Barbara L. Mulkey

### ORIENTATION LEADERS SELECTED AT HENDRIX

Orientation Leaders for the 1973-74 school year have been selected at Hendrix College on the basis of leadership qualities. These students will plan and execute a program for orienting incoming freshmen to college life at Hendrix.

The leaders include Dennis Officer, Margie Hargis, Sharon Hunter, Kathy Hyatt and Lane Townsend of Pine Bluff; Debi Miles of Arkadelphia; Mitzi Cline of Clarksville; Tom and James Spivey of Hamburg; Mike Mills, chairman, and Sherrye Villines of Harrison; Ann Critz of Osceola; Melanie Durland of Texas City, Texas;

Al Eckert, Nancy Schmidt, Holly Atkinson and Debbie Dorman of Magnolia; Karen Lewis of Waldo; Randal Freeland of Star City; Dale Garrett of Russellville; George Gleason of Dardanelle; Elizabeth Ragsdale, Peter Johnson, and Joyce Jackson of El Dorado; Beth Walker of Searcy; Jim Crouch of Springdale;

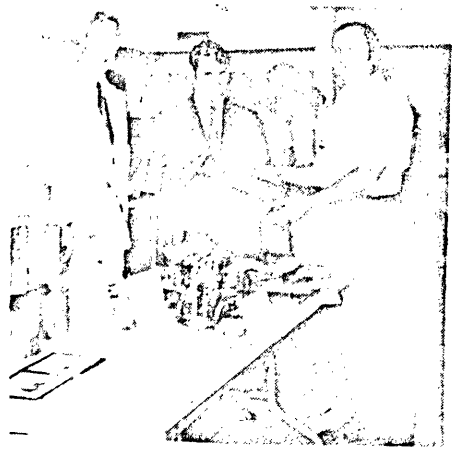
Becky Jones, Jan Burford, Greg Alagood, Bob Bolls, Janelle Colaiani, Mark McBryde, Steve Marks, James Hearnberger, Jan Roseberry and John Workman of Little Rock; Bonnie Carter, Kent Chrisman and Tommy Carpenter of North Little Rock, and Jim Wiedower and Dick Wiedower of Conway.

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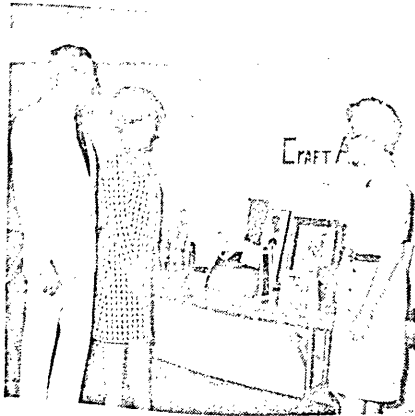
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ABOVE: (From left) The Rev. Harold Hansford, associate pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, the Rev. Larry Williams, pastor of St. Luke-Center Grove, and Earl Smith display entries in recent Pine Bluff District Arts and Crafts Festival at First Church, Pine Bluff. The Rev. Virgil D. Keeley is district superintendent; the Rev. John W. Lindsay is senior minister at First Church.

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BELOW: Pine Bluff Festival Hostess, Mrs. Larry Williams (right), displays crafts to the Rev. Harold Hansford and Mrs. T. Nichols Evans, Jr. District chairwoman.



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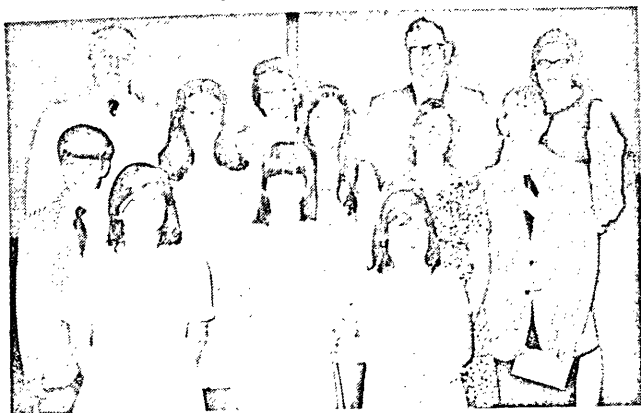
Confirmation Class at Central Church, Fayetteville, became full members during a recent Sunday morning service. Dr. Joel Cooper, senior minister, and the Rev. Robert Boyd Clanton, associate minister, are shown with class.

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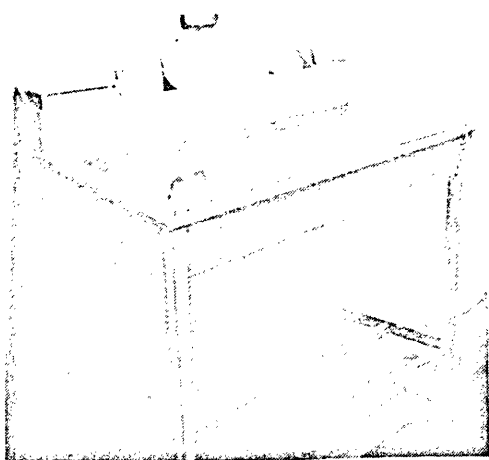
The largest Confirmation Class ever at First Church, Jacksonville, was received into membership recently by the Rev. Bob Edwards, pastor.

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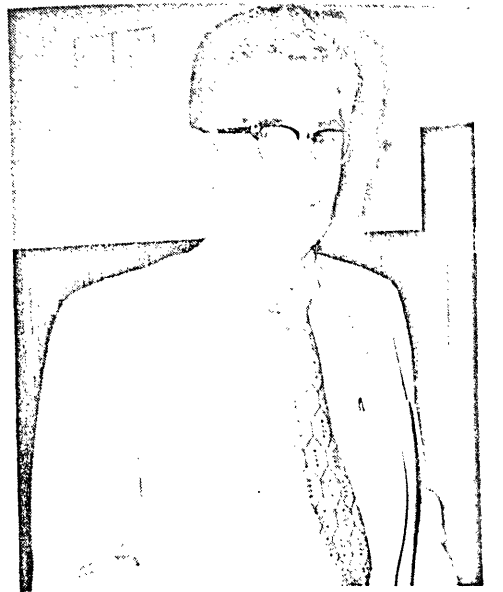
Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, recently welcomed into full membership the youth and adults pictured here with the Rev. William A. Stewart, pastor.

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This memorial table was recently presented to Leola Church by Glen Raines, church member, who designed and constructed the table. Fred W. Hunter is pastor.

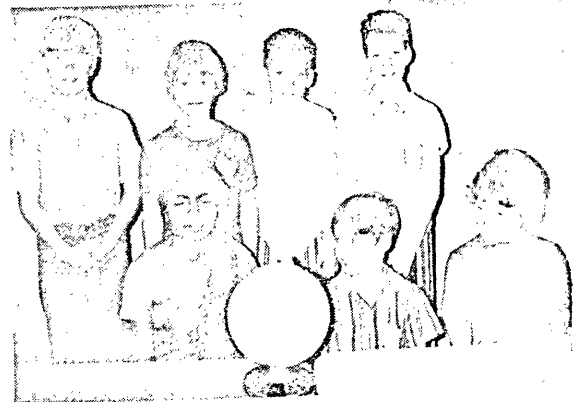
RIGHT: Dr. Carl C. Wenger (pictured here), prominent local physician, and Mrs. Wenger recently led adults of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, during a four-session, church-wide Bible Study. The adults and youth studied the Book of Romans while the children studied India. The Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr. is pastor.



RIGHT: Youth of Oak Forest Church pictured with their Bible Study leader, Joe Scruggs (seated, second from left), director of Young Life of Arkansas.



RIGHT: Children of Oak Forest Church pictured with Miss Florence Hope, a registered nurse from Vellore, India, currently studying at University of Arkansas Medical School. Miss Hope, along with Dr. and Mrs. Donald Wold, former missionaries to Pakistan, was repurpose person for the children's study of India.



#### WARNING TO STUDENTS FROM BBB

In the past few weeks, the Better Business Bureau has received numerous inquiries about Odyssey Enterprises, Castroville, Cal. This firm offers summer jobs to high school and college students as "tour assistants" to Europe, Grand Canyon, and Hawaii.

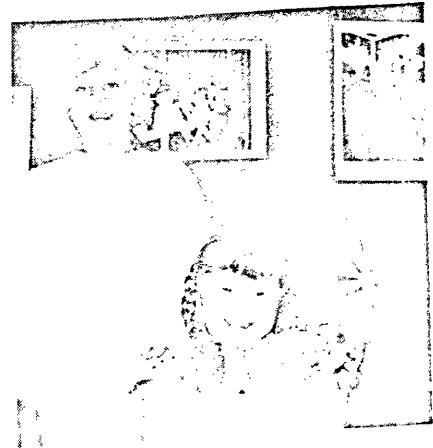
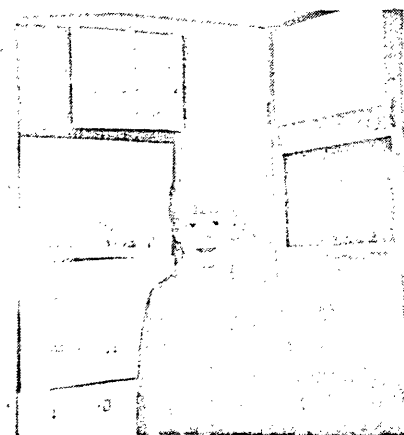
Duties are listed as "administration, planning, passenger assistance, and

leisure activities" and application requires a \$2 fee.

The U. S. Postal Service is investigating Odyssey Enterprises and the BBB urges prospective applicants to use caution in dealing with the firm.

For additional information, contact Lily Ball, Better Business Bureau, 664-4888 (Pulaski County) or 1-800-482-8448.

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The two pictures above show students of Gravette Church School with art display for recent observance of "One Great Hour of Sharing." LEFT: Michael Nease, RIGHT: (from left) Keisa Franklin and Missy Wilkerson. The two week display concluded with a family pot luck and church school fellowship dinner. L. M. Pearsons is school superinetnednt; the Rev. Sherman Waters is pastor.