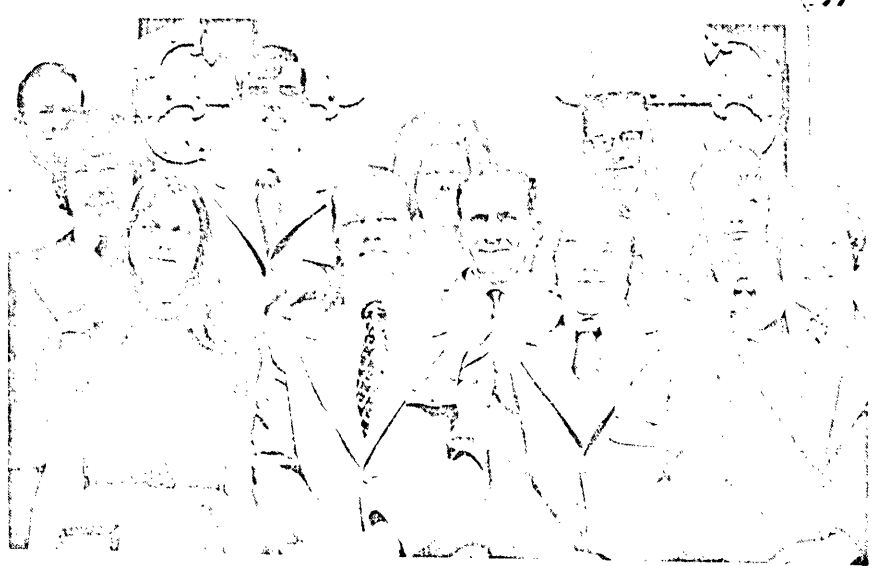




Presented to the Little Rock Annual Conference for full connection were: Ralph Mann, Michael Velchoff, Kenneth W. Kinard, Robin McConathy, Claire E. Smith, Bob Irvin, Daniel C. George, T. Nichols Evans, and Sam L. Albright.



Those receiving Deacon's Orders at Little Rock Annual Conference are included in this picture. They are Carl D. Diffie, J. Wayne Edwards, John R. Grigsby, Gene D. Ratekin, Winston Roden, Charles T. Settle, Eddie Warren, Keenan C. Williams, G. Mackey Yokem. (Photos by Robert Irvin)

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Methodist property damage in Jonesboro

As a result of last week's tornado in Jonesboro, a number of Methodist properties were damaged and homes of United Methodists destroyed or severely damaged.

Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent, reports the following property damaged:

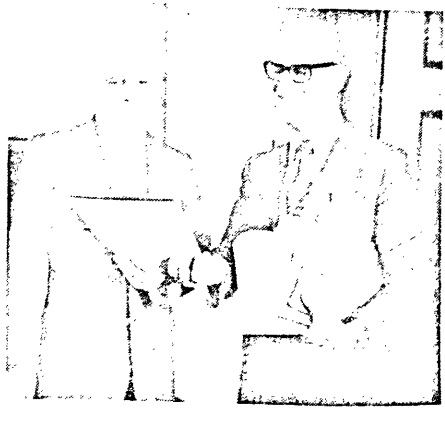
St. Paul church, the Rev. Jerry Canada, pastor, received severe damage to the sanctuary and education building when a large oak tree was blown down. About 20 families from this congregation had to vacate their homes because of damage.

First Church was not damaged, but the parsonage had roof, window and interior damage from rain. About seventy families from First Church experienced partial or major damage to their homes.

The District parsonage suffered damage to the roof and carpets, as did the parsonage at St. Paul church.

The Huntington Avenue church had water damage in the basement, and the Pleasant Grove church sustained major roof damage.

To date it is reported that 4,411 homes and businesses were totally or partially destroyed. The dollar loss is placed at sixty million.



(Photos by Wendell Dorman)

BULLETIN
As we go to press word has reached us from the North Arkansas Conference in Jonesboro that the Little Rock Conference has sent greetings and a gift of \$6,641 to be used in relief of needs created by the tragic tornado which struck Jonesboro last week. Bishop Eugene M. Frank announced that congregations of the North Arkansas Conference had sent offerings taken last Sunday for tornado relief, and that a resolution would be offered during conference proposing that next Sunday, June 10, be set aside for all churches to participate in the relief funds. Funds would be administered through Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro district superintendent, and a committee from the district.

At Hot Springs last week . . .

L. R. Conference adopts priorities, launches pension program, 'new era'

Although meeting for the 120th Session, the Little Rock Conference meeting at Hot Springs last week was "the first Session for a new Conference," according to Bishop Eugene M. Frank. This first Session after the merger of the Southwest Conference and the Little Rock Conference last year saw a number of major actions taken.

PRIORITIES ADOPTED

The Conference adopted a report by the Program Council proposing a list of priorities for the calendar year of 1974. These consisted of three Basic Priorities and four Ministry Priorities. As Basic Priorities the Conference

pledged itself to commitment, renewal and nurture; to new ways of operation in the Church, and to "A relevant, living theology that confirms belief in Jesus Christ in terms of contemporary attitudes and values."

Ministry Priorities adopted were concern for persons, concern for justice and self-development of peoples, concern for human culture and concern for the quality of human life.

The report as adopted also stated the basic Purpose of the Conference. Among the eight stated purposes were "To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ," to "seek justice for all humankind," and "to labor for peace. . ." The report was given by the Rev. Alf Eason, Council on Ministries director, and the Priorities were presented by Dr. Ed Dunlap, the Rev. Fred Arnold, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, the Rev. Bob Van Hook, the Rev. Bob Robertson, the Rev. John Thompson, and the Rev. Joe Arnold.

PENSION PROGRAM APPROVED

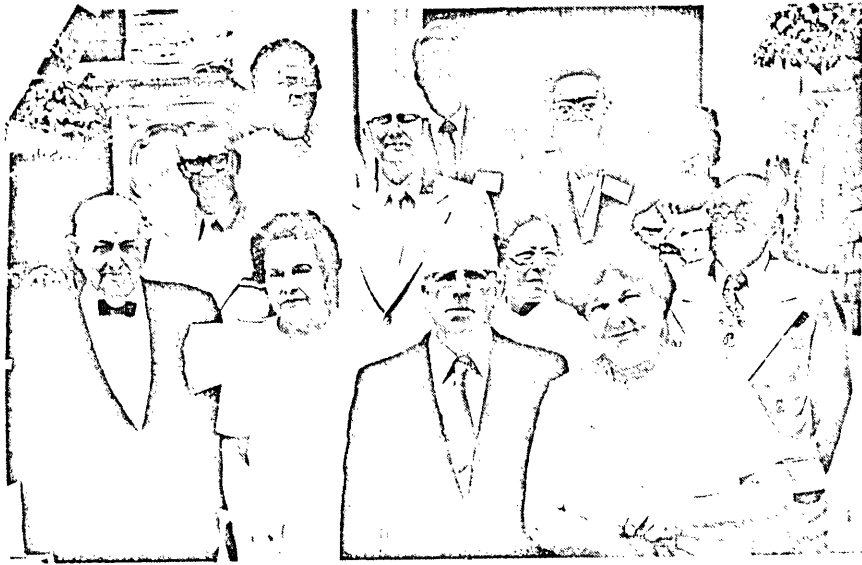
A major action of the Conference was the approval of a proposal from the Board of Pensions that the Conference participate in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund (MRPF). The present pension program is funded from current income, the most expensive form of paying pensions, according to Sidney L. Goode, chairman of the Board of Pensions. He presented the proposal and responded to questions at an open hearing on the proposal on Tuesday morning. The proposal was presented for action on Wednesday afternoon and passed by an almost unanimous vote.

CONCERN EXPRESSED

The Rev. Alvin Murray expressed concern that the plan "would tie up the program of the local church for the next eight years," and observed that it would require "about 10 per cent of the local church's budget." It



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Little Rock Conference retirees (first row, left to right), the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sadler and the Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Mashburn; second row, William A. Lea, Dr. Arthur Terry, the Rev. and Mrs. Woodie Daniel Lester; third row, the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Marshall Johnson and the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Benjamin Brown.

Debate sparked by Religion and Race Commission report

Throughout the Conference session reference was made to the fact that this was the first Session of the Conference since merger of the Southwest Conference and the Little Rock Conference.

The report of the Area Commission on Religion and Race was given by the Rev. Harry Bass, pastor of Wesley Church on the Philander Smith Campus. Task Force Number III of the Commission submitted the report which formed the subject matter of the presentation:

1. Seek to find persons of expertise to work with black churches to help them determine their destiny and ministry. To determine if support is realistic, requiring monetary and/or technical assistance.
2. Seek the assistance of the Board of Education in tutoring lay pastors (student pastors) and lay speakers.

The report stated that "if a degree of inclusiveness is to be achieved, a good hard look must be taken" at the following:

1. The minimum salary which might entail the realignment of certain pastoral charges.
2. An individual, from the Commission, who is sensitive to the needs of black ministry, must have access to the Bishop and his Cabinet.
3. Black church development given special attention to program leadership and facilities.

DISCUSSION LEADS TO MOTION

Discussion followed concerning black representation on the cabinet. The Rev. C. C. Hall pointed out that all of the 13 District Superintendents

in the Arkansas Area are white. He stated that he felt this was neither equitable nor right, stating that "we must somehow go about having membership on the inside and not just access."

A motion that the Conference work toward having a black superintendent by 1974 was referred to the Commission, with the observation that it may be out of order in that it concerned the matter of episcopal appointment and was not a matter of conference determination.

D. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of the Hope District, stated that "the best hope of arriving where we want to arrive is in the hearts of men and not in legislation."

BISHOP FRANK STATES CONCERN

Bishop Eugene Frank stated that he was in favor of minority group membership in the cabinet, recalling that he had a black superintendent in Missouri. He stated that a "goal to which we are working is a ministry and membership that is carried on without regard to anyone's race." "I am encouraged," he stated, "by the way our United Methodist people have accepted merger." He stated that district superintendents "need to be appointed because of ability and not because they are white or black." He stated that "when a conference adopts a motion (such as the one discussed) they think they have put the monkey on the Bishop's back, when it belongs largely on the backs of the laity and clergy who must be the ones who open the way for such progress."

The Conference adopted the report of the Commission as printed.

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PRIORITIES

will be, he stated, "one of the largest efforts we'll be making for the Kingdom; we are going to effectively sabotage much of what needs done. As a minister I'm seeing the church bound down by a program that perhaps should not have such priority." He expressed concern that some other causes of the church might suffer.

A PROGRAM OF CONCERNED LAYMEN

The pension proposal culminated many years of study and research by lay and clerical members of the Board of Pensions and others. In its report the Board detailed the proposal, stating that the present pension rate of \$61 per service year is inadequate. At this rate, a minister retiring after forty years of service would receive a pension of \$2,440.

The Conference has, for the year 1974, an estimated pension responsibility for over 4,000 years of service, and this figure will increase every year for the remainder of this century, the Board reported.

Under the adopted plan, as of January 1, 1974 the Conference will pay \$1,000,000 towards the cost of prior service and all ministers will be enrolled in the MRP. The \$1,000,000 is to come from reserve funds. The current apportionment to the churches of 25 per cent of salaries will continue. Beginning on Jan. 1, 1974, an additional amount of \$285,000 per year

will be apportioned to the churches for eight years on a "grade figure" system. This will be apportioned to each local church on the decimal system, a system designed to relate to ability to pay. An additional amount of \$1,000,000 from special gifts will be secured during the eight-year period.

The annuity rate for 1974 will be \$62. This will be increased as much as possible each year until it reaches \$69.00 as a minimum.

CONFERENCE TO SHARE ANNUAL FUNDING COST

Beginning Dec. 31, 1974, the conference will pay an annual funding cost for each enrolled minister, which will be 9 per cent of the average salary. Seven per cent of this 9 per cent is set aside for the individual minister's pension. The remaining 2 per cent goes to the Disability and Survivors Benefit Fund to provide disability protection for the minister and benefits for his survivors in case of death before retirement.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1974 each enrolled minister may pay 3 per cent annually of the average salary, in 12 monthly payments each year. The minister's 3 per cent plus interest earnings will provide a life-time pension or a lump sum payment to him or his widow over and above the conference rate.

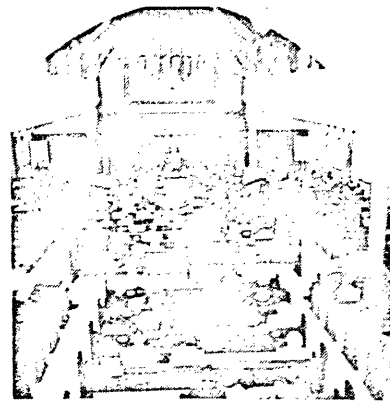
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Dr. John Trieschman, Chairman of Administrative Board of Host Church, gives welcome to the Conference.



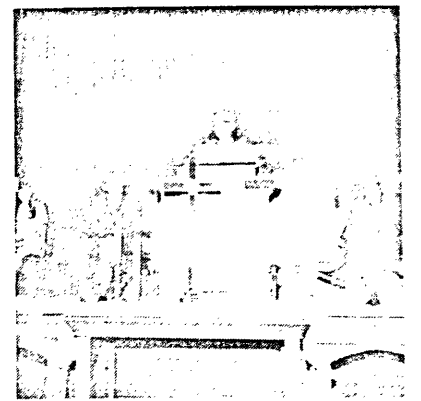
Alf Eason presents Program Council Report to Little Rock Conference. James Major, Conference secretary, on the left.



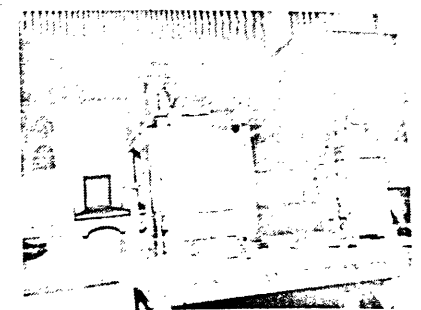
Scene from the balcony as Little Rock Annual Conference convenes.



Dr. Harold Flowers, secretary of the Conference Board of Trustees, brings the report to the Conference.



Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. at the Monday Evening Worship Service of Little Rock Conference.



The Rev. Harry W. Bass, chairman of the Commission on Religion and Race, gives Commission's report.



In keeping with our historic Methodist tradition of freedom of speech and responsibility in speaking, what appears here is the editor's point of view and not necessarily the official position of The United Methodist Church. Responses from our readers are invited.

From the Bottom of the Heart....

"MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH....."

Do you remember the old-time western movies in which the action ran at such a fast pace that the viewers needed an occasional rest? At such a point the narrator would break in with a "Meanwhile, back at the ranch . . ." And he would report on the goings-on there, usually at such a slowed-down pace that they would seem dull by comparison to the vivid scenes back on the range. While the hero was wrestling with the villain on the edge of the cliff or the heroine was being tied to the tracks, life would go on at its usual slow pace "back at the ranch."

But it was, in reality, those events back at the ranch that reflected what life was really all about.

It occurs to me that as preachers and lay members of our Annual Conferences we just might need to have our deliberations broken into with such a reminder: "Meanwhile, back at the church," the real action is taking place. For though it may sometimes seem ordinary, here is where it's really happening.

Consider the scene back at the church: a young couple is united in marriage; another, devoted over long years, is separated by death. One family agonizes over the heartbreak of personal tragedy, another exults in the joy of a high moment. Elsewhere church members share fellowship together while another struggles in solitude with thoughts of self-destruction. Here a group plans a social action project while another shares in prayer and study of the Bible.

Yes — back at the ranch is where our Lord has really set his heart. Yet we can know, too, that he is present and patient with us as we do our "Conferencing," just so long as such labors enable us to become better "hands" of his back at the ranch.

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IT'LL NEVER WORK.....

The man on the news said that we may have to "get people to slow down on the highways" if we are to meet the energy crisis. At the moment I was cruising along at the limit of 70 and enjoying every mile of it. He said something, too, about not running the air conditioner so high — or low. I was moving through Louisiana at that moment on a particularly muggy afternoon and felt the pangs of conscience as I heard this word.

But friends, it'll never work, even though it should. Air conditioning is still enough of a novelty to us new rich folk that we want to use it and use all of it — even if it gets cold enough to kill hogs. And who, driving a brand new V-28, 4000 horse power Belchfire is going to cruise on the freeway at 55 miles per hour?

We must not, of course, dismiss the serious issue of the energy crisis with such frivolous remarks. But this approach won't work, even though something must. Not so long, anyway, as we go on making giant cars to bolster our egos.

Our problem here is much like our problem in the religious realm. How do you motivate folk to do what they should? Rules, regulations, laws — all these have their place. But real change must come from the heart and must be confirmed in the head if it is to be expressed through the hand.

It is at this point that we see yet another tremendous opportunity for the church in our day: to proclaim to the world that there is hope, that it can work, that man does have a future and that the way is with God, to let him work his change in our hearts.

Come, Lord Jesus. Slow us down on the road and speed us up in the spirit.

J.S.W.

Off the Top of the Head....

STILL A PREACHER

I would expect something like this from one of my preacher friends, but when it comes from your own family — well, that's something else. It was a remark from our third grader, as we drove around looking for a place to live (since a parsonage doesn't go with this job). "Daddy, if you were still a preacher, you wouldn't have to do this, would you." Maybe he knows more than I think he does . . .

TWO MORE SOBERING THOUGHTS

It was a long-distance call from a radio reporter who wanted an "on the spot" interview with the new editor. I was, I must admit, impressed. Nobody had bothered to do this to me when I was "still a preacher." But it didn't take long to get over being impressed and to learn why they call these "on the spot" interviews. His first two questions put me on the spot immediately. They were the kind of questions you like to be asked but for which you'd like a little fore-warning and about two months to think before responding.

"What, Mr. Workman, do you think is the function of a church newspaper?" Now that's a good question. I had given a few sleepless hours of thought to that once during the last two days since my phone rang, but wasn't ready yet, with my full reply.

"Mr. Workman, do you believe there are issues with which a church paper should not deal?" I looked around to see if the Bishop or my D.S. or Liz was near at hand to pass that one to; but I learned right quick, in the moment it takes a tape recorder to record, that I — and yes, you, too — must respond to the world's questions from off the top of our heads and from the bottom of our hearts at one and the same moment.

The interviewer had every right to expect me to know the answers to these questions. Some of the answers I do know. Others I am learning. Some I'll never know. The rest — I and you, too — must diligently seek out and then wait before God for his word on them to come.

It is about these kind of things that this page is concerned. Pray for the paper. Pray for the readers. And lift an occasional word on behalf of your struggling editor, who has such a high example to live up to. And who never did see much sense in the silly rule that you don't end a sentence with a preposition.

J.S.W.

OVERHEARD.....

A Little Rock pastor was telling about a mother in his congregation who asked her little boy how things went at Vacation Church School that day. "Not so hot," he replied. "If we don't quit all that praying and Bible reading, we never will get our baskets finished."

DID WE HEAR WHAT WE REALLY DID?

One of the problems with "Priorities" is that they have a way of being overcome by secondary things. If, at Hot Springs, we really heard what we adopted the Priorities submitted by the Program Council, then a new day indeed is before us. Dig down in your Conference papers and find again the list of priorities. They may be on the bottom of your stack of papers; they deserve to be on the top.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

After a seven month absence, the General Assembly of the three million-member United Presbyterian Church voted 453 to 259 on May 21 to re-enter the Consultation on Church Union. COCU's general secretary, Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., asserted that "the new vitality and new direction" of the nine-denomination effort is confirmed by the action. More than 3,000 responses to COCU's draft Plan of Union offered in 1970, indicated strong questions about proposed structure. The United Presbyterian Church was among the four original partners in COCU in 1962. It withdrew last year.

In an editorial to be published in the July issue of Church & State magazine the contention is made that "the unfortunate Watergate mess contains some important lessons. One of these, certainly, is that President Nixon has permitted himself to become isolated from groups that might have been of help in averting the disaster that struck him."

Two major issues scheduled for consideration at the week-long Australian Anglican General Synod meeting in Sydney were the ordination of women to the priesthood and the question of remarriage of divorced persons. An Anglican spokesman said the Synod's doctrinal commission, in a recent report, had concluded that there were no "Biblical reasons" why women should not be ordained, "even to the level of bishop." Remarriage of divorced persons is already permitted in the laws of the Anglican Churches of Canada, New Zealand, and Central Africa.

Addressing the Buffalo (N.Y.) Police Department's annual Communion breakfast, Father Walter L. Tomiak, Roman Catholic chaplain for the Erie County Penitentiary, called for an end to the penitentiary system. The priest said there "must be a reassessment and re-evaluation of the whole penal system" . . . the "penitentiary, as it is now, is a phenomenon of the past and has to be ended. No one enters the penitentiary as a penitent to do penance."

Don Cockroft, kicking specialist with the Cleveland Browns, speaking during the annual achievement award dinner in Colorado Springs for men involved in the Salvation Army Men's Gentlemen Service Center, said "This is the beginning, gentlemen, don't look back. In sports or out, you can't rely on what you did last year; it's what you'll do this coming year that counts. You learn by your mistakes to be better people." Noting "the tremendous Christian following on the Cleveland Browns team," the football star said, "These guys are showing people they can really change by being a Christian."

A Chinese journalist, Miss Yim Ming, 29, is coming to the U. S. under a people-to-people program sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Miss Ming will arrive in June for a 15-month stay which will include two weeks on an Indiana farm, observing the Disciples' Office of Communication operations in Indianapolis, and attendance at the denomination's General Board meeting in St. Louis. In the Fall the reporter-editor, for a newspaper that serves as an official voice for the People's Republic of China in Hong Kong, will study journalism at Columbia University under a one-half tuition scholarship from the university.

The Rev. Clinton M. Marsh, a black clergyman from from Omaha and newly elected Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, and Dr. C. Willard Heckel, a Rutgers University law professor, his predecessor, emphasized the need for reconciliation as their denomination met in its 185th Assembly, in Omaha (Neb.) recently. "We've been torn and polarized, but we are beginning to come together," said Dr. Heckel. "I'll be trying to develop some reconciliation . . . there's been a false dichotomy between evangelism and social action," Mr. Marsh said. "I think we should fight evil on every side rather than be fighting among ourselves," the new moderator added.

A "greatly increased measure of inter-communion" between the Anglican and Lutheran Churches is recommended in an official report issued in London, with authorization by the last Lambeth Conference and the Lutheran World Federation. The report says a substantial measure of agreement has already been reached in talks between representatives of the two communions but singles out the issue of bishops and the apostolic succession as an outstanding point of difference blocking closer unity.

While stating that "one of the signs of hope on the horizon today is the appearance of a fresh interest in the doctrine of the Holy Spirit," Bishop Earl G. Hunt of Charlotte, N.C. has cautioned against unwise use of "speaking in tongues" as a claimed proof of a new relationship with the Holy Spirit. "The test of whether or not a person has the Holy Spirit is in the quality and depth of his Christian love, and not in his ability to speak in an unknown tongue," Bishop Hunt said.

The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) will offer an undergraduate degree in religious studies for the first time this Fall. Approved by the academic senate, the B.A. program will draw on 35 faculty members from seven departments. The "major" requires a minimum of 16 courses, including basic ones in the history of religion, anthropology and philosophy. Dr. Kees Bolle, chairman of the committee in charge said, "More and more young people desire understanding of the religious component in man's life."

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), asserted in an address that churches have "all too often" been teaching humanism. He defined humanism as "a doctrine that attempts to make mankind comfortable, or at least better off, by changing the environment and related conditions — with no reference to a supreme power." Bell emphasized that he was not opposing humanitarian work by the church, but rather was criticizing "the solutions of humanism, which are no solutions at all."

The number of U. S. Roman Catholics increased by 69,437 during 1972, according to the Official Catholic Directory of 1973, but it reported an over-all decrease in the percentage of Catholics among the nation's population, from 23.3 to 23.1 per cent — plus decreases in schools, teachers, clergy, religious, baptisms and converts. Significant among the data was a 6 per cent decrease in the number of Catholic school children, and a drop in the number of converts (the lowest since 1939) by 5,087 in a year.

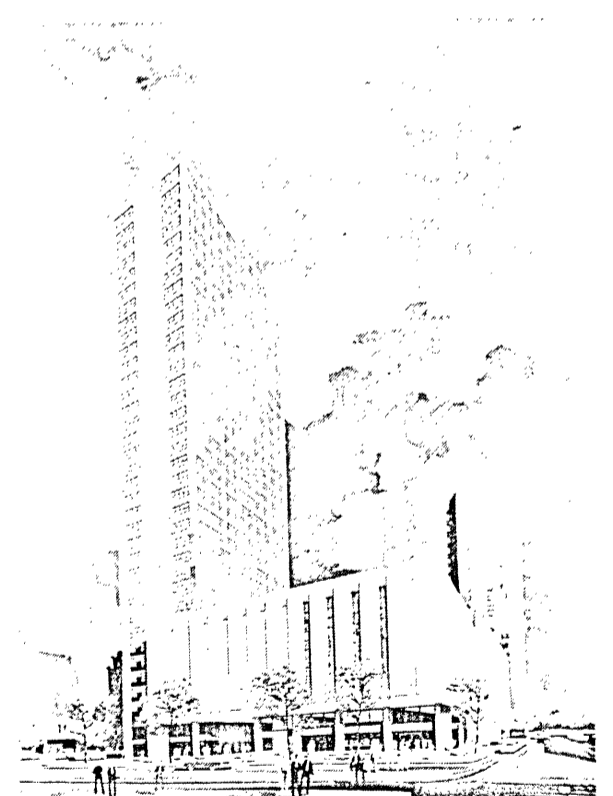
Dr. Pinhas Lapide, an Israeli authority on Jewish-Christian relations, said in an interview that he felt Christian missionary activities in general and the "Jews for Jesus" movement in particular cannot be regarded as a "serious danger" for Judaism in Israel. The Israeli scholar said that in the first 20 years of Israel's statehood there were 201 conversions of Jews to Christianity and Islam, while, in the same period, 2,888 proselytes were accepted into Judaism.

In his annual message issued on World Communications Day (an observance of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world), Pope Paul called on those who work in the mass media to "make known the good that abounds" in the world. "We are asking all those engaged in social communications," he said, "to tell the story of the sacrifice and dedication that exists in the world, to make known the good that abounds, and the dynamism, enthusiasm and selflessness of so many, especially among the young."

The 26th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada authorized the trial use of a new Christian initiation rite which provides for baptism, the laying-on-of-hands and first communion within a single service. In the early Christian church, advocates of the proposal said, baptism and confirmation formed two parts of one rite of Christian initiation which some Churches have never abandoned.

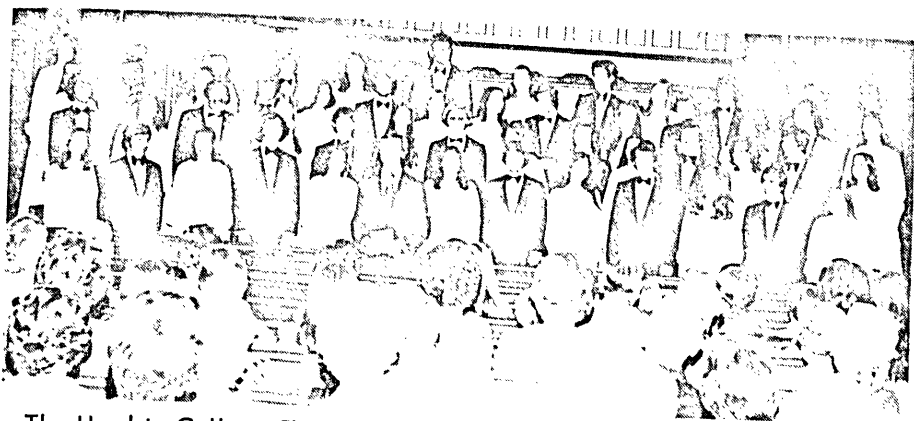
Challenging the claim that finances constitute the major reason Roman Catholic parochial schools are closing, the National Council of Churches has filed a statement with the House Ways and Means Committee which contends that Catholics have one of the lowest capita giving rates of any religious group in the nation. The document asks, "Why should the rest of society make up the difference?"

The Mennonite Information Center in Lancaster, Pa. plans to erect a full-sized replica of the Tabernacle of Moses as a tourist attraction. The replica of the Tabernacle used by the Hebrew people in the Sinai wilderness is planned as an alternative to the many "secular and highly commercial tourist attractions" in the area, according to a Board of Missions spokesman. The reproduction is visualized as "Christian education for both Christians and non-Christians."



NEW YORK — Construction will begin immediately on a 36-story building in the heart of New York's Lincoln Square which will provide facilities for religious, educational, and cultural activities of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon). The structure will have four floors devoted to various Mormon departments, a chapel, information center, cultural hall and stores. The remainder of the building will contain apartments. (RNS Photo)

JUNE 7, 1973



The Hendrix College Choir presented the last of three nightly concerts at Little Rock Annual Conference on Wednesday night. On Tuesday evening a half-hour concert was presented by Philander Smith College, and on Monday evening the St. James Bell Ringers of Little Rock performed.

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Monday Afternoon, May 28

PRE-SERVICE CONCERT: Prior to the opening of the Conference, a Brass Choir performed in concert for the entertainment of the Conference.

OPENING CELEBRATION: Bishop Eugene M. Frank called the one hundred twentieth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to order and announced the business session which followed the evening worship service. Bishop Frank began the worship service with sentences from scripture and continued as the Liturgist, addressing the Conference briefly on the needs and mission of the church and leading the Conference in John Wesley's Covenant Service and Holy Communion. The Lay Reader was John E. Blundell. The Deacons were George W. Martin, Roy I. Bagley, Joe E. Arnold and John H. Thompson. The music was presented by the Girls' Choir from First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs. David Aston was organist and choirmaster.

Monday Evening, May 28

PRE-SERVICE CONCERT: The St. James Bell Ringers of the St. James United Methodist Church of Little Rock performed.

WORSHIP SERVICE: Donald Nolley served as worship leader of the evening. He was assisted by Bishop Frank, Edward B. Hollenbeck and Becky Rogers. The music was provided by David Aston, organist, and the adult choir from Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Mrs. John Goff, choir director and Ruth Broughton, organist. Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., the conference preacher, spoke to the conference.

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank called the Conference to order and recognized James Major, Conference Secretary, who announced that the roll call was being taken at the desk in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Major announced his staff: Therral Wilson, Journal Clerk, O. D. Peters, Staff Assistant, Jack Wilson, Dale Diffie, Ray Burrow, Tellers and moved their election. They were elected. Mr. Major announced the Bar of the Conference in front of the Pillars. This was adopted.

AGENDA: Alf Eason moved that the evening's business session be limited to the organization of the conference, the hearing of Dr. Walter Hazzard, the United Methodist Youth constitution progress report, and that the agenda printed in the pre-Conference report be adopted as the agenda of the Conference. It was recorded and adopted.

Bishop Frank introduced Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, who addressed the Conference on behalf of the college.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH CONSTITUTION PROGRESS REPORT: Bishop Frank recognized Joe Taylor who introduced Roy Smith, youth delegate from Pine Bluff, who gave a progress report on the preparation of a new Constitution for the Conference United Methodist Youth.

Tuesday Morning, May 29

WORSHIP SERVICE: Fred Haulstein led the Conference in worship. C. C. Hall preached on Mark 1:35.

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank called the session to order and expressed his appreciation for the Conference's executive secretary.

WELCOME: Bishop Frank recognized George Ivey, host pastor, who introduced Dr. John Trieschmann, chairman of the Administration Board of the host church, who in turn, welcomed the Conference and introduced the Mayor of Hot Springs, Tom Ellsworth, who also welcomed the Conference to Hot Springs.

STANDING RULE STUDY COMMITTEE: Brian Stephens, secretary of the Conference Committee to Study Standing Rule One read the report of the Committee recommending amendments to Standing Rules One and Fourteen to lay on the table for twenty four hours.

NOMINATIONS: Roy I. Bagley, Cabinet Secretary, presented the first nominations of the Cabinet for the various boards and agencies of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

BOARD OF THE MINISTRY: John Ross reported that there have been no complaints against the ministers and recommended that their character be passed. It was done.

David Wilson moved the adoption of the Report of the Board of Ministry. Ed Hollenbeck spoke to the report.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Alf Eason, Council Director, gave the first report of the Council on Ministries and moved the adoption of the Report. It was done. George W. Martin gave the Second Report of the Council and moved the adoption of the report. C. Ray Hozendorf offered an amendment to the report which was accepted. The Report was adopted. Alf Eason presented the Proposed Priorities of the Little Rock Annual Conference. Ed Danlap, Fred Arnold, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Robert Van Hook, Robert W. Robertson, Thomas A. Abney, J. H. Thompson, Joe Arnold read the report. It was adopted.

CAMP TANAKO: Joe Arnold presented the report on Camp Tanako and moved its adoption. It was done.

MALLALIEU CHURCH HOSTS DISTRICT WOMEN

The final meeting of the Oklahoma District Women's Society of Christian Service of the former Southwest Conference will be held on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. in the Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, Ark.

This Oklahoma District is comprised of all former Southwest Conference churches in the state of Oklahoma and certain churches in Arkansas. However, everyone is invited! Bring sack lunches. Registration is at 9 a.m. and is \$1.00.

Mrs. Bosie M. Walker of Oklahoma City is the district president; Mrs. Audrey G. Adams is president of Mallalieu United Methodist Women.

THE JONESBORO DISTRICT will hold two workshops on "The Living Bible Series." These will be: Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Blytheville and Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. All adult age-level teachers and other interested persons are invited. Resource persons: Clyde Ford - adult class teacher at First Church in Harrisburg and the Rev. Thomas Weir, Jonesboro District Coordinator of Adult Ministries.

PARAGOULD'S FIRST United Methodist Church was left a bequest of \$5,000 in the will of Mrs. Maggie M. George.

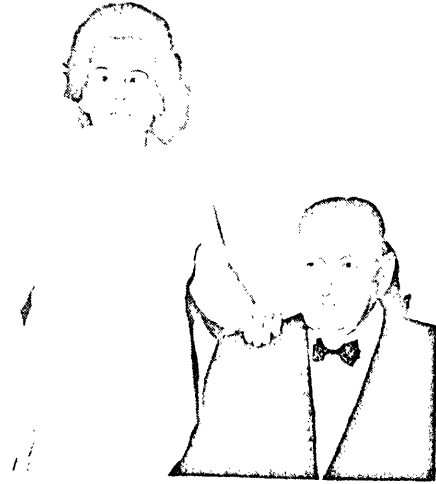
to Probationary Membership: John J. Grisby, Charles T. Settle, Ellis Ede Warren, Keenan C. Williams, Mack C. Yokem and Gerald Meyers. After Bishop Frank examined the candidates before the Conference they were elected to Probationary Membership. John Miles asked for a declaratory decision concerning certain persons who may have been unjustly denied membership in the Conference. James Argue moved.

That upon petition by any candidate for any conference relationship who can document that changes in disciplinary requirements have resulted in an injustice to him or her. The Board of Ministry or the executive committee of the Board

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: O. W. Hoover introduced Harold Flowers who presented the report. Alvin Murray moved to amend the report to delete sections of the report concerning the Mt. Vernon Church and refer it to the appropriate group. The amendment passed. Everett Vinson moved the report be withdrawn, rewritten, and resubmitted. The motion passed.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: Fred Smith, Chairperson of the Commission on Archives and History gave the report of the Commission and moved its adoption, without change. It was done.

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE: Harry Bass gave the Commission's report. C. C. Hall called for the appointment of a black District Superintendent. Bill Cheyne moved that the Little Rock Conference petition the North Arkansas Conference to cooperatively work with the Bishop toward the goal of finding and ap-

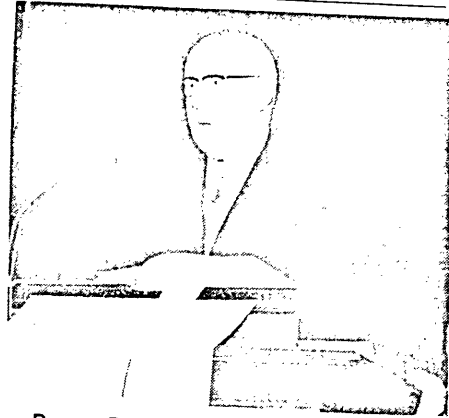


The Rev. and Mrs. Harold D. Sadler of England will observe their 50th wedding anniversary at the Rison United Methodist Church from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Dr. and Mrs. Sadler plan to move to their home in Rison June 5 after he retires from active ministry in the United Methodist Church.

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 10—Sunday	Acts 2:1-21
June 11	Romans 12:3-8
June 12	I Cor. 12:12-27
June 13	Eph. 1:15-23
June 14	Eph. 4:1-16
June 15	Colo. 1:15-22
June 16	Colo. 2:13-19
June 17—Sunday	Luke 15:11-32



Bryan Brawner, treasurer of United Methodism's Council on Finance and Administration announces that Little Rock Annual Conference has paid its World Service apportionment in full and calls attention to the denomination's new program of church insurance.

that the motion be referred to the Commission on Religion and Race.

BOARD OF THE LAITY: Bill Shepherd, Chairperson of the Board, presented the report of the board. With the addition of the name of the District Lay Leader for the Arkadelphia District it was adopted.

LETTERS OF GREETINGS: The Conference asked the Secretary to send letters of greetings to O. E. Homes, Harold Wilson, Roscoe Walsh, B. T. Fooks, Charles Roe, Leland Clegg, Louis Averitt and P. D. Alston.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 29
PENSION HEARING: Marshall T. Steel, presiding in Bishop Frank's absence announced that there would be

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1973 Little Rock Annual Conference appointments

TRANSFERS IN:

William A. Haake, Elder from the North Texas Conference (July 15, 1972)
 Emanuel J. Johnson, Elder from the North Arkansas Conference (May 1, 1973)
 Harold K. Davis, Elder from the Missouri East Conference (May 30, 1973)
 Robert A. Boyd Clanton, Elder from the North Arkansas Conference (May 30, 1973)
 William A. Cheyne, Elder from the North Arkansas Conference (May 30, 1973)
 Robin M. McConathy, Elder from the Texas Conference (May 30, 1973)

TRANSFERS OUT:

William B. Springer, Deacon on Trial to the North Georgia Conference (June 1, 1972)
 John S. Workman, Elder to the North Arkansas Conference (May 30, 1973)
 Ferris W. Norton, Elder to the Missouri East Conference (May 30, 1973)
 J. W. Loftin, Elder to the Oklahoma Conference (May 30, 1973)
 Robert E. Price, Elder to the Western New York Conference (May 30, 1973)
 Charles E. Watt, Deacon on Trial to the North Georgia Conference (May 30, 1973)

APPOINTMENTS BY SPECIAL VOTE OF THE CONFERENCE

Gerald C. Dean, Counselor, Woodbridge Senior High School
 E. Eugene Efird, Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation
 William C. Gentry, Faculty, Henderson State College
 Frank V. Hilliard, Faculty, Ecumenical Institute
 Donald A. Lau, Faculty, Southern State College
 W. Edgar Outlaw, Resident Chaplain, Medical Center, Purdue, Ind.
 John W. Shafer, Chaplain, Veterans Administration
 Jerry K. Yarbrough, University of Arkansas
 Grover A. Zinn, Jr., Faculty, Oberlin College

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED WORKER OF THE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES:

Ray Tribble, Director, Aldersgate United Methodist Camp

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

George W. Martin, District Superintendent (4)
 Amity: Ralph E. Hemund (11)
 Arkadelphia: John P. Miles (4)
 First: David F. Prothro (2)
 Bismarck-Friendship: (David M. Dunnaway) (9)
 Dalark Circuit: (J. Wayne Edwards) (3)

Delight Circuit (Vurl E. Bland) (1)
 Glenwood Parish George G. Kerr (2)
 Gurdon-Mt. Zion Therral E. Wilson (2)
 Hot Springs:
 First George F. Ivey (7)
 Associate James F. Richardson (2)
 Fountain Lake O. W. Hoover (5)
 Gardner-New Salem (Robert E. Woody) (2)
 Grand Avenue Ralph E. Hale (5)
 Haven-Caddo Gap T. E. Snow (1)
 Oaklawn Carlos E. Martin (1)
 Pullman Heights James E. Robken (2)
 Tigert-Morning Star Dorsie T. Caldwell A.M. (2)
 Malvern:
 First Charles G. Ashcraft (4)
 Keith W. W. Barron (1)
 St. Paul Parish Doyne E. Graham (2)
 Mt. Ida-Oden William A. Haake (1)
 Mountain Pine-Gum Springs (W. C. Onstead) (1)
 Murfreesboro-Japany Ray Burrow (2)
 Okolona Circuit Robert W. Trieschmann (2)
 Piney Grove (Charlie V. Mashburn) (1)
 Shorewood Hills Circuit (George W. McCoy) (3)
 Sparkman Parish John L. Prothro A.M. (1)
 Wesley Foundation Robert W. Trieschmann (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (With Annuity)

Student, St. Paul School of Theology G. Coleman Akin (2)
 Student, Perkins School of Theology Travis D. Langley (2)
 Student, Perkins School of Theology Harold G. Rogers (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity)

Chaplain, U.S. Army Winslow Brown
 Chaplain, U.S. Army Billy Howard Cox
 Chaplain, U.S. Army Gerald K. Hilton
 Chaplain, U.S. Army Rodney C. Wallace
 Staff, Perkins School of Theology Claire Elaine Smith
 Student, Scarritt College Claude F. Barron

minimum of 16 courses, including in the history of religion, philosophy. Dr. Kees Bolle, committee in charge said, young people desire understanding of religious component in man's life.

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, moderator of Church in the U.S. (Southern), that churches have "all too much humanism. He defined humanism as attempts to make mankind comfortable, by changing the end conditions — with no reference to the work by the church, by using "the solutions of humanism" at all."

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Roy I. Bagley, District Superintendent (5)
 Bearden-Thornton Michael A. Velchoff (1)
 Bradley (Winston D. Roden) (2)
 Camden:
 Fairview George A. Tanner (3)
 First Clint D. Burlison (2)
 Associate Kenneth W. Kinard (2)
 St. Mark Louis L. Averitt (2)
 Timothy-Buena Vista James E. Ford A.M. (2)
 Westside (Arthur Terry) (2)
 Chidester Circuit (Larry W. Martineau) (2)
 Columbia Circuit (Richard D. Justice) (3)
 Dumas-Lisbon (Nolen Brown) (2)
 El Dorado:
 Centennial Robert W. Jackson A.M. (2)
 First Alvin C. Murray (8)
 Associate Ralph S. Mann (4)
 St. Paul F. Gladwin Connell (5)
 Vantrease James E. Shaddox (5)
 Emerson (Leland Clegg) (5)
 Greens Chapel-McNeil TBS
 Harmony Grove Robert C. Ekberg A.M. (5)
 Huttig (Finas P. Corie) (2)
 Holly Springs Circuit (Robert C. Armstrong) (1)
 Junction City Circuit E. Stanley Wagner A.M. (6)
 Lewisville-Buckner Joe W. Hunter (3)
 Liberty-Louann TBS
 Magnolia:
 Asbury Don F. Nolley (3)
 First Howard L. Williams (5)
 Associate William A. Eason (1)
 Campus Minister Southern State College Allen B. Bonsall (4)
 Magnolia Circuit (Welcome R. Burlison) (13)
 Marysville-Silver Hill John T. Dill (2)
 Norphlet-Calion (John P. Absure) (1)
 Parker's Chapel-Bethel James B. Swain (4)
 Pleasant Grove (Earl C. Mathis) (4)
 Smackover John F. Walker (2)
 Stamps Parish Robert W. Johnson (4)
 Stephens John B. Ross (3)
 Strong-Rhodes Chapel (Oscar A. Haire) (3)
 Taylor-New Era Calvin L. Miller A.M. (3)
 Village Circuit Allen B. Bonsall (1)
 Waldo-Willisville J. Frank Hamm (3)
 Welcome Veo E. Green A.M. (2)
 Extension Churches:
 Kilgore Lodge TBS
 Mt. Moriah (C. H. Roe) (1)
 Lewisville (H. A. Davie) (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (With Annuity)

Student, Perkins School of Theology Ellis Edward Warren (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity)

Faculty, Oberlin College Grover A. Zinn, Jr.
 Faculty, Southern State College Donald A. Lau
 Cokesbury, Dallas, Texas Sam L. Albright
 Counselor, Magale Manor (James Brown)
 Mental Health Center, El Dorado Robin M. McConathy

DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:

Publishing Interest & Communication John B. Ross
 Education & Christian Vocations F. Gladwin Connell
 Ecumenical Affairs John T. Dill
 Evangelism John F. Walker
 Health & Welfare & Children's Home B. T. Fooks
 Missions George A. Tanner
 Christian Social Concerns Mrs. Trebie Shaw
 Stewardship Clint D. Burlison
 Town & Country Louis L. Averitt
 Pensions Howard L. Williams
 TRAFCO Kenneth W. Kinard
 Worship Don F. Nolley
 Age-Level Coordinators:
 Children Mrs. John B. Ross
 Youth Mrs. Henry Crook
 Young Adults Allen B. Bonsall
 Adults Robert Johnson
 Family James H. Shaddox
 Others by virtue of their offices:
 Frank Thompson, Partee Tuberville, W. A. Geddie, Dr. Myron Shofner, R. E. Weaver, Mrs. Allen B. Bonsall

HOPE DISTRICT

D. Mouzon Mann, District Superintendent (2)
 Ashdown William A. Cheyne (1)
 Blevins Circuit R. T. Jarrell (2)
 DeQueen John O. Alston (2)
 Dierks Circuit (Altus M. Block) (2)
 Doddridge Circuit (Royal S. Dodson) (1)
 Emmet Circuit (Frank A. Williams) (1)
 Foreman Circuit A. Richard Poss A.M. (3)
 Hatfield Circuit (Bun Gantz) (1)
 Hope Circuit (H. A. Davie) (5)
 Hope First Norris Steele (4)
 Oak Grove Circuit (William J. Head) (2)
 Horatio Circuit Guy J. Downing A.M. (3)
 Howard County Circuit J. T. Counts (10)
 Lockesburg Circuit J. R. Callicott A.M. (13)
 Lockesburg Larger Parish (John H. Oliver) (3)
 Mena Shelton W. Kilgore (1)
 Mineral Springs Circuit Horace M. Grogan (1)
 Mountain View Circuit TBS

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Hendrix College students receive awards in Honors Day program

Hendrix College students selected to receive awards for outstanding achievement during the past academic year, were announced in annual Honors' Day ceremonies on May 22.

The awards and the recipients include: National Methodist Scholarships (1972-73), Kitty Cardwell, Newman Fair, Elizabeth See and Steve Tindall; Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges: Stephen D. Barden, Cynthia Bowen Blanchard, Russell B. Chitwood, Susan Cloninger, Carl Arnold Crow, William Dale Dedman, Steven Clark Fincher, Dennis Eng Go, Mary Ann Gwinn, Thelma LaVern Hampton, Marvin Samuel Jones, Edsel Clinton Langley, Jr., John Noel Lovett, Jr., Ronald Paul McDonald, Elsie Anne McKee, Glen Michael

Millar, Sally Louise Moseley, Barbara Baker Satterfield, Elizabeth Ann See and Frances Ann Unsell; Darrell G. Trotter Memorial Award, Grady Perryman;

Outstanding Sophomore Woman and Cardinal Key Scholarship: Debbie Whitley; Outstanding Sophomore Man: George Spencer; Blue Key Scholarship: Russell Eastenes; A. C. Millar Citizenship Award: John Bumpers and Elizabeth See; Myrtle E. Charles Service Award: Susan Cloninger; L. P. Farris Service and Leadership Key: Russell B. Chitwood; Department of the Army Superior Cadet Decoration Award: Michael Patrick Kelley;

H. Bradford Govan Journalism Award: Wendel Norton; Albert M. Raymond Alpha Epsilon Delta Scholarship: William M. Gibbs III and

David Hicks; Student Senate Special Athletic Award: John Bumpers; Earle A. Spessard Biology Award: Alice Penelope Jaques; Outstanding Student in First Year Chemistry: David Weatherford; McHenry Chemistry Award: John Gillean; E. W. Martin Memorial Accounting Award: Edsel Clinton Langley, Jr.; Mosley Economics and Business Prize: Keith Berry and Ralph Scott; Elementary Education Award: Mary Margaret Capps White;

Isaac Andrew Campbell Memorial Prize for Poetry: Laura Spradley; Margaret Nicklaus Lyon Memorial English Prize: Susan Jelen; McCuiston English Prize: Susan Woosley; History and Political Science Prize for Distinctive Achievement: Warren Blanchard; T. S. Staples History Prize: James

Beachboard; W. C. Buthman Political Science Prize: Marvin Samuel Jones; Outstanding Student in First Year Mathematics: Lynne Berry and Tricia Papan; Hogan Mathematics Prize: John Lovett, Jr., and John Tiller; Phi Beta Mu Band Award: Margaret Stover; Choir Awards: Dennis Go, Henry Henley, Connie Hoxie, Robyn Hutcheson, Pamela Mooney, Kathy Rowe and Elizabeth See; Mu Phi Music Award: Mary Jane Goss; Fleming Music Award: Gary Keith Allen; Moore Religion Award: Frances Unsell; Dr. and Mrs. F. Marion Tolle-son Prize: Barbara Baker Satterfield and Sheri Thompson; Vivian Hill Drama Award: Lindy Cotner; Mosley Sociology Award: U. Manuel Juarez; Alpha Chi Scholarship Prize: John Lovett, Jr., and Elsie Anne McKee.

an open hearing on the proposed Pension Plan, that it would be a purely informative hearing, and that no official business would be transacted during this hearing. Sidney Good, Chairperson of the Board of Pensions presented the proposed plan to the Conference for discussion. The Conference expressed its appreciation for the work of the Committee.

Marshall Steel turned the gavel over to Bishop Frank.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. E. T. Davenport, past President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Alice Preston, Lucille Nix, President of United Methodist Women, gave the report of the United Methodist Women.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM: Carl Beard gave the Board's Report No. 1 and moved the adoption of the report. Fred Arnold spoke to the report. Alvin Murray encouraged the Conference to participate in Key 73 during the rest of the year and to prepare for the Methodist Mission to the World in 1975. Michael McHughey, youth delegate, moved to amend Section 4 of the report to read:

"We would urge more emphasis upon youth evangelism. We recognize the importance of Christian nurture in the camping program, and we feel that the need for evangelism with our youth is deeply necessary. We commend youth evangelism efforts through the General Board of the United Methodist Church's new department of youth evangelism, Wesley Foundations, and local United Methodist Youth Fellowships."

Robert W. Trieschmann, James Argue, and Howard Ritchie spoke against the motion. Sam Albright spoke for the amendment. The amendment failed. The Report was adopted. Carl Beard moved the adoption of Report No. 2, and it was adopted.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Homer Winstead, co-chairperson of the Board, gave the board's Report and introduced Mrs. Jennings Shaw, Secretary of the Board, who moved the Report of the Board be accepted. Edward W. Harris, Executive Secretary of the Christian Civic Foundation, spoke of the work of the Foundation. The Report was adopted.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Charles Ashcraft, chairperson of the Board, presented the Report of the Board, The Wesley Foundation Directors, and Board members were elected. The Minister and Directors of Education were elected. Joe Arnold presented the report on the Wesley Foundation and introduced Buddy Ratliff who spoke in appreciation of the Wesley Foundation. George W. Martin reported that the Conference Wesley Foundation Study Committee found the Wesley Foundation to be a valid and justifiable ministry of the United Methodist Church and moved the adoption of the report. It was done.

HENDRIX COLLEGE: James E. Major, Vice-President and Director of development of Hendrix College, introduced Burvin C. Alread, Vice-President and Treasurer of Hendrix College, who spoke on behalf of Hen-

drix College reporting that the College would grant 215 degrees this year and that Hendrix graduates were continuing to do well in graduate school.

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: J. B. Holt reported that Perkins is expecting the largest entering class this fall — the largest in twenty years.

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: James L. Gladden reported that St. Paul graduated 44 students this month.

Charles Ashcraft moved the adoption of the Report of the Board of Education.

BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES: Norris Steele, chairperson of the Board, introduced Alice Preston, Co-Chairperson of the Board, gave the report of the Board and moved its adoption. It was done. Norris Steele moved to amend the article of Incorporation of the Methodist Children's Home by adding as Article VIII:

"Persons who have served for a minimum of 20 consecutive years as a Trustee of the United Methodist Children's Home will be eligible for election as 'Life Trustee' with full privileges of a regular Trustee elected by the Annual Conferences. This election as a 'Life Trustee' to be made by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of its Nominating Committee."

Norris Steele moved the election of John Thompson, Edward Matthews, and H. Tyndal Fooks to the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home. It was done. Norris Steele presented Articles of Incorporation of Methodist Community, Inc., and James Argue presented a Resolution concerning The Development of A Retirement Facility at Aldersgate Camp and moved its adoption. It was done. Norris Steele moved the Adoption of the Articles of Incorporation of Methodist Community, Inc. It was done. Norris Steele presented a Supplement to the Board's report dealing with the Golden Cross offering and moved its adoption. It was done.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME: J. Edwin Keith, Superintendent of the Home, spoke to the Conference on behalf of the Home.

STANDING RULES: Carr D. Racop presented a proposed changing in Standing Rule 3: Memoirs to lay on the table for 24 hours. James Argue moved that the Standing Rules be set aside that the question: be considered immediately. The motion passed. The amendment was adopted.

MT. SEQUOYAH: N. Lee Cate, Superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly spoke to the Conference on behalf of the Assembly and announced a Fifty Year Celebration June 25-28.

GREETINGS: The Conference asked the Secretary to send greetings to Alfred Knox.

Tuesday Evening, May 29

PRE-SERVICE CONCERT: Prior to the Evening worship service, the Philander Smith College Choir performed in concert for the entertainment of the Conference.

EVENING WORSHIP: Mike Clayton, assisted by Lucille Nix, led the Conference in worship. The music was presented by the Oaklawn United Methodist Church Choir, Bonnie Hardin, Director, Letha Swihart, Organist. Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., preached.

Wednesday Morning, May 30

WORSHIP SERVICE: John Workman assisted by David Aston, Conference Organist, led the Conference in Worship. Harold Flowers preached.

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank called the session to order and recognized Joe Phillips.

BOARD OF MISSIONS: Joe Phillips nominated Tom Abney as Conference Missionary Secretary and requested Bishop Frank to appoint him to that position. Robert W. Trieschmann and George Tanner presented the Report of the Board of Missions. Robert Van Hook, chairperson of the Committee on Town and Country, presented the report of the Committee. Joe Phillips moved the adoption of the report and called on Tom Abney who made additional proposals. Joe Phillips moved the adoption of the new proposals. They were adopted and the report as a whole was adopted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: O. W. Hoover, Chairperson of the Board, called on Harold Flowers, Co-Chairperson of the Board, who gave the revised report of the Board. The report was accepted.

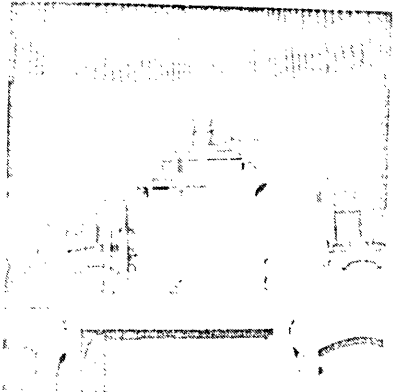
COURTESY: Bishop Frank presented Bryan Brawner, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Council on Finance and Administration, the Conference stood in appreciation. Mr. Brawner announced that the Little Rock Annual Conference has paid its World Service Apportionment in full and called attention to United Methodist Church's new program of Church Insurance.

BOARD OF MINISTRY: R. O. Beck called on Gladwin Connell who presented Report No. 2 of the Board and presented those to be received into Probationary Membership: John R. Grisby, Charles T. Settle, Ellis Eddie Warren, Keenan C. Williams, Mackey C. Yokem and Gerald Meyers. After Bishop Frank examined the candidates before the Conference they were elected to Probationary Membership. John Miles asked for a declaratory decision concerning certain persons who may have been unjustly denied membership in the Conference. James Argue moved.

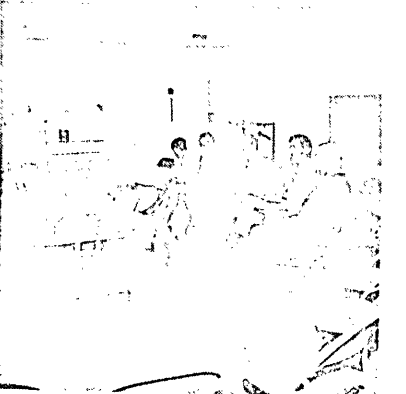
That upon petition by any candidate for any conference relationship who can document that changes in disciplinary requirements have resulted in an injustice to him or her, The Board of Ministry or the executive committee of the Board of Ministry, upon concurrence, be empowered to petition the Judicial Council in the name of the Little Rock Conference for a declaratory decision as to the candidate's eligibility.

Gladwin Connell presented those recommendations for full connection and their spouses. Sam L. Albright, T. Nichols Evans, Kenneth W. Kinard, Claire E. Smith, Michael Velchhoff, Robin McConathy, Daniel C. George, Ralph Sidney Mann, Jr., William Rodney Irvin. After examination before the Conference, the Candidates were received into full connection by the Conference. Those recommended for Deacon's Orders and Elder's Orders were elected as recommended by the Board.

Deacon's Orders: Carl D. Diffe, J. Wayne Edwards, John R. Grigsby, Gene D. Ratekin, Winston Roden, Charles T. Settle, Ellis Eddie Warren, Kennan C. Williams, G. Mackey Yokem.



Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, addresses the Conference.



Dr. Joe E. Phillips leads Executive Committee of the Board of Missions at Little Rock Conference.

Elder's Orders: Sam L. Albright, T. Nichols Evans, Daniel C. George, Kenneth W. Kinard, Robin M. McConathy, Claire E. Smith, Michael A. Velchhoff.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATION: John Ross gave their report of the Committee, Report No. 3 of the Board on Ministry. It was accepted.

PRIVILEGE: Arthur Terry moved that Bishops William C. Martin, Aubrey Gray Walton, and Paul Vernon Galloway be elected to honorary membership in the Little Rock Annual Conference. Bishop Martin, and Bishop and Mrs. Walton were presented to the Conference and elected to honorary membership.

RETIREMENT: Bishop Frank presented the retiring ministers and their spouses: Roy Benjamin Brown, Emanuel Marshall Johnson, William A. Lea, Woodie Daniel Lester, Charlie V. Mashburn, Harold Davis Sadler, and Arthur Terry.

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION: Carr Dec Racop, Jr., assisted by J. W. Lofton, Otto W. Teague, and Sam Albright, led the Conference in Worship. The music was presented by a choir of ministers directed by Lucy Cabe and accompanied on the Trumpet by Russ Racop. James E. Major preached.

Ministers: Kenneth M. Goode, Sidney B. Mann, J. D. Montgomery, George R. Townsend, Leonard H. Westphal, Carter Lee Watson.

Wives or Widows: Mrs. Freda M. James, (widow of Ruel P. James)

Mrs. Sara E. Pickering, (widow of J. Bede Pickering).

Mrs. Georgia S. Rogers, (widow of M. K. Rogers).

Mrs. Louella P. Simpson, (widow of Harry L. Simpson)

Mrs. Julia B. Thomas, (widow of James Thomas).

Lay persons who have given distinguished witness and service in the midst of our conference for many years:

Mrs. T. A. Prewitt (Hughetta)
E. F. Price

WANTED!!!
SECRETARY
Active Methodist preferred.
Phone 374-1376, if interested.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JUNE 17: More Than Lip Service

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:7, Matthew 5:33-37; 6:1-6; 7:21-23; 21:28-32; Mark 7:5-8.

MEMORY SELECTION: Not every one who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us to realize that vanity in worship is indifference and disrespect toward God; but doing God's will must match our understanding and sincere devotion.

The third commandment, "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain," is the opening scripture text for our lesson on "More Than Lip Service." The memory selection warns against hypocrisy in words to God, but calls one to act out the will of God in sincerity and truth.

This third guideline for the discipline of the Christian in daily life may make us aware of our insincerity and hypocritical motives in using God's name and alert us to sincere and honest word and deed in doing God's will in worship and in daily work.

TAKE GOD'S NAME WITH YOU

The memory selection and the third commandment begin with "You shall not," and "Not every one" — two negative statements, but they introduce the positive attitude toward God in spirit and in truth. The two minus words emphasize the two plus words "sincere" and "doing." The work "take" in Hebrew means "lift, or carry." The word "vain" means "emptiness" or "nothingness." To say God's name and not do his will is lip service and not living action. To speak God's name and do his will is to enter into the experience of his presence.

The presence of God in worship was the subject of the first two of these three commandments dealing with man's relationship to God. God's name was never pronounced by the Hebrew. His name was not a magical code to give power over him or to have him at man's disposal. It was given to Israel to guide their calls on God for help in time of need, to have communion and fellowship with Him, and to understand his nature and greatness. To know God completely the Christian should know the meaning of Jesus the Saviour, the Christ — approved of God. He is God's appointed and anointed Son. Jesus Christ gave his disciples another Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, to continue His presence with them after his earthly departure. The name of God, seen in Jesus Christ, reveals God's nature in love, forgiveness, friendship, and eternal communion. Taking the name of God sincerely is to be in everlasting communication with him in faith, hope, and love, which never perish.

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VOCAL AND MORAL VANITY PROFANE THE NAME OF GOD

A minor meaning of this commandment to many, on the surface is to prohibit profane swearing. "Profane" means "before the temple." Profanity is that which is not approved by holy usage, truthful meaning, sincere speaking. Cussing, profane swearing and perjury, are hypocritical uses of God's name in private, public, in worship or in a court of law. Hypocrisy is an attitude "put on," like the actor who plays a part, which is not really his true nature in real life. Hypocrisy is a pose, a "put on," but not real, sincere. Insincerity is the heart of vain speaking of God. In hypocrisy a false face "is passed off for a genuine one." (Charles M. Laymon)

GOD'S HOLY NAME REQUIRES HOLY USAGE

In the ancient Hebrew community where this commandment was first given, the meaning of a name was significant of the character bearing the name. George W. Frey, in the International Lesson Annual, says "The name actualized the individuality and distinctness of a person." Human and divine names had particular meaning. Israel's God, Yahweh, was a name the Jew, then and now left without pronouncing. Instead they say the word *adonai* or use "The *Shem*" (the Hebrew word for name). "The name" Yahweh is never voiced at all. (George W. Frey)

The revelation of God to his people in the Covenant of law needed to be lived out in daily life through worship and work. "Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God," was the prophet Micah's summary of the spiritual requirement of God for his people. This is the meaning of sincerity in worship and work. To violate the moral requirement of the commandment by hypocrisy, insincerity, counterfeiting, and lying is to prostitute the law of God. To worship God in spirit and truth, is to follow the example and teaching of Jesus for his disciples.

PRAY, FAST, GIVE

The center of Hebrew pious living centered in three acts of worship, prayer, fasting, and giving in pity for the needy — giving alms. The giving of prayers, fasts, and alms had become, in Jesus' day, so much of a form that its observance had become perfunctory rather than sincere and genuinely devout.

Prayers had become formal, to the point that public approval became more conspicuous than the private devotional obscurity of secret worship. This kind of profane living received the rebuke of Jesus in the lesson text, "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." Moffatt translates it, "Take care not to practice your charity before men in order to be noticed; otherwise you get no reward from your Father in heaven." The New English Bible translates, "Beware of practicing your piety before men" as "Be careful not to make a show of your religion before men." Here the motive of worship is communion with God rather than arrogant display. This is not contrary to Jesus' word, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and

glorify your Father which is in heaven." No hypocritical play-acting is to be tolerated in holy living.

In charitable gifts, love for God and man are to be put above public show and self-aggrandizement. George W. Frey notes the incident of a cartoon of a contractor presenting a finished building to the principal of the school, saying, "Lord knows this is the best built school in this country," when he had previously told his foreman to skimp on the amount of cement in the concrete for the building project. This recalls the theme of a motion picture, where the longtime builder for an investor was given his final contract, with the order to put his very best into the building. When it was completed, with much skimping and inferior work, the presentation was made. The investor in turn received it with appreciation and gave it back to the builder as a token of his lifetime record of good buildings for his patron. His profane building cut back into his own life's building like a boomerang. It was truly a house of life built upon sand, to show up shoddy in the storms and floods of life's pressures. Not personal prestige, nor position, nor any other phoniness in religion, but love for God and man marks the one true motive in giving true charity.

The same basic sincerity is to motivate the spiritual act of fasting. The Pharisees were condemned by Jesus for boasting of their righteousness by missing a meal and making a parade of their piety. Charles M. Laymon cites Dr. Ralph Sockman's story of a little girl who filled out a school questionnaire, filling in her own name as the answer to the question, "Write down the name of the child who bragged the least about herself." He said it must have been something like that which St. Jerome had in mind when he said, "Beware of the pride of humility."

In prayer, the secret of His presence is the true test of devotion, and not the public display of observers. Prayer is given to God to be seen by him. Dr. Laymon cites the incident in the life of St. Francis of Assisi in the home of a rich man. "All night long he heard the saint say, 'My God and my All, my God and my All.' The simple prayer converted him to Christ then and there."

FOUR LETTER WORDS FOR TRUE LIVING

Pray and work in the will of God is the Christian way of life. Profane swearing and pornographic permissiveness can be overcome by faith, hope, love, and the way of the cross of Christ. The Christian belief in the holy trinity of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit, as used in the Christian rite of baptism, confirmation in church membership, the marriage vow, the funeral ritual, and the benediction, are the church's witness to true worship in sincerity and joy and peace.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR DISCIPLINE OF WORSHIP

Daily Bible readings, Numbers 23:19-23; Matthew 23:16-22; and Isaiah 1:10-17, may add to the use of the BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE for devotional use. James Montgomery's hymn number 252, and the Lord's prayer may add to our dedication of life for sincere worship. Our lesson next week is the Fourth Commandment.

JUNE 7, 1973

World Methodist Evangelism Council sets priorities

St. Louis, Mo., — Three major priorities for the World Methodist Council's Evangelism emphasis in 1973 and 1974 were set by the Council's Evangelism Committee meeting here May 1-4. They are:

1—A 24-hour world-wide Vigil of Prayer, Dec. 31, 1973, beginning in Tonga near the International Dateline and proceeding around the world — Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America — and back to the Dateline.

2—A global Bible Study during Lent, 1974, using a specially-written study of the life and message of Jesus by the eminent New Testament scholar, Dr. William Barclay, professor of theology, University of Glasgow, Scotland.

3—Evangelism Congresses in 1974 in seven regions of the world — Australia, Africa, North America, Central-South America, India, Southeast Asia-Philippines and Europe-British Isles.

Important announcements relating to future events, including a proposed world-wide evangelism consultation at Lake Junaluska, N. C., and plans for 1975 are expected to emerge at the time of the World Methodist Council executive committee meeting in Mexico City, July 29-Aug. 3.

During the four-day meeting here, discussions brought out the general feeling that 1973-74 will be devoted

to deepening the spiritual life of members in the World Methodist Council's 54 constituent churches, and in 1975, the churches would take the mission to the world.

The extent to which additional projects can be undertaken will depend somewhat upon financial support from individuals and member bodies of the Council, the committee noted.

Arrangements are being made to publish the study book in English and many other languages. Dr. Ira Gallaway, associate general secretary of the Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Church, and member of the committee, told the group that translators of Tidings and The Upper Room will be available to help with translations.

Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, Ohio, chairman of the committee, has been asked to write the preface to the Barclay text.

Asked by the committee to prepare the program for the Vigil of Prayer, the Rev. Joe Hale, director of Cooperative Evangelism of The United Methodist Church, outlined elements of the program arranged after months of planning. He reported that the King of Tonga will speak and a 500-voice choir of the Tonga Church will sing to begin the Vigil. This will be followed by brief inspirational messages from world leaders of evangelism.

Among them will be Dr. Alan Walker, Sydney, Australia; Bishop Yap Kim Hao, Singapore; Mrs. Elisha R. Ocera, Manila; the Rev. Thomas W. Koomson, president of the church in Ghana; Bishop Wenceslao Bahamonde, Lima, Peru, and Bishop Ensley.

Through an international recording, their messages will be available to churches around the world, Hale said. The tape is intended to be used as people gather in churches to participate in the Vigil.

Dr. Gallaway, chairman of the North American region, announced that its regional Congress will be held in Houston, Texas, Jan. 8-10, 1974, the first in the series. Sessions will be held in the Rice Hotel. Details are being worked out in cooperation with secretaries of Evangelism of participating denominations — AME, AME Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Free Methodist, United Methodist and Wesleyan Churches.

Dr. Sails, chairman of the Europe-British Isles region, said its Congress is expected to be held Apr. 23-26, 1974, in the Methodist Center "Viktoria" in Reuti-Hasliberg, Switzerland, with the theme, "No Other Name." Other Congresses are expected to be set in the near future.

Meanwhile, youth, while attending their regional Congresses, will be involved in their own program to which

the committee gave its encouragement in Europe next year.

The committee invited the United Christian Ashrams movement to send a representative to future committee meetings. Bishop James Mathews is chairman of the International Movement, and the Rev. Harold Dutt, superintendent of the West Ohio Conference Dayton North District, is chairman of the North American section.

In remarks to the committee concluding the meeting, Bishop Ensley said: "We must convince people anew of the ultimate validity of our faith . . . to reestablish the validity of the Christian outlook on life . . . to convince people that the Christian outlook is true — and good. I am convinced that in the long pull, the Christian Way will survive — because it is true and good."

Among the 26 world representatives at the meeting, held in the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, were three members of the World Council's Presidium — Phillip N. Capper, Winchester, England, youth representative; Rev. Koomson, and Bishop Ensley.

By special invitation, two other youth members were present — Reiner Stahl, youth leader from Germany, and Gregory Palmer, student at George Washington University, Washington, D. C.

Rhodesian Bishop's Work Praised

NEW YORK (UMC) — Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, head of United Methodism in Rhodesia, is doing more toward maintaining peace in Rhodesia now than Prime Minister Ian Smith, or virtually any one else for that matter, commented a United Methodist mission official in the wake of press reports of stepped-up fighting between African guerrillas and white Rhodesians in the northeastern part of the country.

Though Bishop Muzorewa is back at work full time following bouts with bilharzia and stomach ulcers, his doctors still feel he should be allowed to leave Rhodesia for treatment not available there, reported the Rev. Isaac Bivens, Board of Global Ministries assistant general secretary for Africa. On the other hand, with heightening tension, the bishop's presence in Rhodesia at this time is crucial, Dr. Bivens said.

Mexico Methodists Marking Centennial

MEXICO CITY (UMC) — Methodists of Mexico are observing the 100th anniversary of their church in 1973 with a year-long series of activities scheduled to reach a climax in December with a national convocation that may draw as many as 15,000 persons to this capital city.

With a membership estimated at 50,000, the Methodist Church of Mexico has been autonomous since 1930. It is related to the United Methodist Church through that denomination's Board of Global Ministries' World Division.

PROTESTANT WORK IN BRAZIL GROWING

NEW YORK (UMI) — Church development in a growing area of Brazil is reported in a recent newsletter from United Methodist missionaries to friends and supporters in the U.S.

Six years ago there was no Methodist work in the city of Cascavel and vicinity in the western part of Parana state in southern Brazil; today there are five congregations and seven other preaching points, wrote Raymond and Cleo Noah. Membership in the Cascavel circuit is 147, though weekly attendance averages 180 or more, they said, noting that the Methodist Church is one of 25 Protestant denominations at work in the Cascavel region, some with large memberships.

In the city of 103,000, the Methodists cooperate especially with the Presbyterian, Baptist and Evangelical Independent Churches.

Ecumenical scholar-in-residence award granted

NEW YORK (UMI) — The first grant from United Methodism's ecumenical concerns agency to maintain a scholar in residence at the Ecumenical Institute for Advanced Theological Studies at Tantur near Jerusalem has been announced by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Huston, New York.

Since it was established in 1965, the Institute has been operating under auspices of an Academic Council comprising Protestant, Orthodox and

TRAVEL GUIDE LISTS UPPER ROOM CHAPEL

The Upper Room Chapel, Museum and Agape Garden in Nashville, Tenn. have been listed in the 1973 edition of the MOBIL TRAVEL GUIDE, one of the top travel guides produced by a major oil company.

More than 22,000 restaurants, hotels, motels and resorts are included in the seven volume guide, which has been compared by travel experts to the famed Guide-Michelin. Mobil's seven volumes are done on a regional basis, and each edition lists valuable information on the local history, points of interest in the region, recreational facilities and star-rated food and lodging facilities. The Travel Guides are available at Mobil service stations, bookstores, magazine outlets, and other places where books and magazines are sold.

Roman Catholic scholars, among them United Methodism's Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex. It has been a center for study by "top level scholars and post-graduate theological students engaged in spearhead research," said Dr. Huston, associate general secretary of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

The grant for study and research in 1973-74 has been given by the Division to the Rev. Dr. William Richard Watters, Jr., a 1973 Ph.D. graduate of the University of Iowa and pastor of the Troy Mills, Spring Grove and Silver Creek United Methodist Churches in Iowa. The grant covers travel, and living and research expenses.

ON RECEIVING IT

By Wilson O. Weldon

One day an elderly lady was visited by a minister who carried with him a contribution towards the rent of her cottage. He knocked once at the door and there was no answer. He knocked twice and still no answer. He noticed smoke coming from the chimney, so he knocked again, but no response. Days later she confessed that she was in, but did not answer because she thought he was the rent collector.

Many wonderful riches are offered but we have to provide the reception. The response to life's offers is within our own province.

At the center of Christianity is both an offer and a response. It is a gift and the reception of that gift. Jesus said: "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17) The wonderful love of God is never forced upon an individual. It is always, from beginning to the end, an offer, a gift. You and I are free moral agents with the power to accept or to reject.

Through daily vigilance, through frequent prayer and Bible study, through private and public worship, through daily involvement we can gain the wisdom to accept those offers which God so willingly presents.

CORRECTION: The Upper Room ad which appeared in the May 17 issue of this publication should have stated that The Upper Room for member families and others may be obtained at 15¢ per copy in lots of 10 or more sent to one address. Address inquiries to: The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Dept. FC-20, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Bishop Goodrich Willson Lecturer for Methodist Heritage Celebration

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMC) — Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, leadership training center for the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary June 25-28.

Major feature of the "Methodist Heritage Celebration" will be the annual Mt. Sequoyah Willson lectures to be given by Missouri Bishop Robert E. Goodrich. The lectures are endowed by the late J. M. Willson and Mrs. Willson of Floydada, Tex.

Other events will include a Bible study led by Dr. Francis Christie, dean of Hendrix College, Conway, Ark.; special music by Fayetteville area choirs, a youth choir from First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., and the Ozarks Methodist Manor choir from Maronville, Mo.

Workshops on evangelism will be led by Dr. Robert Escamilla, Dr. George E. Morris, and the Rev. James D. Bass, staff members of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship.

The College of Bishops including all retired and active bishops from the eight-state jurisdiction served by Mt. Sequoyah will also be meeting during the three-day celebration.

During a birthday celebration coordinated by retired Bishop Paul V. Galloway, a history of the Assembly will be given by the Rev. Jack Montgomery of Mexico, Mo. Other participants will include Dr. James W. Workman, former superintendent of the assembly; Dr. and Mrs. Paul Womeldorf, and Dr. and Mrs. Virgil D. Morris.

Dr. Womeldorf and Dr. Morris have served as executive director of the Jurisdiction. Present superintendent of the Assembly is the Rev. N. Lee Cate. New executive director of the Jurisdiction is the Rev. Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Lubbock, Tex.

Chairman of the entire celebration

Appeal made for poor

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Pleading for the federal government not to cut its budget at the expense of poor people, some 300 religious leaders spent May 9-11 here in discussions and in contacts with members of Congress.

The interfaith Convocation of Conscience, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, appealed both to government and to religious bodies to give priority to full employment at an adequate wage, income maintenance, reform of "obsolete and inequitable" tax systems, equal and quality education, services to the disadvantaged, safe and decent housing, universal health insurance, justice in relationship to the environment and resources, reduction of the defense budget.

Participants also adopted resolutions urging a fight against racism and supporting the organization of farm workers under the United Farm Workers Union rather than the Teamsters.

Participants included some staff members from the Board of Church and Society and the Board of Global Ministries' Women's Division.

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is the Rev. Herman A. Lehwald, pastor of Stephan Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Mt. Sequoyah was opened as Western Methodist Assembly in 1923 and during that first summer attracted 12,000 persons. Since that time it has continued as an active center of leadership training not only for the jurisdiction but for numerous ecumenical meetings of a larger regional and national nature. The only other comparable regional training center in the church is Lake Junaluska, N. C., operated by the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

Challenge to Black District Withdrawn

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — What was expected to be a challenge before the United Methodist Judicial Council May 24-26 to continuance beyond this year of all-black districts in a United Methodist annual conference has been withdrawn by the denomination's Commission on Religion and Race.

The challenge was related specifically to South Carolina where a merger of black and white annual conferences completed a year ago provided for a phasing out of separate black districts in 1974. However, the conference is now to vote in June on a complete restructure providing for several black district superintendents in bi-racial districts.



Dr. J. Richard Palmer (left) was invested as president of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., May 18 by board chairman Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel who also spoke at commencement services honoring 59 graduating students. Dr. Palmer, vice president for development at Berea College, Berea, Ky., will assume his duties at Scarritt July 1.

Judicial Council moves to protect rights of the annual conference

FRENCH LICK, Ind. (UMI) — A revised annual conference procedure in North Georgia was approved by the United Methodist Judicial Council here May 24-25. The council also issued two decisions affecting top church leadership in the Philippines.

For the third time in 13 months, the council told United Methodists in North India to "proceed as swiftly as possible to the consummation of union" with the Church of North India.

The Georgia plan, not unlike that used by several other conferences in recent years, sets up a dozen legislative committees which would give preliminary consideration to all agency reports before they reach the conference plenary session. The plan was

adopted by the conference last June and immediately referred to the Judicial Council for determination of its legality.

The council noted that any organizational structure must "protect the rights of the annual conference to receive and act on all proposals brought to it, the rights and requirements of boards and agencies that they report annually to the conference, and the rights of individual members of the conference to be informed on and to participate fully in all legislative decisions." It ruled that the plan protects all those rights "because it requires that all final considerations and decisions on legislative proposals be made by the total conference membership."

In answer to two questions from the Philippines, the council decided that two bishops serving for the last quadrennium are entitled to continue in office for the present and that district superintendents outside the United States are not restricted by the Discipline to a maximum of six years' service in any nine years.

WCC executive

returns to pastorate

NEW YORK (UMI) — After 24 years of national and international, denominational and ecumenical service, a United Methodist minister is returning to his "first love," the local pastorate.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Smith has been appointed by Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., episcopal leader of United Methodism's New Jersey Area, to be minister of the United Methodist Church in Denville, N.J., effective June 10. Dr. Smith has been a ministerial member of the Northern New Jersey Conference for several years and has represented the conference at United Methodism's General Conference. He was the former Methodist Church's top overseas mission executive.

Dr. Smith's resignation from a dual post with the World Council of Churches was announced at a recent meeting of the U.S. Conference for the World Council at Madison, Wis. Since 1964 he has been both executive secretary of the U.S. Conference for the WCC and executive secretary of the Council's New York Office.

Black Community Developers Program approved

NEW YORK (UMI) — Expansion of the United Methodist Church's Black Community Developers Program to meet numerous requests by black churches was approved by the program's National Policy Committee at a meeting here May 16-17.

The Program, which began in 1969 under United Methodism's 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis Fund for Reconciliation, seeks to enable black laymen and clergy — the black church — to lead in community development and in obtaining social justice for all people. Developers work out of black United Methodist Churches across the country.

The policy committee approved increasing the number of black developers — who are both men and women — from the present 35 to 45.

Plans for a national training program in economic development for developers and their pastors to be held in October were also made by the policy committee. Committee members pointed out that economic deprivation and political powerlessness are major problems in black communities.

"We must recognize that unless people are empowered economically and politically, then independence is a myth," said the Rev. Dr. Negail R. Riley, urban ministries executive secretary for the National Division. Dr. Riley is coordinator of the policy committee.

United Methodist-related Paine College, Augusta, Ga., has launched a \$400,000 drive to rebuild Haygood Hall, the campus academic and administration Center, which burned in 1968.

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Roe Circuit (Hursel Richert) (4)
Rowell Charge A. J. Lightfoot A.M. (2)
St. Charles-Pleasant Grove (Warren E. Eagle) (2)
Sheridan Jack A. Wilson (5)
Sherrill-Tomberlin (H. E. Ratekin) (2)
Stuttgart:
First Bryan W. Stephens (1)
Grand Avenue George G. Meyer (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (With Annuity)

Student, Perkins School of Theology John R. Grigsby (1)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (Without Annuity)

Chaplain, U.S. Navy Withers B. Moore
Resident Hospital Chaplain, Medical Center, Purdue, Indiana W. Edgar Outlaw

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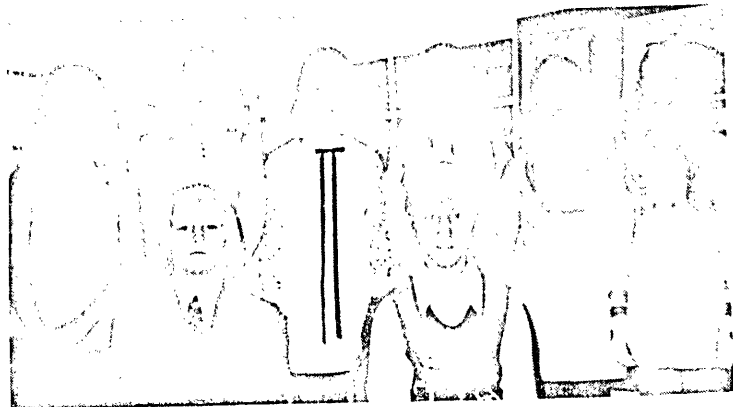
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Jim Barton, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Barton, Sr., of Hickory Ridge, and a sophomore next year at Cross County High School, has been voted "Most Athletic" in junior high at the school. He was also named "Most Valuable Player" of the junior basketball team. Jim represented his school at spring state track meet at Jacksonville, winning nine ribbons and two plaques. He also played two years as quarterback on the junior football team. In class work, Jim maintains a 3.29 grade-point average.

Participants, representing various churches, in recent Pine Bluff District Arts and Crafts Festival with sculpture and copper display. Dr. Virgil D. Keeley is district superintendent.



Pictured above is confirmation class recently received into full membership at Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, by the Rev. Maurice Lanier, pastor.

Entries in Pine Bluff Festival included colonial home, complete with furnishings, and photographic display.



Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

The word "WAIT" was not only the title of an inspiring poem by Grace Noll Crowell, but also the message. It begins with the verse...
"If but one message I may leave behind, One single word of courage for my kind, It would be this - Oh, brother, sister, friend, Whatever life may bring, what God may send, No matter whether clouds lift soon or late, Take heart and wait."

Ever Present Helper

Wait...
till the curtain of night
is lifted
and the sun shines
on a brighter day
Then look...
to the ever present Helper
for He points the way
and He lifteth us up
Listen...
the dark clouds will pass
and be gone with the cup.

-by Lorena B. Poole

Reassurance

I have known grief
I have known pain
But I also know
I can smile again.

God speaks to me,
"Seek higher goals,
I will take your burdens
Give peace to your soul."

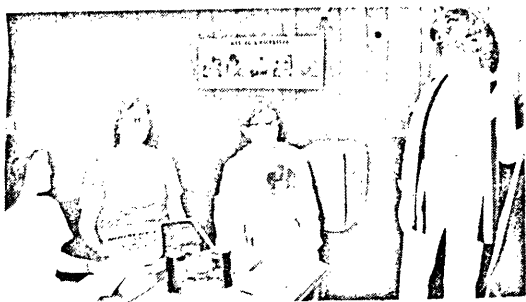
He promises to guide me
I trust anew each day
How often I would falter,
Without Him, go astray.

I do not know the answers
But as I seek to understand,
I find happiness is simple trust
And holding to His hand.

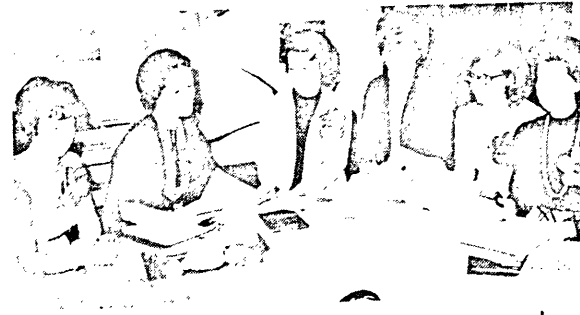
-by Mary W. Gee

JONESBORO DISTRICT VCS WORKSHOP

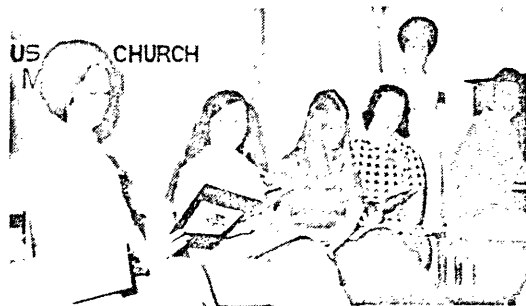
May 5 - The Rev. Joe Wilkerson, Director



Nursery I class was led by Mrs. Jack Shields. Vacation Church School Workshop was held at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro.



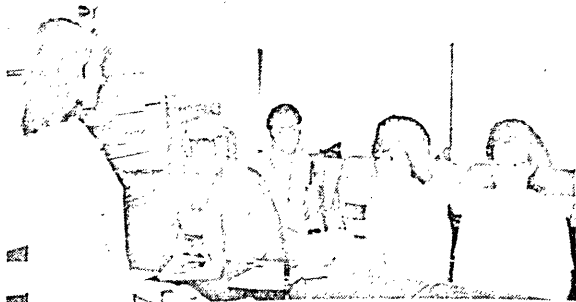
Mrs. Daniel Vosburg taught Kindergarten workers. Dr. J. Ralph Hillis is district superintendent.



Elementary I-II class was taught by Mrs. Major Griffin and Mrs. James Barton, district coordinator of children's ministries.



Mrs. James Chandler, wife of host pastor, and Mrs. B. J. Burnett led the Elementary III-IV group.



Elementary V-VI workers were led by the Rev. James Barton, pastor of Hickory Ridge-Tilton, and Mrs. Vergie Dorton.



The Rev. Lowell Eaton, youth coordinator for Forrest City District, trained the junior high workers.