

(Left) The Rev. Ben Jordan, formerly pastor of Conway First Church replaces the Rev. Elmo Thomason on the Paragould District. Thomason transferred to Forrest City District from which Dr. Ethan Dodgen retired during North Arkansas Conference Session. (Right) The Rev. Harold Spence, formerly pastor of First Church Paragould, in an exchange appointment succeeds Dr. Raymond Franks as Superintendent of Fayetteville District.

Arkansas Methodist

92nd YEAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1973

NO. 24

At Jonesboro last week . . .

North Arkansas retains present district structure

By a vote of 221 to 128 the North Arkansas Conference rejected the proposal to redistrict the Conference from seven to six Districts. The vote came on Tuesday morning, climaxing a long debate on the proposal.

The proposal, as stated in the Pre-Conference Reports, had a two-fold purpose; first "to distribute the work load of the superintendents equitably and bring the work load more in line with the national picture which shows that the average is about 45 charges and 60 to 70 churches;" secondly, "to make more funds available to strengthen a district Council on Ministries for more localized training to represent the local church." Under this plan money saved by the elimination of a district would enable the Conference to provide \$2,000 to each of the six districts, which would be used for secretarial salary, with the hope that each district would match such funds for this purpose. Each district would receive \$250 for "the District Council on Ministries for a program as designed by them."

FIVE REASONS FAVORING REDISTRICTING

The resolution, presented by the Rev. Earl B. Carter, contained five basic considerations favoring redistricting. These were: First, it "was in keeping with the emerging role of the District Superintendent in the United Methodist Church." Such restructuring would better enable the superintendent to function as a "program coordinator, facilitator and resource person." Secondly, the plan would make it possible to have more funds for administration within the districts. "Our Church is the only organization in the world that provides for salaried executives and then makes no provision for secretarial assistance." "It has been common knowledge," the resolution stated, "that for years our superintendents have operated their offices out of their hip pockets." The plan proposed would, Mr. Carter stated, free the superintendents for the more important work of their office.

The resolution stated that in the third place, the formation of six districts would provide "for a more equitable distribution of the geographi-

cal areas of the Conference."

As a fourth consideration the resolution asked "Which plan provides a better accounting of our stewardship: one that provides for seven districts and no funds for administration, or the plan that creates six Districts and also provides the financial resources for their administration?"

Finally, the resolution responded to the contention that the proposal would result in a greater centralization of power. "Instead of one bishop and seven district superintendents making our appointments, under the new plan there will be one bishop and six superintendents . . . Consequently, you will have a greater centralization of power," stated Mr. Carter. "But the way I feel about it is that if I can't trust my appointment to one bishop and six district superintendents I don't think that one more district superintendent is going to make much difference anyway."

DEBATE FOLLOWS PRESENTATION

For about one hour members of the Conference engaged in debate over the proposal. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis, speaking against the proposal, contended that "the information in the Pre-Conference Reports is inaccurate." He stated that he had reviewed the Journals of the past seven years "looking for the totals and the figures that are represented in the Pre-Conference Reports. They're not there." He then presented figures stating that "on the basis of the figures given to us, the case has not been made." "I will vote 'No' right now unless I can receive some compelling information that demonstrates to the annual Conference that it is in the best wisdom to go to six districts."

The Rev. Bill Wilder, speaking in favor of the proposal, compared the work of a pastor with that of a Superintendent, stating that the pastor has secretarial help and many others to aid him while the superintendent is "left alone with his task to do the very best that he can." With the new plan, the addition of secretarial assistance would give "twelve people running six districts instead of seven people running seven districts."

An open letter. . . .

TO THE PEOPLE OF JONESBORO:

When I first drove into your town I thought we had made a mistake. To come, even at your own insistence, 400 strong just one week after you experienced a devastating tornado, seemed to me an intrusion upon your sorrow and an imposition upon your generosity.

But now I know we did the right thing. We gained so much from being in your midst that hopefully we can convey something of your spirit to others.

This is a Thank You letter.

Thank you for reinforcing our faith in the indomitable will of man. While I know that we can't begin to know the heartache, the frustration and all the multiplied emotions of such an experience, the way you responded was an inspiration to us.

Thank you for understanding as we went about your town like curiosity-filled sight-seers and painfully gorged our eyes and heads upon the tragic scenes of your misery.

Thank you for going on about the heartbreaking work of cleaning up, bandaging up and burying one of your dead as we conducted our business. As we worshipped and reported and prayed we thought about you. There were times when we laughed at ourselves as we made jokes, but always as we laughed, and yes in those moments when we cried, we really couldn't get our minds off of you.

For the windows of our Sanctuary were open and we could hear the sounds of your trucks hauling away the debris, the sounds of your sirens as they went by and the sounds of life as it went on. And these sounds, rather than distract us, really reminded us of why we were there; why, really, the church is anywhere and everywhere. Because in good times and bad, people really want to care.

Thank you for helping us to open up the windows of our hearts a little wider because of your hurt.

You were a good host at a time when hosting was most difficult. While you had every right to keep your mind upon your own affairs, you really cared about us. It is this we thank you for the most. For this is a part of what we are trying to become as the church.

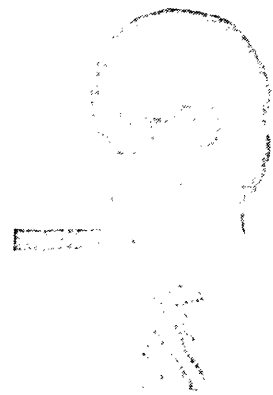
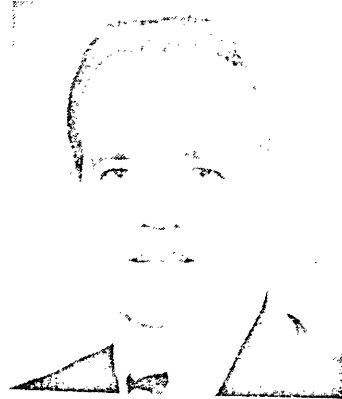
J.S.W.

The Rev. Lloyd C. Conyers spoke against the proposal. Expressing appreciation for Bishop Frank, and noting that the Bishop was from Kansas, he stated that having found his wife in that state, he discovered "having a boss from Kansas is a delightful experience," and that he "had been wanting to have a bishop from Kansas ever since." He stated his opposition based on two considerations: "finances, and the basic philosophy of approach" behind the proposal.

Concerning finances, Mr. Conyers

stated that while adequate support for the superintendents was vital, he questioned the contention that the superintendent must come from the "top level of appointments" in reference to salary. (A motivating factor for the proposal was to maintain the salary of the superintendents at a level in keeping with the top ten or so churches in the Conference). He made reference to superintendents in the past who had come from churches of smaller salary levels.

Please turn to page 2



Dr. Myers B. Curtis (left), formerly pastor at Amboy Church, North Little Rock, becomes the director of the North Arkansas Conference Program Council. The Rev. Robert O. Beck comes from First Church in Stuttgart to the position of associate director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council.

Key 73 presents - Pat Boone Special, June 30, 7-8 p.m. on KATV, Channel 7.

from page one

NORTH ARKANSAS

Regarding the proposal that each district be provided a secretary, Mr. Conyers stated his belief that "this matter be left to the districts according as the need is seen by the district superintendent and the leadership in the district." Stating that he felt the districts capable of adequately meeting such needs, he recalled:

"I never touched the handle of a mimeographing machine the five years I was on the Paragould District."

THE BASIC ROLE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Turning to what he referred as "the weightier matters of the law," Mr. Conyers questioned the basic philosophy of the proposal, stating that the office of the district superintendent is a unique and basic one in our system. "There is no man in the United Methodist Church who is in touch with the total life of the church as is the district superintendent." He stated that "the basic change we need to make in the role of the district superintendent today is . . . in reference to whether he is able to be oriented to Conference administration or to the heartbeat of the local church." If we can find a way to enable the superintendent to "identify himself with the agony of the local church as it seeks to be the mission of God in the local community . . . then he will continue to hold a place of significance and strength."

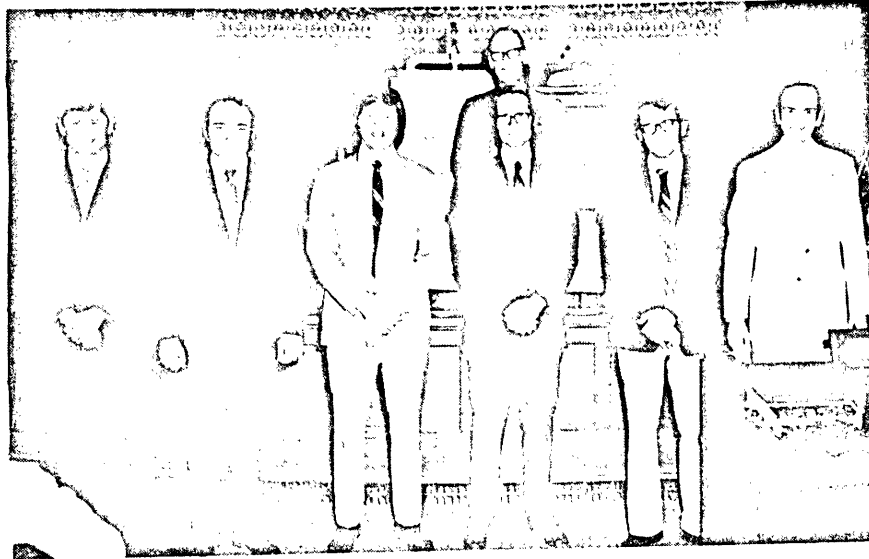
Mr. Conyers stated that what disturbed him the most about the church today was "the spirit of suspicion and almost of distrust on the part of so many good people with reference to the overhead structure of our church." He stated his belief that the way to overcome this was "by such a spirit as our Bishop had demonstrated, making a plea for the uplift of the laity and . . . by keeping our district organizations such that the district superintendents can be close to these local situations and help us as we labor there where the work must be done and where the battle will be won or lost."

LAY MEMBERS EXPRESS CONCERNS

Mrs. Hugh Hardin, lay member from Fort Smith, stated that she came with the idea that she "liked the re-districting all right, but now . . . am convinced that it is the thing to do, because if what Rev. Jarvis said is true, they haven't had the help to get the accounts accurate." Mrs. Hardin stated that the superintendents needed help that the proposal would provide in order for them to do exactly what Mr. Conyers proposed — to relate more to the local people.

Mr. Henry M. Rainwater, lay leader of the Paragould District, who was later in the session confirmed as Lay Leader of the Conference, expressed his opposition to the proposal. "I am representing the people in the Paragould District. The majority of our people are against the re-districting . . .

PAGE TWO



Receiving Elders Orders at North Arkansas Conference were (left to right) Joe Kennedy, Gerald Rainwater, Bruce Cook, Elmer Brooks Holifield, David Lee Driver, James Sutherland, Jr. Bishop Frank (behind chancel rail) officiated.



This group includes those elected Deacons. Probationary members are John Hardy Brown, William Christopher Cooper, Roger Ernest Glover, Bennie Ross Harmon, James Ervin Rohlman; Lay Pastors are Clarence Brown, Bill Joe Kirkland, William Bert Powell, and Charles Southard.

They have said again and again to me, 'Henry, let's not let them take the Paragould District away from us.' If the work of the superintendent is so important, he asked, "why do you want to eliminate one of them?" He stated that the funds gained by the proposal would be adequate and that United Methodists would respond to provide the needs under the present structure. Recalling that the district had gained 225 members last year, he urged the conference not to eliminate the district, but to "go forward."

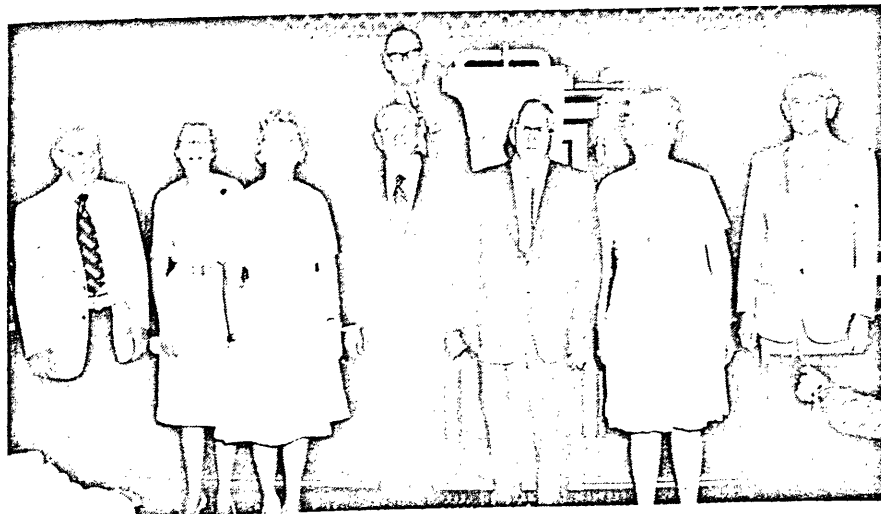
DEBATE CONTINUES

The Rev. Ben Jordan, speaking for the proposal, called for it to be adopted because of its economic feasibility, stating that \$2,700 would be available rather than the lower figures quoted earlier. He stated that the six districts would have good opportunity

for these funds being matched by the membership in the districts.

The Rev. Albert Gatlin spoke in opposition to the proposal, stating that the "whole business of the superintendency is going in the direction of centralization." If such is our desire, he stated, "that which we propose to do is a drop in the bucket." "If we're going to keep . . . the personal touch, we do not need to make this change. We have the resources to support the district superintendent in any of his needs."

In calling for the vote, the Bishop urged each member to vote as he felt and stated that there "was no emotional involvement" on his part, or that of any of the superintendents. The vote of a secret ballot did not prevail and the Conference defeated the measure.



REPORT ON JONESBORO RELIEF OFFERING:

Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Superintendent of the Jonesboro District, reported last Friday that the amount of \$17,000 had been received from congregations in Arkansas for relief of tornado victims in the Jonesboro area. Dr. Hillis stated that the area pastors met last Thursday and, in recognition of the service rendered by these agencies, allocated \$2,000 to the Salvation Army, \$2,000 to the Red Cross, \$500 each to the Mennonites and Seventh Day Adventist groups, which are administering relief aid in the area. Dr. Hillis expressed deep appreciation to all for this generous response.

Seminar on Emerging Family June 25-28

A seminar on The Emerging Family will be held June 25-28 at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Sponsored by Cooperating Churches and the U. A. Division of Agriculture and Division of Continuing Education, the seminar is open to all pastors and interested laymen.

Featured speaker will be Wallace Denton, professor of Child Development and Family Life at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind., and a United Methodist.

Denton's topics will include "Why The Emerging Family?," "The Shape of The Emerging Family," and "The Church and The Emerging Family."

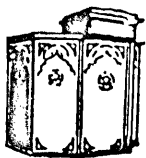
Other United Methodist program participants will include William L. Burnett, assistant professor of Child Development and Family Relations at UA, Robert M. Van Hook, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Town and Country Committee and pastor of Henderson Church, Little Rock, and Wendell Dorman, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Town and Country Committee and pastor of Manila-Community. The Rev. Louis K. Averitt of St. Mark's Church in Camden, is chairman of the program committee.

There is no registration fee. Meals and rooms are available at the Pomfret Housing Center at \$7.75 per day for double occupancy.

Deadline for registration is June 15. Send registrations and requests for financial aid — either for housing or travel expenses — to your Conference Town and Country Committee chairman.

Retiring ministers and wives who were honored at North Arkansas Conference (left to right) included Dr. and Mrs. Ethan W. Dodgen, Mrs. Albert Gatlin and the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, the Rev. and Mrs. James Weatherford, and the Rev. Braska Savage. Shown with the group is Bishop Frank.

JUNE 14, 1973



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.....

FOUR DAYS AFTER PENTECOST

By the time you get this, Pentecost Sunday will have been four days in the past. But what of Pentecost's promise? Surely here is not a "season to be observed, but an event to be experienced," as we rightly say of each great event in our Christian calendar.

Pentecost is the promise of God's presence coming in power. Power to love, to serve, to be the church. It is the promise that the Holy Spirit does not desert his people but comes to them when they wait upon him.

God needs a people who are filled with his Spirit, for only then can they fill the world with his love. The church has few more important tasks, if any, than to properly reclaim our Lord's promise that he come to us in power. The world is waiting for the fruits of the Spirit.

BACKWATER FROM WATERGATE

Surely not another word on Watergate. By this time even the mention of the subject makes one want never to thirst again. But the church of all institutions cannot afford the irresponsibility of silence at such a time. Watergate represents a big hurt to our nation and to a lot of persons and "hurt" is the concern of Christ's church. But what is the word for such a time?

Many have spoken eloquently for a return to the morality of a former day. But when have we ever been so moral that we could be an example for posterity? Think, now, before you answer. When was it?

Perhaps the word the church needs to speak now is an old word, one that acknowledges that human wrong — sin — is a part of the reality of life and that each of us stands in need of redemption. This is not to say that the sin of all of us should distract from the grave moral threat to our nation that results in this instance from the wrong of a few of us. Yet it does mean to say that as we stand and criticize the few we must remember that none is righteous, no not one.

Part of our problem about Watergate is that we have made so light of "little sins" that we haven't recognized them as the danger they have always been and are today. We have failed, too, to understand that genuine redemption from sin produces very real social results as well as provides "spiritual well-being."

Another word for the church to sound now is "responsibility." Those guilty of wrong doing must, indeed, face the bar of justice. But what we expect of others we must submit to ourselves. Surely a lesson from Watergate is that we must be more open, more honest, more above-board with one another. "Responsibility" is a word for the Christian to heed most carefully.

While we are certainly indebted to a free press for keeping the wrongs of Watergate before the public, that same free press must feel even more gravely its heavy weight of responsibility. The truth; tell it. Tell all of it. But in telling it, let its judgment convict the teller as well as the hearer.

And as for the church, let Watergate find us on our knees, yes; but also even more diligently about the task of serving others, redemptively loving all and doing the right before God and man.

ALIVE AND WELL ON THE CONFERENCE FLOOR

If you were beginning to wonder about the health of the church, take courage. For if the spirit of debate is an accurate indicator we are in good shape in Arkansas and Louisiana Methodism. Not that we can be at ease in Zion, but we can be grateful that we have laymen and ministers who feel strongly on issues! Looking back on our Conferences, we had a number of good exchanges of convictions and a healthy difference of opinions. Such can contribute to our growth and, when done in the spirit evidenced in our Sessions, can be a blessing to our fellowship.

J.S.W.

Off the Top of the Head.....

MY VERY OWN TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE

Why I should think of a silly thing like that I'll never know. But it occurred to me the other day as I got ready to move that at last — at long, long last — I was going to get my very own tube of toothpaste!

It's going to be all mine; just for me. I can squeeze it just the way I want to. I can screw the top back on all the way down and it will never be gummy or gooey and it will never be squeezed from the middle or from the top — always from the bottom evenly, properly, firmly.

This great blessing comes to pass because we're getting two bathrooms. One for the children upstairs and one for us downstairs. And there it will be, right on the counter in plain sight, never to be molested by anyone: my very own tube of toothpaste.

But John, think about that for awhile. Really think hard about that. Think about those eight little grubby hands that over the years have squeezed and handled and mutilated that community tube of toothpaste. Think of all the joys and the heartaches that come because the "things" of life and life itself are meant to be shared in common by those around us.

Yet it is a very human and justifiable feeling, this desire to have something of our very own. And we don't have to defend this feeling before our fellow man and especially before God, for he put this feeling in our hearts.

But what do we have to defend before man and especially before God are the feelings that won't let us share our possessions and our life with anyone else — family, friend or even enemy.

Yes — even when they fail to put the top back on or mash it around, their existence and their need lays its claim upon us. This is the kind of world we live in, and that is the kind of people that God in Christ calls us to be: carers and sharers.

YOU CALL THAT AN ADVANTAGE?

One of the advantages of being the editor of the paper is that you can print your children's poems. At least once. Our legal department advises that I best not put the following in the "Poetry Panorama" column for reasons they said they'd rather not discuss with a father. So, since it's a long way until spring, here's your very first poem about next spring:

WHAT SPRING BRINGS

Spring brings pretty birds.

What do you think of that!

They just sit around and sing all day,
And never try to get fat.

Spring brings pretty bees,

That fly from flower to flower.

They talk with a buzz all day long

And work with super power.

Spring brings pretty trees,

With red, green, and yellow leaves.

They stand so tall all day,

And I like things like these.

By Chuck Workman, Third Grade

Now that that's over don't get too excited. We've got three other children I haven't even mentioned.

J.S.W.

Editor and Business Manager: JOHN S. WORKMAN

Associate Editor: DORIS WOOLARD

Woman's Editor: IMOGENE KNOX

Poetry Editor: BARBARA L. MULKEY

Editorial Assistant: KAREN COMPTON

Office Secretary: KATHLEEN STOREY

Contributing Editors: CECIL BLAND, J. WOODROW HEARN,

L. RAY BRANTON, HOWARD MILO, DON COTTRILL, ALF A. EASON,

R. O. BECK MYERS B. CURTIS, ARVILL C. BRANNON.

Editorial and business offices: United Methodist Headquarters Bldg., 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Articles other than editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE — \$3.00 per year

Published every Thursday except weeks of July 4 and Dec. 25 at United Methodist Hdqrs. Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. Second class postage paid at Little Rock, Ark. When asking for change of address please include key number, new and old address and pastor's name.

POSTMASTER: MAIL FORM 3579 to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203.

MEMBER: Associated Church Press, United Methodist Press Association, and news sources including United Methodist Information (UMI), United Methodist Board of Missions, National Council of Churches, and Religious News Service (RNS).

ADVERTISING RATES on request. Represented nationally by Jacob's List, Inc., Clinton, S. C.

NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. John Coburn, a top Episcopal leader, noted in a recent sermon that the present situation in the U.S. is not the first in which people have been gathered before a "Water Gate" to be reminded of the law they are to obey. Quoting from the Scriptures he said: "On the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, every man and woman, and all who were capable of understanding what they heard. He read from it, facing the square in front of the Water Gate, from early morning till noon . . ." (Neh. 8:3). "We stand as a nation in the square before our Water Gate," said Dr. Coburn. "We search to hear the Word of God spoken to this nation, a nation which claims to be 'under God.'"

Editorializing in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Rev. James C. Stokes said that many clergymen "are no longer concerned to be bright and shining examples of discipleship to Jesus Christ. To be a 'man of the world,' to be utterly human — including all of the fur, feathers and scales of human frailty — seems to be the goal of many clergymen today." Mr. Stokes' editorial said that the mission of such men as John Wesley and Francis Asbury "was not one of conformity to the world and its ways, but of transformity to the will and ways of Almighty God."

The emerging work ethic among college-trained young people "de-emphasizes the importance of money, power and social prestige," a survey of 1,860 graduates at five colleges and universities in Pennsylvania indicated. "It appears to be a work ethic which reflects the expectation that work is more than a means to an end, more than a means of earning a livelihood; it suggests that one works not only because of societal expectations, family responsibilities, or religious ideology, the survey report stated. The report noted: "There appears to be an emerging work ethic which places a much greater demand upon work. The expectation is that work can and should be of greater significance to the individual and of greater value to the society . . ."

In an interview, the leader of a black caucus within American Baptist Churches in the USA declared: "Nothing significant in the black community will happen apart from the church. Many young people are beginning to realize that." "We went through some traumatic moments in the 1960s when we thought the church was going to be ripped off. But the church is the blacks' only viable institution," the Rev. Samuel B. McKinney said.

Following her ordination as a Presbyterian minister at National Presbyterian church, Washington, D.C., on July 1, Miss Florence Dianna Pohlman, 32, of San Diego, is scheduled for admission as the first woman chaplain in U.S. military history. On July 2 Miss Pohlman will begin an eight-weeks indoctrination course for all new chaplains at the U.S. Navy Chaplain School, Newport, R.I.

Spiritual renewal was the theme of the 37 year-old president elect of American Baptist Churches in the USA at the denomination's biennial convention in Lincoln, Neb. Dr. Peter H. Armacost, president of Ottawa (Kan.) University, said he sensed "a hunger among our membership, certainly among the college students with whom I work daily, for spiritual renewal."

"Already in college, young people should be made aware that a third of their life may be spent in a career — but up to a third of their life could also be spent in retirement," says Father Alfons Deeken, S.J., author of *Growing Old and How to Cope With It*. The best-seller book says in essence that God has provided unique opportunities for growth in every stage of life — with perhaps the richest possibilities for expansion coming in the later years. According to Father Deeken, "middle and later years can be a time of great creativity and insight, personal and spiritual growth."

Prayer instead of litigation was State Police Officer Clarence Filip's solution to one assault case. In an altercation involving a teacher and two women who allegedly assaulted her, the officer persuaded the threesome to go to a church together and join in discussion and then prayer. "I left them alone to talk, and they came out of the church smiling," the Gallina, N.M. officer said.

Ecumedia News Service, recently reorganized inter-faith agency that keeps America's radio listeners updated on religious developments, has announced a broad new program service that goes into effect this summer. The agency's 22 sponsoring organizations will produce and feed taped news summaries and interviews with church and synagogue leaders which in turn will be edited and relayed to more than 1,250 radio stations in the U.S., Canada and countries overseas, according to Mr. Warren Day, EENS director.

The sanctuary of famed Riverside Church in New York provided the setting for the performance of John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress." Adapted from the classic morality story by the 17th Century English Puritan, the production was staged by The Everyman Players, an international troupe, under the sponsorship of the theatre committee of Riverside, an interdenominational congregation. The story tells of the tribulations and joys encountered by a character called Christian as he makes the journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. It was published in 1678.

Delegates to the biennial convention of American Baptist Churches in the USA issued a "statement of immediate concern" calling upon President Nixon to "provide leadership that is open, direct, and honest." Describing what he termed a "moral vacuum" that has been created through the Watergate affair, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield told the conventioners, "Bribes become referred to as inappropriate gifts, crime is reduced to misguided zeal, and lies become misspoken words." The senator called on Americans to "humble ourselves . . . to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness."

The 157th annual report of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society reveals that worldwide Scripture distribution spiraled sharply upward in 1972, exceeding 200 million copies for the first time in the history of the United Bible Societies. "Let the Word Speak" is the current theme of Bible Society work.

The American Jewish Committee has announced publication of its 1973-1974 School Calendar, listing all important patriotic and religious observances. The calendar covers the entire school year from September 1973 to September 1974, and explains Protestant, Catholic, Moslem and Jewish Holy Days.

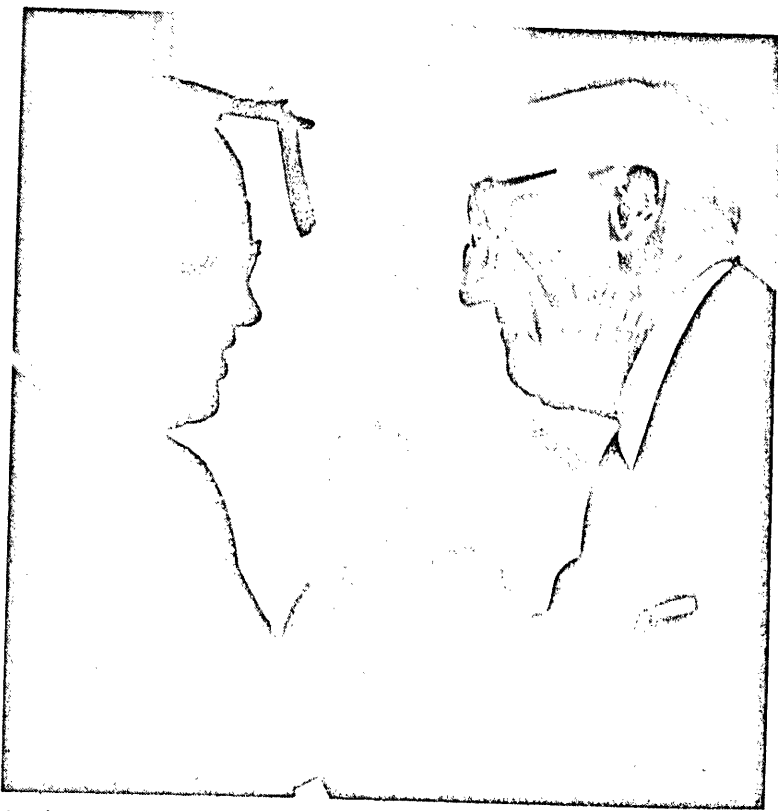
A Soviet broadcast, stressing the oft-repeated claim that the USSR constitution guarantees freedom of worship, pointed out that it also safeguards "freedom of anti-religious propaganda" and implicitly urged atheists to propagate their ideas. "Great possibilities exist in our country for atheists," the broadcast stated, however, this does not mean they are allowed to interfere in the internal affairs of religious communities or to hamper their freedom."

English is gradually being replaced by Indian languages in seminary and public education in India, a missionary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) reported in Indianapolis. L. Franklin White told members of his Church's staff that Hindi, the country's official language, is now widely used in the upper third of India.



WASHINGTON, D. C. — A bill amending the U.S. Constitution so that protections guaranteed "persons" would include "unborn offspring in every stage of their biological development" has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. James L. Buckley (R-N.Y.) upper right, and three co-sponsors. Joining Sen. Buckley as co-sponsors of the bill are Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) upper left, a Baptist; Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa), lower left, a Methodist; and Sen. Wallace Bennett (R-Utah), lower right, a Mormon. The measure includes a section allowing abortion "in an emergency when a reasonable medical certainty exists that continuation of the pregnancy will cause the death of the mother" which one anti-abortion lobby group official called a "sacrifice clause" which "offers a compromise to the pro-abortionists." Although 25 abortion or "right-to-life" bills have been introduced into the House of Representatives since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its abortion decision in January, Sen. Buckley's is the first such bill to be submitted in the Senate. (RNS Photo)

North Arkansas Conference



Hendrix College paid tribute to one of its oldest living graduates at recent commencement exercises, when N. J. Gantt, Jr., 93, of Pine Bluff was designated a Distinguished Alumnus. He received his degree from Hendrix in 1898, and later earned the master of arts and law degrees from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix, made the presentation. (Bill Ward Photo)

Long time Pine Bluff attorney honored at Hendrix commencement

An 1894 graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus at the 89th annual baccalaureate and graduation exercises June 1.

N. J. Gantt, Jr., a Pine Bluff attorney since 1904, has been a member of the Arkansas Bar Association since 1903. He has been president of the Arkansas Bar and in 1961 was recipient of that association's Outstanding Lawyer Award.

At the service, Dr. Eugene M. Frank, bishop of the U. M. Church in

Arkansas, pronounced the invocation. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix, delivered the address and conferred bachelor of arts degrees on 215 graduates.

The Rev. James E. Major, vice president and director of development of Hendrix, gave the benediction.

The Hendrix College Choir, directed by Robert M. McGill, and the Brass Choir, directed by Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, presented music during the ceremonies.

†



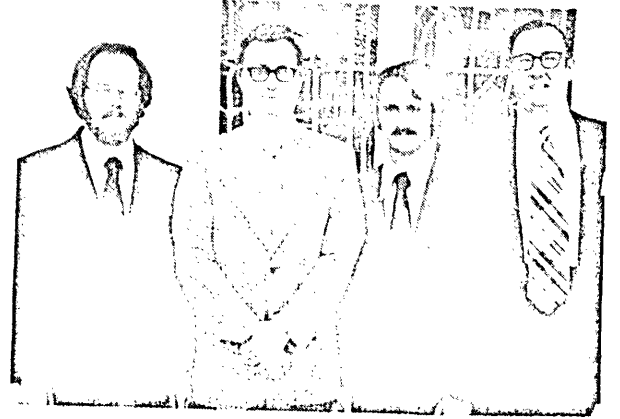
Elsie Anne McKee, receiving special recognition as top honor graduate of the 215-member Hendrix College class, from Dr. John E. Stuckey, chairman of the honors committee, and Dr. Shilling, who conferred her degree. Miss McKee is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles McKee of the Republic of Zaire, Africa. (Bill Ware Photo)

†

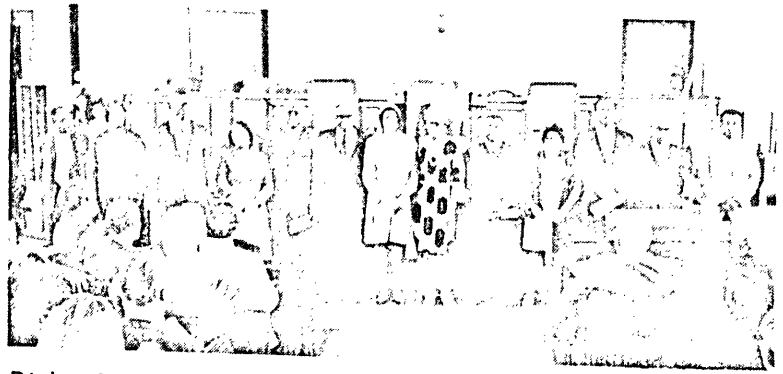
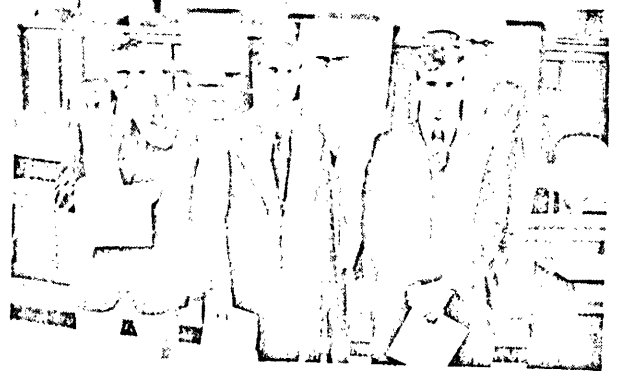
REV. JAMES McCAMMON

The Rev. Donald James McCammon, aged 60, of Salem died Thursday, June 7. He had served as a Methodist minister in the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. He attended Adrian College at Adrian, Mich., Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and was a Mason. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marguerite Hearn McCammon; a son, James Edward McCammon of Bull Shoals; a daughter, Miss Donna Janice McCammon of Jonesboro; two brothers, the Rev. Charles Robert McCammon and Frederick McCammon, both of Louisiana, and two sisters, Miss Gail McCammon of North Little Rock and Mrs. J. F. Townsend of Pine Bluff.

Named probationary members of the North Arkansas Conference were (from left) James Ervin Rohlman, Robert E. Glover, William Christopher Cooper, and John H. Brown.



(From left, back row) Bishop Eugene M. Frank and the Rev. Arvill Brannon with newly consecrated ministers of music of North Arkansas Annual Conference. (Front) The Rev. Gaither McKelvey, standing in for Mrs. Martha White of Pocahontas; Pete Cooper, Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, and Jerry Ridgway, Cabot.



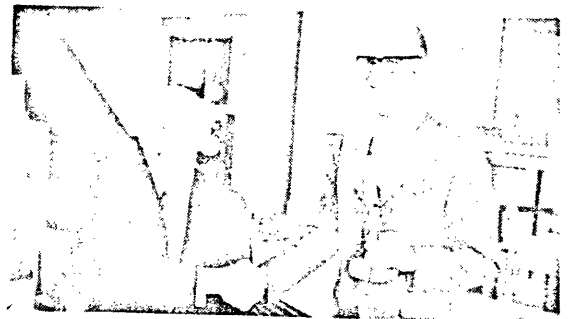
Bishop Frank at North Arkansas Annual Conference with ministers and wives of former Southwest Conference.



Susan Gladdin, president of North Arkansas Conference Youth Council, reports to Conference.

(LEFT) Dr. Shilling, Hendrix College president, Conway, and (RIGHT) Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, spoke to the Conference concerning the institutions of higher education which they represent.

Bishop Frank (right) and Bishop W. C. Martin (left) exchange greetings at North Arkansas Conference in Jonesboro.



Worship leaders for Service of Commemoration were the Revs. Raymond Dorman, James Barton (who preached), and Roy Moyers.



North Arkansas Conference Proceedings will be printed in next week's issue.

NEEDED TANAKO SUPERINTENDENT

The Tanako Board of Trustees will accept applications for the position of superintendent at Camp Tanako, the work to begin July 15, 1973. Applications may be made immediately to the Rev. R. O. Beck, Camp Tanako, Rt. 1, Box 719, Hot Springs, 71901. All applications received by June 20 will be considered. Year-round home provided, salary, and fringe benefits. Applicants will be notified of the decision.



Mrs. J. T. Adams was honored on her 100th birthday with Open House held in First United Methodist Church of Magnolia, Wednesday, May 23. She is shown here with her pastor, the Rev. Howard L. Williams as they talk over plans for the celebration. As the more than 200 friends from all parts of the nation came to congratulate her, her pastor presented her with a book containing letters from President Richard Nixon, Governor Dale Bumpers, many statesmen whom she has admired through the years and from all living Methodist ministers who have been pastors of the Magnolia Church since Mrs. Adams moved there some 40 years ago.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives will honor new families of the district at their annual family picnic, Tuesday, June 19. The Western Hills Church grounds and swimming pool will be the setting, with swimming at 5 p.m. and supper at 6:30.

P.K. KORNER

MR. AND MRS. JIM CRANE of Fayetteville are the proud parents of a daughter born April 23. Christy Elizabeth is the first granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. William Watson of Blytheville. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. S. G. Watson of Paragould, and the late Rev. Sam G. Watson.

THE REV. AND MRS. ROGER Armstrong are the proud parents of their first child, Jennifer Marie, born near midnight on June 6. Her father is pastor of the Rondo Circuit.

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 17—Sunday	Luke 15:11-32
June 18	Matt. 13:1-23
June 19	Romans 11:25-33 16:25-27
June 20	Matt. 13:24-30 36-43
June 21	Matt. 13:31-35, 44-52
June 22	Eph. 3:1-11
June 23	Colo. 1:24-29
June 24—Sunday	Acts 3:12-16 4:5-12

AT RIGHT:
These UMY leaders from First Church, West Memphis, were elected to sub-district and district offices at the recent overnight fellowship rally held at Helena. Rick Bollinger, at left, and Marc Tate were elected as representatives of the Delta Sub-District, and Elisa Sims was selected as an at-large delegate for the Forrest City District.



AT LEFT:
Shown here is Mrs. Minor M. Dortch presenting offering plates to the Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church in memory of her late husband. Pastor of Moore's Chapel is the Rev. Fred W. Hunter.

PHILANDER SMITH PRESIDENT GUEST AT OKLAHOMA EVENT

Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock and Mrs. Hazzard were guests at a recent series of events sponsored by the Oklahoma United Methodist churches of Lone Grove, Warren Memorial in Ardmore, and First Church in Wilson.

Dr. Hazzard attended a fellowship supper at Wilson where he presented a history of Philander Smith. He then preached to the three congregations at an evening worship service at Wilson, presided over by Dr. Jack Featherston, Ardmore District superintendent.

A total of \$300 was raised above and beyond the Black College Fund and will go directly to Philander Smith.

According to the pastors involved, the Rev. William R. Chace of Wilson and the Rev. E. T. Hickman of Warren-Ardmore, the purpose of the jointly-sponsored event was to express their relationship as cooperative churches, their belief in a united ministry, a united faith and a united love for one another.

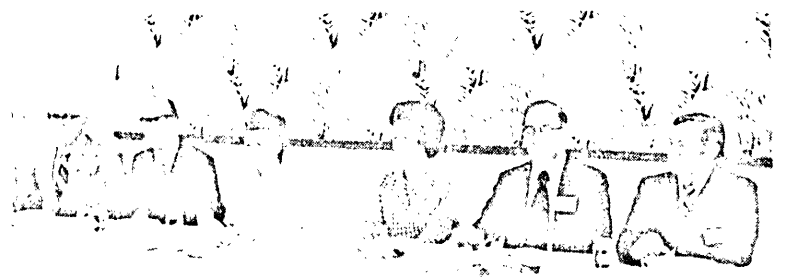
HENDRIX WOMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. Diane Wahlquist of Little Rock has been elected president of Women for Hendrix, an organization of alumnae and other interested women for the promotion and support of Hendrix College in Conway. Other officers are Mrs. Sarah Cross, vice-president, and Mrs. Susan Weir, treasurer, both of Little Rock, and Mrs. Cecilia Patterson of Conway, secretary.

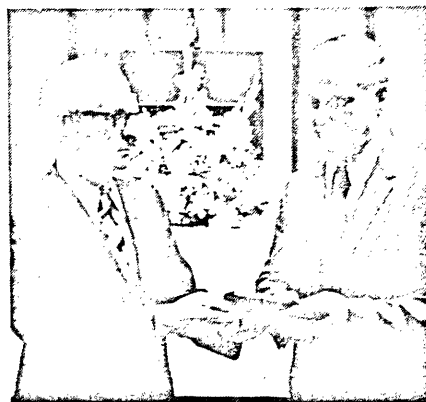
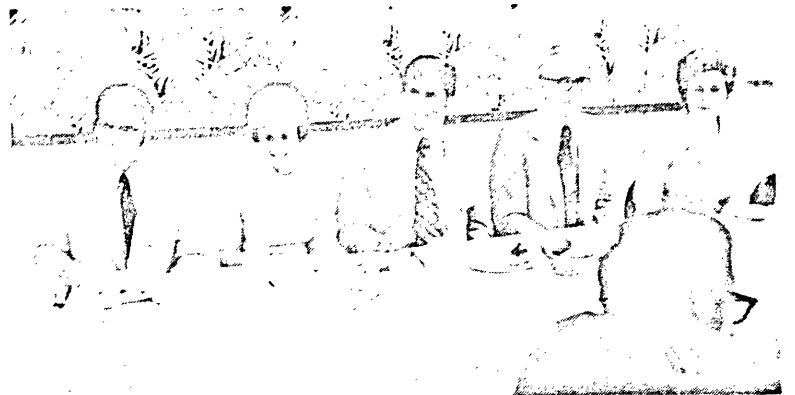
These officers met recently to formulate plans for an informal salad luncheon to be held at the Maumelle Country Club on Friday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. An afternoon of golf and tennis will follow lunch for those desiring to participate. All women interested should send \$2 for advance reservations to Mrs. Susan Weir, 1224 Southedge, Little Rock 72207, prior to June 16.

Upcoming plans for Women for Hendrix include a coffee for new members and an evening activity for members and their husbands. For further information, please contact: Diane Wahlquist — 664-1396.

North Arkansas Board of Missions Luncheon



(From left) The Rev. David Conyers, chairman; Bishop Frank, who addressed the luncheon, Mrs. Conyers, Mrs. Eggensperger, Dr. Harold Eggensperger, and the Rev. Bob Edwards. (Below) (From left) The Rev. Joe Linam, Mrs. Andrew Hall, the Rev. Andrew Hall, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, Mrs. Wendell Dorman.



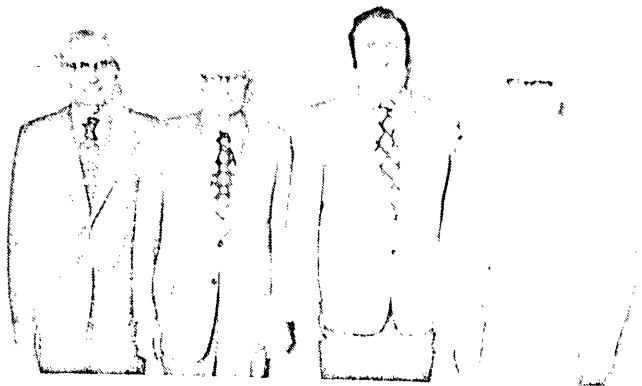
The Rev. David Conyers (left), chairman of the Conference Board of Missions, presents the runner-up award in the Open Country Division to Harmon United Methodist Church in Fayetteville District. Receiving the award is the Rev. Raymond W. Fisher, pastor.

ENRICHMENT WEEKEND will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., June 15-17.
Theme: "BE ALIVE — not just living"
Emphasis: Christian Personhood leading to a supportive community.
Leader: Dr. Robert Hayes, Jr., president of Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.
Sponsor: Task Force of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Group United Methodist Women

Lay Luncheon

NORTH ARKANSAS

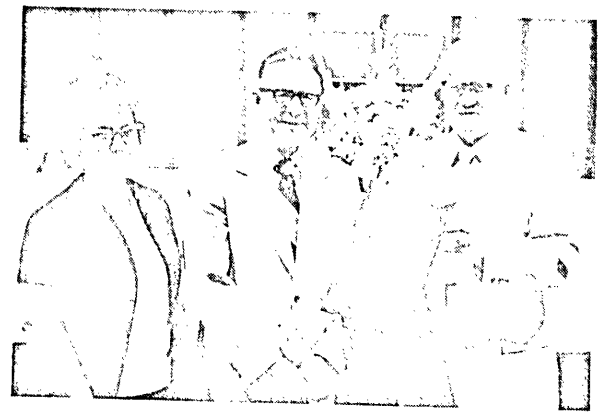
Small Church Awards



Lay leaders at Laymen's Luncheon (left to right) E. Clay Bumpers, outgoing Conference lay leader; Henry M. Rainwater, newly elected Conference lay leader; Marvin L. Gaither, associate lay leader and Batesville District lay leader, and Roy Weld, Conference director of lay speaking.



Dr. J. Ralph Clayton (left), Conway District superintendent receives first place Small Town Award for the Vilonia United Methodist Church from Dr. Harold O. Eggenesperger, Conference Council on Ministries director.



The first place in the Open Country Division was presented to Bethesda Church by Roy Weld (right), district lay leader of Jonesboro District. Receiving the award are the Rev. and Mrs. George Cleary, pastor and wife of the Bethesda church.



Bumpers, outgoing lay leader, presides at Laymen's Luncheon. Shown with Bumpers are the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District superintendent (left), and Bishop Eugene Frank (right).

RIGHT: The Rev. Wendell Dorman (left), chairman of the Town and Country Ministries, presents the runner-up award in the Small Town Division, to the Horseshoe Bend United Methodist Church. Receiving the award was Mr. Ed Randall, layman.



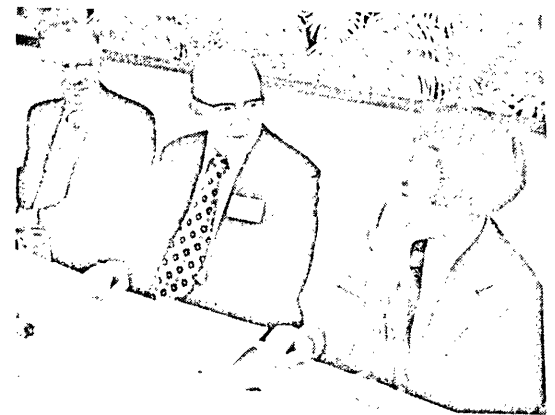
Board of Education Banquet



Board of Education Chairman, Bill Wilder (at podium) presided over meeting. He was joined at head table by (from left) Dr. Ira A. Brumley, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, associate director of Conference Council on Ministries who presented a report, and Dr. Warren Hartman of the Board of Education and principal speaker.



Board of Education members and guests attend banquet held at Ramada Inn, Jonesboro, during North Arkansas Annual Conference.



Guests at the Conference Board of Education dinner included (from left) Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City District superintendent; the Rev. John S. Workman, recently named editor of the Arkansas Methodist; the Rev. Von Dell Mooney, director of State College of Arkansas Wesley Foundation, Conway.

--Photos by Wendell Dorman--

1973 North Arkansas Annual Conference appointments

TRANSFERS OUT

Sam Nader, Elder to Northwest Texas Conference
 William A. Cheyne, Elder to Little Rock Conference
 Robert A. Boyd Clanton, Elder to Little Rock Conference
 R. C. Preston, Elder to Kansas West Conference

TRANSFERS IN

Paul M. Bumpers, Elder from Northwest Texas Conference
 John S. Workman, Elder from Little Rock Conference
 John H. Thompson, Elder from Southwest Conference
 Ronald R. Clark, Deacon from Oklahoma Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT
 Floyd G. Villines, Jr.
 District Superintendent (3)

Antioch Circuit T. Kelly Jones (6)
 Bald Knob Gail Anderson (3)
 Batesville:
 Asbury-Bethesda Woodrow S. Woods (1)
 Central Avenue
 First Charles Casteel (4)
 Beebe Dois M. Kennedy (3)
 Bradford Dewey Dark (1)
 Cabot TBS
 Calico Rock Allan E. Hilliard (1)
 Cave City James C. Southerland (3)
 Cedar Grove Gerald Martin (AM) (14)
 Clinton-Fairfield Bay Ramsey B. Woodall (LP) (10)
 Harould Scott (3)

Cotter-Bull Shoals George Cleary (1)
 Dennard-Shirley Frank Shell (RS) (2)
 Desha Circuit Felix Holland (AM) (2)
 Griffithville Gaston Matthews (AM) (2)
 Heber Springs W. M. Womack (3)
 Holiday Hills Tom Cowan (RS) (9)
 Horseshoe Bend Denzel Stokes (2)
 Judsonia Everne Hunter (4)
 Kensett-McRae Omma L. Daniel (5)
 Marshall-Leslie Carroll Jackson (LP) (2)
 Melbourne Parish James Edward Wingo (1)
 Associate TBS
 Moorefield-Southside Carl Strayhorn (AM) (2)
 Moorefield Circuit TBS
 Associate Forrest Thomas (LP) (4)
 Mountain Home Norman Carter (3)
 Mountain View Jesse A. Bruner (2)
 Newark Harold W. Brent (2)
 Pangburn Joe Grambling (LP) (1)

Quitman Circuit Otha Strayhorn (AM) (5)
 Salem-Viola DuBois M. Pettit (1)
 Searcy: Charles Richards (3)
 First Lewis Ernest (AM) (3)
 Grace

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Chaplain U. S. Navy Marvest Lawson
 Chaplain U. S. Army Robert B. Howerton, Jr.
 Bridwell Library, SMU Page A. Thomas
 Candler School of Theology, Assist. Prof. E. Brooks Holifield

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Drew School of Theology Gary Langston (PM)
 Perkins School of Theology Philip McLarty (PM)

Please turn to page 11

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JUNE 24: Work, Rest and Worship

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 4:16-23; 14:1-6; Hebrews 10:25

MEMORY SELECTION: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us know God in his discipline for Sabbath observance by his people, which Jesus observed; and to inspire our use of every day, Sunday through Saturday of each week, as the Lord's days.

* * *

This Fourth Commandment makes a fourth emphasis on our relation to God in holy living. Holy means whole, and healthy, as well as sincere religious behaviour. Following last week's lesson on "More Than Lip Service", our observance of a day of worship of God, and rest from labor, will not be meaningless and superficial and empty of reality, but involving all of our life. God is to be first in each person's life. No image of him is to distract or prevent his presence in our use of scripture, in prayer, and in our performance of duty. Our Key '73 celebrations will find the center and circumference of our Christian experiences focusing us on his Spirit and truth.

* * *

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH" IS A CENTURIES' OLD REVELATION OF GOD

Do you remember the Sabbath? It will call to mind many different and new meanings when we remember the Bible records of Sabbath events. The exegete, in the first volume of the Interpreters Bible surprises the reader by the paragraph caption, "Institution of the Sabbath" (Exodus 16:22-30). Before Moses' time the Sabbath had been observed by neighbors of the Hebrews with cessation from labor. The Hebrews ceased from work on the Sabbath which was not based on the lunar calendar of their pagan neighbors in the secular observance. The institution of the Sabbath in not working to gather manna on the seventh day of the week provides a historical foundation for Sabbath observance instead of the "natural foundation" for the Hebrews. The expositor in this same volume comments on the earliest observance of the Sabbath with a memorial token of God's Sabbath. Manna became a token to be put on the altar before the Lord for a testimony to His providence. Later, this longest Commandment of the ten, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," made this discipline of the life of Israel a witness to the Lord in their remembrance of His care in leading them out of slavery in Egypt. The Christian recalls this providence in his daily life, as noted in John Henry Newman's hymn, "Lead Kindly Light." "So long thy power hath blest me; surely it still will lead me on." Today the modern Jew observes the Sabbath on the seventh day of the week, and some Christians continue seventh day Sabbath observance.

Christians have made the first day of the week, the anniversary of the Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection, as the successor to the Jewish Sabbath for the disciplines of worship, rest and work.

* * *

JESUS REMEMBERED THE SABBATH BY OBSERVING IT

The gospel records of Jesus' life mention many

instances of his faithfulness in remembering the Sabbath. He walked with his disciples on the Sabbath day. They were hungry at noon and they "broke the law" of the Sabbath by doing small, but nevertheless forbidden work of husking small grain in their hands on the Sabbath day. It was not a sin to pluck the grain. The sin was in rubbing it in their hands to husk it before eating it. The Pharisees had a "tradition," an interpretation, of the Fourth Commandment that made such labor a violation of the law. Jesus defended their behaviour by citing the experience of David in using dedicated food (forbidden to anyone not a priest) for his hunger's satisfaction. Those with David also broke this law for a higher human necessity. Jesus replied to the criticism of the Pharisees, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus observed the Sabbath "as his custom was" in his family's home town of Nazareth. A traveler to Nazareth today will find on the guest's writing desk in the hotel a notice, "No writing is allowed here on the Sabbath." It surprises a Christian tourist.

Such a welcome to a visitor may well send the reader to the record of Jesus in keeping holy Sabbath in the Nazareth synagogue. He went "as his custom was." He took part in the service as any Hebrew worshipper had the right to do, as he desired. He read Isaiah 61:1-2, the daily Bible reading for Wednesday, which continues the record of this discipline of our Lord's Sabbath observance.

A Presbyterian writer has suggested a prayer to start our Bible study, "Lord, thou hast given us minds; help us to use them. Thou hast granted us seven days in a week; may we remember to keep all these days holy, but to give special thought to the day we call our Lord's Day. We pray in the name of him who customarily went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Amen."

* * *

THERE IS A VARIETY OF CHRISTIAN LORD'S DAY HOLY PRACTICES

Christians follow Jesus' example in worshipping on the Lord's day. Many of the early Christians were of Jewish upbringing and observed the seventh day Sabbath as their stated worship day. Gentile Christians had Paul's record of the first day of the week as the appointed day for the Corinthian Christians: "On the first day of the week, let each of you put aside a sum from his weekly gains, so that the money may not have to be collected when I come." (1 Corinthians 16:2)

Missionary giving is a fitting worship act. John, in Revelation 1:10 wrote, "On the Lord's day I found myself rapt in the Spirit, and I heard a loud voice behind me like a trumpet calling, 'Write your vision in a book, and send it to the seven churches . . .'" (Moffatt).

It is recorded in Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." The following verses tell of Eutychus, a young man who fell into deep sleep, and "as Paul was long preaching", he fell down three stories; Paul gave him artificial respiration, "embraced him," and reassured the congregation, and he came up again, broke bread and ate; and talked a long while, even 'til break of day. There is not space to elaborate upon the several vivid events in this one day of holy observance of this first day of the week. Worship, eating, preaching, sleeping in

worship, first aid in accident, revival, long speaking, and departing in peace—what an unforgettable first day of the Lord!

The early Christians gained strength during oppression and persecution through earnest observance of the Lord's day. Many services on any day of the week, early morning, late evening, and throughout the day were held. Such services kept the faith and ministered survival grace in many times of need. Survivors of the "Death March" at Bataan testify to the salvation of their lives through such reviving moments. In such services many pagans have seen the example of such faithful ones and have been converted to the Christian faith.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" is the memory selection. This pricks our curiosity to see what remembrance, observance and holiness mean in the life of each one of us.

* * *

THE SABBATH IS MADE FOR THE WHOLE MAN

To worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness is to enjoy God forever. Such personal discipline is approved of God as seen in the life of Jesus. For more than a half century Richard Cabot's book, "What Men Live By," has been a guide to a fuller understanding of whole, healthy and holy living. He lifts up four areas of life: work, play, love, and worship. Experiences in these areas help to guide us into abundant living.

Christian work is a daily employment, every day of the week. Christian play is a daily renewal. Christian love is a daily and never ending fellowship with God and man. Christian worship is a daily time of being glad in the day that the Lord has made. The word Sabbath has many uses: Sabbath day, Sabbath week, sabbatical year, and the time for Jewish festivals. Its observance hallows every part of our life when applied to holy living.

* * *

TWO WARM-HEARTED MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Bishop Eugene M. Frank led the opening service of celebration of the one hundred-twentieth session of the Little Rock Annual conference, using the covenant service and holy communion as commended by John Wesley. The closing hymn — "Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face" — was sung with accompaniment of organ and brass choir. The trumpet flare during the final stanza thrilled the hearts of ministers, as they faced each other, remembering the trumpet sounds of scriptural and personal appeal in this high moment of worship. Another "heart burning" experience is reported in the Upper Room devotional guide for today, June 24. It relates the daily devotional visit for a brief moment only, of a school boy rushing from school to work. As he rushed into church, his daily prayer was only "Jesus, it's me, Jimmy." Sometime later, the boy died. His pastor reported, "As Jimmy breathed his last breath, I could swear I heard a voice say, 'Jimmy, it's me, Jesus.'" Such experiences make the Sabbath observance in holy living real on any day of the week.

Daily Bible study references will help make Sabbath observance refreshing. They are: Exodus 20:8-11; 31:12-17; Jeremiah 17:19-27; Luke 4:14-23; Luke 14:1-11; Hebrews 10:19-25; Genesis 1:31-2:3; and Psalms 84.

Next Sunday the lesson is the Fifth Commandment: Honor parents, a "Response to Heritage".

Bishop Frank heads task force

A task force, headed by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Arkansas area, has recommended to the Board of Church and Society that the Washington Study Program (WSP) for annual conferences and the WSP staff be enlarged, emphasizing adult seminars without neglecting youth, according to a United Methodist Communications release.

The last group of WSP seminars for the current season was held in Washington in May. The agenda for one group from the East Ohio Conference is typical: a representative of the Republican National Committee, California Rep. Paul McCloskey, Jr., staff members of Congressional committees, staff of United Methodist agencies and other denominations, and representatives of such groups as the National Association of Counties.

The theme of that seminar was "Peace and Justice: The Administration of Priorities," and the group, which, to be prepared, had studied in advance, was exposed to such issues as budget, executive privilege, citizen involvement, social policy and justice.

The Rev. Larry Wayman, study director, said that the Watergate affair surfaced in almost every talk and discussion but did not dominate the seminar.

Leaders of the Ohio seminar said that their aim in attending the seminar was to obtain a basis for implementing a legislative network within their conference.

Statistics show that although many annual conferences repeat their WSP attendance, the total number of participants steadily declined from 1,983 in 1967 to 1,063 in 1971, with a small increase in 1972. So far in 1973, 19 groups of 75 adults and 788 youth have attended, with one-day briefings for another seven groups.

ILIFF TO OFFER NEW DEGREE

After many years of offering a doctor of theology degree, The Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo., will officially begin offering a new doctoral degree for ministers this fall. By that time, approximately 40 seminaries in the United States will offer a variation of the doctor of ministry degree.

The program, which is expected to take two to three years to complete, will offer doctoral level studies specifically tailored to assist the minister to more professionally cope with his work.

The doctor of theology degree is generally considered an academic degree designed to train college, seminary, and university professors.

The American Association of Theological Schools approved the doctor of ministry degree in 1972.

Registration deadline for the National Conference of the Laity at Purdue University, W. Lafayette, Ind., July 13-15 has been extended to June 15. Mailing address for registrations is 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill.

Asian Christian higher education developing new approaches

NEW YORK (UMI) — Plans are to merge one of the newer United Methodist-related colleges overseas and the seminary that trains many of the Philippines' Protestant ministers. An educational center opened by a Methodist university in the heart of Taipei, Taiwan. Involvement of the medical school of a major university in Korea in community health programs in Seoul.

These and other developments at United Methodist-related colleges and universities in Asia are cited in the annual report of the general secretary of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. An autonomous body, the United Board is affiliated with and receives support from several North American Protestant mission agencies, including the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The United Board is related primarily to and aids seven colleges and universities in East and Southeast Asia.

In his report at the United Board's recent annual meeting here, Dr. Paul T. Lauby not only told of new developments at Board-related schools but also discussed problems faced by them such as "the loss of a deep sense of purpose and direction." He forecast a

future in which the United Board might become related to "a more extended family of Christian colleges and institutions in a wider variety of relationships."

Dr. Lauby's report said the planned merger of Philippine Christian College and Union Theological Seminary is expected to result in a new university on the 225-acre seminary campus. Both schools are in Manila and are related to the United Methodist Philippines Central Conference and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. The college was founded in 1947. Dr. Lauby's report said a special study commission has completed a university plan. The university would incorporate the theological training now offered by the seminary, United Methodist sources said.

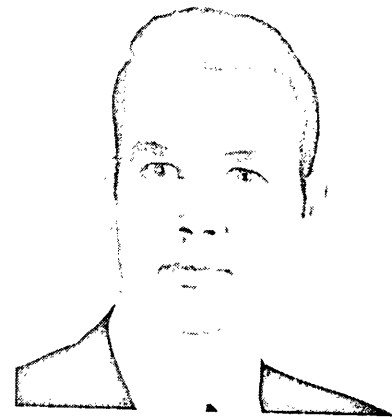
Soochow University, founded by Methodists in China in 1900 and reactivated by Mainland alumni on Taiwan in 1951, now occupies a new educational center in the heart of Taipei as an extension to the suburban campus, Dr. Lauby reported. The new facility houses Colleges of Law and Commerce, a computer center, a secretarial training department and a language center, he added.

Also on Taiwan, at United Metho-

dist-related Tunghai University, an environmental studies center has been established, while at United Methodist-related Silliman University in the Philippines a science complex was inaugurated in March and a Cultural Center is under construction, Dr. Lauby's report said.

In Korea, the Yonsie University Medical Center is becoming involved in some experimental community health programs in Seoul and on the island of Kangwha, he noted, adding that new administrators for the Medical College and Center "appear to be committed to making medical education more relevant and responsive to the acute Korean health needs." Yonsei is United Methodist-related.

The United Board, at its annual meeting, adopted a 1973-74 budget of \$1,289,580, of which about \$47,000 is anticipated from United Methodism's World Division. The United Board aids its related schools through such channels as financial support, recruitment of Western faculty, help in fund-raising and interpretation, graduate study by professors and sponsorship of conferences, seminars and workshops.



New to The Upper Room section of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship are the Rev. Maxie Dunnam (left) and Mrs. Jo Kimmell (center); the Rev. H. Eddie Fox (right) has been appointed to the Division's Section of Contemporary Proclamation. Dunnam, pastor of West Anaheim (Calif.) United Meth-

odist Church, served churches in Mississippi and Georgia before going to California in 1968. His fifth book, "Dancing at My Funeral," is to be published soon. Mrs. Kimmell served with her husband with Church World Service in Madagascar prior to his death. She holds degrees from Oklahoma City University and Columbia University

and has engaged in a wide range of church-related activities. She is the author of "Steps to Prayer Power." Fox, pastor of the Concord (Tenn.) Church, will primarily be conducting New Life Missions, training missionaries and collaborating on new models for proclamation of the gospel.

Nineteen guest lecturers on Iliff's summer faculty

DENVER, Colo. — Nineteen guest lecturers from around the nation joined the faculty of The Iliff School of Theology here this summer when the United Methodist-related seminary opened its Summer School June 18.

Among those scheduled to teach during the first two week session of the summer session are Dr. Philip H. Phenix, professor of philosophy and education at Columbia University, New York City; Ezekiel Mphahlele, associate professor of English at the University of Denver; Dr. Paul K. Deats, Jr., professor of social ethics at the Boston University School of The-

ology, and Professor William D. Davies, professor of New Testament at Duke University Divinity School.

Later in the summer James M. Wall, editor of *Christian Century*, widely known religious journalist, will be guest lecturing at the school.

Dr. J. Alton Templin, director of the Summer School, said all the courses are set up on one, two and four-week bases in order to allow ministers to take courses at the school without having to request undue leave of absence from their parishes.

Also, he said, "by having shorter terms, we can offer a broader curriculum."

Metropolitan Areas 'Still Major Mission Field'

NEW YORK (UMC) — Metropolitan areas are still a major mission frontier in the 1970s, according to speakers at a United Methodist urban strategy training session held in May here.

"No longer can we look upon cities as only an entry point for people into the society — a point often thought to be a temporary way station on the road to suburbia," said the Rev. Randolph Nugent, associate general secretary of the National Division, Board of Global Ministries. "The poor are in the cities and they are going to stay there," he continued, "only a few will move out."

Seminaries in Chicago area to unite in 1974

Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, and Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., will unite as one institution with faculties and student bodies located on the present Garrett campus in the fall of 1974.

The combined institutions will offer students broader options in curriculum and increased depth in educational resources, according to President Merlyn W. Northfelt of Garrett Theological Seminary and President K. James Stein of Evangelical Theological Seminary. They said that students who enroll in either seminary prior to the union will be able to complete their degree work without alteration of the curricular design at the time of their enrollment.

The September 1974 date for initiating combined operations under the working name of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary was recently approved by the Boards of Trustees of the two United Methodist seminaries. Formation of a new Board of Trustees is expected to be accomplished by Jan., 1974, according to Dr. Corliss D. Anderson and Bishop Paul A. Washburn, chairmen, respectively, of the Garrett and Evangelical Boards. They said the new Board will be charged with drawing up common by-laws while maintaining intact the charters of the two uniting schools.

Evangelical Theological Seminary was begun as Union Biblical Institute in 1873. It became Evangelical Theological Seminary under the auspices of the then Evangelical Church which later became the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Garrett Theological Seminary was founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1853 and is the second oldest seminary of the former Methodist Church.

In 1968 the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church united to form The United Methodist Church.

Both schools are charter members of the American Association of Theological Schools and both are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

News in Brief

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — A United Methodist layman whose government service dates back to 1939, Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, has been confirmed by the Senate as Commissioner on Aging.

He thus returns to the department he once headed, Health, Education and Welfare, in the Eisenhower Administration. Since serving as chairman of the 1971 White House Conference on Aging, Flemming has been special consultant on aging to President Nixon.

Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, has set a record \$32,-600,000 operating budget for 1973-74.

PAGE TEN

Increased level of giving imperative for adequate support of missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI)—To prevent, if possible, the number of overseas missionaries from falling below 922 by the end of 1973, United Methodist missions leaders are launching an effort to raise the level of giving for support of missionaries.

The Rev. Dr. John F. Schaefer, New York, associate general secretary of the World Division, Board of Global Ministries, said a careful survey has been made by Division staff of the "places where missionaries are needed" and the number is 922. Included in the total, he said, are 277 places for service in Africa, 427 in Asia, 210 in Latin America and eight in Europe.

Attrition has reduced the United Methodist overseas missionary corps from about 1,300 four years ago to about 950 today, and if attrition of personnel and adverse financial condi-

tions continue until the end of the year, the number will have dropped to about 885, Dr. Schaefer said. The decline in missionaries has been for various reasons such as increasing leadership by nationals and some countries closing to missionaries, but in 1972 the main reason was lack of funds, he added.

Personnel can be found to meet the minimum need of 922, but the financial situation is such that unless increased resources are found, "we won't be able to make it," the mission executive said. He noted the Division had a deficit of \$650,000 in missionary support in 1972, and that with continued inflation and dollar devaluation, the financial difficulties are compounded.

The Rev. Joe W. Walker, New York, director of the Advance, and his staff have set in motion a special

effort to increase giving for missionary support through General Advance Specials (special gifts to home and overseas missions, and relief). A substantial part of support of missionaries comes through General Advance Specials while other portions come through World Service, United Methodism's basic benevolence fund, and pledge to mission giving of United Methodist Women.

Mr. Walker said that over the last four years giving for world missionary support through General Advance Specials has decreased from \$4,000,000 annually to \$3,300,000, and the goal is to bring the amount up to \$4,400,000 by the end of 1973.

Mr. Walker said telegrams and letters to annual conference missions leaders and other channels of cultivation will be used.

Interfaith Assembly on Aging seeks expanded program

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — How religious groups should expand and improve their work with the aging was the emphasis here this month for the second annual Interfaith Assembly on Aging which included several United Methodists among the 80 participants.

Eight workshops were held around the theme of "The Potential Dynamic of Churches and Synagogues for Older Persons — Responsibilities and Opportunities." They recommended a variety of actions to the coalition board, including integration of the elderly into the total congregational program, development of training for ministers who deal with the aging, establishment of personal communication among the elderly and leaders of religious communities, utilization of the skills of the aging, providing information on death and dying, retirement, funding and resources.

WORK-STUDY CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND MENTALLY RETARDED PLANNED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC)—"The Church and the Mentally Retarded" will be the topic of a five-day work-study conference here July 22-27. Co-sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Division of Education and the Center for Continuing Education at Scarritt College, the conference is made possible by the "Nancy Miller Memorial Fund."

The late Miss Miller was conference director of children's work for the Southwest Texas Annual Conference prior to her death.

More than 50 persons from across the nation are expected at the conference with major representation from the Southeast. The conference will be held on the Scarritt campus.

Persons invited to the conference include local church professional and volunteer leadership and college students majoring in special education.

Church and Society Board objects to legislative proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — Objections to proposed legislation that would allow tax-supported institutions to prohibit the performance of abortions and sterilizations were voiced here May 30 by a coalition of religious and women's groups.

In a press conference in the United Methodist Building, the groups supported the portion of House Bill 7806 which would protect doctors and others from being compelled to participate in such procedures contrary to their religious beliefs. But they strongly criticized other provisions which would allow an "entity" such as a hospital administrator or board to deny total health care through control of facilities and staffs.

The statement read by the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, said the provisions would "unfairly favor the religious beliefs of one or a few groups at the expense of the religious beliefs and professional

commitments of health care personnel" and potential patients.

Particularly in areas served only by religiously-affiliated hospitals, the bill would permit them to receive federal funds "while effectively denying total health care" to the community, it was said, thus "undermining the Supreme Court's recent decisions" on abortion.

Dr. Ward said the group was concerned not only that the doctors not be required to perform abortions but also that they not be prohibited from it by lack of facilities or staff privileges.

The United Methodist board joined in the statement along with such groups as National Council of Jewish Women, United Church of Christ Board of Homeland Ministries, American Baptist Division of Social Ministries, YWCA, Planned Parenthood, Women's Lobby, National Organization for Women and Women's Equity Action League.



"I am a member of the United Methodist Church, I have faith and confidence in the Methodist Church, and I am proud that I am a Methodist," Gov. George C. Wallace of Montgomery, Ala., told an overflow crowd of United Methodists attending the May 29 annual Laymen's Dinner of the Alabama-West Florida Conference. (United Methodist Information release, Scott Photographic Services Photo)

JUNE 14, 1973

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

CONWAY DISTRICT

J. Ralph Clayton,
District Superintendent (5)
Atkins-Pottsville

M. J. Pollard (5)
Joe A. Hutto (3)
Von D. Mooney (1)

Belleville Parish
Bells Chapel
Conway:
Ebenezer and Wesley (Morrilton)
L. T. Thompson (RS) (2)
First Harold O. Eggensperger (1)
Salem James M. McKay, Jr. (1)
Wesley-Vilonia Britt H. Cordell (4)
Wesley Foundation, SCA
James M. McKay, Jr. (1)
Danville J. Hillman Byram (3)
Dardanelle Frank R. Clemmons (1)
Dover Parish
W. Bert Powell (LP) (1)
Faulkner County Parish-Greenbier
James D. Harrison (PM) (1)
Faulkner County Parish-Mayflower
TBA

Jacksville:
First Bob Edwards (7)
McArthur Drive-Bethel
Jerry A. Pulliam (2)
Mallettown W. T. Watson (RS) (3)
Maumelle, New Zion and Union Chapel
Milton D. Nelson (2)

Morrilton:
First Clyde T. Parsons (3)
Morrilton Parish
Thomas E. Anderson (LP) (2)

North Little Rock:
Amboy Muriel H. Peters (1)
Bullock Chapel and Center Ridge
W. H. Piggee (9)
First Earl B. Carter (2)
Gardner Byron McSpadden (3)
Indian Hills Wayne Clark (1)
Lakewood John B. Hays (4)
Associate Gerald K. Rainwater (1)
Levy Gerald D. Hammett (5)
McCabe Chapel
Herbert M. Scott (LP) (2)
Rose City Beacon
A. C. Madison (AM) (2)
Sylvan Hills James D. Keith (4)
Washington Avenue
Kenneth F. Renfroe (3)

Ola-Plainview
C. A. Crossno (AM) (4)
Associate Royce Savage (LP) (3)

Perry County Parish:
Perryville A. L. Chaffin (AM) (2)
Oppelo Jay V. Gamble (LP) (2)
Plumerville-Springfield TBS

Russellville:
First Charles E. Ramsay (4)
Wesley-London
Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr. (3)
Wesley Foundation, Arkansas Tech
Von D. Mooney (1)
Wye TBS

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Director, Council on Ministries
Myers B. Curtis
Associate Director Arvill C. Brannon
Associate Director John H. Thompson
Associate General Secretary, Council
on Finance and Administration
Ewing T. Wayland
Editor, The Arkansas Methodist
John S. Workman
Dean, Hendrix College Francis Christie
Professor, Hendrix College
Jame S. Upton
Professor, Hendrix College
Robert W. Goodloe, Jr.
Professor Hendrix College Ferris Baker
Counsellor and Campus Minister,
Hendrix Jon Guthrie
Professor, Wesley Seminary,
Washington, D.C. James T. Clemons
Chaplain, U. S. Navy B. Vernon Dennis
Chaplain, The Methodist Hospital,
Memphis George E. Stewart
Institutional Chaplain Bruce Cook
Institutional Chaplain Willis H. Harl
Dean of Students, Lewisberg Junior
College, Lewisberg, N. C. Carl Settle

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Perkins School of Theology
Robert W. Lee
Perkins School of Theology
Peter M. Soens
St. Paul Jimmy Lyle Rorie (PM)
Emory University
Bennie Ross Harmon (PM)
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Jay F. Holsted

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Harold H. Spence,
District Superintendent (1)
Bentonville Samuel B. Teague (2)

Berryville Victor H. Nixon (2)
Brightwater Parish
Harvey Hazelwood (2)
John W. Lee (2)
Decatur-Centerton
Elkins Community TBS
Elm Springs-Harmon TBS
Eureka Springs Theo Luter (AM) (1)
Fayetteville:
Central Joel A. Cooper (7)
Associate Ronald Clark (PM) (1)
Trinity Lawrence Dodgen (1)
Wesley Foundation-Sequoyah-
St. James Lewis V. Chesser (7)
Wiggins W. Maurice Lanier (1)
Gentry Parish David N. Moose (2)
Goshen C. W. Good (RS) (3)
Gravette-Sulphur Springs
Sherman E. Waters (2)
Green Forest-Alpena
Robert M. English (1)
Harrison:
First John M. McCormack (3)
St. Paul Parish
D. Max Whitfield (3)
Associate
Leslie V. Beck (LP) (11)
Associate
Clarence Brown (LP) (1)
Huntsville-Presley Chapel TBS
Jasper
Horace W. Blackshear (RS) (2)
Lincoln-Morrow Parish
Uriah Smith (1)
Associate
Richard G. Benefield (LP) (1)
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel
Prairie Grove-Farmington
Vernon Paysinger (4)
Rogers, Central
William P. Connell (3)
Associate
Thomas W. Barnett (PM) (1)
Shiloh
Phillip R. Selfridge (RS) (1)
Siloam Springs
Merle A. Johnson, Jr. (3)
Springdale:
First Clint Atchley (5)
Associate Tom Adkinson (3)
Wesley-Mt. Hebron
P. G. (Bill) Williams (1)
Winslow
Yellville Parish
Elbert W. Bruner (AM) (1)

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Perkins School of Theology
Charles Marcus Cooper (PM)
Perkins School of Theology
Terence Jean Dowdy (PM)
Duke University
William Christopher Cooper (PM)
Duke University
Philip Loyce Hathcock (PM)
Duke University James Rohlman (PM)

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Elmo A. Thomason,
District Superintendent (1)
Augusta Lowell Eaton (3)
Brinkley John R. Chapman (3)
Brinkley-Cotton Plant TBS
Cherry Valley
Harry W. Price (AM) (6)
Clarendon
D. Leon Gilliam (AM) (2)
Colt Charles Berlon Davis (AM) (7)
Cotton Plant
Wilbert Feagan (AM) (1)
Crawfordsville Van Hooker (1)
Earle Cleve Yarbrough (1)
Elaine James Breazcaale (4)
Forrest City:
First Earl Hughes (3)
Forrest Hills
H. L. Robison (RS) (4)
Helena Jim Beal (4)
Holly Grove Lorne Piercey (AM) (2)
Hughes D. Kern Johnson (AM) (3)
Kokomo-Hughes
C. B. Banks (RS) (3)
Marianna W. Leonard Byers
Marianna Enlarged Charge
Joe Hughes, Jr. (3)
Marion
Marvell E. W. Stallcup (3)
Murphy R. Spurlock (1)
Lon Brewer (6)
Parkin Roy Moyers (1)
Vanndale Graham Sellars (AM) (2)
West Helena Brady Cook (1)
West Memphis:
First Ben G. Hines (2)
Rosewood W. P. Fiser (1)
Wheatley
Charles W. Nance (AM) (2)
Widener
Charles E. Reed (AM) (3)
Wynne William M. Wilder (3)

Tupelo (Ext)
H. J. Couchman (RS) (3)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENT
Chaplain U. S. Army James H. Robnolt

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Charles P. McDonald,
District Superintendent (3)
Alma Joe Jerry Nichols (2)
Altus Irl S. Lancaster (RS) (3)
Booneville
J. Clarence Wilcox (1)
Raymond Hawkins (2)
James M. Meadors, Jr. (1)
Fort Smith:
Cavanaugh Larry Powell (5)
First Paul M. Bumpers (1)
Associate
Nicholas C. Lascaro (PM) (1)
Associate
Carol Ann Lascaro (PM) (1)
Goddard Memorial
Archie N. Boyd (3)
Hendricks Hills Waymon Hollis (6)
Mallalieu-Van Buren TBS
Massard
H. Doyle Millard (AM) (3)
Midland Heights Pryor R. Cruce (4)
St. Paul W. L. Douglas (3)
Wesley Victor Green (6)
Wyatt Memorial
Andrew M. Hall, Jr. (1)
J. M. Rogers (4)
Greenwood J. T. Holland (AM) (1)
Hartford
Associate (Bonanza)
Elmer D. Dempsey (RS) (3)
Hartman TBS
Lamar Jacob Cline (LP) (1)
Lavaca Fern Cook (2)
Associate (Central)
C. L. Martin (RS) (3)
Magazine TBS
Mansfield TBS
Mountain View J. T. Byrd (RS) (4)
Mulberry Jimmy F. Brooks (PM) (2)
Ozark James P. Anderson (4)
Paris William Hightower (5)
Prairie View
John R. Benham (LP) (3)
Scott County Parish
George Kleeb (RS) (6)
Van Buren:
City Heights TBS
First Arvest Lawson (3)
St. John's
David D. Scroggin (LP) (2)

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, East Tennessee State
University Robert Paul Sessions

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Perkins School of Theology
Roger Ernest Glover
Perkins School of Theology
Kenneth Pate
St. Paul School of Theology
David Wayne Utley

JONESBORO DISTRICT

J. Ralph Hillis
District Superintendent (2)
Bay-Lunsford Jack Skelton (2)
Blytheville:
First J. William Watson (2)
Lake Street-Promised Land
Charles P. Reed (AM) (2)
Bono Parish
Robert Montgomery (LP) (1)
Charles Southard (LP) (1)
Dell-Christ Church
Willis LeGrand (AM) (1)
Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley
Thomas E. Weir (3)
Hickory Ridge-Tilton
James A. Barton (3)
Joiner-Turrell
Joe Sherman (PM) (1)
Jonesboro:
First Worth W. Gibson (5)
Fisher Street-Pleasant Grove
Pharis J. Holifield (6)
Huntington Avenue
James R. Chandler (3)
Nettleton-Brookland
J. Anthony Holifield (3)
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel
Jerry Canada (3)
Lake City-Lake View
Russell M. Bailey (LP) (2)
Leachville-Caraway
Frank Weatherford (8)
Lepanto-Garden Point
B. J. Vanclave (4)
Luxora-Keiser Raymond Dorman (3)
Manila-Community
Wendell Dorman (4)

Marked Tree Bob Orr (3)
Monette-Macy Aubra Hays (3)
Osceola Lloyd Conyers (2)
Trumann J. Leon Wilson (1)
Tyronza-Centerville Ray Edwards (1)
Weiner-Fisher Glenn Bruner (2)
Wilson Oliver Logan (1)
Wesley Foundation, Arkansas State
University Pleasant Valley-
Black Oak James T. Randle (3)
Yarbro Eugene Hall (RS) (5)
Chaplain U. S. Air Force LeRoy Henry
Chaplain U. S. Air Force
Paul Dean Davis

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Ben F. Jordan,
District Superintendent (1)
Beech Grove TBS
Boydsville Chester Penney (AM) (8)
Black Rock Bill Kirkland (LP) (2)
Cherokee Village Roy Poyner (3)
Corning Charles Thompson (1)
Hardy Clyde Crozier (1)
Hoxie J. D. Lawrence (2)
Imboden Orvil Stahl (AM) (4)
Mammoth Springs
Rayburn Jackson (AM) (3)
Marmaduke L. L. Bounds (2)
Maynard Parish Leroy Craig (LP) (2)
Associate
E. C. Hance (RS) (1)
Associate
James Weatherford (RS) (2)
Associate
Maurice Kemp (AM) (2)
Newport:
Emory Memorial
W. H. D. Bright (7)
First David Conyers (4)
Umsted James McCammon (1)
Paragould:
First Raymond L. Franks (1)
Associate
David Driver (2)
Griffin Joe Linam (1)
Christ-St. Marks
Roger Hook (LP) (1)
Pruett's Chapel
J. Albert Gatlin (RS) (1)
Ellsworth Watson (1)
Piggott G. A. McKelvey (3)
Pocahontas Wayne Jarvis (3)
Rector Joe Kennedy (2)
Shiloh
Rector Circuit
Marvin Thompson (RS) (4)
St. Francis George Srum (LP) (1)
Sedgwick Richard Stegall (LP) (2)
Stanford TBS
Swifton John Brown (PM) (1)
Tuckerman Joe Wilkerson (1)
Walnut Ridge William C. Haltom (1)

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

Emory University Keith Goza (PM)
Asbury Theological Seminary
Rex Darling

What can you do
to clean up
Dirty Movies?

PLENTY!

Find Out What You Can Do To
Fight Moral Pollution.

MAIL COUPON

NOW

Mail To: SMITESMUT Dept. A-3
P. O. Box 4545
Monroe, Louisiana 71201

Please Rush Me BUMPER STICKER and
Information Packet Today!

Enclosed is \$1.00 to cover postage and
printing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FIBERGLASS

- STEEPLES
- STAINED FIBERGLASS WINDOWS
- CROSSES
- LIGHTED SIGNS

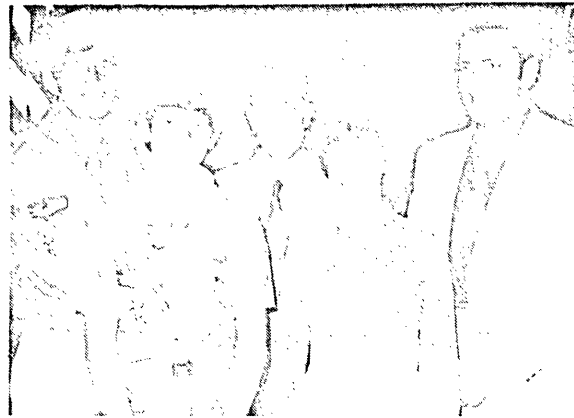
Write for free
color brochure.

A/C 214 657-6524 Box 931 Henderson, Texas 75652

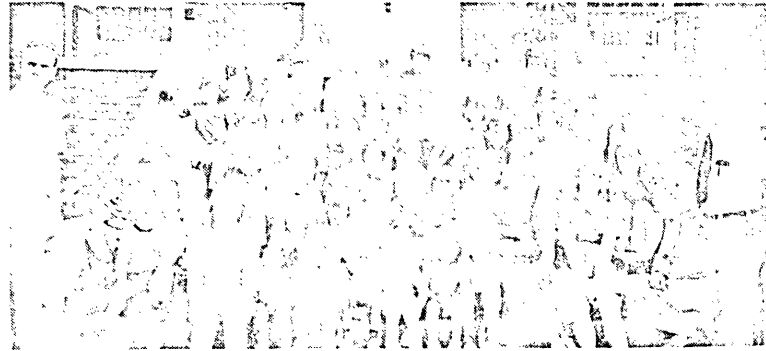


Graduates of Springdale First Church Kindergarten recently presented their closing program, "Through The Year," directed by their teachers (pictured here, from left, with class), Miss Terry Rakes and Mrs. Ed McLaughlin. Diplomas were presented by the Rev. Tom Adkinson, associate pastor. Students of First Church Creative School also presented a closing program recently, directed by their teachers, Mrs. Paul Shaffer and Mrs. James Moore. The Rev. C. M. Atchley is senior minister.

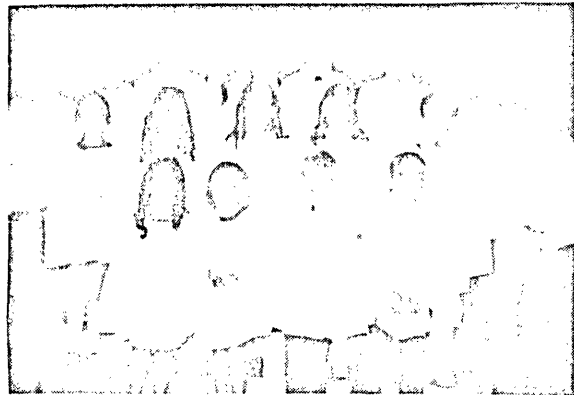
†



Mike Dunn (second from left) recently received Eagle Scout Award at Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock. Mike is a member of Troop 87, sponsored by the Indian Hills United Methodist Men. Pictured with Mike are (from left) his uncle, Michael Dunn, Searcy scoutmaster who presented the award; the Rev. Maurice Lanier, pastor of Indian Hills Church; and Mike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Dunn. Edward Spyhalski is Troop 87 scoutmaster.

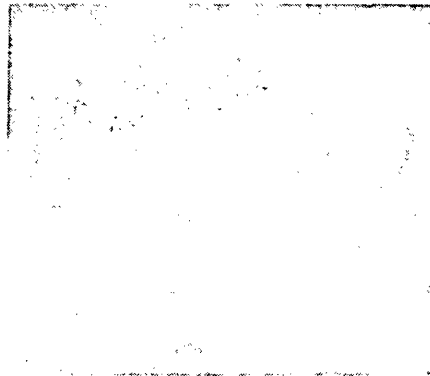


Approximately 55 children attended recent Vacation Church School at Calico Rock Church, North Little Rock, jointly sponsored by that church, the Rev. James C. Southerland, pastor, and Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Ed Sain, pastor.

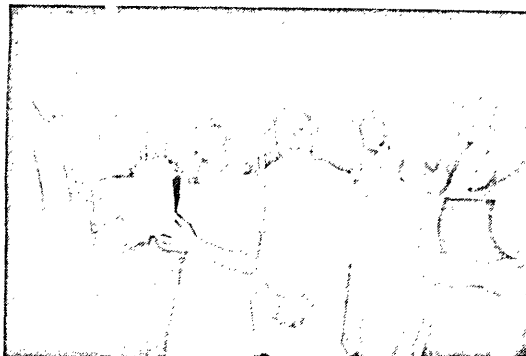


Newly organized children's choir of First Church, Osceola, first sang for the congregation at recent Sunday service. The choir is directed by Mrs. George Ray; the organist is Mrs. Spencer Driver. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor.

†

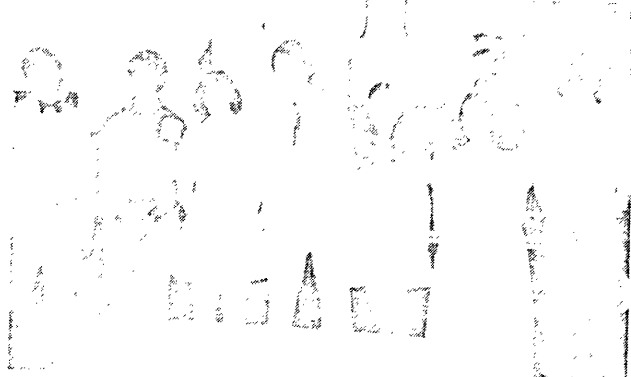


Two pictures (left and right) - taken in the rain - show some of the 66 participants in recent North Arkansas Conference Family Camp, held at Meyers Ranch and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mabry of Batesville. Those attending set goals for future camps and for development of camp facilities.

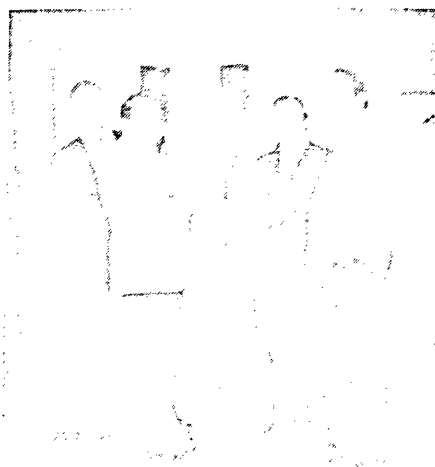


Officers of Junior UMY, Spring Hill Church, Hope, present gold baptismal bowl to the Rev. Carl Diffie, pastor. Officers (from left) are Wauleai Buck, Lynne Fuller, June Ann Downs and Rhonda Lee.

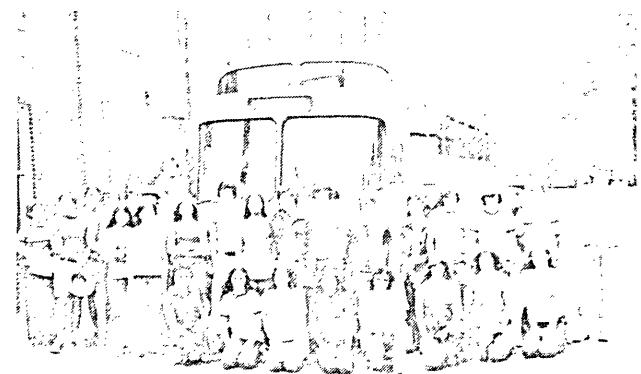
†



Camden District Council for 1973-74 (pictured above) was installed at recent Spring District Rally at St. Paul Church, El Dorado. New district officers were also elected. Mrs. Henry Crook is district youth coordinator.



Ministers attending the rally included the Revs. Allen Bonsall, campus minister at Southern State College, Magnolia; Gladwin Connell, host pastor; George Tanner, pastor of Fairview Church, Camden; and John Miles, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, and guest speaker at rally.



Malvern First Church senior high youth recently spent a week in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., at Cor-Meth Retreat House. Side trips included St. Augustine, Disneyworld, and Kennedy Space Center. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is minister.

†



Entertainment for the rally was provided by El Dorado group, Sunday's Children. Dr. Roy I. Bagley is district superintendent.

Part of Sunday morning worship group and leaders at recent Kingsland Youth Lay Witness Mission. Sessions stressing personal testimony, share groups, singing and prayer time were led by team of four students from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, and Southern State College, Magnolia. The Rev. Elam Turner is pastor.