

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new education building at Cabot United Methodist Church were held Sunday, May 20th with the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. (folder in hand), Batesville District superintendent officiating. Assisting were officials of the church, and the Rev. Braska Savage, then pastor. Estimated cost for the new structure is \$227,461.

Little Rock District looks to the future

Three major proposals were approved by the Little Rock District Board of Missions and Church Extension at its annual meeting on May 22 at Winfield church. These projects, presented to the Board by Little Rock District Superintendent Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, are:

1. Relocation of Hunter Church. The Board approved a grant of \$20,000 to be used to secure a site on the western edge of Little Rock, preferably near the site of the new Baptist Medical Center. The Little Rock Conference Board of Global Ministries has agreed to provide an equal amount for the project. This project is to be the major thrust of the District Board during 1973.

2. Renewal of the Board's commitment to the Pride Valley United Methodist Church to assist them in acquiring additional property or relocating. The strategic location of this church for future growth was noted and the Board went on record to assist them until adequate property could be secured.

3. Commitment to aid in securing a site for a new church in the new Otter Creek subdivision west of I-30 and north of Baseline Road. The Executive Committee was empowered to give maximum assistance to this project.

In addition to the above actions, the Board heard reports on developments concerning four other Little Rock District congregations. The Rev. Fred Haustein, pastor of St. Andrews church, reported that this nine year old congregation now has 430 members with around 300 persons worshipping each Sunday. They are in the second phase of a four-phase development program.

Dr. Dunlap reported that ground was broken on Sunday, May 20, for a new parsonage at the Salem church. The Rev. Bob Robertson reported on the ground-breaking ceremony held in the Western Hills church on the same Sunday and shared the enthusiasm of his congregation for their proposed

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO JONESBORO TORNADO APPEAL

"Please express our deep appreciation to all who have responded in such a fine way to the needs of our people at this time." This word comes from Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, superintendent of the Jonesboro District and chairman of the committee of ministers disbursing funds given by Methodist congregations for relief of tornado victims.

The Little Rock Annual Conference, meeting the day after Jonesboro experienced the devastating storm, sent an offering of \$6,641.46. Congregations in the North Arkansas Conference have to date sent \$21,348.15, making a total of \$27,989.46 given to date by Arkansas Methodists.

Dr. Hillis reports that 130 Methodist families have been granted \$22,864.50. This is in addition to the \$5,000 granted earlier to relief agencies as reported in last week's ARKANSAS METHODIST. Dr. Hillis states that the committee has made a diligent effort to see that the funds have been administered in response to the greatest need.

new sanctuary.

A report was also made on the plans of Wesley church, adjacent to the Philander Smith College campus, to secure land from the College to provide for a Community Center project, thus enabling this congregation to minister to both the college and the community at large. Application for a grant from the Commission on Religion and Race has been made to help ensure this program. The Rev. Harry Bass is the pastor of Wesley Church.

Other actions of the Board were to approve salary supplementations to four charges in the District and to approve grants to the Arkansas Guidance Foundation, the Council on Telephone Ministries and the Day-Care Center. Luke Quinn serves as president of the Board. Dr. Joe Phillips, pastor of St. James church, was elected vice president of the Board. About 50 persons attended the meeting.

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At Fayetteville next week.....

Mt. Sequoyah observes 50th anniversary

For fifty years Mt. Sequoyah has been the leadership training center for the South Central Jurisdiction's eight-state area. This anniversary will be celebrated this coming week, June 25-28, at the Assembly in Fayetteville.

The major feature of the "Methodist Heritage Celebration" will be the 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.

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

HENDRIX DEAN TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY

Another event will be a study of Galatians and Corinthians led by Dr. Francis Christie, dean of Hendrix College. "Some Studies in Paul — Joy and Confidence as Qualities of Life for the Christian" is the title for this study. Dr. Christie came to Hendrix in 1965 after serving six years as dean of the College and professor of Philosophy and Religion at Mt. Union College in Alliance, O.

OTHER LEADERS AND EVENTS

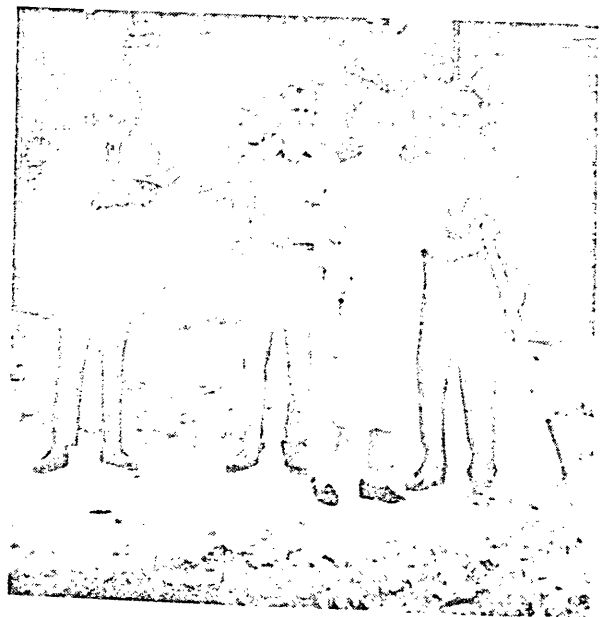
Dr. Roberto Escamilla, Dr. George E. Morris and the Rev. James D. Bass, staff members of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship and Stewardship, will lead a series of Workshops on Evangelism.

Among groups providing special music will be Fayetteville area choirs; a Christian folk-rock group, "The Cheerful Givers," from First United Methodist Church in Shreveport, La.; and a presentation entitled "Music Models to Disciple the Church," given under the direction of the Rev. James Bass. Performing at a number of the events will be the Choir from Ozarks Methodist Manor of Marionville, Mo., directed by Clara Shaffner. This choir is composed of members whose average age is 78 years.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH: FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR MT. SEQUOYAH CELEBRATION

Fifty scholarships are available to cover the stay during the Mt. Sequoyah "Methodist Heritage Celebration" this coming week, June 25-28. Youth from Junior High through College age are eligible and may apply through their Conference Council on Ministries office. There are 25 scholarships each for the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences which will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

Mrs. Wesley J. Powell prepares to turn the first spadeful of earth at May 26 groundbreaking at Powell's Chapel in Sharp County. Presiding over the ceremony is the Rev. Floyd Villines (left), assisted by the Rev. Forrest Thomas. Mrs. Powell, 82, is the wife of a late member of the family for which the church and community were named.



Interviews at Jonesboro

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

(A Conversation with Mrs. Hugh Hardin of Fort Smith)

"Women are still oppressed in the Church. I would say that the church is the greatest offender . . ." So states Mrs. Hugh (Nadine) Hardin, lay member of the North Arkansas Conference from the Hendricks Hills church in Fort Smith. Mrs. Hardin, a member of the Woman's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, shared her views in this interview at Jonesboro with John S. Workman:

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J.W.: Mrs. Hardin, as you think about the whole thing that is going on concerning women in the world today, what are your major concerns?

N.H.: That they be given equal chance.

J.W.: What are your concerns about women's place in the church?

N.H.: That we realize that God calls women as well as men.

J.W.: In what ways have women been discriminated against in the church?

N.H.: I would say the most obvious place is in ordination in the ministry. They seem in the past to have been shifted over to religious education or something of that nature; but (until full ordination came) I would say there was some discrimination.

J.W.: How about this Annual Conference we've just completed; how have you felt as a woman in all the issues that have been before the Conference? Have you felt that women have been

given equal consideration?

N.H.: I would say that here probably the women have really been overlooked. It is a matter that I feel is not intentional, but we're talking about "men" of God and "the brethren" and the "laymen" without realizing that this is discriminating. And I put myself in someone else's shoes that may feel this painfully.

J.W.: What do you feel that a woman in a local church can do to overcome such discrimination?

N.H.: To realize that she can "do" theology; that she can talk about what she knows about; that she can think and do about anything else in the church a man can do.

J.W.: Do you feel that the revolution in regard to women's place in the world of business and other secular realms has advanced farther than woman's place of equality in the church?

N.H.: Perhaps a little bit. Women are still suppressed in the church. I would say the church is the greatest offender. The women have been working on this for the past several years and have a hundred years yet to go.

J.W.: Our women have reorganized into the United Methodist Women. Are there things in this organization that can be done to advance the place of women in the local church?

N.H.: Yes — to see that they can be really anything that they want to be. That is, if they open the doors to all women of the church.

J.W.: Are you "Mrs. Hardin" or "Ms. Hardin"?

N.H.: Well, I'm Nadine Hardin. I'm Hugh's wife. I'm the mother of four children. I'm Mrs. Hugh Hardin.

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THE ROLE OF THE LAITY

(A Conversation with Henry W. Rainwater, new Lay Leader for North Arkansas Conference)

"What is the role of the layman today?" "What do laymen expect of their minister, and what do ministers expect of their laymen?"

These were among the issues discussed in an interview with Mr. Henry W. Rainwater of Walnut Ridge, installed as new Conference Lay Leader at Jonesboro on June 6th.

The following is a portion of this interview conducted by the editor.

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J.W.: Brother Henry, you are coming into office as the new Lay Leader for the North Arkansas Annual Conference. What are the major emphases you would like to lift up during this year?

H.R.: Well, Brother John, I accept the responsibility with humility in my heart. As you know I have been working on the lay program in the North Arkansas Conference for a good while. I am hoping that we can continue the development of leadership across the Conference by having retreats, lay speaking programs and various other programs that will be coming along and we are just hoping that we can do half-way the job that needs to be done. We will need all of the help that we can get from the wonderful laymen throughout the Conference.

J.W.: Tell us a bit about the plans for Purdue (the National Conference of Laity, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana). How many persons are planning to go?

H.R.: The last report I had we had near a hundred registered. I've been advised that there would probably be

a few more to register, and this will be a fairly good cross-section of our laity from our Conference.

J.W.: As a man how do you feel about the current emphasis across our country in regard to women assuming their role as lay persons in the Church?

H.R.: Well, you know I've been to General and Jurisdictional Conferences for the last four years and I have seen a tremendous increase in the interest of women in the program of the church. And of course we're giving them more responsibility in the program of the laity; and they should have it, as they are the laity the same as men in our church now; and I think it is wonderful that we are giving them this place in the church and they are accepting it.

J.W.: On another subject: As a layman, what do you feel is the major role for a pastor to play?

H.R.: Well, I think the pastor's role in our time is to really be a pastor; to be a programming and visiting pastor — a man that we can look to for leadership in the church, to give us something to think about and to guide and direct us in the thinkings of our Annual Conference and in carrying out the program of the Methodist church.

J.W.: If you were a pastor what would you expect of your lay members?

H.R.: Well, this is a pretty hard question. I'm afraid I would probably expect more out of my laity than we have been giving the pastor. But I do feel that there are a lot of dedicated people in the Methodist church, and I do feel that if I were a pastor I would feel free to call upon my people and especially those who show a great interest in the church to care for the program of the church.

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GROUNDBREAKING THIS SUNDAY

At 3:30 this coming Sunday afternoon, June 24, ground will be broken for the Blanch E. Johnson Manor, a unit of the Methodist Children's Home in Searcy. Present will be the Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr., Superintendent of the Batesville District, the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, Superintendent of The Methodist Children's Home with headquarters in Little Rock, pastors of Searcy area churches and other local dignitaries. The public is cordially invited.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

First Day — Afternoon Session
Monday, June 4, 1973

OPENING: The one hundred thirty-eighth session of the North Arkansas Conference convened in First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, June 4, 1973 at 2:30 p.m. with Bishop Eugene M. Frank presiding, and the singing of the hymn "And Are We Yet Alive," accompanied by organist, Mrs. Al Skoog. Bishop Frank led the conference in the Apostles' Creed and the opening prayer.

ORGANIZATION: The conference was declared to be in session. Harold O. Eggensperger moved the adoption of the agenda as mimeographed and spread to conference members. The agenda was adopted. James M. Meadors, Jr., Secretary, Lawrence Dodgen

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REV. E. B. WILLIAMS

The Rev. Ernest B. Williams, aged 79, of 412 West Fifty-third Street, North Little Rock, died Wednesday, June 13. Funeral services were conducted from Gardner Memorial Church, where he served as pastor from 1955 to 1959, on Wednesday, with the Rev. Byron McSpadden, the present pastor officiating.

Mr. Williams, born in Sharp County, was educated at Hendrix College and Vanderbilt University. He was ordained an elder in the North Arkansas Conference in 1929.

He served as Superintendent of Booneville District from 1934-35, the Paragould District from 1935-38 and again during the period from 1947-

48, and on the Jonesboro District from 1948-53. Pastorates included, in addition to Gardner Memorial in North Little Rock, the following churches: Helena First, Russellville First, Blytheville First, Midland Heights at Fort Smith, Hoxie, Pottsville Circuit, Vilonia Circuit, and the Hardy-Williford Charge.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Angie Miller Williams; four sons, Hulen B. Williams of Baton Rouge, Hayden R. Williams of Huntington Beach, Cal., Miller Williams of Fayetteville and Travis Williams of Dallas; two daughters, Mrs. Alexa Hopper of Baton Rouge and Mrs. Marthelle Stover of Decatur, Ala.; a brother, C. Williams of Egypt (Craighead County), and 12 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Heart Fund.

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REV. JEFF SMITH

The Rev. Jeff Smith, aged 70, of 10 Skyway Drive, Little Rock, founder and superintendent of the Arkansas Light-house for the Blind since 1940, died Saturday, June 9, while en route to a vacation in the Fiji Islands.

Mr. Smith was a graduate of the Texas School for the Blind and Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He had been a minister in the Methodist Church before establishing the Light-house. Mr. Smith was a member of the National Industries for the Blind, the American Association of Workers of the Blind and Winfield United Methodist Church.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Jarman of Austin.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

All college and university juniors and seniors who are duly licensed to preach by the Little Rock Conference, and all seminary students from the Little Rock Conference are eligible for scholarship aid for the fall school term. If you would like to apply for this help, contact Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, 1012 S. Magnolia Drive, El Dorado, Ark. Application deadline is July 21, 1973.

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ATTENTION NORTH ARKANSAS CAMPERS

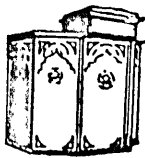
Note this correction in the camp schedule: The 5th and 6th Grade camp for the Fayetteville, Fort Smith and Conway Districts will be at Shoal Creek the week of July 30 — August 3rd. The Rev. Jim Keith is the Director. Registrations should be mailed to the Rev. Clyde Crozier, Box 75, Hardy, Ark. 72543.

Tex., and Mrs. Robert McCafferty of Elk Grove, Cal.; two sons, the Rev. Woodrow W. Smith of Houston, Tex. and Stanley W. Smith of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Dowlin of San Angelo, Tex., and Mrs. Arthur Sprinkle of Austin, and 13 grandchildren.

The Rev. C. Ray Hozendorf officiated at funeral services conducted from Griffin-Leggett Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were employees and Board members of the Arkansas Light-house for the Blind. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Light-house for the Blind at Sixty-fifth and Murray Streets, Little Rock.

JUNE 21, 1973

The Editor's Pulpit



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....

"Go Ye, therefore into part of the world...."

Most of us grew up in a Methodist church which was proud of its "foreign mission field." Seldom did a Sunday go by in which we did not hear of our far-flung missionaries and their work.

To be sure some of our "missionary-ism" may have diverted our attention from problems at home and may, for a few, have been a cop-out in that by doing good works elsewhere we felt excused from those which should have been fulfilled at home. But in reality it would be difficult if not impossible to measure the impact for good that Methodist missions have achieved in the past and present.

But the pendulum swings and we find ourselves in an indefensible position today in regard to our Lord's commission to "go into all the world." Four years ago our United Methodist Church had 1,300 missionaries in the field. Today there are about 950. If support of our world-wide mission work continues at its present rate this number will drop to about 885 by the end of this year.

Not all causes for this decline are negative. Increased leadership by national churchmen has been an encouraging reality and goal. But the major reason for this decline was lack of funds. During this last four-year period giving for world missionary support through our General Advance Specials has decreased from \$4,000,000 to \$3,300,000 annually.

While we are in a time of transition in our mission philosophy, it is difficult to believe that our faithfulness to our Lord's great commission can be fulfilled by pulling in our forces. It seems particularly essential that the church in the U.S., at this time when we are "drawing in" in so many other facets of our life, maintain increasing dialogue and exchange with persons from all over the world.

Our concern in this area must not be from merely nostalgic reasons, as suggested by the first paragraph of this editorial. Our concern about foreign and local missions alike is primary because such is an essential part of the Gospel. It is vital to our understanding of the universality of the church.

We are in a time when our attention is focused upon ourselves. We've got so many problems in our own house that it hardly behooves us to go into someone else's. But really we have no choice. If we are to be faithful we will go next door and across the planet to share what God in Jesus Christ is doing.

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A Lot of Both

I see by the papers that a leading evangelist has said that Watergate is the judgement of God upon our nation. I suspect that is true — at least up to a point.

But what concerns me about such statements — and this may be nit-picking — is that they can be interpreted to be putting the blame on God for a lot of bad things his kids are up to.

I'm sure that those who prefer to put it this way mean that God is judging America for our sins. Nothing wrong here. It's certainly true. But why not begin with man's part in the mess and face up to our primary responsibility first by acknowledging that in Watergate and in every other moral mess we reap what we have sown and we bring down upon ourselves the wages of our own sin.

I'm talking about a point of view that is reflected in so much religious thinking these days: that we can pass the buck to either God or to the devil. "The devil made me do it" may be exactly right. "It's the will of the Lord" may be perfectly true. But it's all too easy to excuse our own human sin by ascribing responsibility to God or to Satan.

Let's tell it like it is. Watergate and every other human mess may well bring the judgment of God upon us. But God is in the redeeming and saving business. We bring the need for such redemption upon ourselves.

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J.S.W.

Off the Top of the Head....

Think about the Children

For some reason or other, and I really don't know why, I must think with you about the children. Not about yours or mine especially, but about all our children, the children of the world.

Just now, in hanging a picture in my office (a lovely woodcarving of The Last Supper — a carving showing only adults), I thought about the children whom Jesus loved and bade come to him.

We can be very solicitous and patronizing about children. We wrongly single them out as objects of attention when in reality they, like all human beings, are subjects for love. And so many of the world's children are dying right now for lack of love.

Think then about the children. The children of India, of Kansas City, of Russia, of New Orleans and of Fayetteville, of Cape Town and of your neighborhood and mine.

Think of the children of broken homes. The abused children. The unwanted children. The frightened children. The loved children. The spoiled children. The rich and the poor children. The well children. The sick children. The happy and the sad children. Think of the children.

What do they need, deserve, the most? They need to be hugged, kissed, understood, disciplined, corrected, praised, approved, held close, set free to fail and they need to be "shot forth as arrows" from ourselves as bows, as Kahlil Gibran says somewhere about the role of the parent. So let us think, always, about the children.

While "children" are not especially on our church calendars just now they are never out of season for the human who seeks to add the Christian dimension to his life. So think and cry a little and laugh some with the children. For such each of us once was and by the grace of God yet still may be.

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"How to Know Everything" or

"Why Some Preachers Have to Retire"

All these years those of you who haven't been able to go to the sessions of the Annual Conference have been told what you missed. And truly you do miss a lot that can never really be recaptured. Some things, however, remain just as well unrecaptured. As a service to you in the "See what you missed" Department, we submit the following.

One of our well known and still-loved-anyway ministers (who, by the way, retired the day following this episode) inflicted us with this during a debate. Having stated that he "didn't know everything about the matter at hand," he did have his conviction and was reminded of the woman who was being prepared for surgery. The doctor told her they would have to give her gas during the operation. "Will I know everything when I come out from under the gas?" she asked. The doctor replied "That's asking a lot of the gas!"

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Changes in worship style and the inner structure of church buildings, designed to win back the "lost generation," have been urged in Edinburgh (Scotland) by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). The Rt. Rev. George T. H. Reid said a change in attitudes and thinking is essential, as he stressed the need to end the Church's inclination to look backwards instead of forward.

Although income rose and membership declined in the United Church of Canada last year, according to data released in Toronto, church officials expressed no worry about the membership loss. Observers said that thousands joined the churches in the Fifties and Sixties when it was "the thing to do." One church executive commented that the situation then was "artificial, with people coming in the front door and going out the back." "Analysis would show that new forms of worship and purging the services of some of the old liturgical expressions are drawing people back," he said.

The California Legislature has called on Congress to support Sen. Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin and his legislation for freezing postal rates of the first 250,000 issues of newspapers and magazines at the level of June 1, 1972. "Congress for 178 years has encouraged the education of the American people through the widest distribution of newspapers and periodicals by means of a national subsidy in the form of lower postal rates," the joint resolution noted.

"This was the first peaceful May I've had in my four years here," said Father Robert J. Henle, S.J., president of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. "Students, especially the altruistic ones, decided you don't change society by demonstrations, slogans or violence," he said. "Altruism is not gone among students; it is tempered by the facts of life," the educator added. Noting that the drug problem on campus is less serious now than it was, he attributed part of the improvement to the "increasingly good job" high schools and local communities around the country are doing in drug education. Another phenomenon Father Henle has observed is that the relationship between older and younger people has improved.

Dr. Perry E. Gresham, Disciples of Christ educator, maintains that in order to survive, private colleges—including those with church ties—should develop specialty programs and services. In a new book called *Campbell and the Colleges*, Dr. Gresham insists that private institutions could play a needed creative role by developing new programs in communications and commerce, ecclesiastical music, languages, religious education and intercultural and international relations. Concerning church-related colleges, he writes, "A college could gain a reputation for developing Christian lawyers, Christian physicians or Christian businessmen and occupy a position of great importance."

Graduates at McMaster Divinity College (Hamilton, Ontario), were warned by British Baptist, the Rev. George Beasley-Murray, that the first ministerial temptation is to "sit loose to the message which has been given you for the world, whether through accommodating it to the taste of the hearers, or using it to gain a following for yourself."

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Dr. Will Herberg, a historian and theologian at Drew University (Madison, N.J.), says religious "belonging" in America has become primarily a form of "self-identification and social location" and has thus become "more and more vacuous" — empty. Nevertheless, he added in an interview on "Religion in the U.S. — Where It's Headed" by U.S. News and World Report, "In numbers at least, the American people are probably the most religious of all Western nations."

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, prominent leader in Reform Judaism, told a meeting of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of Reform Judaism, that "Watergate may 'restore social action to the churches and synagogues of America.'" He declared that "the revelations of the breadth and depth of moral corruption in this country are beginning to show the American people what can and does happen when they either retreat from involvement in society or delegate their responsibilities to others."

According to a Religious News Service release from Baton Rouge, La., two bishops — one Roman Catholic and one United Methodist — were scheduled to lead an ecumenical worship service for Key 73 on Pentecost Sunday. Roman Catholic Bishop Robert E. Tracy of the Baton Rouge Diocese was to give the invocation and benediction and United Methodist Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield of the Louisiana Conference was to deliver the principal sermon at the prayer service at Catholic Life Center, with clergymen from other denominations assisting with other elements of worship.

A joint working committee of the New Zealand National Council of Churches and the Catholic Church asserts that despite a rising divorce rate, statistics indicate marriage is still the most popular institution of society and that there has been no widespread rejection of marriage as a permanent relationship in New Zealand. But the committee declared that family life was "increasingly subjected to stresses imposed by an acquisitive and competitive society." "It is in this area," the report said, "that we have worked, seeking to find ways by which the Christian church can witness more clearly and helpfully to its best vision of what life can be."

A Southern Presbyterian clergyman, the Rev. James L. Doom of Atlanta, received the highest honor of the Guild for Religious Architecture at a recent session of the Nat'l. Interfaith Conference on Religion and Architecture in Minneapolis. In the keynote address of the conference, the long time consultant on architecture said that one change is appearing everywhere in Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Worship alike: Leaders want to involve the people in the actions of worship, and the people want to be involved. Mr. Doom said "Our God is the kind of God who speaks to us at the kitchen stove as well as at the Lord's table. He is present in the kindergarten as well as in the choir. His word of salvation may be heard in the parking lot as well as in the preaching . . . If we open ourselves to Him, the Spirit of God informs all concepts of a building program."

A new Baptist chapel, dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., slain American civil rights leader, was opened in Szeged, Budapest. According to Hungarian Radio, the Rev. Janos Lackzkovszki, president of the Hungarian Baptist Church and vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, officiated at the dedication ceremony. The broadcast said that letters from King's widow, Coretta and his father were read during the ceremony.

The New York State Catholic Committee has urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to veto a bill, passed by the legislature, which would eliminate the conciliation or "cooling off" period required under the current divorce law. A spokesman for the committee, charged that the legislature's action destroys the "efforts of our New York courts to save marriages headed for divorce or annulment."

A sociological study commissioned by the British Council of Churches has revealed that many English churches are burdened with outdated, under-used property "wasteful of resources and in danger of dictating the pattern and practice of local church life." The report—"Church, Property and People" stated that "the clergy and core of active members" are forced to spend a great deal of their time in building care and administration, and thus "the most important things may receive scant attention."



DUBLIN — Flanked by his wife, Rita, and daughter, Nessa, Erskine H. Childers is all smiles after the English-born Protestant was elected president of the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland. Although born in London in 1905, Mr. Childers is the inheritor of one of the great names of Irish Republican politics. His father, Robert Erskine, was executed in 1922 for his work on behalf of Irish independence. The second Protestant president of a 95 per cent Catholic country, Mr. Childers succeeds 91-year-old Eamon de Valera. (RNS Photo)

JUNE 21, 1973

RESPONSE: Bishop Frank responded to the welcome with appreciation for the courage the people of Jonesboro have shown in the wake of the tornado that struck the City May 27. He announced that he had a check for \$6,641.31 from churches in the Little Rock Conference to be used as needed by the Jonesboro community in rebuilding.

PROPOSAL FOR RE-DISTRICTING: Charles McDonald, Secretary of the Cabinet presented a Resolution reading, "Be it resolved that the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church in session at Jonesboro, Arkansas, June 4-6, 1973, be divided into six districts for administration purposes." The motion for adoption was seconded and Bishop Frank announced it would lie on the table overnight and be debated and voted on Tuesday morning. Bishop Frank made a statement about the resolution as background for consideration of the proposal tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bishop Frank read a letter to the conference from Helen Wilson, missionary to Bolivia. Other correspondence was received from Norman Guice.

PRESENTATION OF MRS. EUGENE FRANK: Elmo A. Thomason presented Mrs. Eugene M. Frank to the conference. Ethan W. Dodgen escorted Mrs. Frank to the front of the sanctuary.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: The service of Holy Communion was held in the sanctuary at 4 o'clock. Bishop Frank was worship leader, assisted by the host pastor, Worth W. Gibson and the District Superintendents, Elmo A. Thomason, Charles P. McDonald, J. Ralph Clayton, Ethan W. Dodgen, Raymond L. Franks, J. Ralph Hillis and Floyd C. Villines, Jr. The organist was Mrs. Al Skoog, the song leader, Robert Fuller, and special music was presented by the Chancel Choir. Hymns sung were "Spirit of Faith Come Down" and "Bread of the World." The Offering was for the United Methodist Committee for Relief.

First Day — Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Worship

WORSHIP: The conference met in worship at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Muriel Peters, Chairman of the Conference Commission on Worship, was worship leader. Bishop Eugene M. Frank read the Scriptures and led in the evening prayer. Music was provided by the choir of Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church. The preacher was Dr. W. Paul Worley from Emory University, Georgia.

Second Day — Morning Session Tuesday, June 5, 1973

DEVOTIONS: Devotions were led by the youth choir of Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Batesville. Dr. Charles Casteel is pastor, Mrs. Otho McSpadden is choir director and Mrs. Hadley Jones is organist.

METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE: Mr. Doyle England representing the United Methodist Publishing Houses spoke to the conference about the book and materials display in the Cokesbury bookstore downstairs. He presented the conference a check for \$6,077.29 for Conference Claims.

STANDING RULES: Charles Mc-

Donald offered the following Resolution. "I move that we set aside Standing Rule 15 as it applies to the Conference Lay Leaders for the conference year 1973-74 to enable the Board of Laity to place Henry Rainwater in nomination for Conference Lay Leader. The Resolution was approved.

BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT #1: Jim Beal, chairman, presented Report #1 of the Board of Ministry. Wayne Clark, Registrar, presented John Hardy Brown, William Christopher Cooper, Roger Ernest Glover, Bennie Ross Harmon and James Ervin Rohlman for Admission on Probation into the Annual Conference. The men were granted admission by vote of the conference and received by Bishop Frank. Waymon Hollis, secretary, presented the report in the Pre-Conference Digest and moved its adoption. It was adopted. Jim Keith, representing the Board, presented the Bishop a red clergy shirt. The Bishop responded that he would wear it to Razorback football games and on his trips to the Vatican.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: J. Ralph Hillis reported that the offering from churches in the North Arkansas Conference for Jonesboro tornado relief is now in excess of \$10,000.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Harold Eggensperger, Executive Director, presented the report of the Conference Council on Ministries. He was assisted by the Associate Directors, Arvill Brannon and John Thompson. The report was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF CHAPLAINS: Dr. Roy Shilling, President of Hendrix College, presented the Chaplains Arvest Lawson, Robert B. Howerton, James Robnolt and Bill Dennis.

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STANDING RULE 6: The Statistician, Alan Hilliard, offered a change in Standing Rule 6. The change would substitute "31 days" for "45 days" in the Rule. The proposed change must lie on the table twenty-four hours.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING NUMBER OF DISTRICTS: The Resolution placed before the conference yesterday proposing to divide the North Arkansas Conference into six districts was brought back to the floor by Earl B. Carter who spoke for its passage. Others speaking "for" the Resolution were Bill Wilder, Mrs. Hugh Hardin, Ben Jordan. Speaking against the proposal were Wayne Jarvis, Lloyd Conyers, Henry Rainwater and Albert Gatlin. The question was called and ordered. A motion for secret ballot did not prevail. A standing vote was taken. The vote was 128 for and 221 against. The Resolution failed.

NOMINATIONS: The names of Earl Hughes, Clint Atchley and Ben Hines were offered as a Committee on Courtesies. They were approved.

MOTION: Mrs. Hugh Hardin moved that the Council on Finance and Administration look into the needs, expressed in the debate on the number of districts, concerning the office of the District Superintendents and staff and bring back a recommendation to the Annual Conference.

BENEDICTION: The Bishop led the conference in the benediction.

Second Day — Afternoon Session Tuesday, June 5, 1973

EVANGELISM: Bishop Eugene M. Frank called the conference to order and asked for the report of the Board of Evangelism. Charles Casteel pre-

sented the report and it was adopted.

DR. WILLIAM McELVANEY: Dr. McElvaney, President of St. Paul School of Theology, United Methodist, in Kansas City was introduced to the conference and brought greetings from that school.

AREA COMMITTEE ON RELIGION AND RACE: Harry Bass, chairman, offered the report to the conference. The report was adopted.

GROUP INSURANCE: Alan Hilliard placed the report before the conference. Reports # 1 and 2 were adopted.

PENSIONS: The report for pensions was directed by Dr. Milton Dencke. He reported that at this site four years ago we voted the million dollar pension endowment campaign. We have now reached that amount with some pledges not paid in full. It is hoped these pledges will be paid in full. The report was adopted with amendments.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Mrs. James R. Chandler, Vice President, read the report in the absence of Mrs. Harold Womack, President.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence has been received by the Secretary from E. T. Wayland, Oscar Evanston and Tom Adkinson, none of whom can be present at conference.

WORSHIP: Muriel Peters, chairman, spoke to the report in the Pre-Conference Digest. Materials relating to special services of the church are being prepared by the commission for distribution across the conference at a later time. The report was moved and adopted.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Von Dell Mooney led the report. John Thompson, Homer Fulbright, William R. Haltom, Robert McLean (a representative of the Division on Church and Society, working in the area of the United Nations) spoke to the sections of the report. Lewis Chesser moved the report which was adopted. Von Dell Mooney introduced Gene Efird who spoke concerning the Arkansas Guidance Foundation.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION: Dr. Edward Harris, Foundation Director, gave his thanks to the conference and its agencies for their support of the Foundation's work.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Wayne Jarvis, secretary, directed the report. Susan Gladdin, President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, addressed the conference. Roy Shilling, Hendrix College President, reported for higher education and the college. Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, President of Philander Smith College, spoke in its behalf and in behalf of the Fund for Black College. Wayne Jarvis spoke to that part of the report dealing with campus ministry. Bob Edwards spoke for the Camping Committee of the Board. Arvill Brannon nominated these conference coordinators: Childrens Ministries, Mrs. Jim Beal; Youth Ministries, Mrs. Saville Henry; Adult Ministries, Charles Mabrey; Young Adult Ministries, Joe Kennedy; Family Ministries, Henry Heidelberg. These were elected. The full report was adopted. Bill Wilder and Arvill Brannon presented for consecration as Directors of Music Jerry L. Ridgeway of Cabot, Peter Andrew Cooper of North Little Rock ((Gardner), and Mrs. Martha White of Pocahontas. Bishop read the consecration ritual.

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Earl Carter introduced the report and Marvin Gaither read it to the conference.

The report was adopted.

WHERE SHALL THE NEXT SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE HELD?: John B. Hays introduced W. E. "Buddy" Arnold, layman from the Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock who invited the conference to Lakewood. Dr. Roy Shilling invited the conference to Hendrix College. The conference voted by 96 to 73 to go to Hendrix College.

Third Day — Morning Session Wednesday, June 6, 1973

DEVOTIONS: Morning devotions were led by P. G. "Bill" Williams, assisted by Miss Mona Marshall. John Thompson, Associate Director of the Conference Council on Ministries, preached the sermon.

OPENING: Bishop Eugene M. Frank called the conference to order.

PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY: Robert Bell, of the Perkins Alumni Association, spoke to the conference. He brought greetings from the school and announced the formation of a Lay Advisory Council in which the conference would be represented.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: J. Ralph Hillis reported that with gifts still arriving the offering from churches in the conference for Jonesboro tornado relief is now \$15,203.26.

MISSIONS: Andy Hall, secretary of the Board of Missions, moved the adoption of the report with additions and corrections. David Conyers, chairman, spoke to the report. Bob Edwards noted a press release that "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 conditions continue until the end of the year, the number will have dropped to about 885." He urged ten churches represented at conference to pledge \$750 per year shares in the support of overseas missionaries. The report was adopted.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: Joel Cooper presented eight constitutional amendments from the General Conference to be considered and acted on by the conference. The amendments will be found in Section X of the Journal.

ENLISTMENT FOR CHURCH OCCUPATIONS: The report was presented by James Randle. Two young men, Buddy Pearce at Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Batesville and Larry Spears at First United Methodist Church in Wynne will serve in the Summer Vocational Intern Program. Dr. James Upton has asked to be relieved of responsibility for aiding churches and potential summer youth workers find each other. Jon Guthrie, Campus Minister at Hendrix, will take up the task. Thanks was expressed to Dr. Upton for his service in this capacity across the years. The report was adopted.

BISHOP WILLIAM C. MARTIN: Bishop William C. Martin (retired) was presented to the conference by Bishop Frank. Bishop Martin spoke to the conference and was received with a standing welcome.

MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE: Bishop Frank noted that the 34th session of the Southwest Conference would have been held at this time if merger had not been effected between it and the North Arkansas Conference. This

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NEWS and NOTES

THE MEN'S TUESDAY Prayer Group of First Church, Osceola, which was to continue only until Easter, is still active. The men meet each Tuesday morning at 6:30.

PRIDE VALLEY MEMBERS on West Kanis Road, Little Rock, will honor their pastor and wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. Neill Hart, at an informal reception at the church Sunday, June 24, from 4-5:30 p.m. Sharing honors with the Harts will be Dr. and Mrs. Ed Dunlap, district superintendent and wife, and the Rev. and Mrs. John Workman, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and wife.

DR. AND MRS. HAROLD SADLER express gratitude to "everyone who made our Golden Anniversary an occasion of unbounded joy. Your presence and your gifts were delightful and will be cherished throughout the years ahead."

COTTON PLANT'S First Church members honored the Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Logan and son, Randy, at a fellowship dinner prior to their move to take the pastorate at Wilson. John T. James, Chairman of the Board, presented a money tree to the family from the membership.

SHERRILL UNITED Methodist Church observed Student Recognition Day, June 10. Youth participants included Mike Shudy, Doug Chadick, Barrett Albright, Melissa Albright and Nancy Shudy. The Rev. Gene Ratekin is the pastor.

CENTENNIAL UNITED Methodist Church at El Dorado dedicated new communion cloths which were presented to the church by United Methodist Women. The presentation of these new communion cloths on June 3 was the first local project of the UMW which was organized in November, 1972. The Rev. Robert H. Jackson, pastor, has recently led a church-wide Study of Romans on Sunday nights. The study sessions were followed with fellowship and refreshments.

THE BAY UNITED METHODIST Church, Jonesboro District, has finished a remodeling project on the Educational Building and the Fellowship Hall. This included paneling, carpeting throughout, new ceilings, and new light fixtures. The Board of Trustees served as the Building Committee. Members are as follows: Bill Stone, chairman, Howard Davis, Ted Isbell, Mrs. Iva Holmes, James Moore, and Earl D. Warren. The Rev. Jack Skelton is the pastor at Bay.

WAYLAND ARBOR CEMETERY NOTES CENTENNIAL

The May 27th Memorial Services at Wayland Arbor Cemetery marked the centennial year of the founding of Wayland Arbor Church and cemetery.

On Feb. 12, 1873, Henry Wayland deeded ten acres to the Methodist Episcopal Church South for a place of worship and burying ground. The first services were held under a brush arbor and the first grave was that of Henry Wayland's eight-year-old daughter. A church building was soon built, but today services are held under a permanent arbor with a concrete and marble pulpit dedicated to the founder and early pioneer preachers.

The Rev. Everne Hunter of Judsonia was the speaker at this year's services. She is the granddaughter of T. R. Hively, one of the first trustees, who preached many sermons under the brush arbor and in the church building. He is buried in the cemetery there.

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THE HAPPY AGE CLUB met at the new parsonage of the First United Methodist Church in Wynne on Wednesday morning, May 16 at 10 o'clock. Mrs. V. E. James, president, presided over the meeting. A special reading was given by Mrs. Ola Harrell, and the devotion was brought by the Rev. Freddie Howard, minister, First Assembly of God. The Happy Agers were able to see the new parsonage for the first time and to have a pot luck luncheon in the parsonage. There was a record attendance of 34 persons. Four of these were past 90 years of age, the eldest being Mrs. Faye Vann at 95½. Hostesses were Mrs. William Wilder, Mrs. Fred Shankle and Mrs. Gene Hunt.

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THE ST. LUKE UNITED Methodist Church of Pine Bluff will hold revival services June 17-21, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Virgil Keeley, Pine Bluff District Superintendent will be the preacher, and Voy Brown will lead the singing. The Rev. Larry R. Williams is the host pastor.

ENGLAND UNITED METHODISTS honored their retiring minister, the Rev. Harold Sadler, and his wife at a reception held Sunday, June 3. Many friends from their former pastorates called, as did fellow ministers, to join the England community in wishing the couple an enjoyable retirement. A "money-tree" was presented to the Sadlers.

DR. DELL REED, the president of Crowder College in Neosho, Mo., and an active member of the Neosho United Methodist Church, was the guest speaker during morning worship services, May 27, at the Decatur and Centerton Churches where the Rev. John W. Lee is pastor.

WHITE HALL REVIVES CHURCH LIBRARY

The White Hall United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff celebrated the opening and reviving of its church library on Sunday, May 27. Dr. E. Clifton Rule brought the message.

The library was dedicated and named in honor of IDA MAE GANDY a resident of White Hall for nearly half a century and active member of the church.

Members of the Helen Wilson Group took the library as a project and have accessioned 185 books. Mary L. Hull is librarian.

"The Interpreter's Commentary" was presented to the library by the congregation and a picture "The Circuit Rider" by Robert Addison was given to the library by the H. A. Cooper and E. M. Glenn families. Many of the books are special gifts. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Gandy from the Work Area in Education whose chairman is Mrs. W. F. (Jack) Moody.

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YOUTH OF MIDLAND HEIGHTS Church, Fort Smith, began their summer activities in May when they sponsored a rummage sale which raised over \$145 for their summer trip. The Youth Choir under the direction of Tim Hess, presented the musical "Resurrection" by Jim Lawrence on May 6, and are now working on the musical "Light of the World." The Junior High UMY was in charge of a contemporary Holy Communion Service, May 13, in which they used banners, folk music and drama. Bruce Vick is youth director and the Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

MOUNTAIN HOME United Methodists plan a display of "Pioneer Religious Life" during the Baxter County Centennial Celebration in July. Mrs. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Jeff Hackler are collecting pictures of churches, church gatherings, pioneer family groups and family Bibles for display. The exhibit will be open to the public July 1 through 7 (except July 4).

BILL HUNT spoke at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, Malvern on Sunday morning, May 20, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Charlie Mashburn. Robert Jones spoke at the Sunday evening service.

NATIONAL FAMILY SUNDAY was observed on May 6 by the Decatur-Centerton Charge. Each congregation selected the "Faithful Family of the Year". Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jackson were selected at Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Holland were selected at Centerton. The criterion for the selection was the family each congregation considered to have been the most loyal to their church vows during the past year.

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 24—Sunday	Acts 3:12-16 4:5-12
June 25	Acts 10:34-48
June 26	Acts 9:1-19
June 27	Acts 9:20-31
June 28	Acts 11:19-26 13:1-4
June 29	Acts 19:1-10
June 30	Acts 28:16-31
July 1—Sunday	Gen. 1:1 2 Peter 3:5-14

A SUCCESSFUL TEN-DAY Bible School, co-sponsored by Waveland and Moores Chapel, was closed with a Friday night program, June 8. There were 74 enrolled and an average daily attendance of 62. Open house was held after the program to show how the arts and crafts related to the theme "Tell the News—Share the Love." Leaders included Mrs. Noble James, director, Mrs. Betty Lowery and Mrs. Opal James, music, and Mrs. Marie Fredrick, secretary. Refreshments each day were furnished by the community. The Rev. Phil Sims is the new pastor.

THE ROSE CITY BEACON Church in North Little Rock, now has carpeting throughout the sanctuary. This addition was spearheaded by the Pairs and Spares Church School Class two years ago under the direction of the Rev. Charles E. Watt. Wayne Hooker contributed a sizeable amount in memory of his wife. Other members also contributed. The Rev. A. C. Madison is pastor.

KEITH MEMORIAL CHURCH, Malvern, gave a retirement party for the Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Mashburn the evening of May 23, and presented them with a gift of \$50. They also presented Bibles to their graduating seniors: June Faucett and Kim Mooney.

THE REV. J. WILLIAM WATSON, pastor of First United Methodist Church at Blytheville, preached the baccalaureate sermon May 20 for the graduating class of the Blytheville High School.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Youth For Understanding, the world's largest teenage student exchange program, is seeking host families in Arkansas for overseas exchange students. The students will be arriving in August for the 1973-74 school year. Any family interested in hosting a student please call Youth For Understanding at 375-1500 in Little Rock.

Five youth from Jacksonville Church enter ministries

At the North Arkansas Conference held in Jonesboro, the Rev. Bob Edwards was appointed to his seventh year at First Church, Jacksonville. Also receiving appointments were five young adults from First Church.

Carol Lascaro: Finished Austin Presbyterian Seminary one year ago, served one year as minister of education at St. John's United Methodist Church, Austin; has been ordained deacon, and was appointed this year as associate minister of First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

Nick Lascaro: When Nick, whose home is Hot Springs, decided to change from the Presbyterian to the United Methodist Church, he chose

BEARDEN WOMEN ELECT

The women of Bearden United Methodist Church met Monday evening, May 14 in the prayer room of the church. Mrs. Patricia Pennington, president, presided.

A report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Corine Guice, chairman. The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation: Mrs. Sallye Brazil, president; Mrs. Lavern Beard, vice-president; Mrs. Susie Deal, secretary; Mrs. Bettye Ward, treasurer and publications; Mrs. Florence Bethea, Christian Social Activities; Mrs. Mary Jo McWhorter, Missionary Education. Mrs. Lucille Mason closed the meeting with prayer.

THE NEWCOMB-EDRINGTON Circle of First Church, Osceola, coordinated the recent monthly luncheon of the Women's Society. Mrs. Lloyd Conyers presented a program "Living and Acting" and interviewed Mrs. Joe Howard as a member of the early church and Mrs. George Roy as a member of the 20th century church. Mrs. Arnold Weiss presided over the business meeting.

UMW MISSION TEAM MEETS AT LAKE VILLAGE

The first meeting of the Mission Team of Monticello District United Methodist Women was held at Lake Village in the home of the District President, Mrs. G. A. Norris, Jr., May 26.

Of the twelve members of the District Mission Team, ten were present with two conference officers in attendance. These two were Mrs. Barnett Miles, Monticello, chairperson of Committee on Membership and Mrs. John Arnn, Dermott, member of the Nominating Committee.

The Monticello District Officers' Workshop will be held at Dumas following Conference Officers' Training. Partial plans for this meeting were made.

The Mission Team voted to send a delegate to General Assembly in October at Cincinnati, Ohio. This person will be Mrs. Norris, the district president.

First Church, Jacksonville, as the place for his local membership. He completed his graduate work at Austin Presbyterian Seminary this Spring, and will be serving as the associate minister at First United Methodist at Fort Smith.

Charles Armour: Charles completed his undergraduate work at SCA this Spring and was appointed to attend Seminary at Duke University this fall. During the summer he will be working in Jacksonville. He has written a 75-page paper on "A Brief History of the Formation of the New Testament Canon."

Rhonda Crow: Completed her undergraduate work at SCA this Spring and was appointed to attend Seminary at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, this fall. Rhonda will also be working at First Church, Fort Smith, for the summer as Youth Director.

Jay Gamble was appointed for the second year as pastor of the Opeelo Charge near Morrilton. This is a full-time appointment, but at the same time he continues to attend college. When he completes his college work he will go on to seminary for professional training.

MISSIONARY FAMILY TO VISIT FIRST CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Root, missionaries to Sarawak, will visit members of First United Methodist Church, Blytheville, this weekend, June 23-24. They will be guests at a Saturday night supper in Wesley Hall, and at both worship services on Sunday. Their mission work is supported in part by the Blytheville Church of which the Rev. William Watson is pastor.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT UMW MEET AT BARNETT FARM

The Executive Committee of the Batesville District of the United Methodist Women met Sunday, May 6 at the Barnett Farm, Batesville, with Mrs. Kitty Barnett, president, as hostess and 16 members present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Floyd Villines, district superintendent. The welcome address was given by Mrs. Kitty Barnett telling us of the heritage of the Barnett House. Also, she encouraged each of us to take the "response" and explained some articles of four issues of 1973.

The following announcements were made: (1) The School of Missions to be held July 25, 26 and 27 and the weekend of 28-29 at Hendrix College, Conway. (2) Enrichment weekend, June 15-17 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville. (3) October 4-7 is the Women's Assembly at Cincinnati, O., and delegates who were elected to go to this are Kitty Barnett and Lorene Houston. Alternates are Avis Moore and Ann Murphy.



Ministers' Wives of the Little Rock Conference held the annual luncheon at Hot Springs Village. Shown above at the head table are, from left: Mrs. George Ivey, wife of the host pastor; Mrs. Eugene Frank, wife of the presiding bishop; Mrs. George Martin, wife of the host district superintendent; Mrs. William C. Martin and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton, both wives of retired bishops; and Mrs. Marshall Steel, wife of the retired Hendrix College president.

HOT SPRINGS AREA WOMEN ORGANIZE SUB-DISTRICT

Women of the United Methodist Churches of Hot Springs and surrounding area met Monday, April 30, 12 noon at Tigert Church and 7 p.m. at Gardner Church, to plan for the organization of sub-district women's groups.

At each meeting the program included "Knowledge, Understanding and Opportunity", Worship "Change and Trust", a playlet "Dimensions of Reality", the business meeting and a time for meditation.

Officers installed for the day group are: president—Mrs. Jim Frazier, New Salem; vice president—Mrs. Ross Maddox, Piney Grove; secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Pearl Freese, Tigert; Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood—Miss Gertrude Mann, First Church, Evening group officers are: president—Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Gardner; vice president—Mrs. Zennie Williams, Haven; secretary-treasurer—Mrs. A. P. Bast, Fountain Lake; Mission Coordinator, Christian Personhood—Mrs. James Robken, Pullman Heights.

The groups will meet quarterly for sharing, fellowship, spiritual growth, leadership training, program and business.

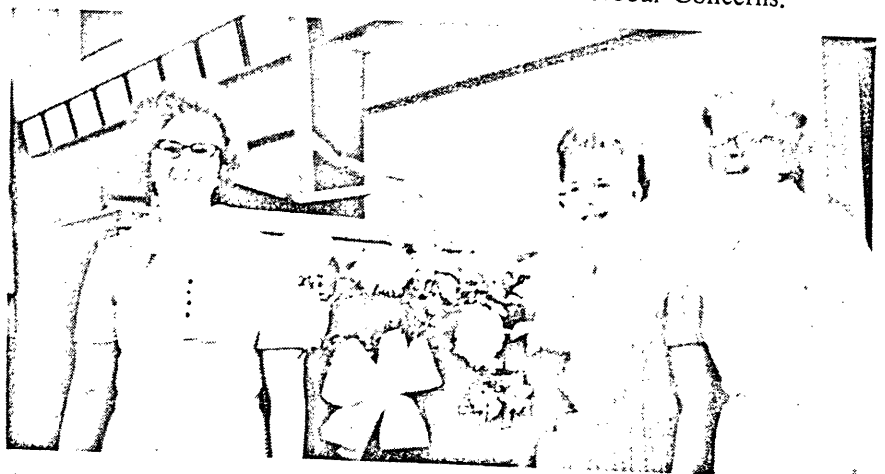
Mrs. Grace Dwyer is Church and Community Worker in the Hot Springs Area.

CAMDEN DISTRICT WOMEN MEET AT ST. MARK'S

The Spring meeting of the United Methodist Women of Camden District was held May 6 at St. Mark's Church in Camden. Mrs. Allen Bonsall, district president, presided. Mrs. Douglas Wadell of the host church welcomed the guests. She also led the group in reading the Foreword taken from the Handbook-Workbook and in the Purpose of the newly organized unit of United Methodist Women.

A panel made up of members of the district executive committee gave the program, with Mrs. Bonsall as moderator. The program concerned the changes brought about in the recent merger of the WSCS and WSG. Posters relating to the Purpose, Working Goals, and Where the Money Goes were posted around the room. Officers who assisted in the presentation included: Mrs. Jim McKemie, district secretary; Mrs. Dewey Cannefax, district treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Scott, associate treasurer; Mrs. Coy Campbell, program resources; Mrs. Marvin Bell, nominations; Mrs. Alvin Murray, membership. The meeting was opened to questions from the floor.

Mrs. Jennings Shaw, vice-president, was presented last and she in turn introduced the mission coordinators: Mrs. Wadell, Christian Personhood; Mrs. Buel H. Furr, Christian Social Involvement; and Mrs. Will Moseley, Christian Global Concerns.



A combined meeting of United Methodist Women in the Wesley/London Charge was held at Wesley Church, Russellville, May 15. Mrs. King Collier of Hendricks Hills United Methodist, Ft. Smith, was the guest speaker. Pictured left to right are Mrs. Robert E. Waggoner, chairperson of Circle I; Mrs. James R. Clawson, president of UMW at Wesley, and Mrs. Collier. Not pictured is Mrs. Bethel Morris, president of London UMW, who was present, along with others from that group.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JULY 1: Response To Heritage

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Proverbs 23:22-25; Mark 7:9-13; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5

MEMORY SELECTION: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

AIM OF THE LESSON: That each parent and child may grow into a relationship of honor, that is more than law and authority; but continues in a discipline of mutual regard which the Lord gives.

The Fifth Commandment with a promise of long life follows the four disciplines of life which guide us in efforts to establish God's first place in our lives. We are to replace idolatry with worship of one God, revere His name, and employ each Lord's day with sincere worship, rest and work. Today's scripture background focuses our attention upon God's gift of the good earth as our heritage for making a family relationship, promising an enduring life of providential length. "The family is the one institution that has no hope of extermination." (Margaret Mead)

A CHILD'S HONOR OF PARENTS IS A DIVINE PRIORITY

Ancient Hebrew environment provided scant relief for the economic uselessness of elderly parents. They were left without care to die from effects of weather or predatory birds and beasts. The Hebrew law calls for children to honor parents with care, which rates a parent's value above the economic. Honor to father and mother is important as reflecting care in a society where a father might have several wives, as did Abraham, Solomon, and many Old Testament characters. The maturity of adults is to live in wisdom to overcome the immature impulse and prejudice of youth. The covenant of God with man reflected in this commandment fulfills the promise of the land. (Deuteronomy 28:63-68)

Honor means esteem paid to values or persons of worth and entitled to proper recognition and relationship. Honor is a tribute to worthy character. Christian honor reaches the highest expression in John 5:23. "... So that all will honor the Son in the same way they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him."

PARENTS TEACH CHILDREN TO LOVE AND OBEY GOD

The reference in Deuteronomy includes the "Shema" meaning "Hear." It recalls the first initial Commandment, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." God is the only God, in contrast to the many idols of secular devotion. God is the only one to be worshipped, and does not allow, in his jealousy, any divided loyalty with any other object of devotion.

The heart of man is the repository of God's word. The father and mother are to reciprocate the honor paid by children and God, by communicating God's word to the children in their daily disciplines of life.

Seven "whens" in the Shema direct the parent

in every day's experiences. Tell them when you have the Commandments in your heart. Tell them with diligent teaching. Talk about them when you sit at home. Tell them when you walk with them. Talk to them when you lie down. Tell them about them when you rise up. Wear a sign on your hand to remind them of the hand of God. Let your forehead ornament speak loudly of the word of God you hear in the Commandments.

The dwelling place is to be a witness to God's covenant Commandments with the writing on the "doorposts of your house and on your gates." This is reality teaching. This is fundamental discipline. This is learning in the "NOW", as Methodist preacher, Oral Roberts of Tulsa, Oklahoma emphasizes. It is this sort of family living that makes the home a school of character, as Bishop Tullis points out in his word about this scripture. The Interpreter's Bible gives Dr. Parks' view of honor, which built such ties of confidence into the Hebrew child's life that the parents are the ones to receive this commandment "... directed to the adult citizen who is burdened with the care of an aged parent ..."

The writer of Proverbs invites the listener to hear his father and mother with honorable response. This rejoices the heart of his parents and girds him with the truth of honor.

"CORBAN" HOLINESS IS NOT ALIBI FOR NEGLECT

The scripture in Mark gives Jesus' spiritual interpretation of the right and wrong use of this Fifth Commandment. "Corban", which means "it belongs to God," was used by many Jews as an alibi for not helping father or mother. Jesus condemned such hypocrisy on two counts. One, it discredited the word of God. Two, in passing such teaching on to others the sin is multiplied. "Pious excuse" for neglecting obligations to one's parents is condemned by Jesus.

HONOR IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO

Dr. Charles M. Laymon's "The Interpreter's One Volume Commentary on the Bible" suggests the Ephesian and Colossian (Col. 3:20-21) passages are related in two insights. Both ground the exhortation to obey parents in the Fifth Commandment (Ex. 20:12; and Deut. 5:16). Both refer to the promise of long life on the earth, assured in Deuteronomy. They also concur in the admonition to fathers to discipline their children in the instruction of the Lord. Honor, in the Christian family, is a mutual responsibility and privilege. Parents and children have a rightful expectation of each other for Christian nurture and obedience. The words used for the church's responsibility is like that of a husband to his wife and is similar to that of a father to his children.

The writer to the Ephesians records (6:4), "Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction." Christian faith is important to parent and child alike in responsibility, though it varies in capacity and ability for each. Faith "is more likely to be caught than taught." Unconscious influence in the Christian family may be the most formative reality in the child's and parent's world. This is high ecology. This is supreme environmental matrix. Bishop Tullis emphasizes this "atmosphere of the home."

THE GOOD HERITAGE OF HONOR IN THE HOME

"Lois" means "better," and "Eunice" means "good victory," as listed in Cruden's Concordance. "Timothy" means "venerating God; or worshipper of God." What a compounded heritage of Christian honor is packed in these names in a family tree of sincere spiritual reality. Nothing more is known about Lois in the entire Bible except this one quality of "better".

The history of the Jonathan Edwards family is one of outstanding worth of generation after generation of faith, devotion and Christian integrity. In contrast, the Kallikak family is a notorious contrast with its history of crime, mental disorders, and diseases which ended in short generations. Long life contrasted with short lived continuum is vividly clear. The writer of Proverbs witnesses the glad heart of the father of a wise son, in response to the disciplines of wisdom.

AN ARKANSAS METHODIST FAMILY TRADITION

The February 11, 1943 issue of the Arkansas Methodist carried a request article on "The Fundamentals In The Christian Family" by Elizabeth Thornburgh Workman. The article is a memento of the golden Wedding Anniversary, Feb. 15, 1943, of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman. The article lifts up the prime factor as mutual understanding, with perfect goals but realization of imperfect achievements. The challenge of a Christian home ideal as a school of life at its best and the challenge to make the best of the worst and the most of the least in things that would make home-building more comfortable, was lived out in a marriage spanning 57 years.

"The home deprived of many of the things that would make its building easier may become a more potent force because of the elements of sacrifice and service which must be exerted in an effort to acquire what is lacking. 'It takes a heap of living in a house to make a home.' Life begins at home and the good life continues through a home." The article closes: "Above everything else the will of God as seen in Jesus Christ must be the recognized Lord, Savior and friend in all matters; to Him must be given the glory for all successes and achievements ... The highest conception of Heaven comes to us in this ideal home, the memory of which is an eternal spring of joy and blessing. Christendom first for Christian homes means the family first in bringing the kingdom of God in our homes and the world." Though the author has been released to the glory of her Heavenly home for twenty-five years, her presence in blessed memory of many who loved and love her still, abides as the fruit of three generations of Christian forbears in Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and South Carolina. Three more generations succeed her in Christian families in Washington, District of Columbia, Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas. The Fifth Commandment has a promise of multiple fulfillment in the providence of God.

Daily devotional scripture will enrich our understanding of this Commandment. To the background scripture references may be added the following: Psalms 78:1-8; Titus 2:1-8; Timothy 1:3-14; and Daniel 1:8-16.

Next Sunday's lesson, "Reverence For Human Life," is based on the Sixth Commandment, Exodus 20:13, "You shall not kill."

A message from Bishop Frank

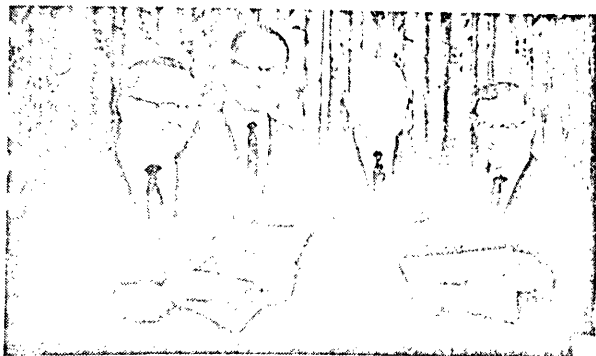
Dear Alfred and Imogene:

In 1956, when I became chairman of MIPR, I also became acquainted with you dear people. Prior to that, I can remember brief jurisdictional contacts, but in 1956 I began to know more about your professional lives and the wonderful way God was using you in His service.

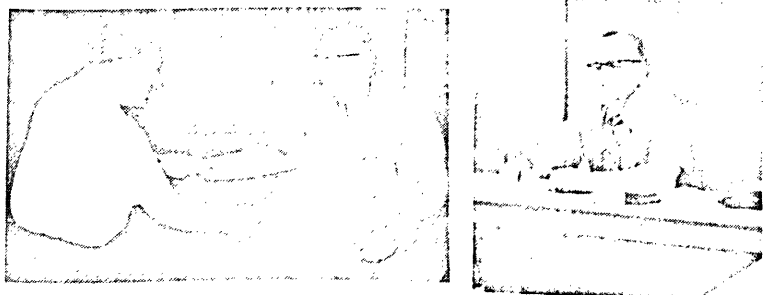
You have ministered to thousands of people during these years. The Good News has been characteristic of the Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist. We are thankful to Almighty God for your spirit of courage, hope and good will to all people. Your lives have been a blessing to us all.

Most gratefully,

Eugene M. Frank
Eugene M. Frank



Dr. Knox and fellow ministers discuss the future of The Methodist at Jan. 5, 1961 meeting — several months after he accepted the editorial post.



Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollek greets Editor Knox during one of his visits to the Holy Land.

Editor leads section of World Family Life Conference.

A word from John S. Workman

Dear Alfred,

I am not writing this as your successor but as one who has been a reader of yours and of THE METHODIST for the years you sat as editor and before.

I would be bold enough to try to speak for multitudes of others who, week by week, awaited with eager interest the next issue. Sometimes we read it all and enjoyed it. Other times we may have but glanced at it. On occasion we read part of it and may not have agreed with what we read. But always we read knowing that the publication and its editor faithfully stood for something we deeply and devoutly admired.

Those among us who are pastors have joked about our "subscription quotas" and have had our pet "beefs" in regard to this or that about the paper, but always knowing in our hearts that we could do so only because we loved you and the paper and took the same pride in our publication that you have taken all these years. We continue to think of you as "Mr. Methodist" in Arkansas and Louisiana in the sense that your knowledge of the church locally, nationally and across the world remains a great source of value and wisdom for us. Your reportings on General Conferences, World Conferences, events in the Holy Land, your book reviews, and many, many more features have served us and a much wider constituency faithfully and well across the years and have become a part of our life in the church.

So thank you, Alfred, for all you have meant and continue to mean to us. As you retire you can do so with the real satisfaction of knowing that you did your job well and will continue to be looked to as a faithful minister, wise counselor and cherished friend.

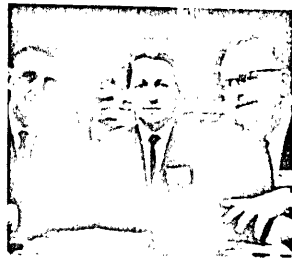
Speaking for many and with love from all,
John S. Workman
John S. Workman

To Alfred Knox

Some Recollections



Editor Knox at desk in former South Broadway Methodist Headquarters office.



The editor meeting with British clergymen, Piggott and Timmins, during 1966 World Methodist Conference in England.

the Editor's Corner

Annual Conference always brings something new and exciting, and we hope this is true for every Methodist preacher. However, it is natural that the first session will always stand out as a yardstick by which others are measured.

That was in Paragould in 1938 — the year we were received on trial into the North Arkansas Conference. We were fresh out of seminary, and it was a special treat to be attending the session in my home church — First Church, Paragould. The host pastor was Cecil Culver, and Bishop Charles C. Seelman was holding his first round of Annual Conferences.

Delegates were being elected that year for the Uniting Conference to be held in 1939 in Kansas City. Our seminary student body at Candler had attended the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Birmingham earlier in the year. It was natural that we should be concerned about the ones chosen to represent us at the organizational meeting for the new Methodist Church.

Another item of business that year was the presentation and adoption of the sustentation plan which was the forerunner of the minimum salary program. I believe the minimum set by that first action was \$800 with the ministers sharing a portion of what they were paid above that amount.

That was also the year the Conference adopted the program of uniform salary for presiding elders — they would not be district superintendents for one more year.

Of course, the greatest suspense throughout the week concerned that first appointment. There was still a great deal of mystery in those days, and it was late in the week before we were told that we were going to Judsonia with the task of merging two congregations — one Methodist Episcopal and the other Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It was a great Conference and a great year.

A message from Bishop Crutchfield

Lyons, Colorado
May 16, 1973

Dear Readers:

Not everyone comes to the conclusion of a splendid professional and spiritual position with as much satisfaction as Dr. Alfred Knox may have on his recent retirement.

Throughout the past years his work has been characterized by sound theological perspective, excellent journalistic practices and literary expertise.

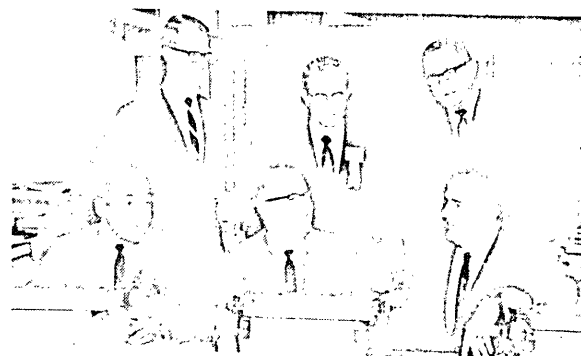
Dr. Knox has brought to the publication of THE LOUISIANA METHODIST a dimension that could not be equaled by anyone else. It is with a genuine sense of regret that the people of our Conference and all our readers note his retirement.

We rejoice, however, in knowing that the high standards set by Dr. Knox will be continued under the leadership of Mr. Workman, for whom we wish the very best.

THE LOUISIANA METHODIST occupies a vital place in the life of Louisiana Methodism. Every person who subscribes testifies to its importance and its value. While we regret to see Dr. Knox come to this period of official retirement we pray that his influence on this publication will continue and that his fine leadership will be exerted throughout the church in many other significant ways also. We urge you to keep on reading THE LOUISIANA METHODIST.

Cordially,

Finis A. Crutchfield
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Editor Knox (at typewriter), newly elected president of United Methodist Press Association, with other officers at 1968 Uniting Conference in Dallas.



The Arkansas/Louisiana Methodist editor with Dr. Albert Outler of Perkins School of Theology and George Cornell of Associated Press, during General Conference press conference.



The Knoxes at staff Christmas party.

A word from your Staff

Our Beloved Editor,

As members of your staff we present this expression of our appreciation for a meaningful working relationship with our former Editor-in-Chief.

Your cheerful, optimistic approach to life has been an inspiration to each of us as together we have met Tuesday press deadlines, survived the rigors of circulation campaigns, and the publishing of Annual, Jurisdiction, and World Methodist Conference editions.

As we look to the future of the publications to which you have contributed so much, we pledge to give our loyalty and support to your successor, and we assure you and Imogene of our continued prayers and affection.

Your Staff,

Doris Woolard
Kathleen Storey
Karen Compton
Jane Rufford

Roundup of news from early annual conferences.

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC)—Amendments to the United Methodist constitution which would make possible regular sessions of the church's top law-making body more often than quadrennially and would give laymen a vote on issues of ministerial qualification apparently are being rejected in annual conference voting.

However, six other changes covering such items as removal of masculine language from the constitution, elimination of a minimum age for delegates to General, Jurisdictional and Central conferences, equalizing the number of ministerial and lay members of an annual conference, and removing a barrier to possible autonomy for Puerto Rico United Methodism appear to be receiving overwhelming approval.

The amendments were referred to the annual conferences after passage by the 1972 General Conference. An aggregate 2/3 majority of all annual conference votes cast is necessary for ratification.

Through June 15, unofficial tallies had been received from 24 of 71 annual conferences in the U.S. by the *Advocate/Together* news department in Park Ridge, Ill., and the news service unit of United Methodist Communications here. The official tallies will be certified by the secretary of the General Conference and announced by the Council of Bishops later in the year.

The unofficial reports from the 24 conferences show 3,663 in favor of making possible a more frequent General Conference, and 5,860 opposed. On the issue of laymen voting on ministerial qualification, 3,867 are in favor, and 5,467 opposed.

Next closest vote is on the question of removing a minimum age limit for General Jurisdictional and Central conference delegates. A total of 7,714 have voted for this change, and 1,366 oppose it.

On the equalization of lay and clerical membership in an annual conference, 8,803 have said yes, and 642

no. Votes on the three amendments relating to striking masculine language range from 9,171 in favor and 198 opposed, to 8,829 yes and 382 no.

Largest of all margins is that in favor of providing for changes in Northeastern Jurisdiction boundaries which would be necessary if Puerto Rico becomes an autonomous church, or affiliates with a united church. As of June 15, 9,091 said yes, and 71 no.

At its annual session in late May, the Puerto Rico Conference moved to prepare for eventual autonomy by referring to its executive council plans for how and when this step might be taken. The delegates also asked pastors to begin programs in their local churches interpreting what autonomy would mean.

The first of some 74 sessions of the church's full and mission conferences was held May 4-5 in Eastern Kentucky. Major action by the Red Bird Missionary Conference was a restructuring of conference organization to provide a division of responsibility between the conference superintendent and a full-time superintendent of the mission operated by it. The latter includes schools, a hospital, and community development work.

Restructure was on the agenda of a number of other annual conferences, also.

South Indiana, Troy, Mississippi and New Hampshire approved new structures, and a plan accepted earlier in Florida became effective with the close of the annual session. Western New York set up a commission to report in 1974. Louisiana continued a body established a year ago and said a special session to hear its report would be likely in about six months. Missouri West put stress on district programming in its changes, North Dakota revised and clarified a plan

adopted a year ago, and North Arkansas rejected a hotly-debated proposal to reduce the number of districts by one.

For the Mississippi conferences, the sessions marked the formal end of segregated structures as merger of black and white conferences in the state was completed. After the sessions had concluded their actions, several conference agencies in the new North Mississippi unit were headed by blacks and by lay persons, but all board chairmen in the Mississippi Conference were chosen from the former white conference.

For United Methodists in Alabama, Arkansas and Oklahoma, the 1973 conferences were the first such annual sessions since black and white mergers were completed.

Minority attention was found in a number of other sessions, also including North Carolina, Iowa, North Indiana, Rio Grande and Kansas West.

In North Carolina, an American Indian, the Rev. Simeon F. Cummings, was appointed to a conference council on ministries post in what may be the first such assignment in the nation. In Iowa, a request for funds was made by American Indian Movement representatives who had encamped on the area headquarters grounds and the conference responded by making available up to \$85,000 in bail bond funds for an Indian under indictment, and up to \$15,000 to assist in setting up an Indian development center in Des Moines.

The first Spanish-language hymnal in 54 years was dedicated in the Rio Grande sessions. Kansas West approved a Mexican-American ministry for the western part of the state. Black members in North Indiana asked for greater visibility in the organization and operation of the conference.

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Ministries staff needs right person

DAYTON, Ohio (UMC) — Do you know someone who has expertise in coordination, who relates well to others, and who can listen as well as communicate clearly?

If so, and if that person possesses a number of other highly desirable attributes, then you would do well to nominate your friend for a vacancy on the staff of the United Methodist Church's General Council on Ministries.

On behalf of the council's search committee, the Rev. R. Jervis Cooke of Dover, Del., has addressed a letter of inquiry to a long list of general officers and annual conference leaders of the denomination, outlining some of the basic qualifications for the job of assistant general secretary on the council's staff.

Dr. Paul V. Church is general secretary of the council, whose elected staff includes three other assistant general secretaries who are based at the Dayton headquarters. A fourth assistant general secretary was authorized at the council's last meeting to concentrate especially in the field of coordination, but "to work comfortably in the flexible style of staff relationship now being developed within the council."

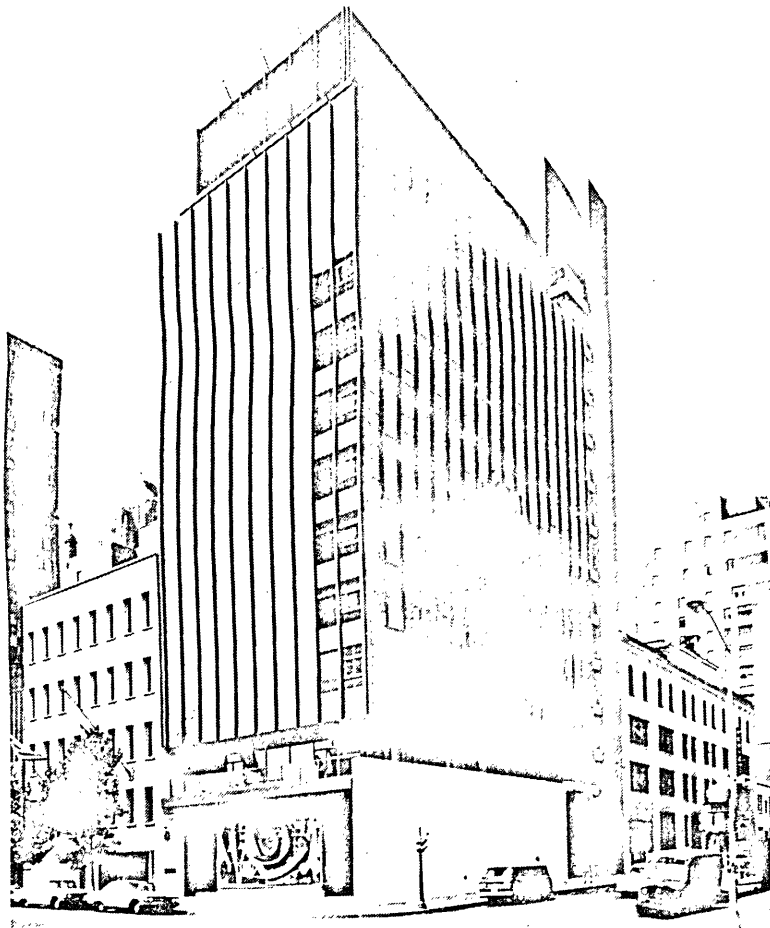
"We believe that this person should

have a knowledge of the organizational structure of The United Methodist Church and of the programmatic work of its general agencies," Dr. Cooke says in his letter.

Dr. Cooke also points out that the council has urged the committee "to use particular diligence to search for candidates who are lay, female or of minority racial or ethnic background." Consequently, the list of those receiving Dr. Cooke's letter includes the Commission on Religion and Race executives and the leadership of the Commission on the Status Role of Women as well as leaders of the several ethnic caucuses in the denomination.

Final date for receiving applications has been set for August 1. Nominations should be addressed to the General Council on Ministries, 601 West Riverview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45406.

The letter of inquiry points out that applicants should have at least the equivalent of a college degree, a level of maturity suggested by an age range of 30 to 55 and experience that "would give evidence of the ability to negotiate, to synthesize and to achieve meaningful compromise in a coordinating role."



U.N. Church Center to mark 10th anniversary

NEW YORK — The tenth anniversary of the opening of the Church Center for the United Nations will be marked in New York in late September. The 12-story bronze and glass building is located across the street from the U.N. headquarters.

While the center is owned by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society and was built with money provided by the women's organization of that denomination, it has from the beginning served an ecumenical constituency. Tenants, in addition to the United Methodist U.N. program, include Church Women United, the National Council of Churches' interna-

tional affairs unit, the World Conference of Religion for Peace, the American Baptist Department of International Affairs, the Unitarian Universalist U.S. Office, the U.S. Office of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs (part of the World Council of Churches) and other religious and secular agencies devoted to peace and world understanding.

The center maintains a chapel that serves the U.N. community and several New York religious groups. A chaplaincy program offers counseling, instruction on life in New York for newcomers to the U.N. staff, and overseas interreligious use of the chapel.

is the 138th session of the North Arkansas Conference and is therefore the 1st session of the merged conferences. The Bishop indicated this is an historic moment and asked all former members of the Southwest Conference to come to the front. They were given a standing ovation by the conference. Mrs. C. G. Washington, a member of the Mallalieu Church in Fort Smith spoke for the group in witnessing to her joy in being a United Methodist and a part of the merged conference.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Hilman Byram who pastors one of the former Southwest Conference churches spoke of the fine way he had been received by its membership as pastor.

BISHOP "REDSHIRTED": Bishop Frank called the conference back to order wearing the red clerical shirt presented him yesterday.

MINISTRY: Jim Beal announced that the conference Board is exploring new approaches to the Sabbatical relationship to make it more workable. The conference encouraged the Board in its work at this point. The report in the Pre-Conference Digest was moved and adopted. Report #2 was spread to the conference listing Full-time Lay Pastors; Part-time Lay Pastors; Student Lay Pastors; Probationary Members, Admitted, Continued and Discontinued; those admitted into Full Connection; those elected Deacons; and those elected as Elders. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY

"Are all the ministerial members of the conference blameless in their life and administration?" This is part of the Business of the Conference as stated in Discipline paragraph 663.5: "The annual conference shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its members . . ."

The Cabinet members have given their affirmative answers and the Board of Ministry recommends the passage of the character of all ministers of the conference but challenges each minister to think seriously about his "moral and official conduct" as being a reflection on the church and the United Methodist ministry, and for every United Methodist in the North Arkansas Conference to do all they can to elevate the ministry so as to make it attractive to young persons as a life work and if there are discrepancies in a minister to confront them in a responsible way and not through a whisper campaign. We do recommend to the conference the passage of the character of all ministerial members of the conference.

41. Who are the supernumerary ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relationship? (Para. 358) John D. Jump — 2nd year; Willie L. Walker — 1st year.

44. Who are granted disability (subject to recommendation of Committee on Disability)? A. Continued: G. B. Ames, '72; Charles W. Lewis, '68; Thelbert B. Parmenter, '71 (AM); William W. Watts, '72 (AM); Harold D. Womack, '66;

B. Who are granted disability leave this year? William Eugene Bain, '73 (AM); Alfred A. Knox, '73; James O. Linam, '73; Lindsey A. Rolland, '73 (AM).

45. What members in Full Connection have been retired? Ethan W. Dodgen, J. Albert Gatlin, Braska Sav-

age, Ray D. Seals, James F. Weatherford.

Bishop Frank read the service for those being admitted into full connection.

MEN RETIRING: Those who are retiring were asked to come to the front with their families. Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, J. Albert Gatlin, James F. Weatherford and Braska Savage spoke to the conference. W. L. Douglas presented each with a retirement check, and Pryor Cruce presented each with a retirement parchment.

MINIMUM SALARY: Frank Clemmons presented the report and moved its adoption. It was done.

HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES: Harold Spence led the report. J. Edwin Keith spoke for the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home; Elmer L. Smith for the Methodist Nursing Home; James Argue for the proposed retirement facility at Aldersgate Camp; Henry Hottum and members of his staff for Methodist Hospital in Memphis. The total report with resolutions from the Children's Home and concerning the development of a retirement facility at Aldersgate Camp was adopted.

BENEDICTION: Bishop Frank dismissed the morning session with the benediction.

Third Day — Afternoon Session June 6, 1973

OPENING: The session opened with the singing of "I am thine, O Lord." The Bishop led the conference in prayer.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS: Aubra O. Hays presented the following report. "We the Journal Committee have examined six of the seven Journals and found them to be in order. We respectfully submit this report and move its adoption." It was done.

ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS: Sam Teague noted that Key '73 has aided in ecumenical activity this year. The report was adopted.

ARKANSAS METHODIST: Charles McDonald announced that with the retirement of Dr. Alfred A. Knox the status of the Arkansas Methodist has been reviewed in the interest of enlarging its support. John S. Workman, the new editor, spoke to the conference and expressed great appreciation for the contributions Dr. Knox has made to the paper. He also said the subscription list must be increased if the status of the paper is to be strengthened. Charles McDonald offered a resolution. "Be it resolved that the Arkansas Methodist Commission be changed to the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Methodist and that the conference elect six persons in classes of two each. We would like to place in nomination the following persons: Class of 1974 — Fred Wulfekuhler and Earl Carter, 1975 — James Lane and Joel Cooper, 1976 — Cone Magee and Charles Casteel." It was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: J. Ralph Clayton moved that the Secretary send

the greetings of the conference to Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Knox. The conference also asked Dr. Clayton to prepare an appropriate resolution to be placed in the Journal and in the Arkansas Methodist.

LAITY: E. Clay Bumpers corrected the report in the Pre-Conference Digest and moved its adoption with the nomination of conference and district lay leaders. The nominations are reported in Section II of the Journal. The report and nominations were approved. Henry Rainwater, the new Conference Lay Leader, was presented to the conference and spoke briefly.

MT. SEQUOYAH: N. Lee Cate spoke to the conference in behalf of the Assembly. The Assembly will celebrate its 50th anniversary this summer.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION: Herschel McClurkin, W. Leonard Byers and John Cloud, Jr., editor of the Jonesboro Sun spoke to the report which was adopted.

STATISTICIAN: Alan Hilliard presented the report for his office and it was approved.

TREASURER: Grafton Thomas moved the adoption of his report pending the final audit to be printed in the Journal.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Ben Jordan was assisted in the report by P. E. Munnerlyn and Lloyd Conyers. Debate arose over whether the Council ought to provide funds for the offices of the District Superintendents, or provide guidelines to District Stewards in raising money for the office. It was decided that the motion of Mrs. Hugh Hardin, adopted yesterday, placed the resolution of this matter in the hands of the Council. Wayne Jarvis moved that the Council "Study the cost of moves resulting from changes in pastoral appointments and bring a recommendation to the 1974 session of the annual conference concerning the provision of funds." The motion was approved. The report of the Council on Finance and Administration was adopted.

EDUCATION: William Wilder offered a supplement to be incorporated into the report of the Board of Education. It was approved.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: William Wilder noted "As a part of our history we are accustomed to referring to this session as the 138th session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference. Let us also note that this is the 34th session of the Southwest Annual Conference, and is now the 1st session of the two merged conferences in the United Methodist Church. We would like for our Conference Secretary to make note of this in the printing of the Journal." The conference so instructed the Secretary. Bishop Frank requested that Archives and History find some way of appropriately noting that this is the first session of the merged conferences. The report of Archives and History was adopted.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES: W.

Glenn Bruner presented the report of the Trustees. The report was approved item by item and then adopted in the whole.

STANDING RULE 6: The Bishop asked the Secretary to present the proposed change in Standing Rule 6. It is to change "45 days" in the rule to "31 days". The proposed change was adopted.

METHODIST FOUNDATION: Ben Jordan submitted the reports for the Foundation to the Secretary to be published in the Journal. Bishop Frank said he wishes to revive the Foundation. He mentioned a recent bequest of over \$300,000 to a number of United Methodist Churches in which the donor had been active. The Foundation works to encourage this kind of giving as a means of extending one's usefulness to the church.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY: W. L. Douglas presented the report. The Committee is new to our conference but not to the Discipline. Tom Weir called provisions of the report to the attention of the conference. It was adopted.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Lewis Chesser offered an amendment to the Board's report that was inadvertently overlooked when the report was made. The amendment was approved for incorporation into the report.

NOMINATIONS: Charles McDonald offered nominations from the Cabinet. They were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Charles McDonald offered the following recommendation. "Be it resolved that the North Arkansas Annual Conference recommend that the churches which have not already done so, take a free will offering Sunday, June 10 or 17 for the people of Jonesboro who have suffered so much from the recent storm." It was approved.

MOVING DATE: Elmo Thomason moved that the moving date be Wednesday, June 13. The motion was adopted.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Victor Nixon introduced the Reverend and Mrs. Phillip R. Selfridge, former EUB members, to the conference.

RESOLUTIONS: Charles Casteel read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. It was approved.

CLOSING: Bishop Frank led the conference in the hymn "My hope is built" and in the benediction.

Third Day — Evening Session June 6, 1973

ORDINATION SERVICE: Bishop Frank led the ordination service assisted by C. C. Hall, Raymond L. Franks and Ethan W. Dodgen. W. Paul Worley preached the sermon. Music was provided by the organist and choir of First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Bishop Frank announced that at the close of the service mimeographed copies of the appointments would be available at the front from each of the District Superintendents.

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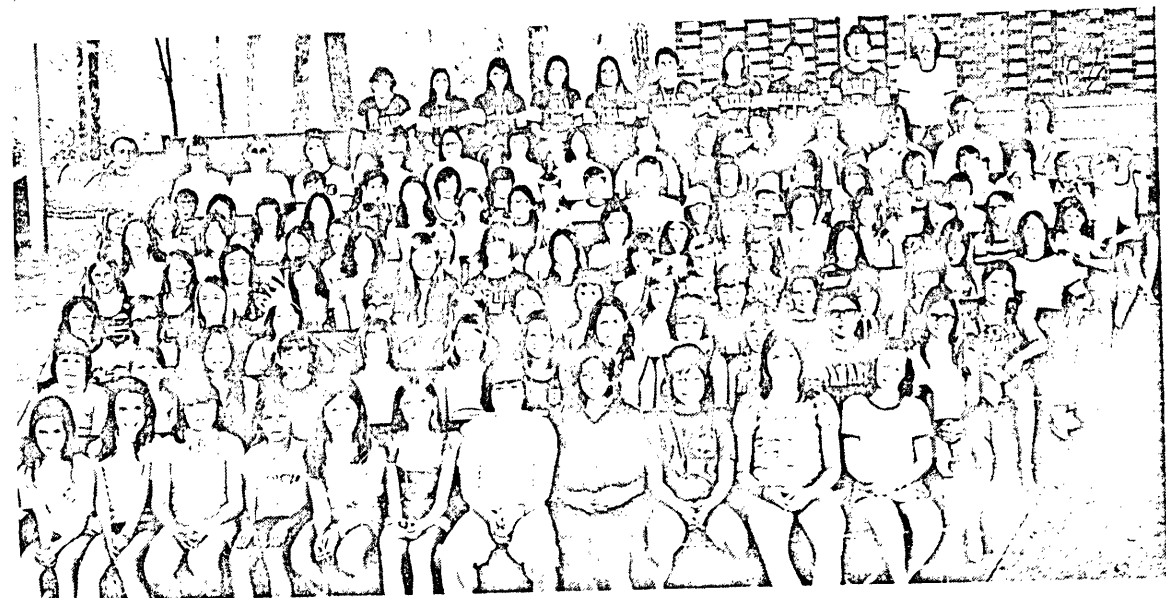
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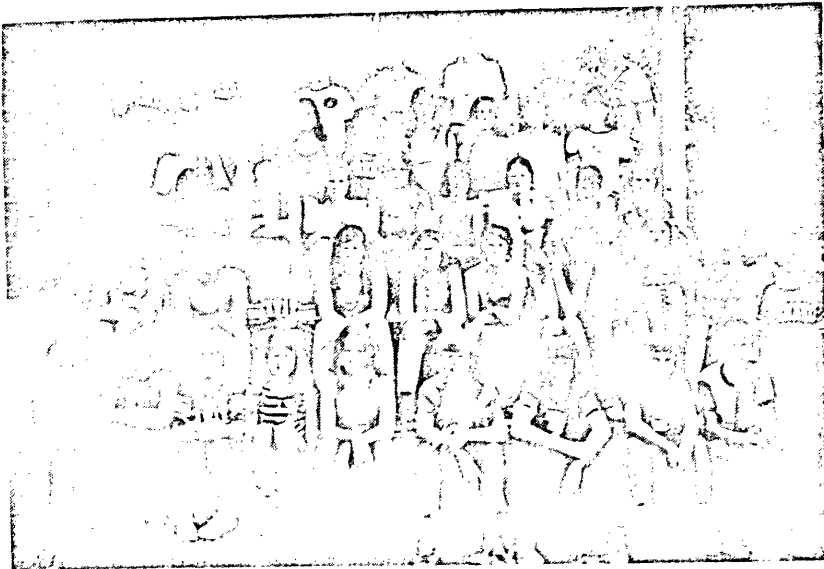
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TOP: Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Camp I held at Tanoko, June 4-6 attracted 96 boys and girls. Churches represented were: Hope First, Mabelvale, and Little Rock Churches - Henderson, Pulaski Heights, St. James, St. Luke, and Winfield. ABOVE: Camp II (June 6-8) enrolled 116 children. Churches represented were: Arkadelphia First, Fordyce First, Fairview-Camden, Malvern First, Lakeside-Pine Bluff, First Church-Pine Bluff, and Little Rock churches - First Church, St. Paul and Western Hills. RIGHT: New Junior High Choir Camp, held June 1-3 drew 39 young persons representing six churches from over the Conference. Mrs. A. L. Butler of Ada, Okla., was guest director; Felix and Martha Lynn Thompson, directors of the music program at St. James Church, Little Rock, were Session directors. Mrs. John L. Tucker is Conference coordinator of Children's Work.



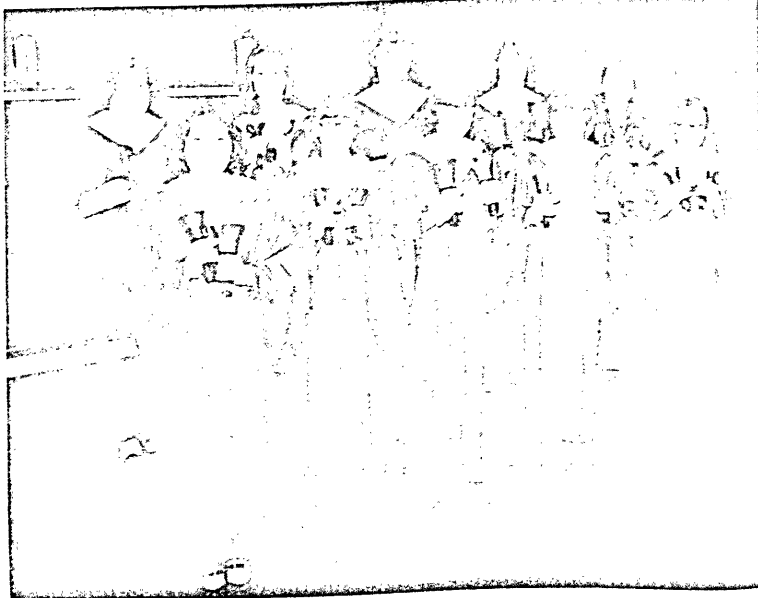
News in Brief

A workshop on media communications will be held at United Methodist's School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.) July 9-20 featuring three areas of concentration — media, development, radio, and cable television use and production.

A 40-unit apartment complex for single working parents has been opened in Dallas, Tex., under United Methodist auspices.

Methodist churches in Hong Kong and Taiwan that became autonomous in 1972 are both observing their 20th anniversaries this year.

The Wesley Bell Ringers (at right) from Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City, Utah, presented a concert at First Church, Jacksonville with their 96 precision-tuned handbells. on Sunday, June 10. This group of senior high school students, directed by E. J. Duncan has appeared in concert in 26 states and two Canadian Provinces.



Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

Strickland Gillilan once said, "God kept right on talking when His Book had gone to press." Surely He speaks most distinctly through devoted parents.

My Father's Hands Have Shown Me God

My father's hands have shown me God;
When I was filled with fears
His loving hand upon my own
Would banish all my tears.

His hands were rough, and cracked, and hard,
But loving, gentle, kind;
His encircling arms a haven
For a small girl's troubled mind.

His was a life of labor;
He toiled from morn'til night,
Not for himself, but just to make
His children's burdens light.

In spring he plowed, then sowed the seed;
And when the day was past
He groomed his horses carefully
That they might rest at last.

His hands drew water that the stock
Might drink their fill each day.
He fed them well; and gave each one
A stall, and clean, sweet hay.

The summer crops he helped to grow
With harrow, disc, and hoe;
And when the harvest time had come
He gathered, row by row.

The winter rains and winds and cold
Made his hands chapped and sore;
But still he used them all day long
To chop, and milk, and more.

His hands could saw a board so straight,
Or drive a nail so true.
All needed work about the house
He counted joy to do.

My father's hands have shown me God,
Through labors such as these;
For they were labors all of love,
His family meant to please.

And when at last his work was done,
And he was laid to rest;
His hands, now calm in sweet repose,
A wondrous peace expressed.

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