



Congressman Mills



Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr.

In Honor of Alumnus, Congressman Wilbur D. Mills

Hendrix to erect Social Science Center

Over 300 persons gathered at Conway last Saturday to hear the announcement by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix College, of the creation of a four million dollar Wilbur D. Mills Center for the Study of Social Sciences.

The Center, to be named in honor of Congressman Mills, a graduate of Hendrix and a trustee of the College, represents "a new thrust which will focus the resources of this liberal arts college on the study of persons and the institutions within society which impinge upon them," according to Dr. Shilling.

The new center, he stated, "is evidence of our commitment to this region to equip persons to participate in a changing society with intelligence and sensitivity." "The Center will have the space and equipment, the faculty and the program resources to serve as a model for liberal arts colleges across the country," the Hendrix president said.

At the Founding Ceremony banquet, held in Hulen Hall, Dr. Shilling praised Congressman Mills, who was unable to attend due to illness, stating that "the personal and public life of this distinguished graduate of Hendrix exemplifies to a rare degree the his-

toric concerns of this college for combining the gifts of the disciplined intellect and the sensitive spirit in enlightened and courageous service to humanity."

Dr. Shilling announced that Congressman Mills had been named a Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Hendrix, and that the large auditorium in the Mills Center would be named the Polly Mills Auditorium in honor of the congressman's wife.

HENDRIX DEAN GIVES CONCEPT

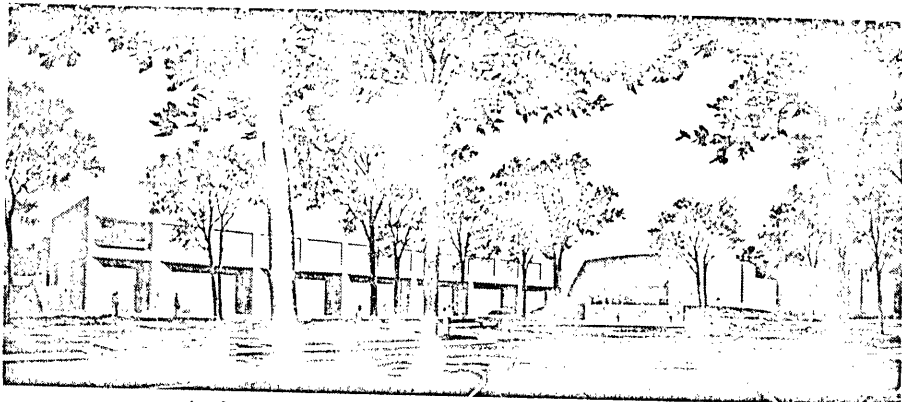
Dr. Francis Christie, dean of the College, addressed the gathering on "The Concept" underlying the Center's establishment. Stating that for more than two years a committee had "engaged in intensive and comprehensive planning in the area of the Social Sciences," and that "the college is at a crucial point in its development as a service institution" in this area. "All the officially stated aims of the col-

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Architect's drawing of proposed Mills' Center.

lege relate to man as a social creature involved in the structures and institutions within which he orders his life," he stated. "The basic faith of Social

Science is that society can be understood." The Hendrix dean added: "Study of the problems of man and his institutions is basic to both the historic and contemporary mission and commitment of this college as a socially sensitive institution related to the United Methodist Church." Dr. Christie noted that the ideas behind the

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N.A. Conference Youth Assembly July 30-Aug. 3

"We're All In This Together," will be the theme for the North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly scheduled to be held July 30-Aug. 3 at Hendrix College. "The week is designed for the participants to experience being the Church and to grow in their Christian faith and commitment," according to the Rev. Arvill Brannon, of the Conference Council on Ministries' office.

In daily sessions, Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., the following topics and resource persons will be presented: "Conflict," led by the Rev. David Moore of Gentry; "Prejudice," by Mrs. Vera Miller of Helena, and "Religion," by the Rev. Wayne Jarvis of Rector. Interest groups will continue the discussions during one-hour afternoon sessions.

Young persons who have completed the 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades this year are eligible to attend. The total cost for the event is \$30 per person.

Miss Susan Gladin of Helena, chairman of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, Mrs. Saville Henry of North Little Rock, coordinator, and Sam Beard of Augusta, chairman of the Assembly Task Force have given leadership in planning for this annual event in youth ministry.

REMINDER

In accordance with our practice of many years, we will not publish an issue next week — the week in which the Fourth of July occurs. For the convenience of our readers we are printing in this issue Daily Bible Readings for two weeks. The Sunday School Lesson for July 15 will be found on page 9 of this issue, in addition to the regular lesson on page 8.



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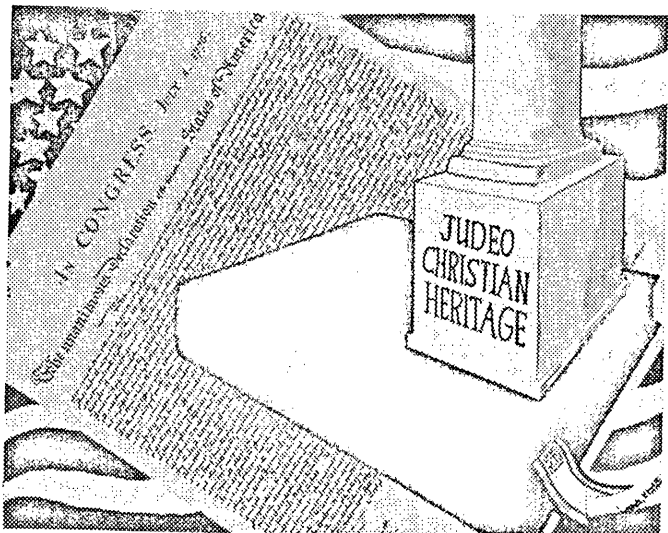
Ed Wimberly named Aldersgate Board chairman

Ed Wimberly, who has served during the past year as vice president of the Aldersgate Camp Board of Directors was named president of the Board at its last meeting.

Mr. Wimberly has been a member of the Aldersgate Board for four years and has served as treasurer and as a chairman and member of the Board committees. He is a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church where he serves with his wife as co-chairperson of the Commission on Missions and as a member of the Administrative Board. He has served for a number of years as a teacher in the Children's Division.

Mr. Wimberly, an architect and member of the American Institute of Architects, is a partner in the architectural and interior design firm of "Design 3." He and his wife are the parents of three children and make their home in Little Rock.

Mr. Wimberly succeeds the Rev. John S. Workman in the office of Board President.



INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 1973

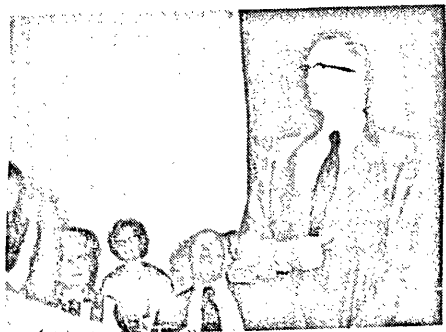
Psalms 33: 12-22 from The LIVING BIBLE

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king—for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A war horse is a poor risk for winning victories—it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine! We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name. Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

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RESOLUTION

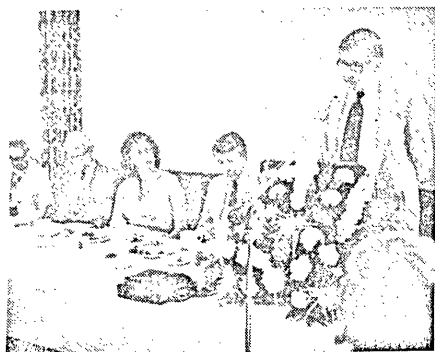
WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred A. Knox, Editor of The Arkansas-Louisiana Methodist, has at this session requested and received a new relationship with the Annual Conference which releases him from his responsibility as Editor of the church paper; and WHEREAS he has given long and distinguished leadership in that responsibility, BE IT RESOLVED: that the members of the North Arkansas Annual Conference express sincere and deep appreciation to Dr. Knox for the quality of intellectual capability he brought to the paper, and for the practical commitment he gave to its management which enabled the church paper to continue in the tradition of excellence which has characterized it through the years; that we also express our appreciation to Imogene Knox for her devoted support of her husband in the total enterprise of editing and publishing the church paper, and for her particular and very real contribution in her own department. LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that in this Resolution we of the North Arkansas Annual Conference express not only our deep appreciation to Alfred and Imogene Knox but also convey our warm personal greetings and good wishes for other years of enrichment and usefulness in this new relationship.



The Rev. George Stewart, chaplain at Methodist Hospital, Memphis and son of the late Allen D. Stewart expresses appreciation from the Stewart family for the memorial to his father.



(Left to right) at luncheon: Pastor Earl B. Carter, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Clayton.



Dr. Francis Christie, Hendrix College dean, addresses banqueters on "The Concept" of the Center. Shown also (left to right) Mrs. Marshall Steel, Dr. Steel, former Hendrix president, Mrs. Dale Bumpers, and Governor Bumpers, who also addressed the assembled guests.



Announcing plans for the new Center which will honor Congressman Mills (left to right): Mrs. John W. Cox and Mr. Cox of the Mabee Foundation, Tulsa; Dr. Shilling, and Gordon G. Wittenburg, architect.



Some of the 300 persons who assembled Saturday, June 23 to hear about plans for the four-million dollar Wilbur D. Mills Center for which construction will begin in the Fall.

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concept have already begun to provide some of the desired goals and effects.

GOVERNOR BUMPERS SPEAKS

Governor Dale Bumpers spoke to the gathering, praising both Congressman Mills and Hendrix College. He stated that this recognition "is easily the most significant and worthy accolade and honor that has come" to the Congressman. Mrs. Bumpers accompanied the Governor at the head table. Members of the Mills family and the Congressman's staff were in attendance as were members of the Hendrix Board of Trustees plus hundreds of guests from over Arkansas and adjoining states. Dr. Marshall T. Steel, a former President of the College, gave the invocation at the Ceremony.

FACILITY IS DESCRIBED

Mr. Gordon G. Wittenberg of the firm of Wittenberg, Delony and Davidson, architects for the Center, gave a statement detailing the features of the Center. He stated that the Mills Library would contain a replica of Mill's

office in Washington, D.C., a reading room and a reception area and would be operated by the O. C. Bailey Library on the Hendrix campus. He stated that the Center has been designed to accomplish several functions beyond that of a normal classroom building, and that the 360-foot long structure would serve as a visual terminal for the western side of the campus. The building will also house the Institute of Politics in Arkansas, established on the Hendrix campus last fall.

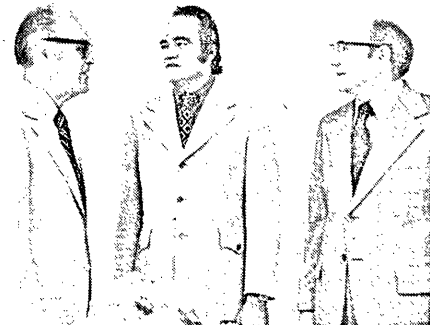
PLANS FOR FINANCING THE CENTER

President Shilling announced that \$1,718,545 of the \$4 million goal had already been reached. He expressed appreciation to the Mabee Foundation of Tulsa for a challenge gift in the amount of \$300,000 which officially launched efforts to reach the \$4 million goal. He presented Mr. John W. Cox, a trustee of the Mabee Foundation, and his wife to the gathering. The Mabee Foundation has given substantial assistance over the years both to

Hendrix and to other Arkansas institutions of higher learning and to colleges and universities throughout the southwest.

Dr. Shilling stated that "it is appropriate that the financing of the building which bears Congressman Mill's name be characterized by (his) concern for fiscal responsibility and integrity." He noted that not only were construction costs underwritten in the plan, but that provision was also made for endowment funds to provide additional faculty, program support and enrichment and future maintenance and operation of the building.

Construction of the Center is to begin in the Fall.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank (left) welcomes newcomers to Methodist Headquarters at June 24 reception in their honor - Dr. Myers Curtis (center), director of North Arkansas Council on Ministries Office, and the Rev. John S. Workman, new editor of ARKANSAS METHODIST. (The Rev. R. O. Beck, new associate director of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries Office not present.)

Memorial Chapel dedicated in NLR

Bishop Eugene M. Frank led the celebrants of First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, in the dedication of their Chapel in memory of the late Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Sunday, June 10. Participating in the Service with Bishop Frank were Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent, Mr. Fred Storm, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor.

Mr. Stewart was pastor of the church from 1941-1946. He was instrumental in initiating a building fund for the relocation of the church from Third and Maple Streets to the present site at Twenty-Second and Poplar Streets. This was eventually consummated under the ministry of Dr. James Workman in 1950.

Members of the Stewart Family who attended the dedication were, Mrs. Allen D. Stewart, Miss Margaret Stewart, Mrs. Roland A. (Virginia) Cox, Dr. and Mrs. Hillquit (Ruth) Lynch, the Rev. and Mrs. Don (Martha) Waddell, the Rev. and Mrs. George Stewart, and Brother Stewart's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burr.

Following the service a luncheon attended by 125 persons was held at the North Little Rock Holiday Inn to honor the Stewart family and former pastors of the Church.

"Come Together" Key 73 TV Special, June 30

A one hour TV special, starring Pat Boone, may be seen on Saturday, June 30, at 7 p.m. on KATV, Channel 7, Little Rock. Billed as "A Musical Experience in Love," the program will combine "reading of Scripture with selections of Christian music."

The program will be presented in five sections: "the identity and power of Jesus Christ; songs of praise and worship; fellowship and Christian unity; hungry hearts receiving new life in Christ; and the call to purity and discipleship, anticipating the return of the Lord."

This will be the second Key 73 TV Special to be aired in the Arkansas area.

YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

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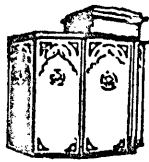
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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

July 1—Sunday	Gen. 1:1 2 Peter 3:5-14
July 2	Exodus 19:5-6 1 Peter 2:9
July 3	Romans 1:3-5, 18-32
July 4	Romans 3:9-26
July 5	John 1:29-34 2 Cor. 5:21
July 6	2 Peter 1:19-21 Heb. 2:1-4
July 7	Heb. 4:12-16 1 John 5:1-5
July 8—Sunday	Job 2:6-10, 13-15
July 9	Job 19:25-27
July 10	Matt. 9:18-26
July 11	Matt. 11:1-6
July 12	John 4:27-39
July 13	1 Thes. 1:1-10
July 14	Heb. 11:4-19
July 15—Sunday	Acts 4:24-35

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. (See "From Our Readers" column elsewhere in this issue)

From the Bottom of the Heart.....

Birthday Present

America, our homeland, is catching it from all sides just now and we're pretty bruised up and sore. We deserve some of it. If it is any comfort it is a sign of our strength that "only in America" can such things as the open review of our sins that we're now witnessing happen. Let's remember this when we get impatient with all the critical activity now going on.

But birthdays are supposed to be happy occasions. So let us review some of the qualities not frequently enough remembered about our good land.

America is great because of her envisioned ideals; because of what, at her noblest, she aspires to be; because of what at her best she has been and may yet by the grace of God become.

America stands tall among nations because of her ideals of justice, equality, brotherhood and freedom. America, yes, is a beautiful land.

Even as we recite these envisioned and sometimes-achieved virtues we are aware of how short before God ours and all nations have fallen from the highest ideals. We have a long way yet to go in bringing these promised blessings to all of our people.

It is at this point that the community of the faithful may step forward with it's present at this birthday time. Here is is, America: the church. The church unafraid and willing to be used by God to hear his word and do his will in the land. What better present, all wrapped up in humility and boldness, passion and compassion, selflessness and surrender?

Happy Birthday America.

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How Big America?

To what degree can the church entertain controversy? To the extent that it agrees with what is being said or gets a chance to talk back? To the degree that just so long as it doesn't hurt us we will allow differences of opinion to be voiced? If the church is indeed the proclaimer of a good news that relates to man's total being we can set no limits on the subjects of it's concern.

This being so, we must tackle the tough ones.

So — What about amnesty?

Number one: we're talking about somebody's sons and husbands and brothers. Perhaps yours. Two: we're talking about citizens of America. Three: we're talking for the most part about young men who have come to the position they're now in because of religious conviction. They now find that their conviction has led them to actions which bar them from returning to their homeland.

However we may feel on the subject we should remember that many of these are young men who have listened to what the church has been preaching through the years in regard to the morality of war. It would almost seem that one trouble with them is that they believed us too well. To be sure, their brothers heard the same word and with as much conviction went off to war believing they did the right thing too. These too are our sons, brothers and husbands. These too are the subjects of God's and our love and concern.

Perhaps the least and the most we can say is that we must approach this subject with cool heads and warm hearts. Cool with reason and warm with compassion. For the answer surely cannot lie in a willingness to shut our minds and hearts and doors to our sons who listened while we preached and came to conclusions other than ones with which the majority of their neighbors might happen to agree.

The church, of all bodies, has a unique role to play in regard to this issue (as indeed to every issue). We simply cannot reflect the feelings we may have as patriots and subdue those beliefs we have nurtured as churchmen. Germany made this fatal mistake before World War II.

There are of course more issues involved in the complex question of amnesty than I have spoken to here. Those other issues are important. But so far as the Christian is concerned it seems to me that the priority concern comes to the fore when an old question is asked. It is a question the sophisticated theologian may reject. I suggest it is, the one question that remains for the Christian after all the arguments have been heard and the charges and defenses completed. It is the question "What would Jesus do?"

Continued next column

Our beloved father land is about to observe it's birthday. For many in our national family it will be a subdued celebration. For some of our sons will receive no invitation to the party. And many places around the banquet table will be vacant.

How big America? How big the church?

J.S.W.

Off the Top of the Head.....

"Do you walk to school or carry your lunch?"

"How long have you been working here?" We were driving back to the service station as I asked this question of the gentleman who had worked on my car. "Let's see . . . It was either in '41 or '52 that I came here, I guess." (That's "forty-one or fifty-two" — no typographical error). I'm pretty sure I heard him correctly and after a moment's thought decided not to ask him again because his response had already begun to do pleasant things to my mind.

"Either '41 or '52." You've got to back up several times on that to really get ahold of it. I'm not so sure I do even now, and I've had about 3 or 8 days to think about it.

Anyway, you've got to admire the fellow's recall ability. Forty-one is a long way back and fifty-two is about eleven (I believe) full years later, so that's pretty remarkable in itself, to be able to pinpoint events with such accuracy. But after this consideration you've got to acknowledge that there's a bit lacking in this kind of figuring. What I wonder about is what happened to those years in between?

I don't know why it should, but it reminds me of some of the things we do with the Bible. If we're not careful we get it all mixed and messed together in such a way that we don't pay a lot of attention to the whens and whys and whats of events.

This whole subject is important because one of the great things happening today is the return to Bible study. This has reached phenomenal proportions and can be one of the very real significant events of our time. But there are problems with some of the current mad rushes to study the Bible. Some popular studies dismiss the logical, careful formulas that past generations have labored over the years to develop. Some approaches today even dismiss without a nod two thousand years of biblical scholarship.

To be sure we need to get back to the Word! But we must do so in a way that enables us to know why Revelation was written and what the Book of Daniel is really all about. Otherwise, we'll be able to understand what that good fellow meant when he said he thought he came to work "either in '41 or '52." And when we understand that, we'll need to really worry about ourselves.

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"I'm a Dixie doodle dandy..."

This is the only issue of the whole year in which I can indulge in this particular bit of foolishness so I'm not even going to ask you to pardon the personal reference.

One always feels a bit closer to those with whom a birth date is shared and I'm this way with my country. While I didn't have anything to do with it of course, my mother always has known the right thing to do. Born on the Fourth of July, I had (had) red hair, white cheeks and blue eyes.

To be sure, it takes more than that to make a patriot, so if you're still not convinced, know that the middle initial below stands for "Sparks," which, I think you'll have to agree, sounds rather Fourth of Julyish and patriotic.

And if you're the kind who is impressed with all this sort of thing, "Sparks" was also the name of Francis Asbury's horse. What do you think about that!

I don't know what all this has to do with anything, but it seems at the moment like an interesting thought. I think.

J.S.W.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Hamline University, a United Methodist institution, at St. Paul, Minn. is lending \$100,000 among more than 100 alumni who will be expected to pay back the initial loan, plus the earnings, at the end of the year. The plan developed after President Richard Bailey prevailed upon Minneapolis milling executive Dwayne O. Andreas to write the \$100,000 check and an alumnus raised \$35,000 to cover administrative costs. One alumnus plans to raise Labrador puppies. Another expects to research and market flower bulbs. Eventually Dr. Bailey plans to write a book about the outcome of the venture.

A Fourth of July editorial appearing in the June 22 issue of Christianity Today states that "The Christian citizen will not cease to love his country even when he must pronounce judgment upon it. But he must demand that the guilty be brought to justice, that the cancer be cut out of the body politic, and that the government of the nation be controlled by people of integrity whose actions do not belie their words."

Speaking at the dedication of the new Kresge Memorial Chapel at Claremont School of Theology, (Calif.) Dr. F. Thomas Trotter said that in services that are "embellished public lectures," the hymns, prayers and anthems are sometimes treated as "preliminaries" to the sermon. "Preaching ought to be a central act of worship, but its presence must be the Word of God in the midst of the people," stated Dr. Trotter who leaves the Claremont seminary this summer after more than 10 years as dean, for the post of general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville.

The convenor of an international conference on worship acknowledged that hopes in the mid-1960s that the Church might be revitalized through new worship forms had not materialized. The Rev. Clifford J. Swanson, chairman of the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship, said, "It became readily apparent, I believe, that the church will never be saved through worship forms of any kind. I personally am convinced that a given body of believers committed to the cause of the true worship of God will find ways of making their praise of Him effective."

The 99th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada supported ministers who refuse to marry couples whose lives or values are incompatible with Christian marriage vows. Some of the ministers who responded to a questionnaire said they would decline if they felt the Church or minister were being used as a "convenience," or where there was insincerity about the meaning of the service.

Dr. David W. Preus, the new leader of the 2½ million-member American Lutheran Church, called on the Church to help seek answers to some of the world's toughest problems. Dr. Preus urged the Church to put its "theology to work" by tackling such issues as environmental destruction, human rights, widespread thievery and cheating, oppression in South Africa, the plight of the American Indians and world peace. "A short time ago," Dr. Preus said, "there was a spirit of irritation, of anger, of suspicion in the Church. Criticism and complaint were widespread. . . . Now we are returning to a faith stance."

In Reston, Va. the United Christian Parish, comprised of members of five of the nine Protestant denominations involved in the Consultation on Church Union, has been formally constituted. Believed by its sponsors to be the most ambitious union undertaken to date in this country, it includes the United Methodist Church, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., and United Presbyterian Church. "What we really want to do is to demonstrate that the church unity plan of the Consultation on Church Union really is viable," the Rev. Robert Regan, a United Methodist, said.

Through the use of scientific sampling, the Youth Research Center, in Minneapolis, will undertake a three-year research project for the American Assn. of Theological Schools that will assess the readiness of a person to enter the ministry and perform effectively. A spokesman for AATS pointed out that when people evaluate a minister, they make judgments in several categories, such as knowledge, pastoral skills, psychological maturity, and the strength of the person's faith life. The project will deal with all religious groups whose seminaries are related to AATS — Evangelicals, mainline Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish.

Owen Cooper, recently retired president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp., was re-elected by acclamation to the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention as it held its annual meeting in Portland, Ore.

Twenty-seven college-age young people will be commissioned at the close of a training period in St. Paul, Minn. this summer to serve as \$1-a-day Lutheran evangelists for three weeks in 21 U. S. communities. They will be known as "parish mission builders," in the program initiated 25 years ago.

More than 18,000 youths from America's three major Lutheran churches are expected to attend "Discovery '73" at the Houston Astrodome from Aug. 4-8. This will be the first cooperative youth gathering organized jointly by the three branches of Lutheranism.

Protestants and Roman Catholics meeting in Gujranwala, Pakistan outlined steps for aggressive Christian education once all church schools in that predominantly Islamic country are nationalized. Christian colleges were nationalized in 1972, and elementary and secondary schools are expected to become government schools soon.

More than 1,500 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Eastern Orthodox and other religious educators are expected to attend the sessions of the international convention of the Religious Education Assn., of the U. S. and Canada when it meets in Toronto, Nov. 18-21. Major discussions will focus on the theme: "The Open Society: Shaping Religion and Values."

The Rev. Jonah J. Chang, born in Taiwan, has been named director for Asian Ministries of the Asian Caucus of the United Methodist Church. He succeeds the Rev. George Nishikawa who has been named superintendent of the Los Angeles district. The Asian Caucus, with offices in Oakland (Calif.), is an officially recognized United Methodist unit.

At a press conference held before he addressed the Payne Theological Seminary graduation class (Wilberforce, Ohio), Bishop John A. Adams of the African Methodist Episcopal Church said the church has been the single most important influence in the American black community and is still "the only viable institution" blacks have. Bishop Adams said, "Our people have been trying to serve themselves instead of the mission of Jesus. . . . But the strength and power we gain from being the people of God must go into all the world. The congregations must move from self-interest to others."

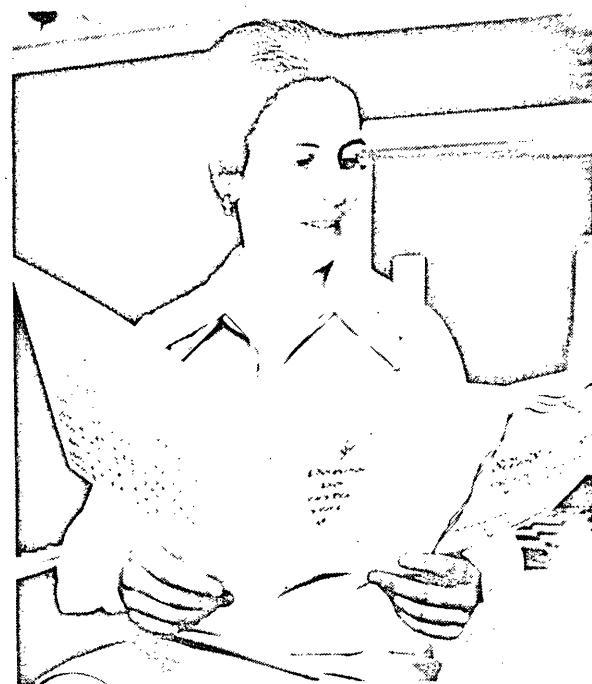
"... Faith and courage are characteristics that are far easier to define than to demonstrate," Sen. Herman Talmadge, Baptist lawmaker from Georgia told the weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast. He said, "They are infinitely easier to picture than to possess."

Three national advertisers and their agencies have been the recipients of "Andy" awards for conducting advertising campaigns reflecting "social responsibility." The "Andy Awards Program" was initiated by the Advertising Club of New York and Manhattan College (a Roman Catholic school) which presented the awards jointly.

The Salvation Army of New York is one of six national voluntary youth-serving organizations awarded federal grants totaling \$12,174 to develop "education for parenthood" programs for teen-age boys and girls. The other five organizations are the Boys' Clubs of America; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America; National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers; and Save the Children Federation (Appalachian Program).

Bill Moyers, the Southern Baptist minister who was President Lyndon Johnson's press secretary, told some 2,000 Southern Baptist women that America's real crisis is "neither technological nor environmental," but rather is "moral and political."

A weekly hot lunch program serving elderly residents of Charlotte, N. Carolina's Elizabeth area has been organized by four Protestant congregations. Some 150 elderly persons in the area were invited to the June 14 first luncheon of "The Elizabeth Lunch Program," sponsored by Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches. Following a survey last summer the churches "determined this (hot lunch) a priority need which can be met by the churches working in union together."



PRINCETON, N.J. — Florence Dianna Pohlman sings "Songs of the Spirit" at her home in Princeton, N.J., where she recently received her master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. Plans are being made for Miss Pohlman to become the first woman chaplain in U.S. military history. The 32-year-old native of San Diego is scheduled to be ordained a Presbyterian minister at the National Presbyterian church in Washington July 1. Following her ordination, she will be commissioned in the U.S. Navy and on July 2 will begin an eight-weeks indoctrination course for all new chaplains at the U.S. Navy Chaplain School, Newport, R.I. Miss Pohlman graduated from Occidental College, Los Angeles, in 1964, majoring in music. A soprano, she also sings professionally.



Phase II of a program of training for local church Councils on Ministries and Administrative Boards was completed for the Ft. Smith area at a laboratory training session held recently at St. Paul's Church, Fort Smith. The teaching team included (left to right, front row) Mrs. Virginia Lindley, Jonesboro; W. L. Douglas, host pastor; James M. Meadors, Jr., Walnut Ridge; (Standing) Arvill Brannon, of the North Arkansas Council on Ministries, director for the event; Miss Aileen Sanborn, of the National Board of Discipleship; Charles Mabry, Batesville layman; Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, former Council on Ministries director (now Conway First Church pastor); and Dr. Charles McDonald, host district superintendent.

From Our Readers

Contributions for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer. What appears here does not necessarily represent the point of view of this publication and the editor reserves the right to withhold, edit for space, or print contributions.

Dear Sir:

I am so fed up with the failure of the Methodist organization I have to express myself.

It's a fact the "church" is losing thousands every year while evangelistic churches are increasing.

It's time the Methodist DIRECTORS identify Christ and forget organization and trivia.

Christine Cook
Augusta, Ark.

P.S. I'm not concerned about preserving the denomination as such, but it's a shame for so much money and time to be wasted, at the same time actually contorting the Christian faith, which is SIMPLY CHRIST.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the article "Are We Reconcilers for Christ?" by Dr. Charles P. McDonald, and in reference to his criticism of healing-by-the-laying-on-of-hands and casting-out-demons:

This is one of the things that was commissioned to the followers and believers of Jesus Christ, Mark 16: 16-18. This is part of the commission that Jesus Christ left just before ascending into Heaven. This is not just a promise to the Minister or any one denomination but to THE BELIEVER. Anything that we do should balance with the word of God, not just take one scripture and use it out of context.

Christ is our example and this we found Christ doing continually as He was here on earth and that was touch-

ing or laying His hands on people for healing. Matt. 8: 3 & 15, 9:29, Mark 6:5, 7:33-35, 16:18, Luke 4:40, 13:13, 22:51 and Acts 28:8.

And now concerning deliverance and people being bound by the devil, which is well in accordance with what THE WORD teaches, through the name of Jesus there is deliverance and as a believer (more than in words) we have the authority to use the name of Jesus.

Neal A. Reed
Morrow, Ark.
Morrow Methodist Church

Dear Sir:

The recent passing of the Rev. E. B. Williams was a great loss to his good family, his friends, and to Arkansas Methodism. Over the years he and I have been personal friends. Vilonia, my home town, was either his first or second pastorate about forty-five years ago. At that time I was a student at Hendrix College and while visiting home folks I had the opportunity to know him and hear him preach.

He was deeply spiritual and was one who loved and appreciated people. He let all men count with him but none too much, as the poet Kipling once said in his great poem "If."

Over the years he had been a faithful pastor and District Superintendent in Arkansas Methodism. He believed that the religion of Jesus Christ was more important than the religion about him. And with this view I and many others found ourselves with him. He believed that a vital religion was more important than a dead legalism. He believed that religion must also make progress in its thinking if it is to minister to the demands of a new day. The new Methodist Church at Vilonia is largely due to his efforts, which he also pastored after retirement.

Sincerely,
H. W. Jinske
Hot Springs, Ark.

Council Directors to Local Churches

Calling the World to Christ 1973-'75

World Methodism is mobilizing for a year of Mission in 1975. All but one of the 54 constituent churches of the World Methodist Council will share in the Mission. Plans are being made which will carry the challenge of the Gospel around the globe.

Ecumenical participation in the Mission is being sought everywhere. In Ghana, for example, all churches are planning for action together in a mission to the people.

A world thrust in Evangelism requires action on two levels — local and international, and interaction between them. The mission is to be based in local, regional, and national areas in which each segment of the church will undertake evangelism in its own way.

On the world level, resources and materials are being developed which will be available to national churches and joint world action will aim at

reaching out with the Gospel in ways only open on a world scale.

Highlights of the Mission following the June 10 Pentecost World Wide Day of Commitment include the following:

October, 1973

A World Consultation on Evangelism to be held at Lake Junaluski with special youth participation.

New Years Eve

On December 31, 1973 a Vigil of Prayer will begin in Tonga and continue from the International Date Line around the World through a special recording. All who chose to participate will hear leaders in Evangelism from Tonga, Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe, North and South America, bringing the message of hope in Christ and proclaim to the world a call to global evangelism.

Throughout 1974

Large regional congresses are being organized in seven geographical areas over the world. Thousands of Christian leaders will in this way become inspired to plan together for witness.

Lent 1974

Bible studies on the Person and Message of Jesus and new evangelistic resources are being planned to stimulate planning for 1975.

1975

The year of intensified mission to the World.

All things point to the hope that 1975 will be a great year for Christ and His message as it enriches the lives of God's children everywhere.

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MRS. CHARLES E. REED

Mrs. Helen G. Reed, wife of the Rev. Charles E. Reed, pastor of the Widener-Madison Charge, died on Thursday, June 14th at Forrest Memorial Hospital in Forrest City, Ark. She had been a resident of Crestpark Nursing Home in Forrest City since Oct. of 1972, and had entered the hospital on May 23rd of this year.

Mrs. Reed was born Feb. 24, 1912 at Paragould, Ark. and was married to Mr. Reed in October, 1933, before they entered the ministry of the Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, survivors include one son, John E. Reed of Huntington, Ark., and one sister, Mrs. Sam Griffith of Paragould.

The funeral service was held at Stevens Funeral Chapel in Forrest City with Dr. William E. Reed of Anderson, Indiana officiating. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery at Paragould.

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Dear Sir:

I am a staunch believer in the cremation movement, seeing the way it works in Oakland, California, where thousands of people are cremated every year.

As much as our Methodist Church is strong in Arkansas, so is (the) Baptist. I believe when people are educated to it, it would go over here in Little Rock and in the state. It's cleaner, cheaper, and more dignified.

Mr. William R. Davidson
Little Rock, Ark.

1. CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANS AND THEIR WRITINGS

Text: The Healing Fountain
by Betty Thompson \$1.45

This spiritual growth study for 1973-74 is focused on the loves, letters, journals, poems, prayers, diaries and other documentary materials of some twentieth century Christians which will be helpful to readers in facing challenges of society and personal life.



Mrs. George Metzel

Mary Metzel and her husband are both P.K.'s. He is Registrar and Professor of Literature at University of Tulsa, where Mary has studied. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. They are active members of Boston Avenue U.M.C. She teaches in the Adult Division and serves on the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries. She is a past president of the Conference Women's Society, is a member of the Conference Board of Missions and chairman of the Committee on Indian Ministries. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Indian Community Center and the Oklahoma Council of Churches. She served as a member of the General Board of Missions 1964-72, and has served the last three quadrennia as a delegate to General Conference, being on the Study Commission on Statement of Social Principles. At present she is a member of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Finance and Administration.

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The Rev. James W. Moore

Jim Moore is an associate pastor of one of the largest churches in the United States, First United Methodist Church in Shreveport, La., where in addition to his pastoral duties he teaches a closed-circuit cable television course entitled "Family Crisis in the 70's." His sermons are taped and broadcast across the Southwestern United States on the KWKH radio network. He has served pastorates in Tennessee, Ohio and Louisiana, and as a Lecturer at the Lambuth College Department of Religion, Jackson, Tenn. He also served as associate director of the Memphis Conference Council on Ministries. He received a B.A. degree from Lambuth College and a B.D. from the Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio.

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PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE

The message of the Bible occupies the central place in the content of the Mission Studies. It is essential that each person bring a copy of the Bible for study and reference in the class attended and for personal meditation and devotions.

TEACHERS

Mrs. Richard Bauer, Nashville, Tenn.
Mrs. George Metzel, Tulsa, Okla.
Rev. James W. Moore, Shreveport, La.



Mrs. Richard Bauer

Eleanor Bauer is an active member of the West End U.M.C. in Nashville, Tenn., where she has served on the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries and as chairperson on the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. She is active in the League of Women Voters and Church Women United, serving as state president for three years and on the National Board of Managers. She was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Oslo, Norway and she and Dr. Bauer were Directors of a Methodist Youth Study-Work Seminar in Europe for four weeks preceding the World Methodist Conference in London. She has served on the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College and was on the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church for two quadrennia. She frequently is a leader of Laywomen's Retreats in a number of denominations.

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3. WOMEN: OVER HALF THE EARTH'S PEOPLE

Text: Conduct Becoming to a Woman
by Elaine Magalis \$1.25
Women in Church & Society
by Georgia Harkness \$1.50

Some of the objectives of this study: 1. To gain a deeper awareness of the common problems, concerns, hopes and responsibilities of women throughout the world. 2. To explore possibilities and challenges confronting women in and through a new women's organization in a new church structure and to discern and evaluate the role(s) of women in the United Methodist Church. 3. To develop strategies for expressing the potential of women towards the development of fully human societies with peace and justice. Hopefully, the process of relating to the objectives will involve United Methodist Women in the shaping of a new women's consciousness as persons fully responsible for all of life.

Mrs. Robert May

Mary May has had wide experience as teacher, speaker, and leader of retreats. She is a graduate of Scarritt College and did graduate work at Southern Methodist University. She is a certified Director of Christian Education and has served in this capacity in several churches. Has held offices on the local, district and conference levels of the Women's Society and is currently secretary-treasurer of South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women. She is serving as chairperson of Missions Division, North Texas Annual Conference Council on Local Church Ministries. She is the wife of the pastor of First United Methodist Church, Winnsboro, Texas.

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Mrs. May



Mrs. Nanez

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Mrs. Alfredo Nanez, Dallas, Tex.

Mrs. Alfredo Nanez

Clotilde Falson Nanez is a descendant of original land grantees in Rio Grande City, Texas. She has a B.A. degree from the University of Texas and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa the year of her graduation. She received a Master of Arts degree from Southern Methodist University this last May, with a major in Ibero-American Civilization. She has taught in the public schools of Rio Grande City and was head of the Spanish Department at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio. She taught at Trinity University and in the School of Continuing Education at S.M.U. She has held conference and jurisdiction offices in the Women's Society and translated the Program Book into Spanish for 26 years. She is serving on the Board of Global Ministries

of the Rio Grande Conference and is District Missionary Secretary. She also serves on the Board of Wesley-Rankin Community Center and the Church Women United in Dallas. Dr. Nanez has been teaching at Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U., and is the former president of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Tex.

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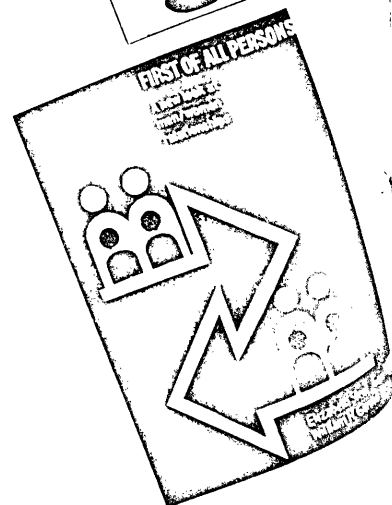
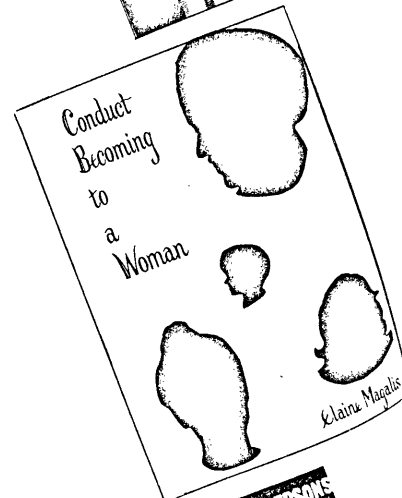
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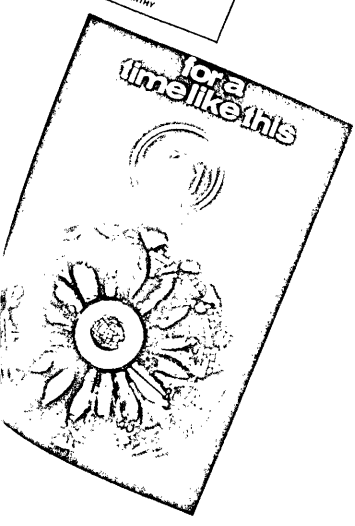
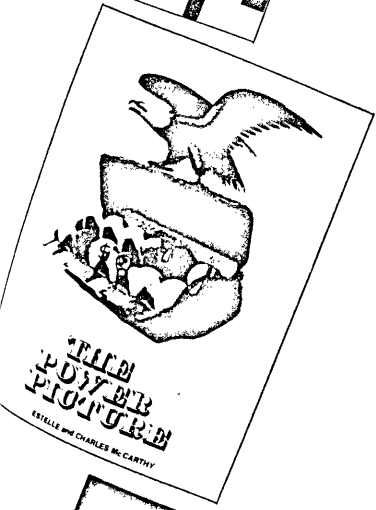
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2. JUSTICE, LIBERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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In a recent issue of the WORLD UPDATE, the editor stated that justice, liberation and development have the potential to become overworked words in the language of our times. The purpose in this study is to try to put new meaning into these words within the religious community.



Rev. Robert Young

Mr. Bob Young is pastor of the Cochran Chapel UMC in Dallas, Tex. He was reared in Methodist parsonage homes in southern Indiana. He received a B.A. degree from Texas Christian University and Master of Theology degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University and Brite College, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. All of his pastorates have been in the North Texas Conference. He participated in the National Conferences on Urban Life 1954-1968, the National Family Life Conferences, 1954-1966, National Councils on Evangelism 1959-1968, and the Spiritual Life Conferences each year since 1956. He has been on Preaching Missions to South American Countries and to the Philippines sponsored by the General Board of Evangelism. He visited in England, Europe, and the Middle East in 1964 and the Far East in 1967. Bob was a teacher in our 1971 School.



Miss Ellen Clark

Ellen Clark is associate editor of New York Outlook magazine. She has been with the Board of Global Ministries since 1967 and previously was a staff writer for the Department of Interpretive Services. She served in the Peace Corps as a teacher in Malaysia from 1964-66. Originally from Janesville, Wis., she was reared in McHenry, Ill., and educated at Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism where she received a M.S. degree in Journalism. She has written articles for a number of United Methodist Church publications. She is a Roman Catholic.



Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn

Dr. "Lem" Fenn is superintendent of the Enid District of the Oklahoma Conference. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Oklahoma City University, did graduate work in theology at Boston University School of Theology and received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. He attended 15 summer sessions at Iliff School of Theology, The University of Southern California and Garrett Theological Seminary. He was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Oklahoma City University. He has served pastorates in Oklahoma and New Mexico. He served 12 years on the General Council on World Service and Finance and was elected seven times as a delegate to General Conference, and three times as a delegate to the World Methodist Conference, 1961 in Oslo, Norway, 1966 in London and 1971 in Denver. Dr. and Mrs. Fenn have traveled in Europe where he preached in churches in Czechoslovakia and East and West Germany. They visited 15 mission installations in 7 South American Countries in 1969.

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4. WHY CHRISTIAN MISSION TODAY?

Text: For A Time Like This
by E. H. Johnson\$1.95

Why have this study? Because some Christians are asking "Why is the church forgetting its mandate for missions?" and others are asking "Why bother with missions?" This study will provide an opportunity for persons to consider together the authority for, the need for, the nature of, and the responsibility to engage in and support mission and missions.



Mrs. Winton



Tom Abney



Bob Edwards



Miss Sharp

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Rev. Bob Edwards, Jacksonville, Ark.
Miss Kathleen Sharp, Paragould, Ark.
Mrs. Euba Mae Winton, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Mrs. Euba Mae Winton is the Fort Smith District Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, United Methodist Women. She serves as the Black Community Developer, Mallalieu Community Center, Ft. Smith, and is vice-chairman of its Board. She is vice-president and Volunteer Supervisor of Pattee Day Care Center.

The Rev. Tom Abney is director of the Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas at Monticello and pastors the Wilmar Charge. He is the Missionary Secretary of the Little Rock Conference and serves as vice-chairman of the Little Rock Conference Insurance Commission.

The Rev. Bob Edwards is the Missionary Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference, and pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. He was the organizer and first chairman of Jacksonville's Human Services Center. Was delegate to White House Conference on Children, 1970 and Chaplain of the Senate, Arkansas Legislature, 1973.

Miss Kathleen Sharp is the Coordinator of Global Concerns, North Arkansas Conference, United Methodist Women. She is the Regional Librarian at Paragould.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JULY 8:

Reverence For Human Life

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-26; 12:9-13; James 4:1-2b; 1 John 3:11-18.

MEMORY SELECTION: Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him, 1 John 3:15

AIM OF THE LESSON: To decrease hate and anger and war and increase regard for all life.
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Murder cuts off our inheritance of eternal life and the murderer robs his victim of his heritage in this life. Murder means the end for the victim of having fun in life, celebrating special days and sharing experiences, singing and working with others, understanding others, entertaining persons whose visits add pleasure, going to church together, worshiping in the family, and having the joy of giving to worthy causes. Murder means death. The Sixth Commandment, "You shall not kill," is the shortest of the Ten Commandments. Its four one-syllable words cover a long and large area of human life in its sacredness and its sacrilege. This is the first of the "negative commandments," and begins our study of the commandments dealing with man's relationships with man. It is in sequence following the five first commandments dealing with God and the divine institutions of the Sabbath and family relationships.

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THIS IS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL COMMANDMENT

Dr. Park, in the Interpreter's Bible writes, "If one were to appraise the success of the Ten Commandments in attaining their object since their promulgation, perhaps this one has been the most successful of all. The respect for human life has definitely grown. It is harder to pass off murder under a respectable name than any other of the forbidden acts noted in the commandments."

The discipline of this commandment is the first in the series determining man's duty to his neighbor. This commandment, "You shall not kill," is the first of three civil provisions, murder, adultery, and theft. The concern of the commandment is the protection of human life within the community of Israel, against destruction by a fellow Israelite. A Hebrew scholar says the verb translated "kill," is not limited to murder in the criminal sense and may be used of unpremeditated killing. Deuteronomy 4:42 gives the account of the three cities of refuge where the unpremeditated murderer might flee for sanctuary. The Sixth Commandment does forbid killing not "specifically authorized." This commandment did not forbid an Israelite from slaying of animals, capital punishment, or killing enemies in war. It did not relate to suicide.

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LIFE IS MAN'S MOST PRECIOUS EARTHLY POSSESSION

Dr. Park, in exposition of the scripture, says man's right to enjoy life must be protected from irresponsibility that would deprive him of it for "thirty pieces of silver."

The goal of a world without any unpremeditated or premeditated killing may never be reached. A growing understanding of why men kill in wholesale or mass murder begins to make a deep conviction that nothing is accomplished by murder "except to work off their irritation or fury of the moment."

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JESUS EXPOSES ROOTS OF MURDER AND THEIR PURGING

The scripture background in Matthew mentions three steps in anger that could lead to murder. First, anyone angry with his brother will be brought before the judge. Second, whoever calls his brother "you good-for-nothing!" will be brought before the Council; and whoever calls his brother a worthless fool will be in danger of going to the fire of hell.

Jesus taught that the reconciling heart and hand are the uprooting of emotions of anger, condemnation, and hatred. If the worshiper is coming with his gift to the altar and remembers an enemy has a blame against him, he is to leave his gift unoffered until he goes and is reconciled to his brother. Then he can return and offer his sacrificial worship before the altar with worship that God approves. The forgiving heart, with an unending number of times to forgive, is the key to reconciliation. This is the heart of peacemaking, as commended by Jesus in the beatitude in calling the peacemakers the children of God. They act as God acts in making peace.

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UPROOT KILLING WITH LOVING

Dr. Albert Schweitzer gave his life in service to the needs of Africa. His medical ministries helped healing and preventing diseases where ignorance and neglect had prevailed. His musical ministries gave hope and relaxation, world wide. His theological writings preached the healing love of the reconciling Christ. His last philosophical writing was on the theme of this lesson, "Reverence for all Life." Our lesson deals primarily with human life. Whereas there are instances of approval of killing in the Old Testament, the New Testament condemns wars, and murder. The Christian gospel continually emphasizes Jesus' revelation of God's reconciling and forgiving love. This the ultimate goal of all creation-civilization. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

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GOD'S LOVE DEFIES WORLDLY FRIENDSHIP

The background scripture in James 4:1-2b defines the source of quarrels and fights among the early Christians. Their desires for pleasures constantly fought within their bodies. They wanted things that they could not afford to have. And so, James says, "You are ready to kill" . . . "So you quarrel and fight." They should ask God for what they want. Bad motives prevented them from asking God for what they needed. Unfaithful people, friends of the world, means that they are enemies of God. Friends of the world are haters of God. The quotation from Genesis 6:5 gives the solution for discipline: "The grace of God is even stronger . . . God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:1-6)

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KILLINGS BY CARELESSNESS OVERCOME BY STEADFAST LOVING CARE

Our Adult Bible Studies list statistics for killing in our day in the United States. Fifty thousand persons were killed in auto accidents on our streets. More than a million persons have been killed in Indochina, of which 50,000 were American soldiers. These were killed because we cared more for the speed of highways and combat areas than we cared for safer driving, sobriety, and prevention of armed conflict in war.

F.B.I. statistics for 1970 record 16,000 murders in the United States. One-third of a million armed robberies were committed, each of which held the possibility of murder.

Suicides are on the increase; by a larger percentage among women than among men. Deaths

and injuries by accidents in the home are among the largest percentage of safety violations. Do we care for human life, or do these statistics reflect our lack of care to help prevent such carnage? There is no greater pollution or waste than in the circumstances which make such statistics possible!

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FIRST JOHN GIVES THE GUIDE FOR LOVE IN ACTION

"We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren . . . Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer . . . Let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." The self-giving love of Jesus in laying down his life for his friends is the Gospel witness of God's word of total love. God's grace in him, given to us demands our living in grateful response as Christians.

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LOVE GUIDES JESUS' ETHICS IN A PERMISSIVE SOCIETY

I recommend your reading of William Barclay's Lectures published by Harper-Rowe under the title "Ethics in a Permissive Society." He commends the Christian ethic as one of total concern for human welfare and life. It is a "passionate ethic," enthusiastic and compassionate. It is a way of life with total concern for man—body and soul. It is the Spirit of man that marks his uniqueness over all creation. It is God's self in man up to his capacity to contain Him. Man hears God speak the worth of human life in this Spirit of Truth. Key '73 is calling us to hear Him today. The worldwide spiritual awareness is manifesting His call in an amazing outreach of many Christian movements and activities. Dr. Barclay quotes Queen Victoria saying, "she could never be 'queen of a democratic monarchy.'"

He cites the Ten Commandments as "Thou shalt nots." The Christian commandment, "not one of the ten," is the Golden Rule. It is positive. (Matt:7:12) This Christian positive commandment is demanding, with open end opportunity.

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CHRISTIAN GOSPEL MAKES KILLING MORE THAN MURDER

Anger results in murder, and the motive is more than the act. The same inner drive of selfishness over neighborliness is responsible for the other commandments forbidding adultery, stealing, perjury, and coveting—all of which are often associated with murder and suicide. Man cannot live in sin and not die. He can live in God's perfect love seen in Jesus Christ.

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HOME BIBLE STUDY BIBLE REFERENCES

Genesis 4:8-16; Mark 2:28-3:6; 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Isaiah 58:4-9; John 3:11-18; 1 John 4:13-21.

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A PRAYER FOR REVERENCE OF HUMAN LIFE

Our heavenly Father, who hath created each one of us in Thy image; We Thank Thee for Thy divine identity in each one of us. Help us to be aware of Thy image in each person we see. Enable us to regard each other as sacred bearers of Thy divine life. We bless Thee for giving Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, to show us Thy nature of forgiving love. May we live daily in His gift of Thy Holy Spirit of truth. Amen.

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Next Sunday's lesson is a study of the Seventh Commandment "You shall not commit adultery." The topic is "A Christian view of Sex."

LESSON FOR JULY 15: A Christian View of Sex

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-32; John 8:3-11; Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 6:13b-20; Ephesians 5:21-32.

MEMORY SELECTION: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand the God-given human sexuality, from commandment, through Jesus and Paul in the New Testament, and to dedicate our bodies to God as His temples.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS FOR THE SECURITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

This Commandment is fundamental to the security of God's people in Israel of old and for all of God's people now. The negative discipline of forbidding sexual communication in violation of the marriage vow was given to assure the success of the nation of God's people. It forbids prostitution and promiscuous sex relations. God's covenant relations with His people require disciplined control of the body. (Exodus 19:1-20) It is well to learn the key words of the Ten Commandments and to remember that they are covenant vows with God. Read, learn, mark, and inwardly digest them!

While this Commandment deals with adultery specifically, the Bible throughout gives instruction regarding illicit uses of sex in fornication, incest, sodomy, and homosexuality. While only married people may be guilty of adultery, unmarried people face temptations of lust in the desire to cohabit. The home, school, and church have a fundamental responsibility to teach Biblical truth about God's will in sexuality. The Christian example of parents before children can create a home atmosphere where children and youth may have their innate curiosity answered by sincere and true word and deed. This creates a sound basis for personal and social security.

SO GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY

The memory selection, as translated in "Good News for Modern Man," sharpens the meaning of the memory selection with the startling injunction, "Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God; he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory." Your body is the dwelling place of God who is in you. God dwells in you in the person of the Holy Spirit.

A slightly varied meaning is suggested in Dr. Moffatt's translation, "Do you not know your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit within you—the Spirit you have received from God? . . . then glorify God with your body."

The King James Version reads, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

YOUR BODY IS SACRED

Among the Corinthian Christians there were

freethinkers fresh out of paganism, who evidently claimed that sexual relations outside marriage were not immoral. They thought that Christians could freely consort with prostitutes without blame or guilt. The theory, that all things are lawful for me, is the slogan of such freethinkers. Paul tells them that some conduct is definitely not helpful for a Christian. Some conduct can be definitely enslaving to the Christian spirit. Paul cannot agree that the sex act, like eating food, is only natural and therefore has no moral or spiritual significance. The Christian's body is not meant for immorality, Paul emphasized over and over.

Paul based his doctrine of the sacredness of sexual intercourse in marriage upon the Old Testament doctrine contained in Genesis 2:22, and reaffirmed by Jesus in Mark 10:2-12, that God made male and female. Sex in scientific definition is that which defines the difference of male and female. It is an identifying gift of God. Paul believes that sexual intercourse is not an inconsequential, isolated act but one uniting man and woman in an intimate complete and enduring bond.

Paul is "revolted" by the thought that any man having sexual relations with the pagan prostitutes, who were slaves in the Corinth temples, entered into communion with the god whom they served. Christians are made for communion with the Holy Spirit in their bodies, the gift of God.

CHRISTIAN PURITY IS IN DESIRE AS WELL AS IN ACT

The look of lust is adultery in the heart. This is the teaching in the scripture from Matthew for today's lesson. This teaching relates to Jesus' words about anger, murder, divorce, and oaths. Jesus says the motive is at the heart of action, in the sight of God.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

In addition to the background scripture references, the following passages for daily reading will be helpful in devotional study and discipline — Matt. 22:23-33; John 8:1-11; Rom. 1:24-32; Eph. 5:1-10; and Eph. 5:21-33. They deal with questions about marriage, mercy, justice, retribution for unnatural sexual relations, injunction against immorality, things to avoid, and the duties of wives and husbands in Christian living.

Dr. Laymon's commentary on this Seventh Commandment says this law conserved, not the dignity of the woman, but the husband or her father. Sexual violation of a woman who was married or betrothed—"engaged"—was a capital offense. (Deut. 22:22-27)

CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SEX IN MODERN LIFE

Howard E. Tower, in the International Lesson Annual, challenges us to think of modern American views of sex as presented in television, films and other recreational programs. The foregoing biblical viewpoints are a challenge to make judgments of what programs and films are wholesome and which ones are lacking the Christian viewpoint. How does the younger generation's viewpoint of sex fit into the biblical ideal? The Christian marriage ceremony sums up the biblical standard of mutual sexuality in the celebration of the wedding.

CROWNING BIBLICAL FAMILIES' RECORDS

The scriptural records of Abraham and Sarah,

Hosca and Gomer, Jacob and Rachael, Elizabeth and Zacharias, and Joseph and Mary present a long standing witness to the power of God in family life.

Horace Bushnell, a century ago, published a sermon on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus," based on Luke 1:28. Mary had found favor with God in her womanly nature, "stretching itself Messiahward." Through the sweet longings of her prayers she is becoming "inwardly akin" to hear her Great One to be. When she visits Elizabeth, their greeting breaks forth in a hymn of benediction. After His advent, Mary enters into a silence in which her heart ponders "in very nearly total and dumb silence." The Nazareth home found Jesus growing in wisdom, stature, "and in favor with God and man" under the faithful parental care of Joseph and Mary. Very few words of Mary are recorded in the New Testament from this time on. Her work was to be read in the life of her Son. After the "Magnificat," her silence is her word in scripture, except twice. "Her motherly great sense and piety are kept busy by the questions of the child, requiring to be shown how the Heavenly Father feedeth men and birds alike." Mary provided the home training for Jesus, and also for her other four sons and probably three daughters. The minimal meaning of the virgin birth is that Jesus had a human mother and that God was in his parenthood.

Dr. Bushnell concludes his sermon with the relationship with Jesus after death. Second to Jesus, Dr. Bushnell says, "We will want to know our mother, the mother of Jesus; for no other of the kingdom, save the King himself, has a name that signifies more . . . First of all she is the woman by whom, under God's quickening shadow, Christ, the Eternal Son of God, obtained his life connection with the race, and his birth into practical brotherhood with it . . . And higher still she is raised by the recognition of her son himself; for as she is yearning always fondly after him, so will he never disallow his old-time filial feeling towards her. Owning her never as in any sense the Mother of God, he has yet as a mother-sense in him, that will be an everlasting sentiment . . . will clothe her with such honors really divine, as fitly crown the part she bore in his wonderful story." (Sermons on Living Subjects-1872)

AIDS FOR CONDUCTING THE LESSON

In the Adult Leader, John D. Humphrey cites the three lines of interest and needs of the class: Christian view of sex, misuse of sex in media of news and television, and the church's statements in the "Book of Resolutions"—1972. He quotes Wallace E. Fisher's "Can Man Hope to be Human?" five differing views on sex held by many, as follows: Victorian morality, utilitarian sex ethic, recreational sex, situation ethics, and homosexual male and female styles.

REVELATION 22:13, 17

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the beginning and the end." "Come," say the Spirit and the Bride: let the hearer too say come." So the Bible from Genesis through Revelation includes law, prophets, wise men, apostles, and unknown authors in their testimony of the abiding worth of the disciplines of the Seventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Next week's lesson is the Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal" — An Owner's Rights and Responsibilities.

Tax-deferred annuity program under study

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMC) — Initial steps toward establishing a tax-deferred annuity program as a possible supplement to retirement income for ministers and church lay workers were approved by the United Methodist Board of Pensions here June 13.

Described by the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the board, as a substantial departure from traditional denominational pension practices, the new plan would allow for contributions beyond the regular pensions program to be made by a local church or employing agency which then would be put into the individual's pension fund and not be subject to income tax until retirement.

Under present tax laws a minister cannot deduct for income tax purposes his own pension contributions. Congress has under consideration revisions in the law which would make this possible.

As finally formulated, it is expected that the tax-deferred program will be available only to a local church that has met its basic pension obligations within its annual conference. There also is a maximum amount under law that can be contributed on a tax-deferred basis and this now is estimated to be about 13 per cent of the average conference salary for a minister earning at least that much.

Participation in the tax-deferred

program would be entirely voluntary on the part of church and pastor. The regular denominational pensions programs would continue as at present.

Pension payments in United Methodism totaled \$32,192,128 during 1972, Dr. Hoyt said. The total cost was about \$3.77 per church member.

In addition to the retirement income program, the board also operates a death benefit program and a hospitalization and medical expense plan.

The market value of all assets managed by the board was \$417,410,755 at the close of 1973. It is estimated that the pensions portion of these assets covers about 20 per cent of the

church's total pensions liability.

Dr. Hoyt said that in the past nine and one-half years, the board has been able to distribute some \$102,000,000 to the various funds from investment earnings and realized appreciation.

In another action at its session here, the board approved plans for a conference Dec. 5-6 with representatives of pensions boards in each of the some 73 annual conferences. The board will hold its next meeting just prior to the conference on Dec. 5.

Bishop Alsie H. Carleton of Albuquerque, N. M., is president of the Board of Pensions.

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Importance of small churches stressed

NEW YORK (UMC) — New emphases in town and country church work, such as seminars in United Methodist annual conferences and "a more vital role" in promoting town and country issues in conferences, were considered at a recent meeting of the executive committee of the United Methodist Rural Fellowship (UMRF).

The UMRF is an unofficial organization which defines as its purpose "to further United Methodism's role in creating a Christian rural society."

The Rev. Glenn Biddle, Jackson, Ohio, UMRF president, said the exe-

cutive committee discussed plans for seminars on agricultural and rural life to be held in annual conferences. The Rev. Dr. Shirley Greene, a staff member in Town and Country Ministries in the National Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, will coordinate the nationwide program, Mr. Biddle said.

It is planned that UMRF units in annual conferences will take "a more vital role in promoting town and country issues in the 1970s," Mr. Biddle said.

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Follow-up ministries alleviate disaster hardships

NEW YORK (UMC) — What happens when the mass media and probably most of the public forget about a disaster like, say, the sudden roaring flood that wiped out several communities along Buffalo Creek in West Virginia Feb. 26, 1972. A dam burst upstream, and the rushing water left a toll of 118 dead, 4,000 homeless and property damage estimated at \$50,000,000.

Attention shifts to other, more recent catastrophies and away from the "older" disaster. However, recent reports from Buffalo Creek Valley indicate that the church is still there, serving persons in the post-relief situation. A team set up soon after the flood is working to meet a variety of needs — physical, psychological, spiritual — and performing some ministries that are projected to continue into 1975.

Also, largely as a result of Buffalo Creek, a seminar was held in early May that is believed to be among the first on the church's ministry in disaster and post-disaster. Under auspices of the West Virginia United Methodist Conference, the seminar focused on not only immediate needs but also long-term services such as grief counselling and other pastoral care ministries, community organization ("helping to restore the community fabric"), enabling victims to go to the right places for help and encouraging them to do as much for themselves as possible to restore self-confidence and hope.

Primarily to train disaster/disaster follow-up teams in West Virginia to meet future "Buffalo Creeks," the seminar drew participants from church, government and a university. Included were ministers of several denominations, psychologists, psychiatrists, chaplains from state institutions,

United Methodist church and community workers, and staff members from the National Division and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), Board of Global Ministries.

In still-stricken Buffalo Creek Valley, 15 months after the flood an estimated two-thirds of the victims still are in temporary shelter such as mobile homes. Community life has been disoriented because victims have been resettled not in their former communities but in temporary and unfamiliar groupings.

A task force and team ministry was created by Bishop D. Frederick Wertz immediately after the flood, and has continued through all phases of the recovery. Its work is expected to continue, in some phases, for two years. The team has included local ministers, pastoral care specialists from West Virginia and elsewhere, and church and community workers assigned by the National Division Office of Church and Community Ministry. Thus the team brought together "people resources" on the parish, conference and general church levels.

The continuing coordinator for the team is the Rev. Ralph E. Thompson, Jr., United Methodist minister in Man, W. Va.

After the relief phase, in which \$117,000 and much material aid was sent to Buffalo Creek Valley by United Methodists and others, and many agencies worked unstintingly, the disaster team moved into the difficult recovery and readjustment period.

The pastoral counselors have offered understanding, helped persons to work through their grief, hurt and anger, and in the words of one counselor, sought to facilitate "the potential for greater emotional, physical and spiritual well-being after the disaster." The counselors brought an ecumenical dimension to the team as they have in-

cluded Presbyterian and Church of the Brethren ministers (one each) as well as a United Methodist.

Two church and community workers spent six weeks helping to make a survey of over-all needs. Like other members of the disaster team, they used as headquarters Wesley House, a National Division church-and-community center in Amherstdale.

Two other workers were later assigned as part of the ongoing team ministry. They have been advocates for flood victims with public agencies in getting aid. They have helped in trying to establish a community atmosphere in disrupted peoples' lives in artificially-created mobile-home towns. They have aided individuals through person-to-person relationships. They have worked with groups such as senior citizens.

In all their work, the pastoral counselors and church and community workers have cooperated with Mr. Thompson and other pastors in the Logan County Cooperative United Methodist Parish, who have been active in restorative ministries and in continuing to lead congregations some of whose members had seen their homes washed away and lost family members and friends.

The whole team, local ministers, pastoral counselors, church and community workers, has pulled together with many other public and private agencies in the struggle toward recovery. Mr. Thompson took note of that, and of the aid from outside the area, when he said: "Because of concerned persons throughout the United States, the United Methodist Church is able to share in a vital crisis ministry to the people, and it is projected that it will continue until the people are able to reestablish themselves in their new homes."

U.S. delegates meeting with British Methodists

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMC) — Four official delegates are representing the United Methodist Church at the top legislative body of the British Methodist Church, it has been announced by Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Indianapolis, secretary of the Council of Bishops.

The British Conference is meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, with its ministerial session June 26-29, and its representative session (lay and ministerial) running from June 29 through July 6.

Those named by the Council of Bishops to attend the British Conference are:

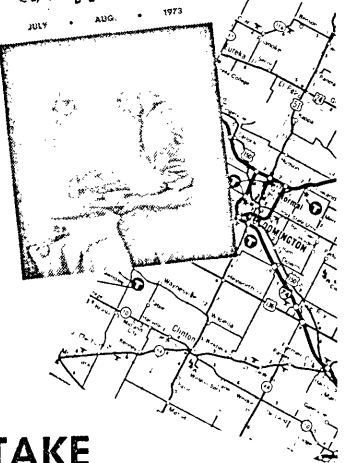
The Rev. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Clapsaddle is an assistant general secretary of the General Council on Ministries; Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, head of the church's Houston, (Tex.) Area; Mrs. William A. Henry, Wilmington, Del.; Judge Tom Reavley, Austin, Tex.

The reciprocal plan of interchange of four delegates between the British Methodist Conference and the United Methodist Church was authorized by a concordat approved in 1970. The plan involves the reciprocal election and seating of four delegates, two clergy and two lay. The British Methodist Church does not have bishops, but it has been the practice of the United Methodist Church to name a bishop as one of its clerical delegates.

This is the fourth year in which United Methodist delegates have gone to the annual meeting of the British Methodist Conference, but inasmuch as United Methodist General Conferences are normally held only quadrennially, the first official British delegates to be seated with vote at a General Conference was in Atlanta in 1972.

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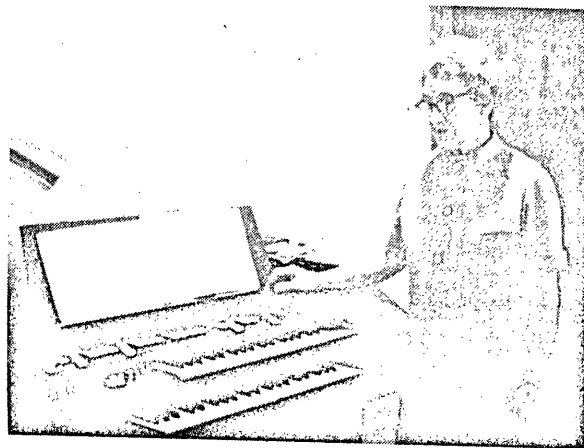
QUARTERLY REPORT - Months	January	February	March							
			Batesville	Conway	Fayetteville	Forrest City	Fort Smith	Jonesboro	Paragould	Total
I. World Service & Conference Benevolences			\$42150.00	\$57480.00	\$55661.00	\$56359.00	\$58393.00	\$60595.00	\$41263.00	\$371910.00
	PAID		\$ 9660.94	\$14440.49	\$4911.75	4124.51	12571.64	10441.06	10542.21	66692.60
BALANCE NEEDED:			\$32489.06	\$43039.51	\$50749.25	\$52234.49	\$45821.36	\$50153.94	\$30720.79	\$305208.40
II. ADVANCE SPECIAL										
A. Conference World-Wide Advance			\$1341.20	\$ 577.58	\$ 500.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 3015.00	\$ 1056.25	\$ 40.00	\$ 6538.53
Boys' School - Pokhara, Nepal			\$ 36.50	32.28	257.00	57.50		26.25	200.00	609.52
B. Conference National Advance										
Oklahoma Indiana Missionary Conference			\$ 226.93	\$ 57.27	300.00	\$ 37.52	\$ 274.23	\$ 22.85	\$ 200.00	\$ 1118.80
Lydia Patterson Institute			\$ 112.47	\$ 134.99	\$ 198.00	\$ 107.48	\$ 43.85	\$ 67.85	\$ 242.50	\$ 907.14
Spanish Speaking Ministries			\$ 51.25	\$157.27	\$ 50.00	\$ 37.52	\$312.15	\$ 22.85	\$ 100.25	\$ 731.29
Aldersgate Camp			\$ 17.00	\$258.84	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.02	\$105.00	\$ 16.46	\$ 5.00	\$ 439.82
C. District National Advance As chosen By Districts			\$ 2169.88	\$ 49.84	\$ 123.50	\$	\$ 5.00	\$ 212.50	\$ 40.24	\$ 2600.96
III. OTHER SECOND MILE GIFTS FOR MISSIONS										
Alaska University			\$ 6.00	\$ 32.43	\$ 37.50	\$	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.92	\$ 105.60	\$ 211.45
TOTAL ADVANCE SPECIAL FOR YEAR, 1973			\$ 3961.23	\$1300.50	\$ 1479.00	\$ 273.04	\$3765.23	\$ 144.93	\$ 933.59	\$ 13157.52
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES AND ADVANCE SPECIALS			\$13,622.17	\$ 15,740.99	\$6390.75	\$ 4397.55	\$ 16336.87	\$11885.99	\$11475.84	\$ 79850.16

ARKANSAS METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in May as tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect of a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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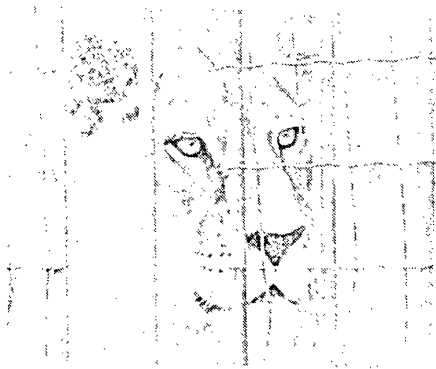


Mrs. Imo Adams, organist at Perryville Church, pictured with organ presented to church in her honor by her three children on Mother's Day. The Rev. A. L. Chaffin is pastor of the Perryville Church.

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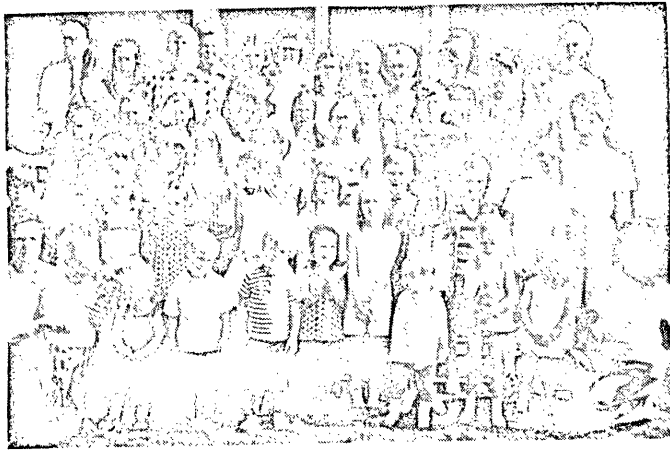
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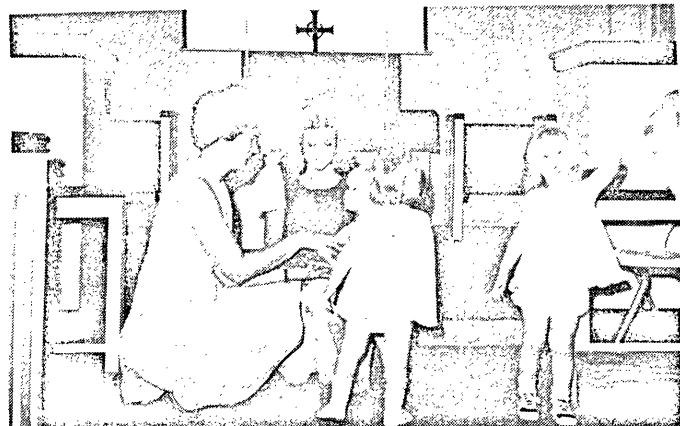
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Vacation church school group at Concord United Methodist Church on the Austin Charge, Little Rock District.



Miss Beth Nelson, director of Social Services at Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, receives a contribution for the home from the children of the Concord vacation church school group as they visit the home.



Roger Williams, chairman of the Administrative Board of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Batesville District, receives bronze plaque and a check for \$100 from the pastor, the Rev. George Cleary. Bethesda Church received the first place award in the Open Country Division from the Town and Country Committee during recent North Arkansas Annual Conference.



The three young men shown here played major roles in the musical, "The Boy Who Caught the Fish," presented at First Church, Harrison for the recent Children's Day observance by the Carol and Chorister Choirs under the direction of Sally Jo Gibson, director of music. The story is a reenactment of "The Feeding of the Five Thousand" as recorded in Matt. 14. Performances are scheduled at three local Civic Clubs and at Marshall United Methodist Church.



Sharon Diann Farr of Little Rock is the 1973-74 recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship at Hendrix College. The fund was established at Hendrix in 1968 by an anonymous Conway donor for presentation each year to a deserving black student or to a student of any race who has demonstrated dedication towards the elimination of inequities and injustices in our society. Miss Farr is a 1973 graduate of John L. McClellan High School in Little Rock, where she was named to "Who's Who in American High Schools," was active in Beta Club, and served as co-captain of the school band.



The Youth Choir of Central United Methodist Church, Rogers, Ark., boarding bus for Six Flags Over Texas for June 1-4 excursion. The Rev. W. P. Connell is pastor.



Thirty-two youth and adults from Leola United Methodist Church made a recent overnight trip to Six Flags Over Texas, after having sponsored various money-making projects during the year to finance the trip. The Rev. Fred W. Hunter is minister.

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

An early Christian mystic wrote that "God is the presence, warm, all-enfolding, touching the drab world into brilliance, lifting the sad heart into song, indescribable, beyond understanding, yet by a bird's note, a chord of music, a light at sunset, a sudden movement of rapt insight, a touch of love, making the whole universe a safe home for the soul."

The Day

I've found the place where the sunset goes,
In a vale where the day turns into a rose,
And snuggles up closely beside the high hill of
Eternity, where peace ever is still.

Awaiting the winds as they gaily blow forth
From the east, the west, the south and the north.
To gather the petals from far-furling hands,
To scatter them over the infinite sands.

But, lo, not until His heaven reveals
The things that are hidden that each day conceals.
And may they in spirit of truth ever be,
God's bouquet in judgement to you and to me!

-by Leota Taylor

Garden of Roses

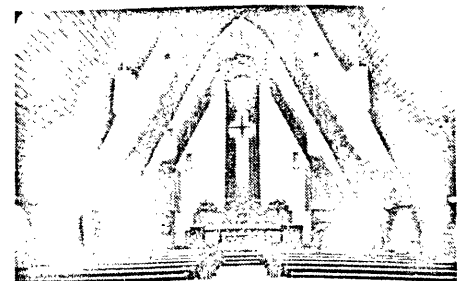
Satisfaction for his hand and heart
Gleaned from the beauty it gave to mankind,
Lessened his tensions as days went by...
There was surcease others, too, would find
In his garden of many roses,
Planted and tended with loving care...
Crimson and pink and golden yellow,
From the sun and the soft summer air...
Garden of roses, a place of rest,
For the weary, the sick and the sad...
Message of cheer to the burdened heart,
And a deepening of joy for the glad.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris

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WELCOME BIENVENIDOS



Twenty-two youth and adults from First Church, Harrison recently made a tour of Houston, Tex. Their itinerary included Wesley Community Center (shown in background), an inner-city project of the United Methodist Church, a visit to Methodist Hospital where the visitors viewed "open heart surgery," Hermann Park Zoo, Astroworld, the Astrodome for a ballgame, NASA, Sea-Arama, and Galveston. Christ United Methodist Church in Houston hosted the group.



The Men's Bible Class of Des Arc United Methodist Church has adopted the project of sending postcards with the above picture of their church's sanctuary to newcomers, sick and non-attending members. The card is captioned: "Inviting you to worship next Sunday."