

Local churches may save 50 per cent on . . .

## General insurance program now available

Representatives from every conference in the forty-eight contiguous states were present at St. Louis on June 28th to hear details of the General Insurance Program approved by the General Council on Finance and Administration. The program, a voluntary one available to any and every local United Methodist church or conference agency or property, has the potential to save the 40,000 local churches in Methodism "from twenty-five to forty million dollars" in annual premium costs, according to information presented at the St. Louis gathering.

Directed by the 1972 General Conference to pursue the implementation of a General Church insurance program, the GCFA reviewed proposals submitted by twelve firms. Interviews were conduc-

ted with six of these and on April 30th Frank B. Hall & Co., Brokers of Record, was named to administer the churchwide program. The Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company is the writer of the package policy.

The program offers the potential for as much as 50% discount off manual premium rates and an annual dividend, which, in the history of the mutual company, has averaged 10 to 15%.

Dr. Bryan Brawner, General Secretary and Treasurer of the GCFA, in opening remarks to the some ninety persons attending the St. Louis meeting, stated that there were five basic principles which the GCFA's committee insisted upon. The first was that the program be voluntary. No local

church is required to participate. The second is that the program must be available to every local church and conference agency. No one could be denied entry into the program. Third was that the discounts and reductions of any such program must be substantial; and fourth, that such a program must provide for participation by local agents. Finally, noting the potential of at least 50% savings on premiums for the local church, Dr. Brawner stated that "the organized church can't afford to practice any less degree of good stewardship than it preaches." Stating that such spread-of-risk arrangements were not unusual, Dr. Brawner observed that 2,500 to 3,000 such groups were in operation just on automobile insurance alone. Mr. John A. Schone-

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## Children's Home to add extension unit at Searcy

A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted Sunday, June 24 for the Blanch E. Johnson Manor, a Searcy unit of the Methodist Children's Home. The two-acre site is located on West Pleasure Street. When completed, the plant with an estimated value of \$100,000, will house eight girls and house-parents, and will be operated by The Methodist Children's Home.

Those participating in the service were the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., superintendent of the Batesville District; the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home; H. H. Fulbright, a trustee of the Children's Home, Mrs. Blanch E. Johnson, benefactor; Paul Overstreet, representing the contractor, and Dr. Charles W. Richards, pastor of First Church, Searcy.

The idea for the Searcy Children's Home Cottage came into being when Mrs. Blanch E. Johnson made known her desire to give \$30,000 toward such a project in memory of her husband, Mr. V. C. (Blackie) Johnson. Responding to this challenge gift leaders in the First United Methodist Church have projected a fund-raising campaign, now under way.

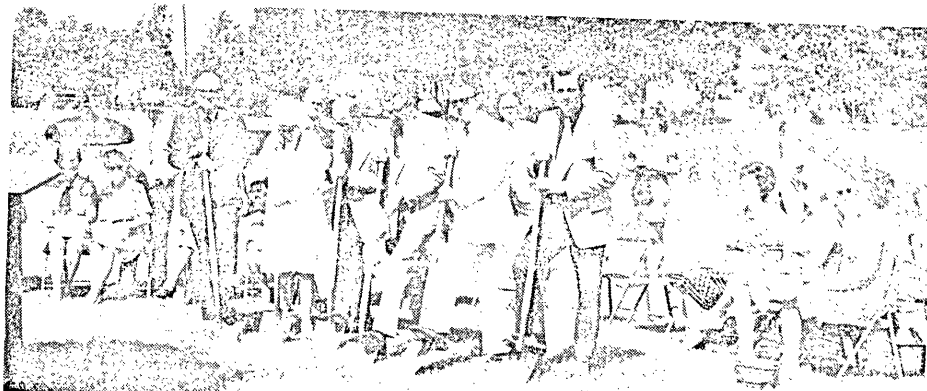
Enthusiasm and support for this project has come from individuals and groups throughout and beyond White County. Co-chairmen of the Steering

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Participants in groundbreaking for Children's Home unit (left to right, with shovels) the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Mrs. Blanch E. Johnson, the Rev. Edwin Keith, Homer Fulbright, the Rev. Charles Richards, and Paul Overstreet.

Committee are E. D. Yancey and Truman Baker, and Joe Pierce is chairman of Solicitation.

The building, of colonial architecture will have over 3,000 feet of floor space, include four baths, five bed-

rooms, living room, dining room, parents' living room, utility and storage rooms, and will require approximately four months to construct. Overstreet Inc. is the builder.

## Mt. Sequoyah anniversary, time of memories

"The greatest enterprise of the church west of the Mississippi." These are the words of Bishop James Atkins in 1923, the year "Mt. Sequoyah" began its noble history of service.

Prior to that time Methodists in the southwest had been making the long journey to the Methodist Summer Assembly at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, for leadership training. It was felt that such a center should be established in the area of the present South Central Jurisdiction. Under the inspiration of Dr. A. C. Millar and others, plans were begun and the site at Fayetteville was chosen. The city offered the "top of East Mountain and a pledge of \$35,000" for the privilege of being selected. A number of cities in surrounding states were bidding for

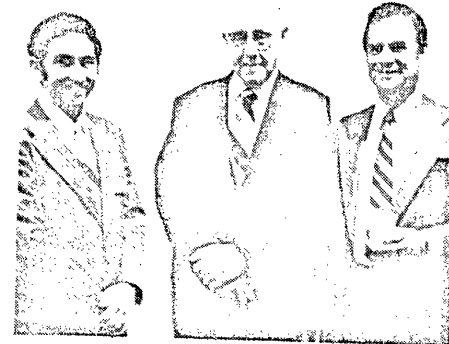
the honor of being chosen for this eight-state center.

Dr. A. C. Millar, acknowledged by all to be "the father of Mt. Sequoyah," had been a distinguished educator, religious leader and citizen. At the time of his death in 1940 he had served as college teacher and president, editor of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for forty years, president of the state Anti-Saloon League, president of the first Arkansas Good Roads Convention, outstanding preacher and delegate to five General Conferences as well as other honors. Mt. Sequoyah stands as among the greatest contributions of this great Christian leader.

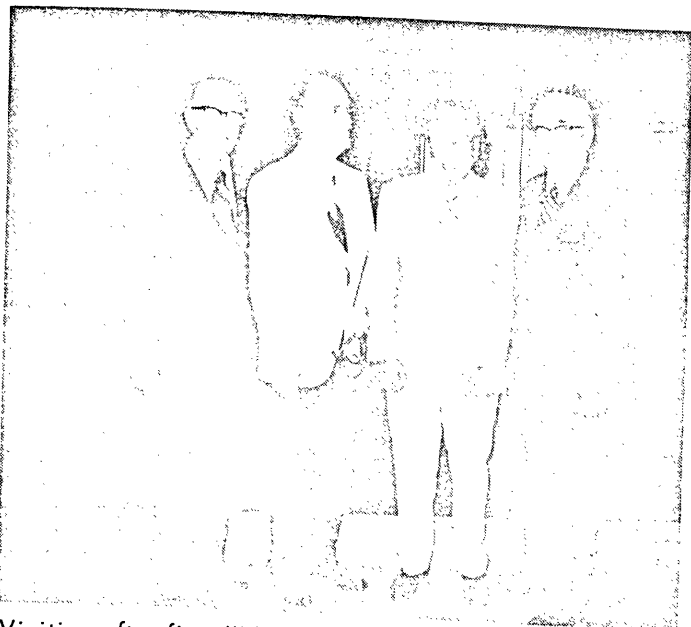
The name "Mt. Sequoyah" was suggested by Mrs. A. C. Millar, who received the award of a ten dollar gold piece for submitting the accepted name. Sequoyah is an honored name in Indian history. As the chieftain who created the Cherokee language alphabet, he helped his people become among the most literate of Indian tribes. Under his leadership Fayetteville became the seat for the administration of Cherokee affairs. Other church assembly grounds (Winona, Chautauqua, Junaluska) had been given Indian names; now the newest Methodist Conference grounds would bear the name of the great Chief of the Cherokees.

Professor J. L. Bond, former State Superintendent of Schools, was the first superintendent of the Assembly. He served faithfully through four very difficult years in which the young en-

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Visiting during General Insurance Program meeting in St. Louis on June 28 (left to right) the Rev. Max. Whitfield, pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Harrison, Dr. Bryan Brawner, general secretary and treasurer of United Methodism's Council on Finance and Administration, and Tom Williams of Little Rock, chairman of Little Rock Conference Insurance Committee.



Visiting after first Willson Lecture (left to right) Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., Missouri Area, the lecturer; Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who presided at opening of lectures; retired Bishops Aubrey Walton and Paul V. Galloway.

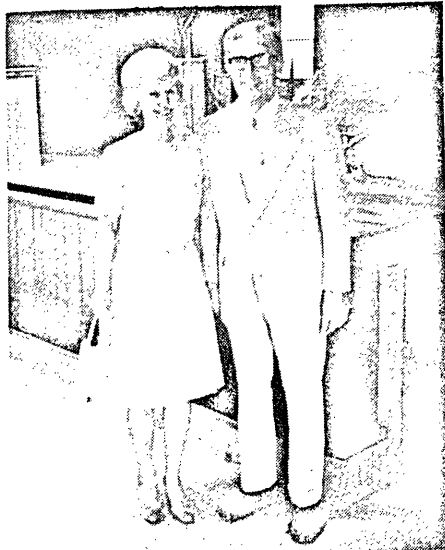
# Fiftieth Mt. Sequoyah Assembly celebration



Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Texas introduces Dr. Francis Christie, dean of Hendrix College who led Bible Study.



(From left) Mrs. Hugh Hardin of Fort Smith, Mrs. King Collier, president of Fort Smith UMW, and Dr. Charles P. McDonald, superintendent of Fort Smith District, visit during anniversary celebration.



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bumpers, pastor and wife of First Church, Fort Smith attended Willson Lectures.

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## SEQUOYAH

terprise weathered many financial hardships.

In 1927 Superintendent Bond was followed by the Rev. James W. Workman, student pastor at Fayetteville, who was appointed to serve as interim superintendent during a period of four months. In "Mt. Sequoyah, The Golden Years," prepared by Dr. J. C. Montgomery, Jr., an observer, is quoted as saying that "his labor of love saved the Assembly from collapse" at a time when financial hardships bore especially hard upon the young institution.

Soon Dr. Sam M. Yancey, successful pastor and evangelist, agreed to serve as superintendent and was to



Congregation in Clapp Auditorium during Willson Lecture delivered by Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. of Missouri Area.



(From left) Dr. James W. Workman, a former superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly; Miss Susan Gladin, Walnut Ridge youth delegate and chairman of North Arkansas Conference UMY Council; Mrs. Yancey Winsted, daughter of the Rev. Sam Yancey, another former superintendent, and Dr. Ira Brumley, retired member of North Arkansas Conference, observe cornerstone with 1924 date.



North Arkansas Conference youth who participated in the celebration.

stay for 23 years. Much of the heritage and history of the Assembly was formed during these years and his influence for good remains alive to this day.

The early "Yancey years" revealed heroic labors and personal sacrifices to keep the Assembly in operation. At times forfeiting his own salary and mortgaging his own property, Brother Yancey gave his very best to Mt. Sequoyah. He was to see times change for the better and attendance soon improved and doubled in the next years. Space does not allow a listing of the names of devoted lay persons across the jurisdiction who have given so much to Mt. Sequoyah, as have its superintendents.

The Rev. Elmer H. Hook became superintendent in 1950, giving nine years of devoted service. A master woodworker, he made with his own hands five dozen chests of drawers, four dozen tables and 112 beds, some of which remain in use today as a tribute to his devotion and care.

The Rev. E. G. Kaetzell succeeded Brother Hook in 1959. A skilled ad-

ministrator and devoted laborer in the interest of Mt. Sequoyah, Brother Kaetzell also added many items of hand-created furniture to the grounds. During his decade of administration many improvements in the property were made. Among these are the new cafeteria and administrative buildings.

In 1969, following the retirement of Brother Kaetzell, the Rev. Lee Cate became the new superintendent. Under his leadership new ventures in leadership training have come to the Assembly and extensive repairs have been made to the existing buildings. He continues the high standard of leadership that Mt. Sequoyah has enjoyed from its superintendents.

### OTHER EVENTS AT THE CELEBRATION

Present at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration were members of the Yancey, Hook and Kaetzell families as well as many friends of Mt. Sequoyah over the fifty-year period of its life.

The week was highlighted by the Willson Lectures, delivered by Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., of the Mis-



(At left) Superintendent of the Assembly, the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Cate, and Mrs. Toots Davenport of Little Rock, chairperson for the Jurisdictional Task Force on Urban Ministries which met during the anniversary observance.



Dr. James W. Workman, former superintendent and Bishop Paul V. Galloway share in the anniversary celebration.

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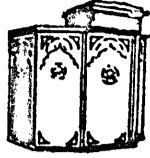
souri Area; the Bible Study led by Dr. Francis Christie, dean of Hendrix College; and by seminars on evangelism and music. Over 230 persons attended the event from Monday through Thursday.

The College of Bishops of the South Central Jurisdiction was in session during the Celebration, with 10 active and five retired Bishops as members.

Chairman of the Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration was Dr. Herman A. Lehwald, pastor of Stephan Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo. Other members were Dr. Joel Cooper, Dr. Lamar Clark, Dr. Raymond L. Franks, the Rev. Kenneth G. Rorie, the Rev. Charles B. Bennett and Robert Cheyne. Ex-officio Members included Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Dr. Virgil D. Morris and N. Lee Cate.

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ELEVEN YOUNG PEOPLE from First Church, Texarkana, attended the annual Texas Conference Choir Clinic at the Lakeview Methodist Assembly near Palestine, Texas, June 11-15. The youth attended choir rehearsals, arts and crafts, band, sacred dance classes, and special musical events in the evening. They were accompanied by David Dean, organist, and Pam Alagood, youth director.



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, Page 9)

## From the Bottom of the Heart.....

### "WHO SHALL DETERMINE MORALITY?"

The above will be a lively question in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling that local communities, not national standards, now have the right to define pornography.

The decision removed the "protection" that pornography and obscene material had under past interpretations of the U.S. Constitution. The Court, divided five to four in its decision, held that material does not have to be "utterly without redeeming social value" to be declared obscene and/or pornographic.

The thoughtful Christian is here faced with a knotty problem. Being by instinct and tradition so basically opposed to the hard-core pornography which has flooded our nation it is easy to applaud this recent decision. Commercialized obscenity has been particularly repugnant to the vast majority of our citizens, Christian and otherwise, and we may rejoice that this destructive deluge has now been challenged.

On the other hand the sensitive Christian will be aware that government control of behaviour and state regimentation of the mind, whether national or local, have also been age-old adversaries for the church. Opponents of this decision may well ask "If the state can say that one area of conduct has 'a tendency to exert a corrupting and debasing impact leading to antisocial behaviour, then it is hard to see how state ordered regimentation of our minds can ever be forestalled,'" to quote Supreme Court Justice Brennan, one of the four dissenting Justices. He went on to declare that "even a legitimate, sharply focused state concern for the morality of the community cannot . . . justify an assault on the protections of the First Amendment."

Others, supporting the ruling, will feel as Chief Justice Burger stated in reference to the majority decision: "civilized people do not allow unregulated access to heroin because it is a derivative of medicinal morphines."

Now that the matter is one of law there is little to be gained by debate. Court tests will come. At this point it seems that the responsibility of the church lies at another level: to reaffirm that while legislation has a vital role in regard to society's ills, lasting redemptive change comes primarily through the heart and mind rather than by the restriction of laws. Surely in regard to sexual morality the church and the home have a responsibility which must not be defaulted.

In reference to Chief Justice Burger's comment about heroin, it is significant to observe that the most lasting cure for heroin addiction has been religious experience rather than legislative restraint or even medical treatment. This is not to discredit the vital role of either of these functions of society. It is, rather, to highlight for the church the fact that the roots of the problems related to obscenity and pornography lie in the minds, hearts and souls of persons; the arenas with which the church has historically and rightly been primarily concerned.

So our reaction is twofold: grateful that the poisonous sources of commercialized obscenity have now been challenged; and concern that the principle of local authority does not lead to a well-intentioned but overzealous vigilantism more dangerous than the evil it seeks to repress.

J.S.W.

THINK-A-GRAM: "We have not really budged a step from home until we take up residence in someone else's point of view."

### Got some friends you'd like to "describe"?

Bishop Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., in his Willson Lectures at Mt. Sequoyah last week, told about a fellow who had been mercilessly beaten and left in the street. In an effort to find the assailant the police were questioning the victim. "Can I describe him?!" the man responded. "You better believe I can describe him! That's what I was doing when he hit me."

## Off the Top of the Head.....

### View from the window — #1

Out of my window I can look upon a beautiful gothic cathedral. It's a classic scene and one which can stimulate all kinds of thoughts that invite the mind to the past, the present and the future of the church. I'll be looking at that cathedral in all seasons and I hope that we can strike up a rich acquaintance. I've been in it before and must be again soon. So more about it in months to come.

But what concerns me at the moment is a large and rather ugly sign that obstructs my view of part of the building. "PARK-LOCK" it says. There's some small print too, but this is the message. Park and lock.

There's a parable here for the church if we will but see and hear it. It seems that this is what a lot of congregations and individual Christians have done in our time. They have parked and locked; have turned off the engine, rolled up the stained glass windows, shut the world out and are content to sit out the duration in the security of the garage.

But on the other hand if we park and lock in order to get out on the streets, where the people are and where the action is then this is another thing. If it is to mingle with the crowds, to feel the hurt, share the joy, wash feet, give cold water to the thirsty and bread to the hungry — then let's park and lock!

Think about it. Have we parked and locked to get away from it all or to get with it all?

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### Love a buzzard

Some of you out there in newspaperland are not going to like this especially, but I must share with you a thought about "one of my favorite things." With apologies to Julie Andrews, whom I'm sure wouldn't accept this on her musical list, I must confess that among my favorite things — get ready for this — are buzzards. Yes, buzzards. If I knew how to whisper in print I would do it, for I'm sure that this is not very acceptable talk in some circles where THE METHODIST finds its resting place. But I must confess that I'm an unrepentant buzzard lover.

The more delicate among you will just have to pardon me for throwing what might be an unpleasant thought into your head this morning, but that's the way it is and I must tell it in all of its stark and unlovely truth. There may be those among you who feel it most unchurchmanlike to have, right there in the front office down at the paper, a chap who loves buzzards. But let me be quick and undefensive in reply: I love buzzards because (1), buzzards are beautiful.

Even just now I need not close my eyes to see them circling lazily high above a valley floor, lacing their way, now slowly, now quickly, tracing unseen paths with some secret plan — I'm not sure what — in mind. Lives there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said "Buzzards are Beautiful"? If so, I can only feel sorry for him.

Now to the lesson of the day, for there is one. Number two on my list of Ten Reasons is that I like buzzards because they are helpful. You already know why, so I'm going to spare you the specifics.

Now: stop and think of all those unlovely persons and roles in life that may not at first be attractive but which serve the common good. Can we love them? Can we, among the "bright colored packages tied up with string," and the soft kittens and apple struddle and other such favorite things, can we — dare we — add buzzards?

I hope we can, for not only are buzzards a fact of life, they are a reminder that what is unlovely and unlovable and even ugly up close is used by God to fulfill his plan of creation.

There is probably a more socially acceptable way to get this whole idea across, but we probably wouldn't pay any attention to it. So, look up in the summer sky. Stretch your mind and heart. Love a buzzard.

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United Methodist churchmen from Southern California, Arizona, Southern Nevada, and Hawaii meeting in their mid-June annual conference session reacted to the Watergate case by protesting "the irresponsible and dangerous misuse of power by administrations of both political parties for many years" and called upon congregations to become actively involved in political and social issues. The conference adopted by a vote of 724 to 143 a statement which said that the "Watergate investigation and related matters unmistakably reveal that the U.S. is facing a serious crisis of integrity," and sought to correct a "mistaken assumption" that many people cannot influence governmental processes.

**The confiscation and demolition of the only Christian Church on Afghanistan soil has prompted national Christian leaders to call upon U.S. churches for prayer as well as for protest letters to the King of Afghanistan, President Nixon, the State Department and members of Congress. The action is the result of the Afghan government's forcible take-over of the \$280,000 Kabul Community Church property on June 13 and the subsequent demolition with a bulldozer on June 15.**

If plans proceed, a third Islamic mosque will be built in the U.S. less than a mile from the Hollywood Bowl. Pledges to help construct the \$2.5 million complex have been received from Kuwait and the Persian Gulf state of Abu Dhabi, and conditional use approval has been granted the Islamic Foundation of Southern California by the Los Angeles City Council, subject to the mayor's approval. Similar financial aid was received from Islamic governments in the Middle East for the building of mosques in Washington, D.C. and Detroit.

**The Synods of Holland's two major Protestant Churches met jointly for the first time since the schism which occurred during the Dutch Reformation of 1886. The 3-million member Netherlands Reformed Churches and the Reformed Churches in the Netherlands with about 880,000 members will vote in their respective synods on a resolution to establish a permanent common Synod which would meet at least once every two years.**

In an article published in the Atlanta morning newspaper Evangelist Billy Graham expressed the hope that Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev and the Soviet government would "continue to grant freedom of the Jewish people to exit from the USSR to Israel." They should remember the fate of Pharaoh, who tried to restrict Moses and his people from exiting from Egypt," Graham wrote. Commenting on the summit meeting, Mr. Graham said, "I believe talking is far better than fighting, and a kiss on the cheek, which Brezhnev gave the President, is far better than a slap in the face."

**Some 500 Prisoner of War and Missing in Action families have accepted invitations to one of a series of "spiritual renewal" retreats being sponsored free of charge by High Flight Foundation, headed by former astronaut James Irwin. Five week-long retreats will be held in July and August at Estes Park, Colo., and Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colo. "It is our desire to do all we possibly can, with the prayers and contributions from individuals and groups across the country . . . to help these men put their disrupted lives back together again," Col. Irwin said.**

Following a spirited five-hour debate, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, meeting in Atlanta, called on Reform rabbis to refuse to officiate at mixed marriages. Mixed marriage is defined as one in which the non-Jewish partner does not convert. An amendment was interpreted by Jewish leaders to mean that no sanctions would be applied against Reform rabbis who continued to perform mixed marriages. The matter has been a topic of intense study among Jewish groups in recent years.

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# news and views

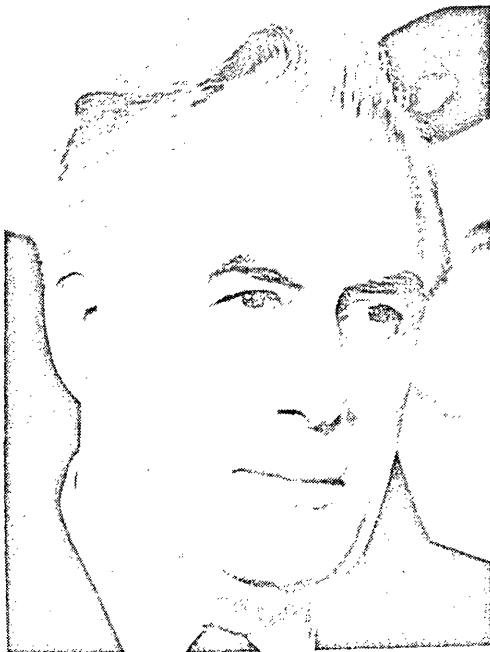
OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

**A saleslady at the Moderne Book Store in Miami reports that "people are buying three kinds of Bibles at a time because they are interested in serious Bible study." One of the popular versions is The Living Bible, Dr. Kenneth Taylor's paraphrase. Catholic book shops there have experienced large sales of the New American and New Jerusalem versions. A variety of concordances was reported to be selling well, as are numerous Bible study books.**

A 39-page report headed, "The Church 2000," has been issued by official bodies of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales. An official summary of the report described it as the "first step towards a master plan for the Church of the Future." The report said: "More than ever before the many changes in the world demand an approach to the mission of the Church which must include non-Roman Christians. . ."

**Forty Lutheran theologians and church executives, meeting in Minneapolis, called for continuation of bilateral dialogues with other communions but proposed changes in the form, substance and personnel of the conversations. Participants recommended that future national dialogues should include at least one qualified lay person and three elected officials from upper denominational echelons. In the past, theologians and academicians have held most of the dialogue seats.**



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Pornography's "protection" under past definitions of the U.S. Constitution was handed a blow by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court was divided, 5 to 4, as it held that states and localities have the right to ban books, magazines, plays and motion pictures that are offensive to local standards, even if they might be acceptable elsewhere. In his majority opinion covering five obscenity cases ruled on by the Court, Chief Justice Warren Burger (left) made it plain that primary target was hard core pornography. He was joined in the majority by Justices Blackmun, Powell and Rehnquist, all Nixon-appointed members, and Justice White, who was named to the bench by President Kennedy. Joining Justice William Douglas in a minority opinion were Justices Marshall, Stewart and Brennan. (RNS Photo)

People who have deep religious experiences ought to be allowed to speak in tongues when other language fails, according to Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, Sterling professor of religious studies at Yale University. Addressing an international conference on worship in Minneapolis, Dr. Pelikan said that when a person speaks in tongues he "takes flight from ordinary syntax" and makes up his own rules of grammar in order to "describe the indescribable." The range of religious experience far exceeds the capacity of any one group or person to handle it all," the professor said, as he maintained that people who have had deep religious experiences have a right to find their own way of expressing them when other language fails.

**An attempt to postpone moves toward union of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) and the United Presbyterian Church was rejected by commissioners of PCUS. The commissioners approved a joint committee's plan to bring a revised Plan of Union to the General Assemblies of both denominations when they meet in Louisville, Ky, at the same time next year.**

Professional services will be available to American POW's their families and families of men missing in action who attend a week-long retreat in Colorado, to assist them in vocational guidance, educational counseling and financial planning. The inspirational program will include Bible studies, worship services, group discussions, seminars, personal counseling and challenges from widely-known Christian leaders, and an extensive recreation program is planned.

**The Christian Conference of Asia, meeting in Singapore, concluded its Fifth Assembly with a call to member Churches to remember that "the responsibility for the thrust of mission in Asia now must be in our hands, no longer in the West."**

A committee of the House of Representatives has approved a bill which provides that non-profit, second class postal rate increases imposed by the Postal Rate Commission and scheduled to take effect during the next eight years, would be shared equally between the user and congressional appropriations. It also provides that only two-thirds of the scheduled rates would be charged for the first 250,000 copies of a non-profit publication. Supporters of the new bill include four major religious press organizations, the Catholic Press Assn., the Associated Church Press, Evangelical Press Assn., and the American Jewish Press Assn. "This legislation has a long way to go yet but we are cheered by this first important step," said James A. Doyle, coordinator for the religious press in support of the legislation.

**Stanford University is the second major California university to announce the beginning of its first undergraduate major in religious studies this fall, following the University of California at Los Angeles. Stanford has had a small master's and doctoral program in religious studies since 1969.**

Dr. Porter W. Routh of Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, estimates that some 2 per cent of Southern Baptist ministers are involved in "tongues," but that far more are involved in a renewal movement that emphasizes deeper dependence on the Holy Spirit. Another spokesman in the denomination said, "God doesn't call people to run around with ecstatic experiences, he calls them for service."

**A recent survey published by the Birmingham University Institute of Worship and Religious Architecture (England) showed substantial majorities of Church of England clergy and laity are in favor of the Church uniting with other Churches. The biggest Anglican expression of support for union involved the Methodist Church, with the survey indicating 87.7 per cent of Anglican laity and 93.4 per cent of clergy are in favor of eventual union with the Methodists.**

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# Council Directors to Local Churches

## THEME HYMN FOR KEY 73

"Let God be God" has been chosen from more than 1000 entries as the Key 73 Hymn, according to the Rev. Theodore Raedeke, D.D., executive director for the continent-wide evangelism campaign. Hymnal-size copies of the song will be distributed among Key 73 participating church bodies, or can be obtained by writing the Key 73 headquarters, 418 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Words to the Key 73 Hymn are:

*Let God be God, in this our present moment,  
Let God be Master, holding in control,  
All parts of life as gifts of His bestowment,  
For making men now broken, strong and whole.  
Let God be God, let Christ be Lord!  
Let God be God, or we shall never finish,  
The task to which He calls us every day;  
Lest erring, we in unbelief, diminish,  
The force, the power He wishes to display.  
Let God be God, let Christ be Lord!  
Let Christ be Lord, in all His risen power;  
His gracious Spirit, unsuppressed and free;*

*Our Father, recreate us for this hour  
Into the men you wish for us to be.  
Let God be God, let Christ be Lord!*  
The Rev. Bryan J. Leech of Montecito Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, Calif., wrote the words for the winning hymn, with music composed by Mr. Gordon Carlson of Kansas City, Mo. Rev. Leech was born in England, where he was educated at a school affiliated with the University of London. Shortly after coming to the United States in 1955, he began serving Covenant Churches in this country. For the past five years he has been at the Santa Barbara church, unofficially called the "college church" of Westmont College, an interdenominational liberal arts institution adjoining the church property.

Mr. Carlson, currently a sales consultant for Mutual Life Insurance Company, is the composer of several choral and instrumental compositions. He received his B.A. degree at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, and holds the Master of Music degree from Northwestern University. He studied advanced choral conducting at the Chautauqua Music Institute in New York and has done work toward the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

"Lutheran Vespers" radio speaker Dr. Conrad Thompson, who served as chairman of the Key 73 Hymn Committee, had this comment: "On behalf of the Key 73 participants, I want to convey great appreciation to all those who took time to write and submit entries. The committee had a difficult time making a choice."

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## Youth Assembly

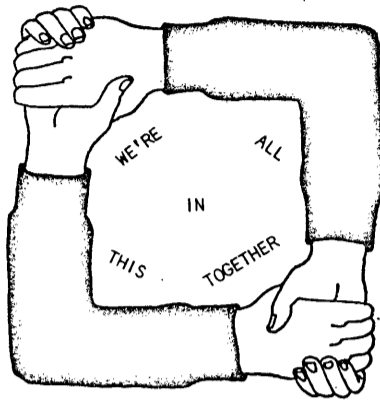
### Hendrix College Campus

JULY 30 — AUGUST 3, 1973

#### YOUTH COUNCIL OFFICERS, 1972-73

Chairperson — Susan Gladin  
Vice Chairperson — Bill Bracken  
Secretary — Janes James  
Treasurer — Denise Mullins

plus District Representatives



#### CONFERENCE YOUTH COORDINATOR

Saville Henry

#### CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES ADVISOR

The Rev. Arvill Brannon

### THEME

Around the general theme, "We're All In This Together", the participants will consider the following goals:

1. Youth will inter-act to presentations on conflict, prejudice and religion.
2. The meaning and purpose of Youth Service Fund.
3. An awareness of God through meaningful worship.
4. A sharing of program ideas by local church, district and sub-district UMYFs.

FOR: Youth who have completed grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in high school.

COST: Registration fee — \$5; Meals and Lodging — \$25; Total Cost — \$30.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Complete registration blank below and mail with \$5 to: Program Council, North Arkansas Conference, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Please register before July 25.

IMPORTANT: Registration will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 30. The first orientation period will be at 3 p.m. and all persons should be on campus and registered by then.

Detach and mail to: Program Council, North Arkansas Conference  
715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201

#### REGISTRATION FORM — North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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DAY MONTH YEAR  
HOME CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCAL CHURCH  
SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED 1972-73 \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVAL OF PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SENT \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 REGISTRATION ENCLOSED? \_\_\_\_\_

## FINAL REPORT ON JONESBORO TORNADO OFFERING

As of July 3rd the churches of the North Arkansas Conference have contributed \$24,402.30 for the relief of victims of the devastating tornado which struck Jonesboro on May 27th. In addition \$6,641.31 was contributed by the Little Rock Conference.

The funds were distributed by a committee of area ministers under the leadership of Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Superintendent of the Jonesboro District. More than \$25,000 was allocated to about one-hundred and fifty United Methodist families in Jonesboro. In addition the first \$5,000 was channeled to all needy families through the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and Mennonites and Seventh Day Adventist relief agencies who were on hand immediately after the storm struck.

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## NEWS and NOTES

**THE REV. HAROLD WILSON** of Eudora is making rapid recovery from the light stroke he suffered on May 10. He expects to be back in the pulpit by mid-July. His doctor expects full recovery.

**LINDA JEAN HOTTUM** was married to Dr. James Thomas White at the Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis, June 23. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hottum, Jr. Her father is executive director of Methodist Hospital, Memphis.

**THE FAMILY** of the late Rev. James McCammon expresses appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy they have received. They have moved from the parsonage at Salem and are now at home in Harrison at 105 Bella Vista Drive.

**THE CLINTON** United Methodist Church held vacation church school the week of May 20 with 30 pupils in attendance. A program was presented on Sunday evening. The director was Mrs. Bob Sisco. The Rev. Harold Scott is pastor.



The Hollis Cook Family was honored at the Horatio United Methodist Church on a special "Cook Day", prior to their moving to Hope. Miss Amy Jean Greene of Henderson State College faculty was the featured speaker. She had sent Mr. Cook to Horatio in 1949 when she was in charge of teacher placement for the school. The Rev. Guy J. Downing is the Horatio pastor.

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The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. (right), Batesville District superintendent, preached at morning worship at Quitman recently and officiated at the parsonage dedication. He is shown here with trustees and parsonage committee. The Rev. Otha Strayhorn, pastor, stands next to the district superintendent.



The Rev. and Mrs. Leslie G. Craze, exchange minister and wife from England, were honored at a brunch given by Mrs. Dessa Mae Traylor in her North Little Rock home, June 30. Mr. Craze, minister of Norman Road Church, St. Leonard's-on-the-Sea, Sussex, England, is serving as minister for a six weeks period at Washington Avenue church in North Little Rock. The Rev. Kenneth Renfro, Washington Avenue pastor, is fulfilling the pastoral duties at the Sussex church during this period. Shown above are Mrs. Traylor, Mr. and Mrs. Craze and Conway District Superintendent Dr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton.

**THE YOUTH HANDBELL** choir from First Church, Texarkana, presented the evening worship and stayed overnight at the Concord United Methodist Church Sunday, June 3. The Addison Memorial Handbells were recently given to the church by Miss Lucille Jolly in memory of her sister. There are eleven young people in the handbell choir.

**THE HORATIO CHURCH** loaded a bus with 43 youth and 14 adults at 5:30 a.m., June 18. With the Rev. Guy J. Downing as chauffeur, the group arrived at "Six Flags Over Texas" an 10 a.m. and departed there for home at 10 p.m. Eligibility for the trip was based on attendance and Bible study. The youth are now working toward a trip next summer.

**THE YOUTH OF MIDLAND** Heights Church, Fort Smith, were hosts to the Senior High Youth Choir of Alta Woods United Methodist Church, Jackson, Miss., when the group presented the musical "Come Together" June 21. The title of the musical could be applied to the congregation as youth and adults from Methodist, Catholic, Baptist, Assembly of God churches, both blacks and whites assembled to worship. Bruce Vick is youth director and the Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor at Midland Heights.

**CHAPEL SINGERS** from Asbury Church presented the musical "Love" at St. Luke's Church, Sunday night, June 17. Both United Methodist churches are in Little Rock. Mrs. Coy Adams, director of music at Asbury, directed the presentation with Mrs. Wayne McGraw as choreographer. The Rev. Fred Arnold is pastor of Asbury and Mrs. Becky Burgess is youth director. The Rev. Alfred de Black is pastor of St. Luke's.

**THE NETTLETON CHURCH** of Jonesboro held a Lay Witness Mission on the weekend of May 25, 26 and 27 with Bedell Hightower and Roy Stubblefield, both of Fort Smith, serving as coordinator and associate coordinator respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sparks of Jonesboro served as the local general co-chairmen. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor of the Nettleton church.

**BILL REED OF STAR CITY**, a recent Hendrix College graduate, presented "Being a Natural Christian" for the junior and senior UMY groups at First United Methodist Church in Smackover. He has been a youth director for two summers in the United Methodist Church. Dawne Benafield of England is the summer youth director at Smackover; the Rev. John Walker is the pastor.

## 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 15—Sunday	Acts 4:24-25
July 16	Acts 9:32-42
July 17	Acts 13:42-49
July 18	Acts 17:1-12
July 19	Phil. 3:7-14
July 20	1 Thes. 2:1-13
July 21	2 Tim. 2:1-15
July 22—Sunday	Eccles. 5:1-5 12:1-6

## REVIVAL AT MCELROY CHURCH, NEAR WYNNE

The Rev. Bob Orr, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Marked Tree, will be revival speaker at the McElroy United Methodist Church in Wynne beginning Sunday night, July 15 at 7:30 in the evening, and continuing each weekday evening through July 19. Special music will be provided by the McElroy Choir under the direction of Reginald Lee with Mrs. Lee as pianist. Host pastor is the Rev. Bill Wilder.

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## UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE TOUR OF ENGLAND GAINING MOMENTUM

Applications are pouring in from United Methodists of Arkansas who plan to join the Methodist Heritage Tour arranged by Bishop Eugene M. Frank, according to Dr. Earl Hughes, area tour director. The tour party is scheduled to leave Shreveport, La., on Nov. 19 on the nine-day tour which will cost \$499 round trip including transportation, hotel rooms, entrance fees, guide service, and most meals.

The tour is open to interested persons as long as plane seats are available. Since Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi United Methodists are sharing the plane, reservations are made on a "first-come" basis.

Free color brochures may be obtained from Bishop Frank's office at 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark., or additional information is available by writing directly to the area director, Dr. Earl Hughes, 620 E. Broadway, Forrest City, Ark. 72335.

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**SYLVAN HILLS CHURCH**, North Little Rock, had an evening vacation church school with an average attendance of 139. Families from nursery age through adult had a time of worship, learning, crafts, films, music and fellowship. Regular curriculum materials were used. The Rev. Byron McSpadden, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, led the adult Bible study of Luke. Children presented a program of worship through music on Sunday morning, June 17. The Rev. James Keith is pastor.

A SINGING REVIVAL was held at First Church, Osceola, the week of June 24 with Bill Mann of Dallas, Tex., directing. Mr. Mann, a nationally known gospel singer, was assisted by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Coleman Stevens, with Mrs. Harold Jones at the organ and Mrs. John Beal at the piano. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers was host pastor.

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## THOMAS E. OSMENT

Thomas E. Osment, 87, Jonesboro, died June 15th at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis after an illness of several months. He had served as a steward in the Methodist Church for 60 years, forty of them at Fisher Street Methodist Church, and gave leadership within his church in many other capacities.

Born Oct. 24, 1885 in Mt. Pisgah Community, south of Jonesboro, Osment was an employee of Craighead County for 40 years. During earlier years, he was associated with Chicago Mill and Lumber Company and supervised the clearing of much of the timber from what is now regarded as the finest farm land in Eastern Arkansas. An ardent sports fan, he was active in the Jonesboro High Booster Club for many years, and in numerous other community activities.

Services were held on Sunday, June 17th at Fisher Street United Methodist Church with the Rev. Pharis Holi-field officiating. Burial was in Oak-lawn Cemetery. Members of the family request that memorials be made to Fisher Street Church.

Survivors include Osment's wife; three sons, B. B. (Barney) Osment, Eugene Osment, both of Jonesboro, and John Osment of Little Rock; four daughters, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Charley Haynes, Mrs. H. D. Bishop, Jr., all of Jonesboro, and Mrs. Frank Jones of Brookfield, Mo.; a brother, G. N. Osment of Jonesboro; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Conrad of Carson, Calif., and Mrs. F. F. Conrad of Wilmington, Calif.; ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

SCHEDULES of the Arkansas Schools of Christian Mission will be printed in the next issue.

A SPECIAL INDEPENDENCE worship service was held in the Osceola United Methodist Church, July 1. The sermon by the Rev. Lloyd Conyers was dedicated to members of the church and community who served and are serving in the Armed Forces.

## P.K. (Preachers' Kids) KORNER

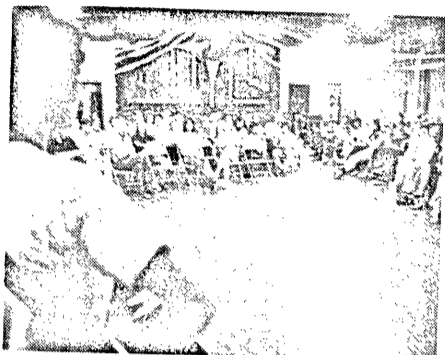
TERRY MAURICE GOSNELL was born on June 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Gosnell of Nashville, Ark. Grandparents are the late Rev. Noel Cross, and Mrs. Cross of El Dorado, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gosnell of Nashville.

KIMBERLY ANN RIGGIN was born in Rialto, Calif., Feb. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale N. Riggin. Grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Riggin of Portland. Two Little Rock sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Riggin have been in the news lately. Patrolman Dean F. Riggin of the Little Rock Police Department was chosen "Officer of the Year." He and wife and son attend St. Andrew's Church. Don Riggin, executive director of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Arthritis Foundation, has been elected president of the Professional Staff Association of the national organization at its staff conference held recently in New York. Don and wife and children attend Asbury Church.

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Aldersgate United Methodist Camp, Little Rock, has 38 college counselors working in the various camping programs this summer. Part of the group is shown above when introduced to Board members.



Aldersgate counselors and board members are entertained at a get-acquainted session.

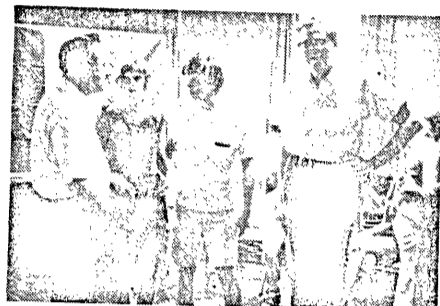
## SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY TO BE PRESENTED AT WYNNE

On Monday night, July 16, the Alpha Omega Players of Dallas will present Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church at Wynne. The public is invited, and though no advance tickets will be sold, an offering will be taken at the performance.

This performance will be a part of Youth Activities Week at Wynne, and the following night the young people will have a symposium concerning Spoon River. On Wednesday and Thursday nights, July 18 and 19, the Rev. Tom Weir of Harrisburg will be the speaker. All young people in the Wynne area are invited to attend any of the services.

WENDEL NORTON, recipient of Hendrix's 1973 Brad Govan Journalism award, is the summer Director of Art at Laity Lodge (Christian Retreat Center in Leaky, Texas, founded by Keith Miller). Wesley Norton, pre-med at Hendrix is summer youth director at First United Methodist Church in Warren where the Rev. Joe Arnold is pastor. Wendel and Wesley are the sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Ferris Norton, formerly of Arkansas, now St. Louis where he is pastor of University United Methodist Church. Their home address is 7928 Teasdale Court, St. Louis, Mo. 63130.

TOM DeBLACK graduated from Southern Methodist University in June with high honors. He has been chosen for a Cokesbury Graduate Award in College Teaching and plans to continue in the graduate school at SMU for three years. Tom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred DeBlack of Little Rock. His father is pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church.



Ray Tribble, at left, executive director at Aldersgate, and Dr. James B. Argue, at right, Board member, visit with counselors Rosemary Knox of Little Rock and Jim Gleespen from Illinois.

## DR. BEARDEN TO ATTEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN LONDON

The Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden, minister of the First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will leave for London, England on Sunday afternoon, July 15. He will attend a meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society at Wesley College, Bristol, July 17-21.

He will then visit with the Rev. James Mills and his family at Byfleet. Mr. Miles was an exchange minister in 1967 with the Rev. Maurice C. Webb, associate minister at First Church.

Mr. Bearden will also visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Walton in London. Mr. Walton is the son of Bishop and Mrs. Aubrey G. Walton of Little Rock, Arkansas.

He will return to Little Rock on July 30.



Pride Valley Church members welcomed the return of their pastor, Dr. W. Neill Hart, and wife at a reception Sunday, June 24. Also honored were the Little Rock District superintendent, Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, and Arkansas Methodist editor, the Rev. John S. Workman, and their wives. Standing above, from left, are Mrs. Sara Galloway, UMW president; Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap; William Grimmett, chairman of the Administrative Board; Mrs. Hart and Dr. Hart stand behind Mrs. Iris Belcher; Mrs. Juanita Starks; Mrs. Ann Northcutt; Mrs. Thelma Grimmett; Mrs. Thelma Bouton; and Mrs. Elise Ulmer.

## NORTH ARKANSAS MINISTERS' WIVES HONOR MRS. FRANK

The 24th annual luncheon for the North Arkansas Conference Ministers' Wives was held at Ramada Inn in Jonesboro, June 6, with 142 present. The Batesville District was hostess with Mrs. Charles W. Richards of Searcy presiding.

Mrs. William Womack of Heber Springs, vice president, presented the program "Getting to Know You - Our Parsonage Gems". She read a letter written by Bishop Eugene Frank - the story of Mrs. Frank's life. This letter had been written in Old English manuscript on parchment and was given to Mrs. Frank.

Mrs. Carroll Jackson of Leslie sang and led the group in singing "Getting To Know You". Miss Debbie Ernest, daughter of Mrs. Lewis Ernest of Searcy, secretary-treasurer, was accompanist. Mr. and Mrs. John Copher sang a medley: "Because", "I Love You Truly", "Until", "I Have Dreamed", "You Alone Serenade", "Welcome To Our World".

A "Welcome To Our World" gift of hand painted jewelry, earrings, bracelet, pin which can be a necklace, was presented by Mrs. Richards from the group to Mrs. Frank - "our First Lady of Parsonage Gems." In closing the group formed a circle and sang "Blest Be The Tie".

## MISSIONARY FAMILY VISITS FORT SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Louis Schowengerdt, missionaries to Korea, and their family were guests of members of First Church, Fort Smith, the weekend of June 23-24.

Mr. Schowengerdt has been doing agricultural work on the staff of Union Christian Service Center in Taegon, one of the major interdenominational institutions in Korea, since 1952. His wife, Marjorie, holds a degree in home economics, and assists in the work. The couple and their five children are on a three months' furlough. Their work is supported in part, by members of First Church, Fort Smith, of which Dr. Paul M. Bumpers is pastor.

# The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JULY 22:

An Owner's Rights And Responsibilities

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:15, 1 Kings 21:1-19; Amos 8:4-6; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 19:1-10; Ephesians 4:28; James 2:14-17.

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need. (Ephesians 4:28)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** That we may be honest and generous as stewards of money and property, in ways and means of good stewardship, modeled after God's love revealed in Christ's sacrificial death for us.

"The Eighth Commandment is broken more often than any other one of the ten, today," is the comment of a Christian lesson writer in the Uniform Lesson Series of the Presbyterian churches. The healing of this break is to be found in the motive of the Christian, just as in healing the breaking of the previous commandments. Out of the heart are the issues of life, and our first concern for heavenly treasures is the key to honest dealings with our earthly treasures. The memory selection gives the key to stop thievery by honest labor, by the motive of meeting needs. These needs are one's own, others' needs, and first and most of all to give all in recognition of God's need for us to do so.

## "NEW LIFE OF LOVE" IS CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP MORALITY

Dr. Victor Paul Furnish, of Perkins School of Theology, writes in Dr. Laymon's "Interpreter's One Volume Commentary," "Honesty and philanthropy, deal with the Christian's life within the community. They concern the integrity and stability of the community's life."

Christian stewardship of material wealth is only one aspect of one's responsibility as a steward. His stewardship of the unsearchable riches of Christ (Ephesians 3:8) is a discipline of priority. As a co-owner with God of all that we have and are, we have responsibility that goes with our rights and privileges in the Christian way of life.

The first Bible reference in today's study hinges on the personal discipline of not stealing. The Hebrew word translated "steal" refers to the kidnapping of Joseph and robbing him of his freedom as a citizen in Israel. The commandment does not specify what shall not be stolen. This commandment adds to the sacredness of person and family, the sacredness of personal property. Paul's letter to the Ephesians emphasizes the Christian art of giving with liberality, what one has earned or received.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE DOES NOT JUSTIFY STEALING PRACTICES

Amos, in the scripture reference cited, tells the formal Sabbath observers who trample upon the needy and the poor by false business deals, that God will penalize such hypocritical behaviour. The religious holidays which Amos condemns were kept punctiliously by worshippers who would leave their worship attendance to practice false weights and measures in selling their products. False scales and false weighted money were their means of "crooked dealing." Dirty wheat for bread was another means of polluting a grain deal with covered theft. I have heard of country stores who sold the sweep-

ings of flour and meal to credit customers who could not read or see the packing of the bag, for bread.

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## JESUS APPROVES ECONOMIC GENEROSITY AS SALVATION

The scripture in Luke for today gives a peep into the character of a despised tax collector, rich, and generous. True, the tax collecting system of which he was a part in Jericho, was one of enormous profit for the purchaser of the right to collect. Jesus invited Zacchaeus to be his host for the day. Jesus was received "joyfully." He was criticized for being the guest of a "sinner." Jesus accepted his witness of generosity, penitence and restitution for any defrauding, and that "fourfold." Jesus witnessed salvation to Zacchaeus' house, and the Son of man's achievement of his goal to seek and save the lost!

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## MALACHI CHALLENGES ROBBERS OF GOD IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In Malachi 3:8 the prophet cries out against the Israelites who are cheaters of God in withholding their tithes and offerings. This theme was the inspiration of a widely published article entitled "Tipping and Tithing." It follows: "Now it came to pass on a Day at Noon that a certain rich man invited the editor to be his guest. And the lunch was enjoyed at a popular Restaurant. And the Waiters were very efficient, and the Food was good.

"Now when the End of the Meal was at Hand, the Waiter brought unto the Host a check. And the Host examined it, frowned a bit, but made no Comment. But as we rose to depart, I observed that my Host laid some coins under the edge of his Plate. Howbeit, I know not what Denomination the Coins were. But the Waiter who stood by smiled happily, which, being interpreted, means that the Tip was satisfactory. Now with such Customs we are all familiar. And this Parable entereth not into the Merits and Demerits of Tipping. But as I meditated on the coins that became the Tips throughout our Nation, I began to think of Tips and Tithes. For the proverbial Tip should be at least a Tithe, lest the Waiter or Waitress turn against you. And as I continued to think on these things, it came unto me that few people who go to Church treat their God as well as they honor their Waiter. For they give unto the Waiter a Tithe, but unto God they give whatsoever they think will let them by. Verily, doth Man fear the Waiter more than he feareth God? And does he love God less than he loveth the Waiter? Truly, truly, a Man and his Money are past understanding." (ULCS Adult, Arthur M. Field Jr., Editor, Richmond, Va.)

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## BISHOP WILLIAN W. HOW — "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

Hymn number 181 is one of the few hymns in which the word "stewards" is mentioned. This hymn grew out of the life of a self-effacing, humanitarian Bishop in England, after he twice had declined the administrative office, an Order in his native church. This following hymn lifts up the owner's rights and responsibilities of full stewardship, of devotion to God, and service to man. "We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, And gladly, as thoublessest us, to thee our first fruits give. To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe, To

tend the lone and fatherless, is angels' work below. And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee. Amen."

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## READ A POEM, SEE A PICTURE, WRITE A HYMN

Bishop How tells of reading the beautiful poem, "Brothers and a Sermon," by Jean Ingelow. "The parson knew that he had lost the eyes and ears of those before him for he made a pause . . . then with a sigh confronted the folk, lifted his grand gray head, and said as one who pondered now the words he had been preaching on with new surprise, and found fresh marvel in their sound," "Behold! Behold! saith He, 'I stand at the door and knock.'" Then said the parson: "What! and shall He wait, And must He wait . . . Open the door with shame if ye have sinned; if ye be sorry, open it with sighs. Albeit the place be bare for poverty, and comfortless for lack of plenishing, be not ashamed for that, but open it, and take Him in that comes to sup with thee; 'Behold' He saith, 'I stand at the door and knock,' . . . Speak then, O rich and strong: Open, O happy young, ere yet the hand of Him that knocks, wearied at last, forbear; the patient foot its thankless quest refrain, the wounded heart forevermore, withdraw." Bishop How read the words of the above poem over and over again, and finally, closing the book, he scribbled on an old scrap of paper his first idea of the verses, "O Jesus, Thou art standing . . ." Also, Tolman Hunt's famous picture "The Light of the World", which hangs in Keble College, Oxford influenced Bishop How in writing the hymn.

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## DOWN TO EARTH RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Devotional use of daily scripture suggestions will enrich the discipline of this lesson. They are Gen. 31: 25-31; Exodus 20:15; Deut. 28:1-12.

Survey of news items and knowledge of your local neighborhood suggest the need for many helpers in observing property owners' rights and duties. How many homes or businesses have not been broken into or robbed in the last year? Name them. Why was the National Guard called into service during the unprecedented tornado losses in Jonesboro, Ark., to prevent more vandalism and looting than had occurred in widespread areas of the two tornado damaged community properties—property losses over several hundred million dollars, estimated by insurance adjusters. Property owners have increased their theft insurance. Extra locks and floodlights have been put on doors and windows. Truck highjacking, shoplifting, and dishonest weights, measures and money shortages in stores making change—all cry out to change the thief, to order property rightly.

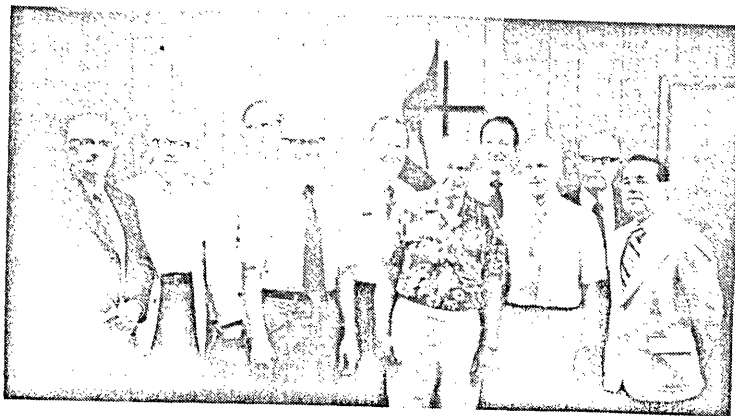
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## STEWARDS OF THE RITUAL OF THE CHURCH

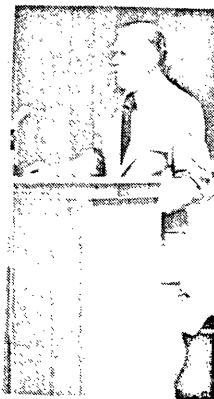
The church's orders of worship for baptism, confirmation and the Lord's Supper are disciplines for dedication of the Christian's total witness. Key 73 united many fellow churchmen in renewing our vows in faithful service with full stewardship of our time, all of it, our talents, our treasurer's-money and all wealth, and our many, many ways to be useful. "O Lord, let me not live to be useless." Next Sunday's lesson focuses on the Ninth Commandment, "You shall not bear false witness."



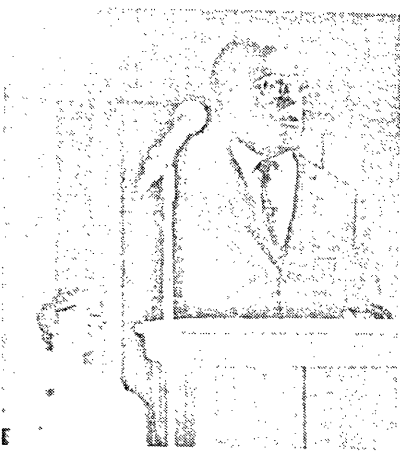
# Jurisdiction's Assembly celebrates 50 years . . .



College of Bishops, South Central Jurisdiction (left to right): Paul V. Galloway, O. Eugene Slater, W. McFerrin Stowe, Eugene M. Frank, Don W. Holter, Aubrey G. Walton, Alsie H. Carleton, Paul W. Milhouse, Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. (Willson Lecturer for anniversary celebration), and Finis A. Crutchfield.



Dr. Jack Montgomery, pastor at Mexico, Mo., speaks on early history of the Assembly.



Dr. Richard H. Robinson of Houston, associate director of the Program Council in the Texas Conference, speaks on participation of minority groups in programs of Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Lamar Clark (seated), president of United Methodist Women in Texas Conference, spoke on role of women at the Assembly through the years.



Mrs. E. T. Davenport, chairman of Jurisdictional Task Force on Urban Ministries, presides at meeting held during Celebration. Others (left to right): Dr. S. Duane Bruce, executive director of Jurisdiction; (Mrs. Davenport); the Rev. Jerry Elrod, director of Metropolitan Ministries, Omaha, Neb.; the Rev. Marshall E. Hodge, pastor of Aldersgate Church, Dallas; the Rev. MacKenzie Thompson, director Skyline Ministries, Oklahoma City; Bishop Goodrich of Missouri Area; the Rev. Arturo M. Fernandez, associate director Urban Ministries to Mexican Americans, Houston, Tex.



Dr. Virgil Morris, former executive secretary of South Central Jurisdiction — and a member of the Louisiana Conference, shares in the anniversary observance.

## 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.

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Dear Sir:

If things are ever straightened out in this country it will be up to the ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERS TO DO IT. Enclosed are some thoughts you might use in THE LOUISIANA METHODIST. We look forward to getting it each week.

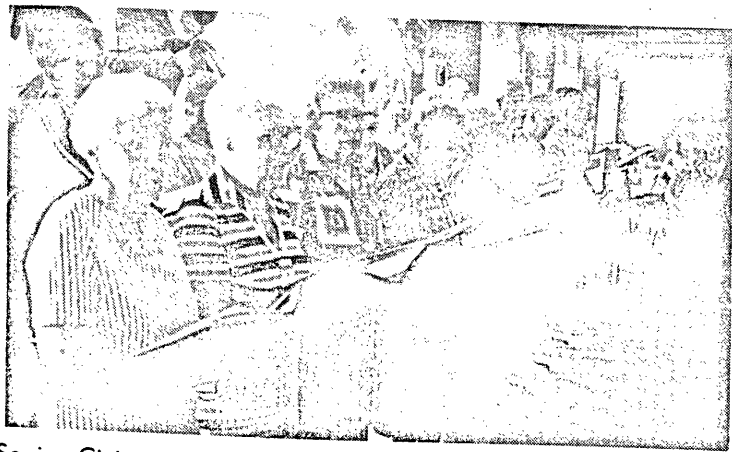
My best regards . . .  
J. E. Channell,  
Shreveport, La.

Dear Sir:

Your article on "My own tube of toothpaste" inspired this and I thought that you might find a spot to hang it . . . I don't get inspired too often, and you can see what happens when I do. Anyway, life is like a tube of toothpaste, too often we leave a lot in the tube!

I really enjoyed the last issue. The coverage of annual conference was great. I felt like I was sitting through the debate again . . . I am sure that as time goes on there will be annual conferences that I would rather forget, but I am still young and these first ones I

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Senior Citizens' Choir from Ozarks Methodist Manor at Marionville, Mo., (members averaging 78 years in age), performed under the direction of Clara Shaffner.

want to remember for a long time.  
Susan Gladin,  
Helena, Ark.

(Editor's note: Enclosed was a large hand-made poster showing a tube of toothpaste with the wording: "Happiness is . . . My own tube of toothpaste." A beautiful job, Susan; Thank you!)

Dear Sir:

After reading your article in Ark. Methodist, "Think about the Children," I think of how many years have gone by since we have had a Children's Page in the paper.

When I was a child that was my only interest in The Arkansas Methodist. Do you think our children feel included now? I would make a guess they never take a second glance.

If we are to hold their interest in

the paper from my experience it would be to allow them one page.

I always looked forward to Editor Knox's messages and now I'm reading yours.

Respectfully yours,  
Mrs. Hatcher Smith,  
Imboden, Arkansas

P.S. A grandmother.

Dear Editor:

We received the Arkansas Methodist and laughed over the "very own tube of toothpaste." Then your article about Jonesboro brought tears. It was well written and we clipped it to save!

You, and your readers—especially preachers' wives—will appreciate how excited I was, recently, when Bobby Harris, administrative assistant at Crossett, tugged five moving barrels into the parsonage where I was packing! He had discovered them in a back

storeroom and imagine our surprise when the newspapers inside were from Blytheville — addressed to Dr. Robert Moore (our predecessor). I felt a little guilty since Withers and Bob Jr., both old friends and Methodist ministers could have used the barrels. But how could I resist those beautiful containers when my kitchen was stacked high with waiting fragiles? Then came the big shock. There in the bottom of one, carefully swathed in newspapers, was Mrs. Moore's "like new" pressure cooker. Counting our six years, and their three at Crossett, it had been nine years since she'd had that important vessel! I delighted thinking how she'd feel when Ferris brought it to the conference. But not so. Before he could take it, it disappeared! My unknowing helper, Ophellia, had evidently packed that unfortunate pot when I wasn't looking. It's now here with us in St. Louis . . . again nestling in newspapers . . . in the bottom of Moore's barrel!

Connie Norton  
(Mrs. Ferris Norton)

Dear Sir:

Congratulations on your issue of LOUISIANA METHODIST, June 14th. I read with interest the Sunday School lesson. In fact I took it with me to our Adult Ladies Class to be used in our discussion.

I like "The Editor's Pulpit" very much. Please tell Chuck that I too like birds, bees and trees and hope to see more of his poems . . . Best wishes and may God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Ona King (Mrs. J. F.)  
Winnsboro, La.

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# GENERAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

man, Sr. Vice President of Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, reported that "The United Methodist Church becomes the first national Protestant body to attempt to put together a church program that will take advantage of what is called 'spread of risk' and the expected savings and loss-prevention activities that result from spread of risk."

## COVERAGE OF THE PROGRAM

The program is a multi-peril package policy relating to fire, extended coverage and vandalism with coverage for public liability, crime coverage, automobile non-ownership liability and other optional coverages. Churches may select their own local broker or agent who will make application through Frank B. Hall & Co., Inc., or may deal directly with Frank B. Hall & Co. The local broker will receive 50% of the agent's commission.

A feature of the program is a loss-prevention incentive award of fire extinguishers. These would be distributed by the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company to those churches who meet certain safety inspection requirements.

Workmen's Compensation is also available through the plan in keeping with the various states' regulations.

Fast claim service was promised through the various offices of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company and the Frank B. Hall Company throughout the country and also by a toll-free number

through which claims could be reported to the General Adjustment Bureau. Of interest to most churches is the availability of a financing arrangement by which premiums may be paid ten percent down and the balance in nine monthly installments.

## OPTIONAL TRUST FUND TO BENEFIT CHURCH AT LARGE

A trust fund has been created to which churches desiring to participate could contribute their dividends to be used for the benefit of the church at large. According to Dr. Brawner, this trust fund, a completely voluntary option, would return 50% of the dividends to the annual conference to be used as the conference would determine in "assisting missional or inter-city churches" in improving their properties. The other 50% would be used to cover the necessary administrative expenses that the GCFA would have in regard to the program and "to build up a trust fund looking toward a program of self insurance, probably ten years down the road." "This," said Dr. Brawner, "is the direction the church wants to move, can and should move; and I say that in front of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company."

The program is filed in the State of Arkansas under the name of "Safeguard Package Filing." In Louisiana, independent filings are not allowed and standard insurance industry forms are required. However, special multi-peril coverage for United

Methodist Churches in Louisiana is available under the same program with "substantially the same credits and the same spread-of-risk benefits" being enjoyed, according to Mr. John A. Schoneman of Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company.

## PASTORS HAVE RECEIVED MAILING

A mailing from the GCFA went to each pastor on May 14 giving details of the program. Enclosed were Request for Quotation forms which local churches could return for quotations on costs. These may be secured from Frank B. Hall & Co., Inc., 88 Pine Street, New York, New York 10005. Persons seeking further information are invited to write to Mr. Jack Kraeutler at that address or telephone him at 212-952-1200. Complete details of the program will appear in a four-page article in the September issue of the "Interpreter."

Attending the St. Louis meeting from Louisiana and Arkansas were Dr. Jack B. Koelemay, Chaplain of the Methodist Hospital in New Orleans, and Director of Public Relations; the Rev. Max Whitfield, pastor of St. Paul church in Harrison and member of the Insurance Committee of the North Arkansas Conference; Mr. Tom Williams, Chairperson of the Insurance Committee of the Little Rock Conference; and the Rev. John S. Workman, editor of The Arkansas/Louisiana Methodist.

## San Francisco to host Health and Welfare Convention

The 34th Annual Convention of the United Methodist National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries will be held March 17-21, 1974 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, Calif.

There will be section meetings, plenary sessions and presentation of honors provided by the National Association. In cooperation with Protestant Health and Welfare Assembly there will be concurrent sessions and assemblies. An opportunity will be given at a later date to pre-register for both the National Association and PHWA functions, according to J. Scott Houston, president of the National Association.

Following the Convention there will be an extended Hawaiian Study Tour from March 21 through 28. Seminars will be held at United Methodist Health and Welfare Agencies to see first hand the health care services provided on the islands.

Additional information concerning the tour, which will cost \$395 per person, may be obtained by writing: Dr. Wendell C. Bassett, National Assn. of Health and Welfare Ministries, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill. 60201 or telephone 312-869-9600.

## Minority participation under review

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — The extent of ethnic minority participation, leadership and staffing in all United Methodist Church agencies will be the subject of a review during the last half of 1973 with preliminary surveys indicating both gains and setbacks.

A special committee from the Commission on Religion and Race will conduct the inquiry. Findings will be reported to the full commission early in 1974.

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## DEVOTIONAL LIFE CONFERENCE AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

(Nashville, Tennessee) — A special Conference on Devotional Life and Literature will be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 22-24, 1973. Plans for the Conference, open to both ministers and laymen, were announced by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor of The Upper Room, the world's most widely read daily devotional guide.

Speakers on the program will include Dr. Bryant Kirkland, minister, First Presbyterian Church, New York City; Dr. William Paulsell, from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, N. C.; Dr. Webb Garrison, minister and author of Evansville, Ind.; Dr. Truman Potter, minister, Christ United Methodist Church, Charleston, W. Va.; the Rev. Maurice King, Dean of The Upper Room Chapel and Dr. Weldon. These leaders will be assisted by other members of The Upper Room staff.

There is no registration fee. Participants are expected to pay only for transportation to and from the conference, plus nominal expenses for food and lodging at the Lake Junaluska Assembly grounds. Additional information concerning participation in the Conference can be obtained by writing to the Conference on Devotional Life and Literature, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## NEW SPANISH HYMN BOOK DEDICATED

GEORGETOWN, Tex. (UMN) — The first new Spanish language United Methodist book of hymns in 64 years was dedicated here through the joint efforts of an annual conference committee, a seminary and the denomination's publishing house.

Dr. John E. Proctor, president and publisher of the United Methodist Publishing House, presented a mock-up copy of the METODISTA HIMNARIO to the resident bishop of the Rio Grande Annual Conference, O. Eugene Slater, in ceremonies at Southwestern University, Sunday, June 10.

## Pax World Fund announces 'double dividends'

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — A cash dividend of 20 cents per share, the year's second, was announced here June 27 by Pax World Fund, but this is only part of a "double dividend" involving social responsibility, according to its president.

The fund, which has an inter-faith board of directors, invests in non-war-related industries, those with fair employment practices and in international development, said Corbett. In maintaining these criteria, the directors query firms as to their policies and practices and in some cases follow up with personal interviews and studies.

Dr. Luther E. Tyson, president of Pax World, said a principal goal of the fund is to produce income. However, he stressed, a firm's good ecological, employment and other social policies and practices give it a better investment potential. He noted that Pax World developed largely out of the United Methodist Church's 1968 General Conference resolution urging that

church investments be in accord with the church's Social Creed.

This is the second dividend declared this year by the fund, following a spring distribution of 38 cents a share plus 5 cents as realized capital gain.

Dr. Tyson is a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society here, as is Dr. J. Elliott Corbett, vice president of the fund.

Approximately one-half million dollars has been invested in the fund, according to Corbett, by some 125 shareholders, which include three United Methodist agencies, three historic peace churches and two foundations, as well as individuals.

The officers noted that the fund has had a low turnover in its stock and bond holdings and now carries a portfolio of 31 issues. They said an organization which rates mutual funds had placed Pax World at 84th among 540 in the U. S. in 1973.

## United Methodists rebuild where disaster strikes

SALEM, Va. (UMC) — United Methodists have given more than \$3,000,000 for relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and refugee service in Indochina in the last five and one-half years, according to the denomination's chief relief/rehabilitation executive.

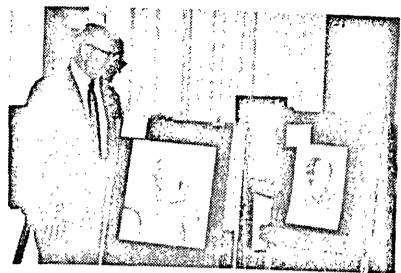
Included is \$265,000 granted or released by the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) at its meeting here June 11-12. Altogether the relief/rehabilitation agency made grants or released funds totaling \$565,766, and authorized \$200,000 more for release in the months before its next meeting in October.

Included in the \$765,766 released, granted or authorized were funds not only for Indochina but \$50,000 for the Managua, Nicaragua, earthquake,

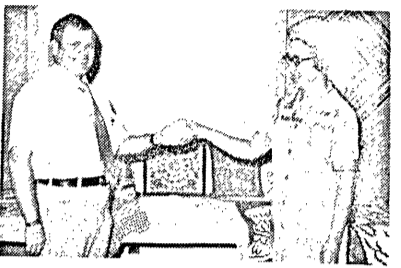
\$25,000 for the Sudan where civil war ended in 1972, and \$150,000 for continuing rehabilitation and reconstruction in three annual conferences in New York and Pennsylvania hit by floods in June, 1972.

Despite what United Methodists and other churches have already given for Indochina, the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, said that "when the last G.I. has come home, the church will still have to be there for 10-15 years helping to rebuild the fabric of millions of lives caught up in terror and destruction. The problem United Methodists and others face is whether we still turn our backs on this part of the world, put the desperate needs of Indochina out of our thinking and turn our attention elsewhere."

## CAMDEN DISTRICT ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL



Camden District Superintendent, Dr. Roy Bagley, looks in on District Arts and Crafts Festival. Paintings are by Miss Robin Boles of Camden.

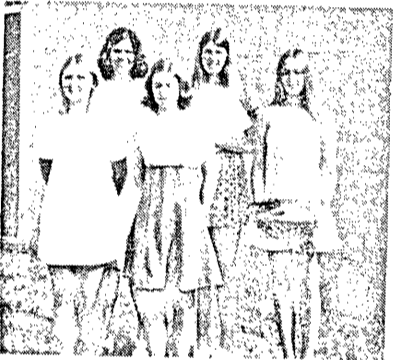


The Rev. Louis Averitt, pastor of St. Mark's (host church for festival), receives booties from Mrs. Kent Kinard as gift for the Averitts' new son, Christopher Aaron.



Hostess, Mrs. W. A. Graves, Jr. (left) and Mrs. Roy Bagley view woodcraft display.

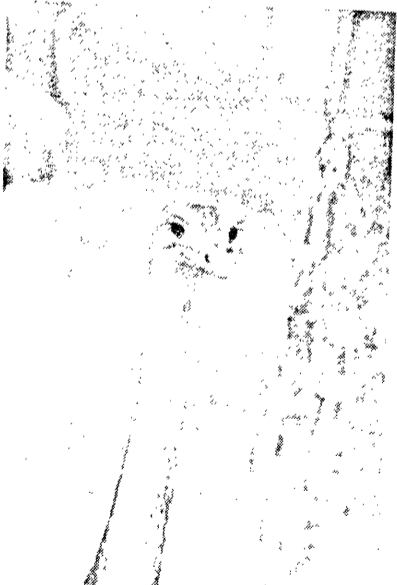
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Girl graduates on the Blevins Charge, honored with a trip to the Ice Follies at Little Rock. Accompanying them were Coach Paul Noesser of Blevins and his wife Joan. The Rev. R. T. Jarrell is pastor.

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## Arkeology by Gene Herrington

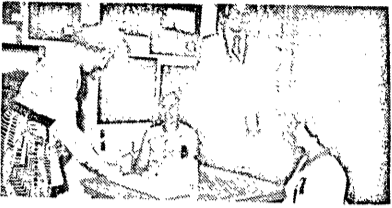


Self-righteousness gives me a pain in the neck.

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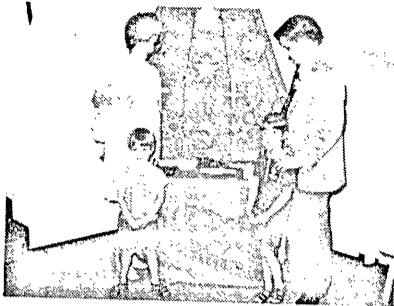


(From left) the Rev. Thurston Masters of DeWitt, Dr. Virgil Keeley, Pine Bluff District superintendent, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, Stephens.



Mrs. Vernon Hook of St. James Church, Little Rock, registers in guest book as the Rev. Ralph Hale and hostesses look on.

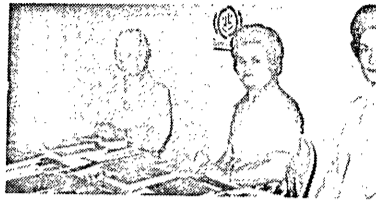
## Little Rock Annual Conference Arts and Crafts exhibit



The Rev. and Mrs. William D. Elliott, Dean and Lee with Chrismon tree in background.



The Rev. John O. Alston and Miss Ellen Alston of DeQueen.



(From left) Mrs. Harold Caba of Gurdon, Mrs. Harold Clem and Mrs. Ruth Smith of Malvern preside over "Curriculum Display" at Annual Conference in Hot Springs.

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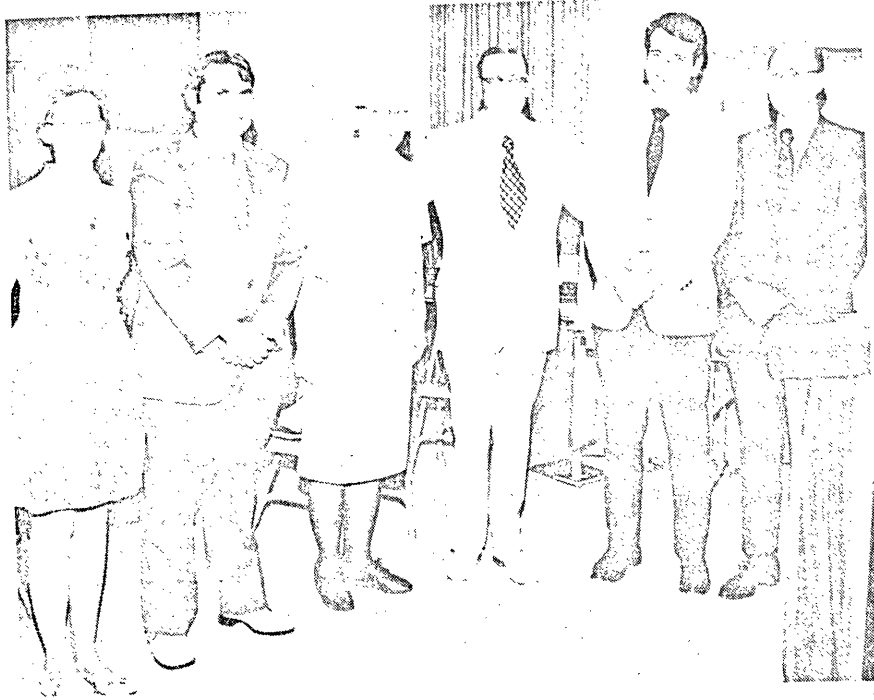
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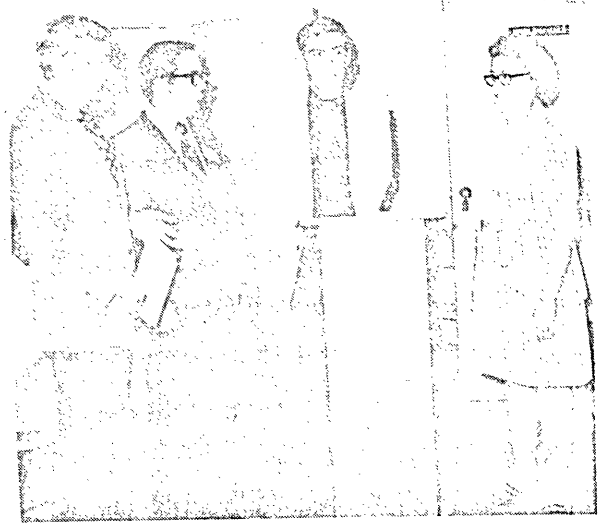
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Leaders for "Our Living Bible Series" Workshop held at Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart on June 12 for churches in Ricebelt Sub-district. (From left) Mrs. Sara Hays, the Rev. Larry Williams, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, director, Dr. Virgil Keeley, Pine Bluff District superintendent, the Rev. Ed Matthews, and the Rev. George Meyers, host pastor. (Photo by the Rev. Robert Irvin, pastor of Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner Charge)



Photographed at June 13 workshop on "Living Bible Series" held at Blytheville First Church (left to right) John Barker, Osceola, the Rev. Tom Weir, pastor at Harrisburg and Jonesboro District director of Adult Ministries, Clyde Ford, also from Harrisburg, and teacher for the workshop, and Mrs. Brewer Hefner, Osceola. The Rev. J. William Watson is pastor of the Blytheville church which hosted 44 adults at the area workshop. (Photo by Dr. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent)



The Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr. (left), pastor of Oak Forest Church in Little Rock, delivered the invocation at the recent dedication of a new section of the Wilbur Mills Freeway in Little Rock. Participating in the ceremonies, along with State highway officials, Congressman Mills (at right).

THE NETTLETON CHURCH of Jonesboro held its annual Vacation Church School during the week of June 11-15 with an average attendance of 53 students and workers. Mrs. Sonja Griffith served as director. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor of the Nettleton church.

## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

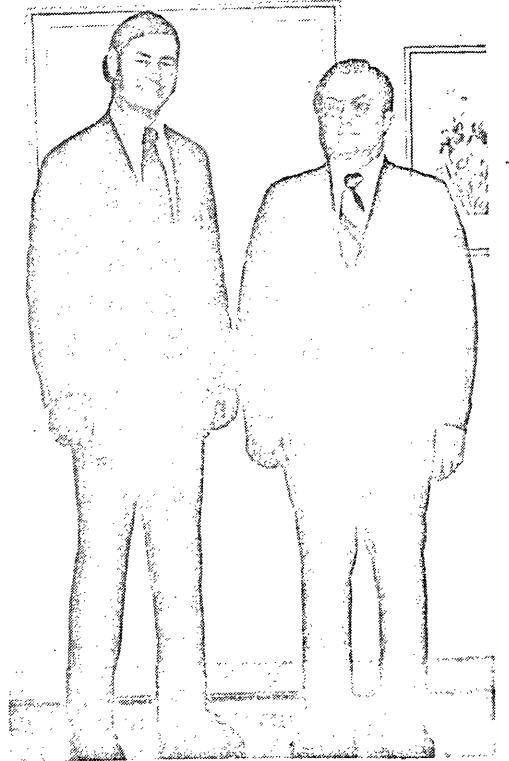
*George Eliot acknowledged the debt of each generation to those which preceded it... "The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts. That things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to those that lived faithfully a hidden life, and now rest in unvisited tombs."*

### The Founders

They didn't have a burning bush  
To lead them on or give a push.  
Instead they had a flame inside  
That called to them and helped to guide  
Their hearts and hands to meet the task.  
They didn't shirk; they didn't ask,  
"Why me, Lord? Why can't this wait?"  
"Why can't we make a future date  
To start this job; the time's not right."  
"I've sales to make, a speech to write."

Instead they took upon the task  
Of doing that which God did ask.  
They built this church from humble start  
And added on each part by part,  
Until it stands in present form  
Not like a house, more like a home.  
A place of love and worship here;  
A place for us to gather near  
And praise His name; to sing and pray -  
For God is with us here today.

-by Galen Thomas



The Rev. Ralph E. Hale (left), pastor of Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs, and the Rev. Dois M. Kennedy, pastor of Batesville's First Church, were among 350 ministers attending a recent New Life Missioner training event sponsored by the Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tenn.

The Youth Music group of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, formed less than a year ago under the direction of the Rev. Richard Hunter, minister of education and music, took its show, "Sing A New Song" on tour to Palestine, Houston and Lake Jackson, Texas recently. Basically, the musical presentation is the story of the Bible, from creation through the resurrection of Christ, done in contemporary idiom. Forty-four youth from the 60-voice choir, and 10 adults made the tour. Ronald Ballard, church organist and a music instructor for North Little Rock Public Schools, served as accompanist. A series of fund-raising efforts helped to finance the trip.

