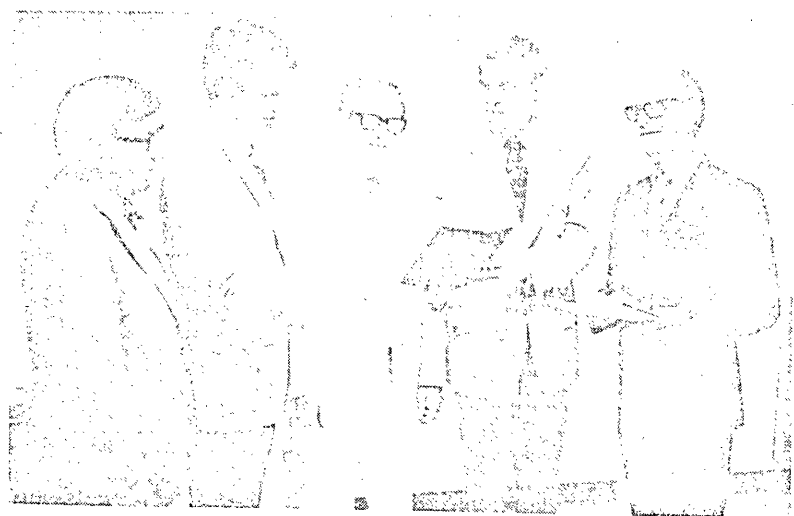


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The newly appointed Board of Managers of The Arkansas Methodist met on July 6th in Little Rock. Shown above are officers elected by the Board: Mr. Kenneth Parker, Secretary; the Rev. Edward Matthews, Chairman; the Rev. Dr. Charles Casteel, Vice chairman; Mr. Fred Wulfekuhler, Executive Committee member; Bishop Eugene M. Frank. Other elected members of the Executive Committee not shown are Mr. James Lane and the Rev. Dr. Joel Cooper. Other Board members present at the meeting were Mr. James Lane and the Revs. James Robert Scott, Everett Vinson, Floyd Villines and John S. Workman.

Hanger Trio to perform . . .

Little Rock Conference Youth Rally, July 28

Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, will be the featured speaker at the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally which has been set for Saturday, July 28 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock. A highlight of the rally will be the appearance of the Howard Hanger Trio of Detroit, Mich., widely known among church youth groups for their unique musical presentations.

The event is scheduled to take place in the Activities Building at First Church, 715 Center Street, with registration beginning at 9:15 a.m. The registration fee is \$1. Youth between grades seven through 12 in the Little Rock Conference are urged to place this coming event on their calendars as a must.

Members of the Hanger Trio include pianist Howard Hanger, manager and director of the group, Rob Jackson, who plays both saxophone and guitar, Martin Parker, drummer, and David Anderson, bass and guitar. The group presents music which ranges from Gregorian chants to Bach inventions to Beatles to Country-Western to Bluegrass to progressive jazz-rock.



Hendrix Choir to sing, study in Europe; aid sought

The Hendrix College Choir went to Europe in the summer of 1970 making a name for itself, the College and Arkansas. Now four years later, another generation of students is hoping to make a similar trip. But this time the expense of such a venture is much more costly and each student cannot afford to pay all of his own way. In addition to what each choir member will contribute, \$54,000 from other sources is needed.

Mr. Robert McGill, the conductor of the choir for 12 years, has this to say about the trip and the choir.

"Hendrix Choir is planning a Study-Singing Tour in Europe during the summer of 1974. The group will travel under the auspices of the Association of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural

Studies (ACUIIS) and will spend three weeks at the University of Graz in Graz, Austria, studying Austrian History (from 1750 to 1820) plus additional courses in music, art or literature of the same period. College credit will be given for this study and for the choral work involved in making the trip. Following the study period, the Choir will spend three weeks singing formal and informal concerts and meeting and visiting in several European countries."

"In the past several years Hendrix Choir has been fortunate to make a considerably good name for itself. The excellent reviews at home and when in Europe in 1970 are due to many ingredients, but one of the most important is the *esprit de corps* and the

tremendously fine person that each singer is. I am continually pleased that the remarks I hear about the Choir are not only concerning what good music they make, but also what fine people they are.

"Because I have such a firm belief in these young people, I am daring to hope that others in the Methodist Church around the state will join with me in helping to make this trip possible. You can be sure that your contribution, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated by the students themselves and that you will be hearing from them personally."

Checks should be made payable to Hendrix College Choir and sent to Mr. Robert McGill, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. 72032.

At Hendrix College next week . . .

Arkansas Schools of Christian Mission

Two separate sessions of the Arkansas School of Christian Mission will be held at Hendrix College in Conway beginning Wednesday, July 25. The three-day school will conclude on Friday, July 27, and the Weekend School will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 28, 29. The Schools, are sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the Boards of Missions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and are open to all interested persons of adult through senior high school ages.

Four courses are offered during each of the sessions. "Contemporary Christians and their Writings" will focus on the letters, journals, prayers and other documentary materials of some contemporary Christians. Teachers for this course are Mrs. Richard Bauer of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. George Metzger of Tulsa, Okla., and the Rev. James W. Moore of Shreveport, La.

"Justice, Liberation and Development" will seek to "put new meaning into these words within the religious community." Miss Ellen Clark of New York, Dr. Lemuel Fenn of Enid, Okla. and the Rev. Robert Young of Dallas, Tex. are the leaders for the three sections of this course.

The third course, entitled "Women: Over Half the Earth's People," is aimed at "the shaping of a new women's consciousness as persons fully responsible for all of life." Teachers are Mrs. Robert May, Winnsboro, Tex. and Mrs. Alfredo Nanez of Dallas.

A fourth class, "Why Christian Mission Today?" will be directed by a Leadership Team consisting of the

Rev. Tom Abney of Monticello, the Rev. Bob Edwards of Jacksonville, Miss Kathleen Sharp of Paragould and Mrs. Euba Mae Winton of Fort Smith. This Team will also provide much of the program for the daily Plenary Sessions, to be held in Hulén Parlor, in which all persons attending the Schools will participate.

Persons attending are reminded to bring their Bibles as the courses are all Biblically centered and Old and New Testaments will be needed for study and reference and for personal devotion.

Registration for the School this year will be in Grove Gymnasium.

The Dean for the Schools is the Rev. Earl Carter of North Little Rock, Associate Dean is Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock, Treasurer is Mrs. Louis H. Fish of Little Rock and the Registrar is Mrs. James Ogilvie of Little Rock. Biographical information on the leaders for the Schools may be found on pages six and seven of THE ARKANSAS METHODIST for June 28.

Convocation on Program conducted by Camden District

The results of over six months of work by the Camden District Council on Ministries and several District committees were presented in a Convocation on Program held recently at First Church, El Dorado. One hundred and ninety seven local church officers and leaders attended.

Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District Superintendent, introduced the Convocation which included a variety of presentations. "The Local Church in Mission with Christ" was detailed by a film presentation of mission work in India, Africa and Latin America. The Rev. George A. Tanner, pastor of Fairview Church, Camden, led in this presentation highlighting the World Service and Advance Special causes.

"Resources for Christian Growth" were presented by the Rev. Louis Averitt, pastor of St. Mark's church in Camden. Mr. Denny Smith from Asbury church in Magnolia spoke on

"The Role of Young Adults" in the church. "Rekindling the Flame of Evangelism" was the theme of a presentation of the Rev. John F. Walker of First Church, Smackover, in which he called on the laity to "reach out to the unchurched in their neighborhoods and where they work."

Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor of First Church, Camden, and lay persons from that congregation presented a unique program on "A Christian and His Stewardship Commitment." Slide pictures visualized the church's concern expressed through The Methodist Children's Home, Hendrix and Philander Smith Colleges, the Wesley Foundation programs and other agencies of the church.

Musical numbers were presented by the Share Singers of First Church, Camden and by Mrs. Alvin Murray, Jr.

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Larry W. Jameson (at right), was recommended for license to preach at a Charge Conference held recently at First Church, Malvern. A student at Henderson State College, Mr. Jameson is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Jameson, Sr., of Malvern, and is married to the former Miss Brenda Shirley. They have one son. At a recent meeting of the Administrative Board Mr. Jameson was approved as part-time associate pastor of the Malvern church and will serve in this capacity until he enters seminary.



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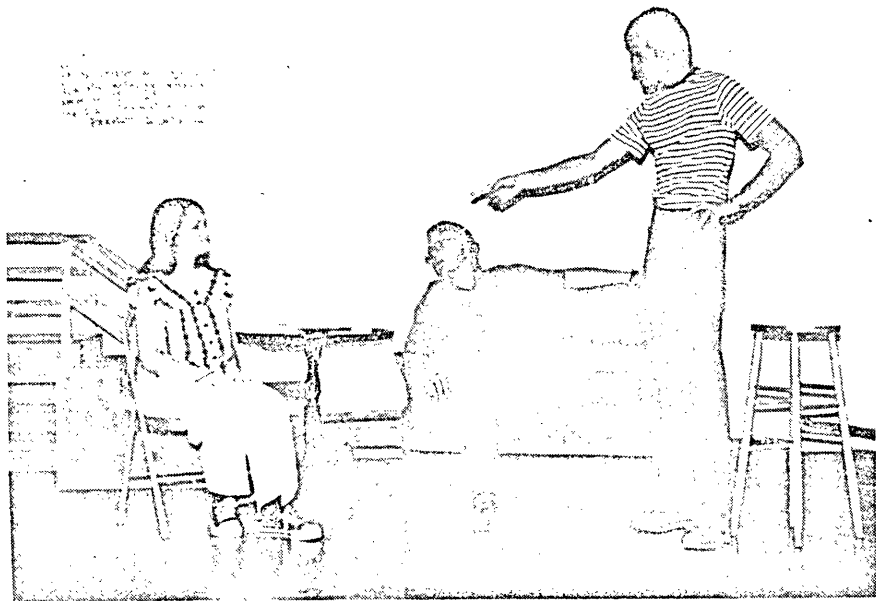
News in Brief

Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines has begun construction on a \$9,700,000 addition, largest in the institution's 72-year history.

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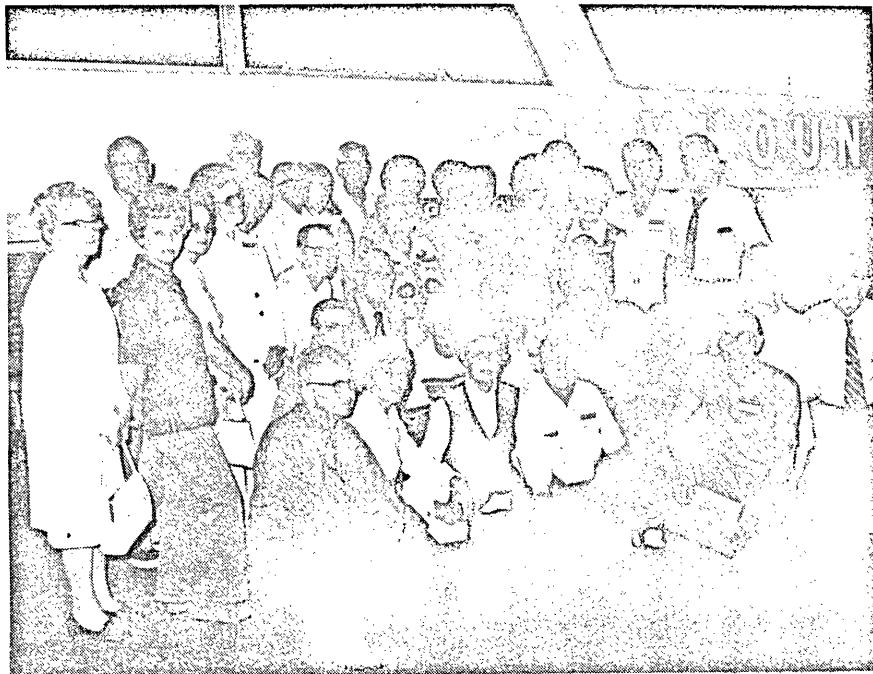
The Board of Discipleship closed its Evanston, Ill., office as of June 30 and most of the staff of the former Board of the Laity has completed the move to Nashville, Tenn.

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The youth of Pulaski Heights church in Little Rock will be presenting the play "Catch Me if You Can" on July 26, 27 and 28. The first show will be done as a dinner-theatre for adults only. The other performances are scheduled to enable persons attending the Conference Youth Rally to attend. Shown above (left to right) are Linda Fell, Rick Sellars and Ken Keller. Other cast members are Wes Cherry, Kathy Hunter, David Fox and Cynthia Sellars. Persons interested in attending should contact the church for arrangements.

PAGE TWO



Shown above are some of the fifty-seven persons from the North Arkansas Conference who attended the National Conference of Laity last weekend at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. The bus trip was arranged by Dick Fikes, Associate Conference Lay Leader, and Jim Lane, Conway District Lay Leader.

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Hendrix Choir performs for historic celebration

The Hendrix College Choir provided the music for the field mass at the Tri-Centennial Marquette-Joliet Celebration in Helena last Sunday, July 15.

The mass was held at 4:30 p.m., after the seven members of the reenactment party disembarked. The party left St. Ignace, Michigan May 17 in twin canoes.

Fifty-three choir members from a three-state area assembled in Helena on Saturday evening for rehearsal and were the house guests of members of the two United Methodist churches there.

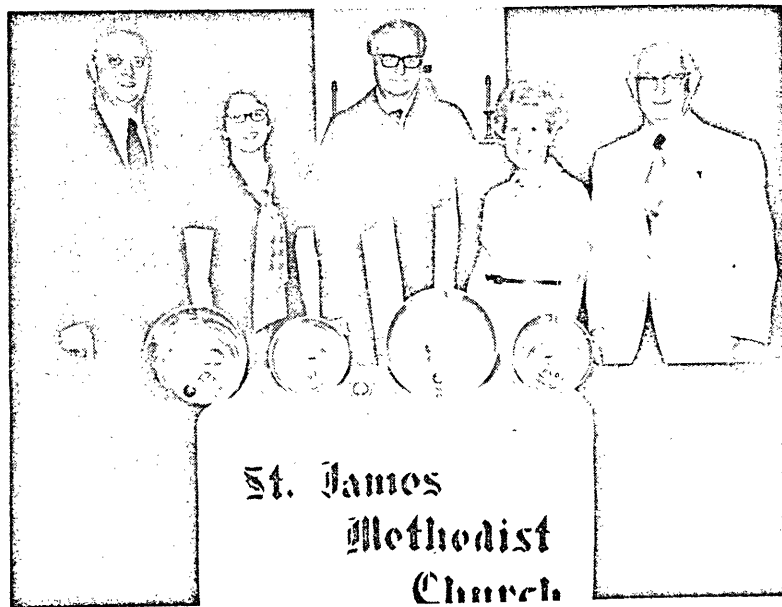
The Choir sang at Sunday morning worship at Helena's First Church, pastored by the Rev. Jim Beal. The

DR. A. W. MARTIN, Jr. was guest speaker in First Church, Springdale, July 1. Dr. Martin holds the Chair of Bible and Greek at the Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The son of the late A. W. Martin, long-time leader in Arkansas and national Methodism, he is a graduate of SMU, holds a BD degree from Union Theological Seminary, N.Y., and received his doctorate from Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Prior to Puerto Rico, he was Professor of Bible at Union Seminary in Mexico City for five years.

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Rev. Brady Cook is the pastor of the West Helena First Church. Mr. Robert M. McGill is the Choir director.

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The James and Evalyn Cottey Whitechapel Handbells were dedicated recently at the St. James Church in Little Rock. The bells, given by the Cotteys, were cast at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, England, a firm which has engaged in this single business since 1570. Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr., directors of music, Dr. Joe R. Phillips, pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. James Cottey. Also participating in the Service of Dedication were three handbell choirs from the church.

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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....

TEN WEEKS TO WAIT

What may well become one of the worst human tragedies of our century is now unfolding in half a dozen countries of western Africa. As one news release states "twenty-five million persons are expected to face famine by October" unless some gigantic, unprecedented program of relief can be hastened to them.

The names of these countries fall so musically, so enchantingly upon the ear that one's selfish unbelief resents the intrusion of horror upon their beauty: Mauritania, Mali, Togo, Dahomey, Upper Volta, Niger, Chad. But extended drouths, the continuing encroachment of the Sahara Desert — reportedly moving south at the rate of several miles per year — and a combination of other natural and human factors are, indeed, so very real and are no respectors of our impulse to insist that it just can't be so.

But it is so, and while some relief agencies have and are responding, their efforts are frustrated by the inaccessibility of the remote areas which isolate the millions of scattered persons so desperately in need.

But of almost equal concern — though in one sense a selfish consideration — is our astounding lack of awareness of this vast human tragedy taking place even now as we read. The church and the nations are usually most responsive to such dramatic instances of human suffering. But at the moment we must ask "Where is the church now? Where is our United Methodist Church now? Where is rich America now?"

There may be answers to these questions but the fact remains that we in the American church especially are presently going through such an orgy of self-centered religious ritual, stuffing our own starved souls, licking our own sin-inflicted wounds, minding our own store, that the beggar beside the road can hardly be heard for our singing and shouting and guitar playing and praising of the Lord, all reflecting our mad rush to gorge our own spiritual famine.

Harsh words, yes, and probably to some extent unfair. But when the scales are finally read we'll have a hard time responding when the question comes "Where were you when 25,000,000 souls begged for bread?"

Could it be that the real key to '73 for these African children of God and for ourselves as well may depend on how we respond to this current and other urgent instances of human need — physical and spiritual?

No, this is not the first nor will it be the last "great human tragedy." But unless we can overcome the compassion fatigue that grips us just now and know that every human need and sorrow, whether it be one hungry soul or 25,000,000 of them, lays a personal and unique claim upon us, then we forfeit our mantle and default in our mission.

"Come over and help us" is once again the call directed to all sensitive ears. We should rightly expect the church to be quick to answer. If we are to believe the reports, twenty-five million souls have only ten weeks to wait for our response.

A Church intent upon it's mission

The United Methodists of Arkansas and Louisiana are especially fortunate in the number of training, worship and fellowship opportunities which abound during these summer months and on into the fall. A review of this edition of THE METHODIST will reveal a number of these. The Schools of Christian Mission, the Pastor's Schools, the Lay Retreats, the youth camps, rallies and assemblies all represent wonderful opportunities which can make invaluable lasting contributions to the lives of persons. These, in addition to the local vacation church schools and the summer youth programs and service projects, reflect a church intent upon it's mission.

Such events do not just happen. Persons work, pray and give tirelessly to ensure their success. We thank God for them and for the opportunities thus made possible.

J.S.W.

Off the Top of the Head....

You open the lid and up pops a kid...

I'll bet that you didn't know that we've had our dirty-clothes hamper for almost twenty years. Well, we have. Although I couldn't expect you to be in on this little gem of intelligence, I am rather sure that now that you know, you do care a great deal about this fact.

This realization came to light at the dinner table the other evening when one of our sons was reminiscing about his long-gone childhood. "I remember when we used to hide in the dirty-clothes hamper," he volunteered out of the blue. Not daring to ask him what on earth brought such a thought to his mind, I simply responded, "Oh?" "Yes," he went on, "we used to hide in the . . ." "I know, I know," I hastened, completely willing to talk about other pleasant childhood memories.

But the thought pursued me all the way through the ten o'clock news. What a strange place to find something so valuable as a son! The dirty-clothes hamper. . . Why on earth the . . .?

But come to think of it, we do indeed every day find such valuable "things" as persons in the dirty-clothes hampers of the world. Families in slums; individuals in prisons; sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters shackled by sin and a host of other imprisonments in the dirty-clothes hampers of the world.

We need not look far to behold the eyes of loved ones and strangers peering through the iron-wicker of prejudice; to see others bound in the confining hampers of the poverty cycle. Discrimination because of sex, restrictions due to class snobbishness, the claustrophobic frustrations of fear imprison and chain multitudes in stifling captivity. Oh! how terrible are the restraining, imprisoning hampers behind which so much of humanity is hidden away and imprisoned!

One of the most Christian things we could do this week is to look in the dirty clothes hampers in our world. There will certainly be strangers, and quite possibly someone we love, hidden or hiding there. They really need and want to be found. Only now it's not childhood fun that's being enjoyed. The game is real and for "keeps." And you and I, as the body of Christ, are "it."

J.S.W.

THINK-A-GRAM: "He who eats only at home thinks mother is the only cook." — African Bantu saying.

Revelation

The story went around some time back about the little boy who was working busily with pencil and paper. "What are you doing?" asked his father. "I'm drawing a picture of God," the little boy replied. "But," insisted the father, "we don't know what God looks like." As most little boys are, this one was ready: "Well, we will when I get through."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A veteran United Methodist minister, Dr. Walter N. Vernon, speaking at a luncheon honoring "superannuated ministers" and widows of clergymen of the North Texas Annual Conference, cautioned those who have expressed a loss of confidence in the denomination's leadership and those who would "listen to a new voice while ignoring the prophets who walk among us." Dr. Vernon, who has retired from his editorial position with the denomination's publishing house in Nashville after 34 years, said "The United Methodist Church has never had better leaders than it has in most areas today."

A black Baptist executive, Emmanuel L. McCall of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Bd. in Atlanta, addressed a conference on "Race: New Directions for a New Day," sponsored by the denomination's Christian Life Commission. McCall said: "You cannot be responsible for the sins of fathers, grandfathers, greats . . . One is responsible only for his time and his involvement in redeeming the corporate sin that affects us." At the same time, Mr. McCall called for "a re-reading of history" concerning the black presence in America, and what the attendant evils of slavery have done to both races then and now." He suggested that "one must try to understand the contemporary dynamics that form black opinions and attitudes."

Calvin and Nelia Kimbrough, both seniors at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, were ordained deacons at the same time during the recent session of the Tennessee United Methodist Annual Conference. Bishop H. Ellis Finger of Nashville who officiated said that while the denomination has many husband-wife ministerial teams he knew of no other occasion in which a couple was ordained simultaneously. The Kimbroughs, trained in film making, plan for a ministry in communications which will assist churches and religious institutions in utilization of space, time and electronic media to foster their messages.

The Evangelical Protestant Church of Vietnam now has more than 400 congregations and pastors and is completely self-governing and self-supporting, according to the Rev. Pham Xuan Tin, its vice-president. Pastor Tin said he was preparing for the Buddhist priesthood as a youth, until he was converted to Christianity through reading a gift copy of the New Testament.

In an unusually forthright ecumenical action considered by observers to have international overtones, eight Orthodox members of a 12 year-old American dialogue involving Anglicans and Orthodox took a strong stand against Anglican ordination of women. Pointing out that their stand does not imply a belief that women are inferior in the eyes of God, the Orthodox said: "God created mankind as 'male and female,' establishing a diversity of functions and gifts. These functions and gifts are complementary but not all are interchangeable; they presuppose a role of headship for man and a different but no less important role for women as a guardian, witness and channel of life."

The Louisiana Legislature has asked Congress to adopt an amendment to the U.S. Constitution "which would guarantee the right of the unborn human to life throughout its development."

According to the Rev. Bibiano Molina, a Baptist pastor who has headed a church in Cuba, despite government pressures Cuban churches are filled with young people. In an interview Molina said that "church members are stronger in their faith, and the churches are self-supporting, but the situation remains serious." Reporting that there are some 90 Baptist churches operating in Cuba today, Molina explained that "the Cuban Baptist Convention is doing everything to avoid friction with the government, which is always looking for an excuse to close a church."

Israeli Radio has reported that an international advisory council of architects, artists, archeologists, and historians, organized by Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kollek, in 1969, opposes construction of modern tall buildings in Jerusalem "that would be out of character" in that ancient city.

"American theology is in a healthy state," wrote Dr. Norman Pittenger, Cambridge University professor who recently completed his 10th annual speaking tour in the U.S. Writing in the Summer issue of Religion in Life, a quarterly journal of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Pittenger, an Anglican theologian and preacher said he tells his English friends to look West across the Atlantic not because U.S. Christianity is "prosperous," but because it is "adventurous." He predicts that it will be "from the U.S. that we shall be getting significant and constructive theology in the next 50 years."



HONG KONG — Dr. Harry W. Miller gives out medication at a dockside clinic for a village of Chinese junk-dwellers in Hong Kong. At 94, the famed "China Doctor" almost decided to retire. But he's going to stick it out for one more year, at least.

Dr. Miller had announced plans to retire and return to the States in early July. He had his plane ticket for San Francisco, releases had gone out with pictures for which he had posed, his office at the Hong Kong Seventh-Day Adventist Hospital was all cleared out. But after one last walk around the city he loved, among the people he loved, Dr. Miller changed his mind. He just couldn't leave.

The medical missionary has served the Chinese people for 70 years, beginning his work in the days when China was ruled mainly by local war lords and bandits. He was the first medical missionary to make his way into the province of Honan in Central China. He set up nutrition programs using the soybean, and is responsible for establishing 15 hospitals in the Far East. Still going strong, he performed his last surgery — a goiter operation — just two months ago. (RNS Photo)

"Although it may be necessary for the Christian Church to reduce some of its programs and structures, now is not the time for retrenchment of leadership development efforts," says a report from a study commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). "To do so would, in our judgement, eventuate the impotence or demise of the church and the vital ministry it is called to fulfill," the report from the Study Commission on Ministerial Education said.

"The problem of priestly identity and the problems of the crisis of faith will be solved to the extent that every priest sees himself as a father of faith — a man called by God who preaches Jesus Christ to a world sick with desire for rescue from the sin and ignorance which enslave it," Father John J. Burke, O.P., told 1,800 laymen and their families representing 357 Serra clubs in 30 nations as they met in Washington, D.C. for the 1973 convention of Serra International. Serra International fosters vocations to the priesthood and the training of Catholic lay leadership.

In a public statement reported by Lusaka Radio, Zambia's Minister of Culture and Education Wesley Nyirenda said mission schools are "still necessary" for Zambia "because of their high standards of discipline and education," and "because of the good examination results they consistently achieve." Mr. Nyirenda noted that altogether there are 23 schools in Zambia run by foreign missionaries and that, despite limited staffing, the missionaries' educational endeavors were "tremendous," and "highly appreciated by the government and the people of Zambia."

The government of Zaire (formerly the Belgian Congo) has lifted prohibitions on the publication of religious periodicals and will exercise what are termed "reasonable" controls, according to information received by mission offices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis. In February, Zaire's President Mobutu (a Roman Catholic) suspended 31 religious periodicals in an action interpreted as evidence of his displeasure with the Roman Catholic weekly "Afrique Chretienne" (Christian Africa) which he accused of opposing his program of "Africanization."

Judge Margaret A. Haywood, newly elected moderator of the two million-member United Church of Christ, becomes the first black woman ever to hold the top leadership post in a U.S. denomination. Last year she became the first black woman to serve on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. As a black official in a predominantly white Church, she said, "I think I have helped to build bridges of understanding."

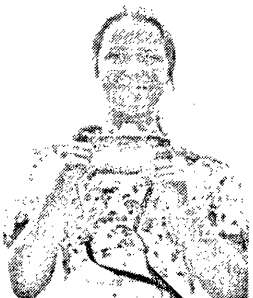
The Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church, meeting in Murfreesboro, voted to prepare all congregations to receive pastors across racial lines. Former white and black organizations were merged several years ago but the practice of appointing black clergy to predominantly black congregations and whites to white parishes has continued.

The threat of religious establishment in the U.S. today comes not from any form of biblical faith — Protestant, Catholic or Jewish — but from secular humanism, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, told a gathering of educators during a two-day symposium entitled "Religious Studies in the Curriculum: Retrospect and Prospect, 1963-83." The event marked the 10th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision banning religious exercises in public schools. The evangelical theologian charged that "The secular spirit is unbelievably carnivorous, devouring everyone and everything that obstructs its path. It becomes hostile to whatever has previously implied or represented a religious perspective on life." "Modern university learning currently has no unifying principle," he said, "and its emphasis on personal self-fulfillment leads in the absence of norms to ethical relativism."

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Members of North Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries during July 6-7 planning retreat at Heber Springs. Plans were completed for July 30-Aug. 3 Conference Youth Assembly to be held on Hendrix College campus. In addition to other planning, the council discussed ways of meeting the Conference Youth Service Fund goal of \$1 per youth. The R. L. Mullens hosted the retreat group.and taking the picture from balcony is Council President, Susan Gladin of Helena's First United Methodist Church.



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Program Directors to Local Churches

New Bible Series for Youth

THE YOUTH BIBLE SERIES is a new curriculum resource for youth that will be available for study in September 1973. It is designed to enable youth from the seventh through the twelfth grades to come to terms with the great story of the whole Bible: THE STORY OF SALVATION. It is a study that will, when completed, lead young people through all the books of both the Old and New Testaments. It is un-dated and un-graded which means simply that it may be used at any time during the year and with any or all age groups of youth.

The basic goals of the YOUTH BIBLE SERIES are as follows: To enable the users, youth and their leaders, to learn the content of the Bible, the portion being studied at that time. By that is meant, that the users will learn what the event in the Bible was; who the people were in that section of the Bible; and what God was endeavoring to do. Second, the goal will be to enable the users to see the value of that portion of the Bible in relation to their developing faith.

The first unit, available for study in September 1973, will be: "Promises to Keep: God Meets Man In The Bible." Other units are as follows: "Jesus: God's Man For Others, Part I," December 1973; "Jesus: God's Man For Others, Part II," and "The Rhythm of Renewal: The Bible in The Life of Devotion," March 1974; "The Books Of The Law: The Pentateuch" and "The Gospel and Letters of John," September 1974; "Biographies

Of Biblical Characters" and "Old Testament History and Prophecy, Part I," March 1975; "Old Testament and Prophecy, Part II" and "The General Epistles And The Book of Revelation," September 1975; "Biblical Poetry and Wisdom Literature" and "Paul's Letters and the Emerging Church," March 1976; and "Distinctive Teachings of the Bible," September 1976.

For a group to study YOUTH BIBLE SERIES only a few tools are needed: Each student will need a personal copy of the Bible, either GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN and/or REVISED STANDARD VERSION, a copy of the Student's Workbook, and a pencil. The teacher will need only the Teacher's Guide, in addition to the above mentioned resources. These will enable the teacher and the class to make the step-by-step study of the Bible.

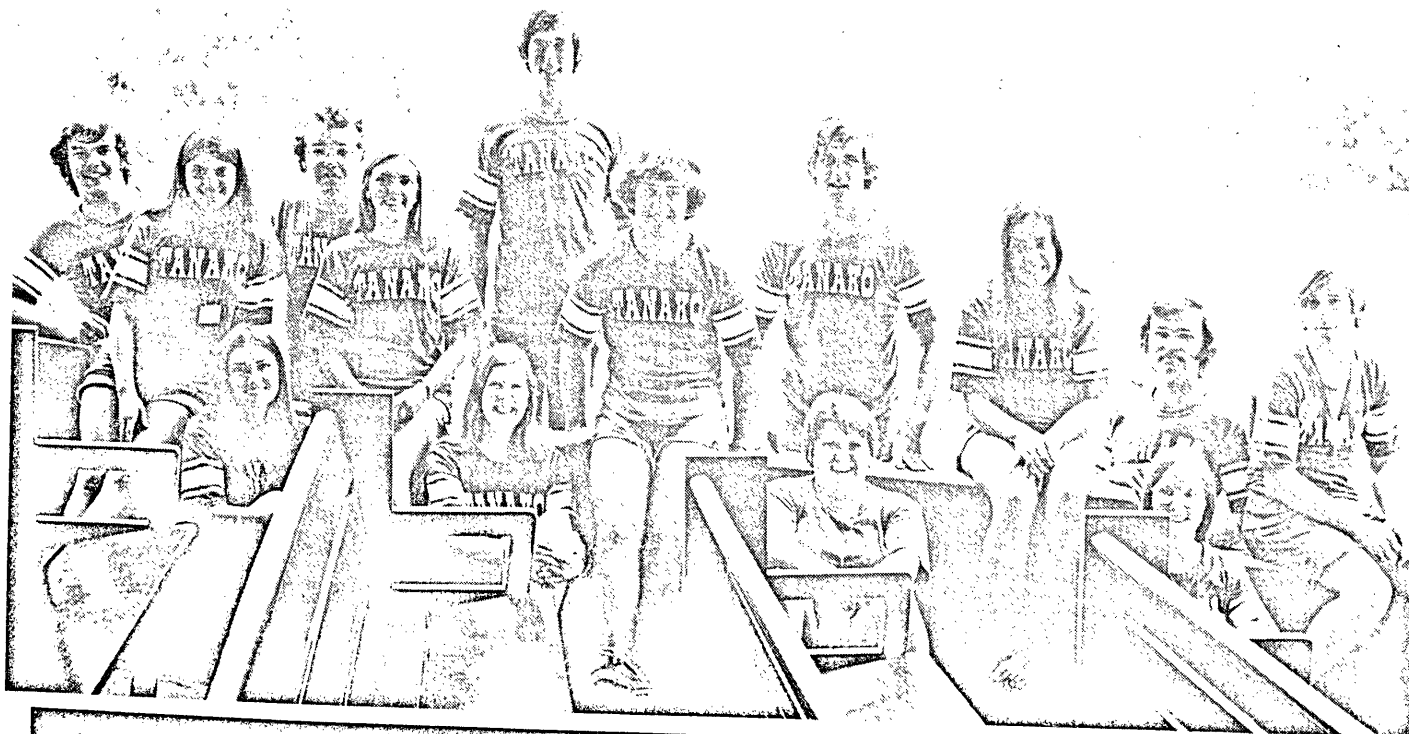
A cassette tape and poster is available now from Cokesbury, \$1 each, as an Introduction OF THE YOUTH BIBLE SERIES. Side one of the tape introduces the series, and side two is to be used after July 15, 1973, when a copy of the first unit in the series, "Promises To Keep," is available. Side two is a guide for step-by-step planning for sessions.

Youth groups that desire a full knowledge of the BIBLE may want to start in September 1973 and spend three years, 1973 to 1976, in an intensive study of the BIBLE, using the YOUTH BIBLE SERIES.

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STAFF PERSONS AT TANAKO who are assisting with the summer camping program for Little Rock Conference. Included are counselors, lifeguards, kitchen staff, and program director. (From left) Steve Williams of Little Rock, entering State College of Arkansas this fall; Janet Hunt of Malvern, education major at Hendrix; Pat Wallis of Malvern, U of A, Fayetteville grad who will teach French and English at Berryville; Steve Hale of Prescott, pre-pharmacy major at Henderson; Diana Spurlin of Little Rock, music major at U of A, Little Rock; Celia Robinson of Dumas, education major at Hendrix; Frank McClure of Malvern, entering U of A at Fayetteville; Buddy Trieschmann, recent graduate of Arkadelphia High School who will be employed in Arkadelphia this fall; Kay Douglas of Texarkana, English major at Texarkana Community College; Bruce Burton of Hot Springs, who enters 11th grade this fall in Tacoma, Wash.; Allison Osbourne of Conway, speech pathology major at SCA in Conway; Paul Hankins of Little Rock, graduate student at Henderson State, and summer program director at Tanako; Deborah Jackson of Monticello, nursing curriculum at SCA; Donnie Gentry of Hatfield, entering Henderson State as physical education major.

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NEWS and NOTES

DR. JAMES B. ARGUE, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, attended the Princeton Summer Institute of Theology early in July.

CONTEMPORARY YOUTH Services will be held in First Church, El Dorado, July 25, 26 and 27. The Rev. Mike Velchoff of Bearden will be the evangelist. Special music groups to perform are: Spirit Wild from Camden, Sunday's Children from El Dorado, and the Baptists will give a presentation of the "Nazarene."

THE REV. RAY EDWARDS and family were presented a money-tree and toy van full of money by members of the Cotter and Bull Shoals Churches as a going-away remembrance. The Tyronza Church received them with a "pounding."

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary will be observed by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Crenshaw of Little Rock this month. A reception for them in Winfield Church, Sunday, July 29, from three until five, will be hosted by their children, James Crenshaw of Vestal, N.Y., and Mrs. George Holmquist, Little Rock. Mrs. Crenshaw was treasurer for the Little Rock Conference WSCS/WSG for several years.

MRS. J. W. HARPER is in charge of a project to develop a Room of History at First Church, El Dorado. She is collecting old pictures and other items of historical interest.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH held a Family Camp at Shoal Creek United Methodist Camp the weekend of June 15-17. On June 26, the young people went to Lake Fort Smith for a swim and picnic, and then to Mt. Sequoyah to attend a Wesleyan Hymn Sing, which was a part of the 50th Year Celebration of Mt. Sequoyah. Bruce Vick is the Midland youth director and the Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

THE GREATER LITTLE Rock Ministerial Alliance elected as president the Rev. Robert Van Hook, pastor of the Henderson United Methodist Church. Other officers are the Rev. Dean Sudman, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, vice president; the Rev. O. D. Peters, Pulaski Heights United Methodist associate pastor, secretary; and the Rev. Fred Campbell, Unitarian-Universalist minister, treasurer.

THE REV. ROBERT ROBERTSON will attend classes at Southern Methodist University for four weeks. In his absence the pulpit of Western Hills Church, Little Rock, will be filled by the Rev. John Workman on July 22; Bishop William C. Martin, July 29; and Dr. James W. Workman, August 5.

THE WOMEN OF BETHEL A.M.E. Church in North Little Rock have announced a Prayer Breakfast to be held in their church at 600 Cedar at 7 a.m., July 22, and invite the public to make reservations. The Rev. J. L. Phillips is pastor.

G. COLEMAN AKIN, Arkansas student attending St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, has just completed his second year there. Coleman received 'honors' for his work. He was chosen by his class to represent them on the Student Association for his senior year. He is serving a two-year term on the Board of Trustees of St. Paul. He is also serving as pastor of the St. Paul United Methodist Church in St. Joseph, Mo.

ROUND ROBIN SERVICES are being held during July and August in Little Rock by the St. Luke, Oak Forest, St. Andrews, and Geyer Springs Churches. The schedule calls for Fred Haustein to be guest preacher at St. Luke, July 1; David Hankins at St. Andrew, July 8; Rayford Diffie at Oak Forest, July 15; Alf DeBlack at Geyer Springs, July 22; Rayford Diffie at St. Luke, July 29; Alf DeBlack at St. Andrew, Aug. 5; Fred Haustein at Oak Forest, Aug. 12; and David Hankins at Geyer Springs, Aug. 19. Services are at 7 p.m.

MISS NANCY NADER

Miss Nancy Nader, 22, of Lubbock, Tex., the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Nader, died on Monday afternoon, July 9, at a Lubbock hospital after a sudden illness. Her father, Dr. Nader, was a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference from 1942 until 1972 when he transferred to First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas where he served until his recent transfer to the Northwest Texas Conference.

Miss Nader was a graduate of Byrd High School in Shreveport and was a senior student majoring in speech at the University of Texas. She was a native of Houma.

In addition to her parents she is survived by three sisters, Carol Ann Nader of Shreveport, Kathleen Hube of New Orleans and Elizabeth Nader of Lubbock and two brothers, Sammy Nader of Columbus, Ga., and Paul Nader of Lubbock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 11 at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock with a graveside service on Thursday at Sulphur, La.

THE MARMADUKE CHURCH Vacation Bible School had an average attendance of 34 students and 11 teachers and helpers. The school was concluded with an evening picnic in the Paragould Park. The Rev. L. L. Bounds is pastor.

THE CHILDREN OF WINFIELD Church, Little Rock, and First Church, Stuttgart, will present the musical cantata "100% Chance of Rain" at Winfield Church on Wednesday night, July 25 at 7:30, and will also perform in Stuttgart on Wednesday, August 1.

THE NORTHSIDE LAYMEN'S Group met in First Church, North Little Rock, June 21, to hear Troy Collier of Teen Challenge tell of the work that center does with young drug addicts.

THE BETHESDA CHURCH, Batesville District, held vacation church school June 25-29, with an enrollment of 27 pupils and seven leaders. At the conclusion, Open House was held to display the work and present the program for parents and friends. The director was Mrs. Ross Williams. The Rev. Woodrow Woods 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 22—Sunday	Eccles. 5:1-5
	12:1-6
July 23	John 12:44-50
July 24	I Peter 5:1-11
July 25	I John 1:3-10, 2:2
July 26	I John 3:1-7
July 27	Jude 17-25
July	Psalm 126:1-6
July 29—Sunday	John 3:18-21, 36

AYDELOTTE ORGAN DEDICATED AT BELLEFONTE CHURCH

The congregation at Bellefonte United Methodist Church dedicated an organ given by Mrs. Otto Aydelotte in memory of her husband on Sunday, June 24. Bill Hawkins, Chairman of the Trustees, presented the organ for dedication, and the Rev. D. Max Whitfield, pastor, led the congregation in an Act of Dedication.

As an act of appreciation for this and the many acts of kindness and love for the membership demonstrated by Mrs. Aydelotte, the congregation "turned the table" and presented her with a surprise party on her 80th birthday.

BERRYVILLE YOUTH WEEK will feature the study of "Christians and the Meaning of Sexuality", July 22-26. The Rev. Lewis Chessner, director of the U. of A. Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville, will be the leader. Planning for Youth Week is chaired by Cindy George. The Rev. Victor Nixon is pastor.

THE TRI-F's, a social group of senior adults, sponsored by First United Methodist Church of Little Rock, had the privilege of pre-viewing Blanchard Caverns on Friday, July 6. Seventy members and guests traveled by charter buses, taking their lunches for a picnic near the cavern entrance. The group was divided into three parties, and conducted down the elevator shaft at 20-minute intervals to enjoy an hour and a half of a magnificent display of God's handiwork.



The Sparkman Church children and staff for the recent vacation church school are shown. Staff members are, from left: Mrs. Jeff Dunn, Mrs. Donny Denton, Mrs. Jim Tarkington, Mrs. Lula Bee Shirron,



Mrs. Zola Denton, Mrs. Ester McDonald and Mrs. Frances Greene. The children are shown above. The Rev. John L. Prothro is pastor of the Sparkman Circuit.



High school graduates were honored by United Methodist Women of First Church, Malvern, in May. Each senior was presented a gift at the breakfast held at the church. Assisting in the program were Mrs. Hilliard Jones, UMW president, Mrs. Harold Clem, director of Christian Education, Arthur Honeychurch, music director, Gay Everett, youth director and the Rev. Charles Ashcraft, pastor.

Schedules: Schools of Christian Mission

Hendrix College - Conway, Arkansas

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THREE DAY SCHOOL

Wednesday, July 25, 1973

9:00-10:45 Registration - Grove Gym
10:30 Special Orientation, Youth
11:00 General Orientation -
Hulen Hall, Parlor
12:00 Lunch
2:00- 4:00 Study Class
6:30- 8:00 Singing, Plenary Session
8:15 Fellowship Hour

Thursday, July 26, 1973

8:30-10:00 Singing, Plenary Session
10:20-11:45 Study Class
1:45- 3:15 Study Class
3:35- 4:35 Plenary Session
6:30 Options - Individual Interests

Friday, July 27, 1973

8:30-10:15 Study Class
10:30-11:45 Plenary and Celebration
12:00 Lunch

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WEEKEND SCHOOL

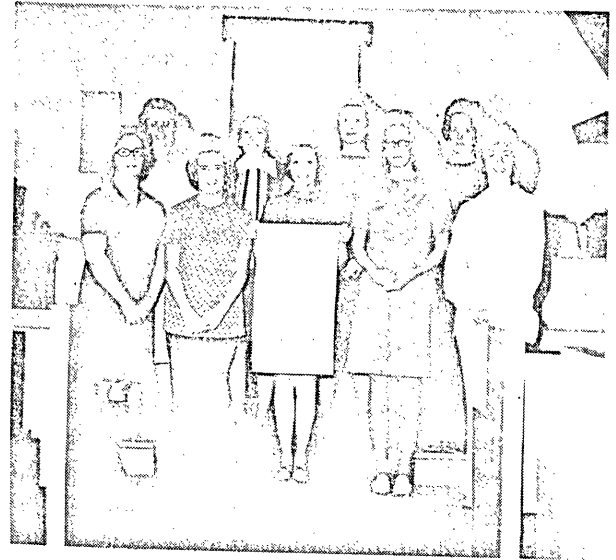
Saturday, July 28, 1973

8:45- 9:45 Registration - Grove Gym
9:45-11:15 Orientation, Plenary Session
Hulen Hall, Parlor
11:15 Registration Resumed
12:00 Lunch
1:15- 4:45 Study Class
6:30- 7:30 Plenary Session
7:45- 9:15 Study Class
9:30 Options

Sunday, July 29, 1973

8:30-10:00 Worship, Plenary Session
10:15-11:45 Study Class
1:00- 2:20 Plenary Session, Take Home Bonus

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These women are shown at the "Service of Celebration" organizing United Methodist Women in St. Luke Church, Pine Bluff. Carol Turrentine, president, was in charge of the service. Front row, from left: Ellen Milner, Catherine Hamilton, Marilyn Williams, Carol Turrentine, and Sue Smith. Back row: Dorothea Schuttler, Sue Brown, Marian Hensarling and Nadyne Aikman.

The Healing Fountain, by Betty Thompson, which has recently come from the press, is the primary resource for a study by United Methodist Women on "Contemporary Christians and Their Writings." It is one of three studies which the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, is promoting and providing resources for in 1973-74. The book is published by the Board's Education and Cultivation Division.

Financial Statement

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
MARCH 31, 1973 to JUNE 30, 1973

RECEIPTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$26,068.17	
Special Memberships	425.00	
In Remembrance	94.50	
World Thank Offering	85.15	
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	26,672.82	
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	986.23	
Supplementary Gifts	194.93	
Elizabeth T. Workman Fund for Youth	270.06	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM DISTRICTS	28,124.04	(28,124.04)
Refund from Division (Austin Health Care Conference)	100.00	
Refund, Regional School	70.00	
	170.00	(170.00)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		28,294.04
Balance Savings & Checking Accts. 3/31/1973		18,281.50
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$46,575.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$21,897.26	
Special Memberships	425.00	
In Remembrance	94.50	
World Thank Offering	85.15	
TOTAL CREDIT ON PLEDGE	22,501.91	
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	986.23	
Supplementary Gifts	194.93	
TOTAL SENT TO DIVISION	23,683.07	(23,683.07)
Operational Expense	261.49	
Conference Committee Meetings	227.27	
Annual Report, Stationery	1,284.19	
Regional School Christian Mission	558.53	
Arkansas School Christian Mission	1,950.00	
Delegate, Austin Health Care Conf.	70.00	
District Cultivation	1,400.00	
Connectional Work	45.24	
Philander Smith College, Scholarship	150.00	
Centennial Celebration (Warren)	169.00	
Registration, Assembly	60.00	
	6,176.75	(6,176.75)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		29,859.82
Bal. Savings & Checking Accts. June 30, 1973		16,715.72
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		\$46,575.54

The Methodist Hospital (Memphis, Tenn.) Ladies Auxiliary observed their 40th anniversary in June. RIGHT: Mrs. Kenneth W. Warden (right) charter member of the Auxiliary, serves anniversary cake to Mrs. James B. Green (center) current president, and Mrs. P. W. Webb, a past president.



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NOTES ANNIVERSARY

The organization of the Methodist Hospital Auxiliary in Memphis 40 years ago was the culmination of a dream of 23 dedicated women, members of local Methodist Churches, who were challenged to translate their doctrinal creed into living reality. Mrs. Casa Collier was the first president.

Their initial efforts were directed toward student nurses and their needs, but as the hospital expanded, the Auxiliary's scope of service was enlarged. Their accomplishments are too numerous to list, but among them was the contribution of \$25,000 toward the construction of the William Greene Thomas wing erected a few years ago. They later contributed \$10,000 toward a highly sophisticated piece of medical equipment containing a laser beam, and most recently retired a \$25,000 pledge

on the hospital's School of Nursing.

Through the years the Auxiliary has ministered to thousands of patients and their families by supplying clothing and other items to those in need. One of the most noteworthy of the Auxiliaries' projects is providing scholarship loans to deserving student nurses. Students may borrow up to \$500, interest free.

The popular "Pink Ladies" well known to hospital patients and employees, are sponsored by the Auxiliary.

Monies raised over the years have been derived from "modest" sources - the sale of inexpensive articles in the Auxiliary bazaar, memberships from about 1200 members from the three owning United Methodist Church Conferences (Memphis, North Arkansas, and North Mississippi), the selling of photos of babies born at Methodist, and various other types of activities.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR JULY 29:

Live The Truth

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:16; 23:1-3; Proverbs 19:9; Acts 5:1-11; Ephesians 4:25-32; James 1:26; 3:1-12.

MEMORY SELECTION: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discipline our tongues and our whole lives in truth and not give false witness in court nor in character and word.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

The other eight commandments might be considered summed up in this Ninth Commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Dr. Moffatt translates it in part, "not give false evidence against a fellow-countryman." We are forbidden to lie about God, or his image, or his name, or his sabbath, or parents, or the value of human life, or marriage purity, or personal property rights and responsibilities, or in court or personal conversation. The Psalmist's prayer (Ps. 19:14) "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength (rock) and my redeemer," sums up the total unity of honest speaking enforced in the discipline of this Ninth Commandment. In John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," we see the word of Jesus regarding the basic fundamental place of truth.

In its simplest form the Ninth Commandment was the basis of integrity in giving testimony in a court of law. The foundation and stability of the legal system is based upon honesty in evidence, in testimony. To perjure testimony is criminal action of the witness. In the Code of Hammurabi a perjurer was given the penalty of the crime he had committed.

The New Testament record of the early church gives the tragic experience of Ananias and Sapphira in their lies about their promised gifts to the church. The meanings of their names bear significant tragedy in their deception. Ananias means "graciously given of the Lord," though the singular form of his name means "cloud of the Lord" (Nehemiah 3:23). Sapphira meant "beautiful," "handsome," "relates," or "composes." What a record of contrast is their falsification in the record of The Acts in the early church. Death was their penalty, in their jointly perjured report of their sale and gift of property for the Christian community. The prevalence of guilty conscience regarding lying is in the closing verse of the scripture (Acts 5:11) "great fear (awe) came over all who heard" about their tragic deception.

OLD TESTAMENT TRUTH TELLING

The Interpreter's Bible exegesis specifies the word "bear" means "to answer," that is, at court. All parties in a legal contest are to answer in truth, whether they be a plaintiff, a defendant or witness at court. (Exodus 23:1a) "You shall not utter a false report . . . not . . . be a malicious witness," is connected with doing evil. The central point of the Ninth Commandment is truth telling in litigation, in all of its phases.

The exposition of the same source comments on this first start on truth-telling in all its aspects. A number of references are cited stressing the importance of language agreeing with fact. Deuteronomy 13:14 insists on the search for the truth before penalty is sentenced. Deuteronomy 17:4 also stresses this same necessity for thorough search for the truth. Jeremiah 9:5 laments the widespread lying and the lack of repentance among neighbors. Psalm 15:2 describes the speaker of truth as one who dwells in the presence of the Almighty. Such a truth teller speaks the truth "in his heart," which means, gladly and cordially. The book of Proverbs cites the virtues of truth-telling and the evil of lying.

Earlier Old Testament books record the shady dealings of Laban with Jacob and Jacob's dealings with Isaac and Esau (Genesis 29:21-27, and Genesis 27:6-36).

WAYS OF LIVING

"Don't do as I do but do as I say," is a saying that reflects the distance between the word and the deed. Dr. Park says that Moses made a start for truth-telling when he gave the Ninth Commandment to a people who are of two kinds still; those who believe in truth-telling and in people who lay more emphasis on manners, courtesy and kindness.

Children's problems with telling the truth reveal the many shades of veracity and lying. Why does a child not tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? I recall fourteen reasons that a researcher found as part of the answer. The example of the parent that the child imitates in telephone conversation is one example. White lies cover up what is convenient and what one does not want to do. The child does not have as mature an ability to see or hear what is reported as the maturer adolescent or adult. Self defense is another reason for telling part of the truth and not all of it.

The professional problems of a physician in withholding some truth about what he knows about the patient's condition is a baffling one. It may depend upon the patient's desire to know, and the doctor's humility in not being certain about particular details involved in a determining diagnosis.

In the economic-political field what does the term "influence peddling" call to mind in international trade dealings, or in stock market cases? The daily newscasts and special reports challenge the Christian conscience to know the truth and to be reasonably free from doubt.

The "pitch" of the sales notices, whether hard or soft, makes the consumer uncertain as to the real value of an item to be bought. Does truth telling identify your knowledge of your repair man, your sales person, or your political representative or your minister or teacher? The communion of saints may be a bit lie-bitten with a communion of sinners in regard to "what is the truth."

THREE LEVELS OF TRUTH

Bishop Tullis, in "Adult Bible Studies," warns about our conversation centering so much on other people. He reports the saying that there are three levels of conversation. The highest level is about ideas. The second level of talk is about events. The lowest level of talk is about people. It is in this lowest level that malicious gossip, and hearsay does its harmful work.

"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

Pilate's question, "What is truth?" (John 18:38)

was answered by his witness to the crowd that "I find no fault in him." A number of Bible references for home study will add to the Christian meaning of truth. An example for truth spoken in love is given in Matthew 18:15-17. The tamed tongue is commended in James 3:1-12. The motive of the heart sincerely reveals truth or falsehood. (Mark 7:4-23).

John 14:15-18 gives the key to Christian truth. It is the Lord's legacy to his disciples. This gift of Christ to his followers is based upon keeping his commandments. This gift of the spirit of truth is the prayer of the Lord for the Father's gift of another Comforter, "even the Spirit of Truth." He dwelleth in his followers and is in them. He abides forever. He never leaves his followers comfortless.

Bishop Tullis closes his words about the scripture with the following prayer: "O God, you are the truth, and you desire truth from all your people. Help us so to guard our mouths that the words we speak and the meditations that motivate them may be acceptable in thy sight. Help us to speak the truth in all we say and to speak it in love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

WORD AND WIND

It is said that the two most important words in language are word and wind. Communication and environment are two important elements in truth. News and weather report make up much of our daily interest.

The Bible references in James deal with words and conduct. Taming the tongue is the continual task of the Christian who would speak the truth in love. Bishop Tullis cites the power of Churchill to bring "courage and strength" to the nation with his words. To the contrary Hitler brought the fire of tragedy in pogroms and war with his words and conduct. Words of truth bring life, light and immortality to light in the gospel. Lies bring deceptive conduct, tragedy, and untold grief in their wake.

How words grow! Robinson, in "New England," writes "Of all small things that have the most infernal power to grow, few may be larger than a few small words, that may not say themselves, and be forgotten."

TAME THE TONGUE

Luther said the book of James was a "straw" epistle, meaning that it emphasized works more than faith. James emphasizes this "straw" may have been the one that "broke the camel's back" in that it revealed the hard task of taming the tongue with brotherly love. James, the third chapter, in the Key '73 edition of "Good News For Modern Man," is illustrated by line drawings by Miss Annie Vallotton. One is a horse's head, with open mouth and tossing head with warning eye. The other is of a full horse, rearing up on hind legs, with rider pulling at the bridle. James warns his Christian brothers against many of them being teachers. Greater judgment comes to teachers because of their life illustrating their words. The horse's bit, the pilot's rudder are small guides for horse and ship. So the tongue, small as it is, can "boast about great things." The tongue is like a fire, James says, full of deadly poison, evil and uncontrollable. The tongue is also used for thanking God our Lord. Thanksgiving and cursing come out of the same mouth. "My brothers! this should not happen!" The Ninth Commandment makes this our duty as a discipline in truthful living.

Next Sunday's lesson is based on the Tenth Commandment "do not covet" . . . under the topic "The Peril of Greed."

Screen "Superstar" gives rise to controversy.

NEW YORK, (AJC)—The film *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which is about to be released in the United States and abroad, is "anti-Semitic," "demeaning," and "nothing less than a catastrophe," according to a prominent Protestant educator.

Gerald S. Strober, a Presbyterian authority on intergroup relations in Christian education, has charged that the "rock opera," which depicts the events of the Passion, has "pressed into service every device of cinematic art to spread the old falsehood of the Jews' 'collective responsibility' for Jesus' death."

Pointing out that the idea of Jewish collective responsibility for the crucifixion has been denounced as "historically and spiritually untenable, and is being discarded from church teaching and preaching and from individual belief," Mr. Strober accused Universal Pictures and the producer-director, Norman Jewison, of "exploiting a tradition that has scarred Jews and Christians from the time of the Church Fathers, through the Middle Ages, to the era of Auschwitz."

Mr. Strober, who serves as consultant on interreligious education for the American Jewish Committee, makes his charges in an analysis that the AJC is distributing to religious and civic leaders and others who would be particularly concerned with the issues raised. It is a sequel to a previous analysis that he prepared about the Broadway stage production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Mr. Strober expressed particular concern about the potential influence of the movie in view of the fact that it will probably be seen by millions of people, in contrast to the stage version, which reached thousands, and also in view of the more intense impact of the film medium.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, a coordinating body of national Jewish organizations and local Jewish community relations councils, called the film "a singularly damaging setback in the struggle against the religious sources of anti-Semitism."

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, AJC's National Director of Interreligious Affairs, in an introduction to the Strober analysis noted that "*Jesus Christ Superstar* has received a 'G' rating, which means that masses of impressionable Christian children of Sunday school age will be exposed, in most compelling fashion, to an anti-Jewish presentation of the gospel story without the guidance of an accompanying parent."

Mr. Strober based his findings on a comparison of the film with the New Testament, which, he pointed out, was "the primary source of information about Jesus' life and death." He also examined the printed text of the original "rock opera," as well as the printed text accompanying the MCA record of the film's sound track.

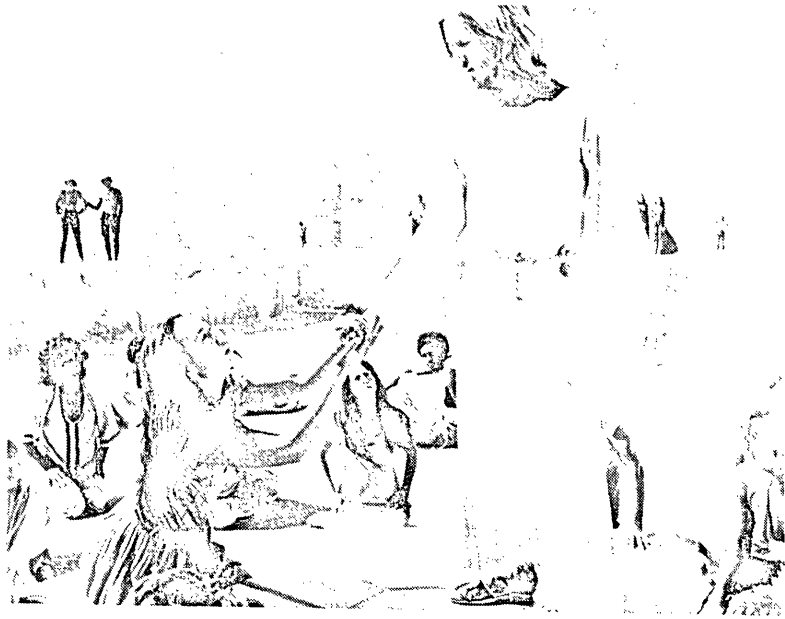
His comparison between the film and the New Testament dealt with five specific categories and events related to the last days of Jesus' life: the Priests, Pilate, the Temple scene, Judas, and the Jewish crowd.

"The entire portrait of Pilate," Mr. Strober stated, "is designed to minimize his role in Jesus' trial and death, and thereby maximize that of Jesus' Jewish antagonists. It is wildly unhistorical, deriving from the cliches of traditional anti-Jewish Passion plays rather than from the New Testament.

All serious scholars today agree, on the basis of Roman and other sources, that Pilate actually was an exceptionally harsh governor even by the far from lenient standards of Roman occupation government. He was notorious for his arbitrary executions, and was eventually recalled to Rome to be tried for oppression."

"It is too late in the day to allow calculated defamation of the Jewish people and their cherished faith to go unchallenged," Rabbi Tanenbaum declared. "Perhaps some day, after the Oberammergau spectaculars and the *Jesus Christ Superstars* have run their moneyed course, some creative artist will tell the Passion story in a way that will bring honor rather than shame to Christianity."

Mr. Strober, who attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, received



NEW YORK (RNS) — Even before its release, controversy over alleged anti-Semitic elements in the movie version of the Broadway musical "*Jesus Christ Superstar*" has broken out. A group of nine major Jewish organizations castigated the film — scheduled to open in New York in August — for allegedly fostering anti-Semitic stereotypes, and said that its portrayal of Judas as a black man who was "the dupe of wily Jewish priests" could damage black-Jewish relations.

However, in an analysis published in the ecumenical weekly, *Christian Century*, editor James Wall declared that the movie is "in no way anti-Semitic." Mr. Wall, a United Methodist clergyman, further stated that "any charges of anti-Semitism leveled against this film will be based not on 'Superstar' itself, but on feelings generated by earlier portrayals of Jews as 'Christ-killers.'"

The above scene is a portrayal of Mary Magdalene by Yvonne Elliman as among the followers who kneel at the feet of Jesus, played by Ted Neeley, as he enters Jerusalem. The production was filmed in Israel.

his B.A. degree from Gordon College, in Wenham, Mass., and an M.A. in Jewish culture from New York University, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the latter institution. He served as pastor in the Surrey (N.H.) Congregational Church, and for two years was a member of the staff of an inner city church in Brooklyn, New York. He was a member of the faculty and acting director of the Department of History at Barrington College, Barrington, R.I.

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee is this country's pioneer human relations organization. It combats bigotry, protects the civil and religious rights of people at home and abroad, and seeks improved human relations for all men everywhere.

From Our Readers

"Is conference biased against women?"

Dear Sir:

Your June 21st issue of *THE ARKANSAS METHODIST* was an excellent one. I appreciated the opportunity to read the developments at Annual Conference at Jonesboro and found your interviews illuminating.

It would be an understatement to say I was disappointed in the comments of our new Lay Leader. Undoubtedly, he is a fine man; but considering at least half his constituency is female, his comments were unbelievably patronizing. He suggested that the reason for women assuming a greater role as lay persons is "a tremendous increase in the interest of women in the program of the church." Can anyone not see that the interest has always been there but the opportunity has not?

The coup de grace follows: "... We're giving them more responsibility ..." and "they should have it as they are the laity the same as men in our church now." (My emphasis).

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Since we women are 'now' recognized as interested laity I read further with great anticipation of how this new resource would be used. There was little comfort in what followed. Even though it would appear that women have seldom proved themselves worthy for positions of high responsibility in the church, it would seem that the ice had been sufficiently broken in the communications fields. But the report on the *ARKANSAS METHODIST* was a disheartening stroke. I daresay a random sampling would prove a strong majority of your readers to be women. Yet, as the talk was of enlarging the support for the *ARKANSAS METHODIST*, the new Board of Managers did not include even one woman.

There are capable, interested women available who could offer much to the Arkansas Methodist Board in particular and the church in general. It is frustrating when a genuine effort is not made to find them.

Best wishes to you in your new position.

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. Jesson
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Brother Workman,

Welcome to a new working and hopefully personal relationship with the people and the agencies of The Louisiana Annual Conference. If it should be possible, you would be most welcome to visit with us.

With no reflection on you it is, of course, with deep regret that we lose Alfred Knox. He has our sympathy and our prayers.

Your staff is aware of the long standing custom of allowing us one page a month, called *THE METHODIST HOME VISITOR*, and the printing of our monthly Memorial list. We, of course, hope that this practice may continue as it is our main informal pipe line to our constituency.

Again, best wishes, and God bless you in this new field.

Sincerely yours,
Harry E. Ezell, Superintendent
Methodist Children's Home
Ruston, La. 71270

CAN ANYONE HELP?

Dear Sir:

In our Mt. Ida Church building we have a *NORTON CHIMES* with the word "Atlanta" also there on.

What I am trying to do is find the address of this company that makes Norton Chimes machines, in order to get an instruction booklet from them.

I have written Atlanta, Georgia, however, there is no such company listed there.

Perhaps you know some Church that has a Norton Chimes, and will pass this information on to me.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this subject.

Sincerely yours,
Ernest A. Matzke
P. O. Box 41
Sims, Arkansas. 71969

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Bishop Dixon heads Black colleges' study commission

NASHVILLE, TENN. (UMC) — New members of a four-year Continuing Commission to Study the 12 United Methodist Black Colleges met here late in June, elected officers, outlined strategies, and reaffirmed as a mandate for the church the Black College Fund.

Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Topeka, Kans., was elected chairman of the 15-member Commission; Dr. Ann Flowers, Durham, N.C., was elected vice-chairperson; and Dr. Thomas K. Kim, Abilene, Tex., was elected secretary.

Immediately before the organizational meeting of the Commission two bishops selected as liaisons to the Black College Fund met with representatives of the Fund staff, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry staff, and representatives of the black college presidents. The liaison representatives of the Council of Bishops are Bishop Dixon and Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

The \$6 million annual Black College Fund being apportioned to all United Methodist churches succeeds the former voluntary Negro Colleges Advance. During the first five months

NEW YORK (UMC)—“Our whole national image as a democracy stinks from cellar to attic with a stench that no ‘air-freshener’ of the kinds thus far proposed by persons in government can possibly dispel,” the retiring president of Religion in American Life, Inc. (RIAL), declared here June 14.

In an obvious reference to the Wa-

tergate scandal and related matters, the Rev. Theophilus M. Taylor told the annual meeting of the RIAL board that “the Pollyanna philosophy which sees nothing wrong in our current situation, expressed in recent speeches by the President and Vice President, indicates the worst kind of blindness to reality.”

Dr. Taylor, a retired executive of the United Presbyterian Church, now lives in Topsham, Vermont. His address marked the conclusion of a three-year term as president of the RIAL board.

Denouncing crass materialism, dog-eat-dog ethics and wanton invasion by law-enforcement officers of citizens' privacy, Dr. Taylor called for “a return to the moral and ethical standards which made this nation great at its beginning, and which must be recovered if it is to be great again.”

He said: “Narrow loyalty to an ethnic community, blind patriotism which never questions the nation's motives and methods, and lip service to a church or a creed which so many in our society have substituted for religion, are very different from genuine religious faith which clearly manifests itself in the total daily conduct of those who espouse it.”

RIAL is recognized and supported, in part, by the United Methodist Church as an interdenominational and interfaith agency through which the church can work to direct attention to church attendance and loyalty to religious faith.

of 1973 the Black College Fund showed receipts of \$1,044,910.

The Commission to Study the Black Colleges was formed by the 1968 General Conference. Dr. W. Astor Kirk, Philadelphia, Pa., was chairman of the first commission which made several recommendations approved by the 1972 General Conference. These dealt with such concerns as finances, locations, possible mergers, church relationship and governance. Specific recommendations now being implemented include proposals that each college increase its enrollment to a minimum of 1,000 students over a five year period and that each college establish an adequately staffed admissions office to deal with recruitment and student financial aid.

Commission members for the 1973-76 quadrennium and the categories they represent are: **University Senate**

—Dr. Paul Hardin, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. William A. McMillan, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Dr. Ann Flowers, Durham, N.C.; **Council on Finance and Administration** — Mrs. Harold Mann, Sanford, N.C.; Dr. Zan W. Holmes, Dallas, Tex.; **Division of Higher Education** — Dr. Thomas K. Kim, Abilene, Tex.; Dr. Fred E. Harris and Dr. Daniel W. Wynn, Nashville, Tenn.;

Council of Black College Presidents — Dr. Vivian W. Henderson, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Isaac H. Miller Jr., Greensboro, N.C.; Dr. John T. King, Austin, Tex.; **Council on Ministries**—(advisory without vote) Mrs. Herbert Howe, North Plainfield, N.J.; Mrs. Mary Good, Detroit, Mich.; and Jerry Teel, Tulsa, Tex.; **Council of Bishops** — Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr., Topeka, Kans. Three additional members are to be elected at large.

Amnesty and abortion among considerations...

Annual conferences deal with structural changes

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Amnesty, abortion and alteration of structure were major issues in many United Methodist annual conference sessions in the United States this summer, along with the voting on eight proposed amendments to the church's constitution.

Based on reports to the news service unit of United Methodist Communications here and the **Advocate/Together** news department in Park Ridge, Ill., structure concerns in one form or another were before more than one-third of the 70 regular and three missionary conferences in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Amnesty issues were considered by a dozen or so of the sessions, and abortion by at least half that many.

Most of the structural changes bring organization at the conference level into harmony with that adopted for the general church in 1968. Several put increased emphasis on programming at the district level.

Among those approving restructure effective either immediately or within a year were Central New York, West Virginia, Northern New Jersey, California-Nevada, Western North Carolina, Oregon-Idaho, West Ohio, New York, West Michigan, Texas, and Central Texas. Several others were reported earlier.

Minnesota, Oklahoma, Detroit, and Rio Grande expect to receive recommendations at 1974 sessions, Southern New Jersey, Central Pennsylvania, and Western Pennsylvania have studies under way, and Northwest Texas was among those approving new structures at special sessions during the past year. Rocky Mountain rejected a proposal to hold biennial instead of annual sessions.

By sometimes narrow margins, at least five conferences voted support for full amnesty for persons who refused military service during the Vietnam fighting. These included East Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, West Michigan and Troy. In Minnesota the vote was 168 to 163, and in East Ohio, 483 to 478.

Northern Illinois rejected a proposal for full amnesty, but did support, by 264 to 253, the step, provided certain conditions were met. Other condi-

tional measures were supported in South Carolina, New York and Florida. Southern Indiana and Western North Carolina asked local churches to consider the issue, and North Texas set up a study task force.

At least two conferences, Holston and Virginia, rejected all amnesty proposals.

Mixed reaction also greeted the issue of abortion. Oklahoma passed a limited measure and cautioned that “some states are trying to turn abortion into birth control”; West Ohio said that abortion should only be permitted when the woman's life is endangered; Louisiana and Virginia voted to support the General Conference position making abortion a medical rather than a criminal concern; and Virginia and Minnesota opposed any U.S. constitutional amendment undercutting the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Kansas East endorsed legalized abortion. North Indiana approved a one-day, conference-wide seminar in 1974, and Florida asked for local church educational programs on various phases of the issue.

The proposed “Equal Rights” amendment to the U.S. constitution was endorsed by at least three conferences — Maine, Yellowstone and Western North Carolina. Southern California-Arizona gave its “Layperson of the Year” honor to a woman for the first time in 20 years.

Several conferences voiced concern at blanket cuts in federal social assistance funds. These included Northern New Jersey, Kansas East and West, Missouri West, California-Nevada and Western Pennsylvania.

On other concerns, Tennessee voted to begin appointing ministers across racial lines in 1974. Peninsula voiced its disapproval of its Board of Church and Society commending a minister who refused to pay a portion of his income tax as a Vietnam war protest, and South Georgia adopted a counseling service for ministers.

Memphis adopted a three-year capital funds campaign to raise \$600,000 for Lakeshore Assembly, and New Mexico voted a \$250,000 building program at Sacramento Methodist Assembly.

Troy made the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples a major emphasis, Northern Illinois set up a task-force to implement the program, and New York approved a ministry of teaching to center on the Bishops' Call, the United Methodist Social Principles and the Doctrinal Statement.

Meeting for the first time as a missionary conference, 130 lay and ministerial Oklahoma Indian United Methodists approved a hospitalization and life insurance program for ministers, created its first official ministerial roll and approved a “church standard chart” to help strengthen and upgrade local churches.

In the voting on constitutional amendments, unofficial reports received by July 9 from three-fourths of the conferences in the U.S. show that early trends continue with six of the proposals being endorsed and two rejected.

Losing are changes to permit the General Conference to meet in regular session more often than quadrennially, and give the vote on issues of ministerial qualifications to lay annual conference members. The tally on the former shows 10,791 in favor and 12,535 opposed, and on the latter, 9,539 “yes,” and 13,499 “no.”

Receiving far more than the aggregate two-thirds favorable majority needed for ratification are measures which would equalize lay-clergy membership in annual conference, remove masculine pronouns from the constitution, strike a minimum age requirement for General, Jurisdictional and Central conference members, and remove a barrier to Puerto Rico becoming an autonomous church.

Annual conferences outside the U.S. also are voting on these issues, but the numbers represented are so small that they are not expected to materially affect the outcome. Official results of the balloting will be announced later in the year by the Council of Bishops.

Except for conferences holding split sessions with the second part due in the autumn, the annual series concluded in the U.S. June 24 after beginning May 8.

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In order to provide this coverage at a more reasonable premium, sickness resulting in surgery, cancer, tuberculosis, heart disease, appendicitis, hernia, gall bladder, kidneys,

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Within 30 days after you receive your policy, we will send you a premium notice. You may then pay one, three, six or twelve months premiums as you wish. However, you will save money if you pay other than monthly.

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I also hereby apply for coverage for the members of my family listed below:

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List additional names on separate sheet and enclose with this application blank.

To the best of your knowledge and belief, have you or any person listed above ever had high or low blood pressure, heart trouble, diabetes, cancer, arthritis, or tuberculosis or have you or they, within the last five years, been disabled by either accident or illness, had medical advice or treatment, taken prescribed medication for any condition, or been advised to have a surgical operation?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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50-65	8.00	4.00
66-74	10.00	5.00
75-90	15.00	7.50
Children 0-17	1.70	.85

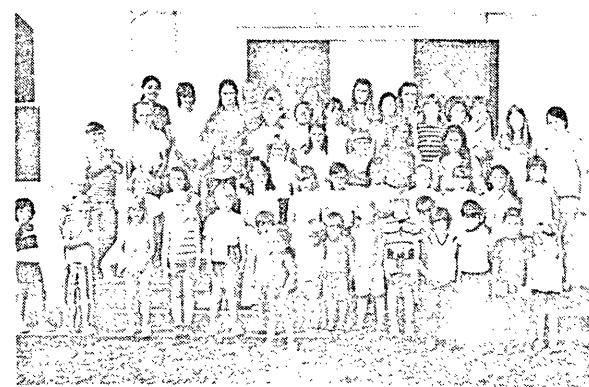
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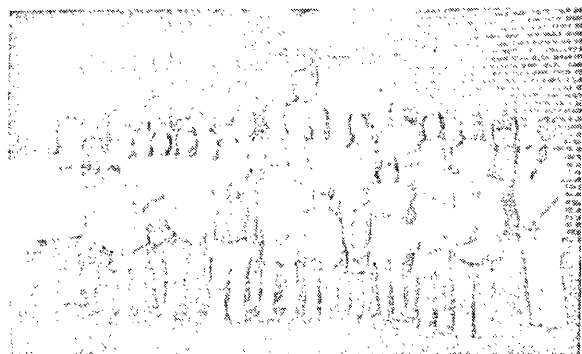
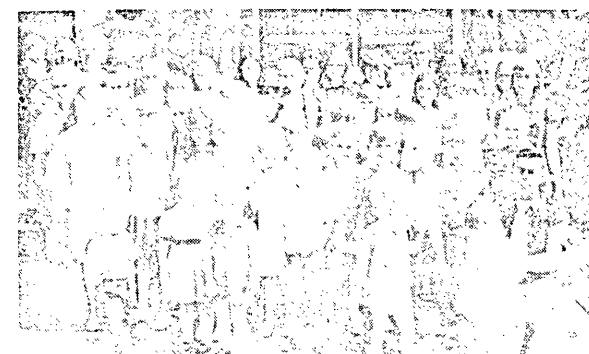


Marysville-Silver Hill youth group at completion of ecology work project which resulted from a recent UMY program. They are shown following collection of three truck loads of beer cans, paper and assorted junk along a five-mile section of Highway 57, between Highway 82 and Mt. Holly, Ark. This same group will tour south Texas during the first week of August with their own musical adaptation of the story of "Noah." The Rev. John T. Dill is their pastor.

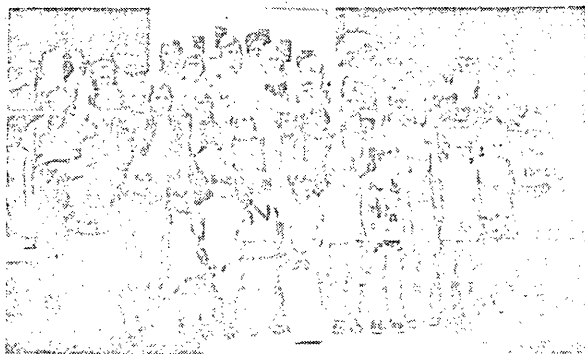
RIGHT: Bayou Meto vacation church school enrolled 53 youth and children and was staffed by 14 teachers and helpers. The Rev. Bob Irvin is pastor.



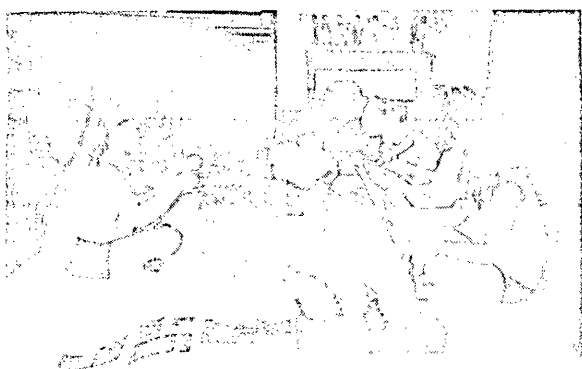
RIGHT: Forty children attended the Maynard VCS. The staff included four teachers and four assistants. The Rev. Leroy Craig is pastor; the Rev. James Weatherford, associate pastor.



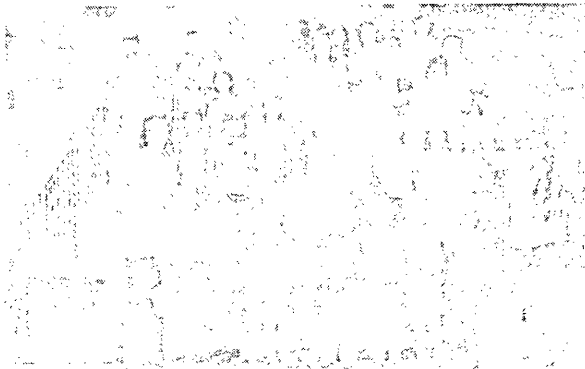
The vacation church school at Midway Church had an average attendance of 40 children. It concluded with a program and ice cream supper. Shown with the group is the Rev. Jack Williams, pastor.



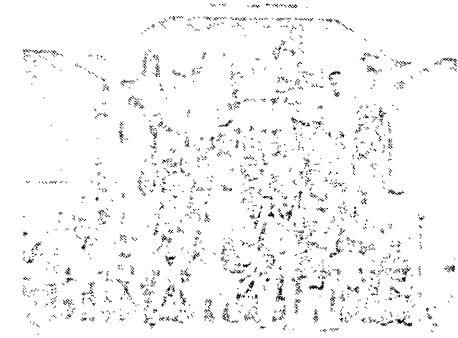
The Springhill United Methodist Church VCS was directed by Mrs. Troy Buck. Shown with the group is the Rev. Carl Diffie, pastor.



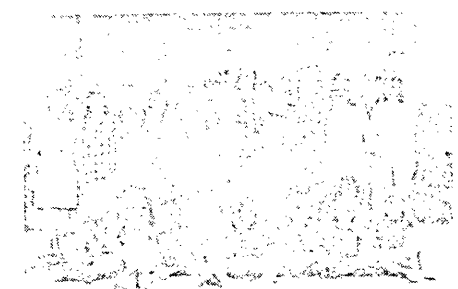
Elementary 1 boys and girls at St. Paul Church, El Dorado have tea "Japanese style." Attendance at the week-long session averaged 120 persons per day, including staff. Mrs. Joe Hogue and Mrs. Tom Oliver were co-directors. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell is pastor.



The Desha United Methodist Church held evening VCS sessions between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. with an average attendance of 64. A commencement service was held as the school concluded on Sunday evening, June 24. The Rev. Felix Holland is minister.



VCS at Hughes United Methodist Church climaxed with a program presented during Sunday morning worship and a crafts display, followed by a churchwide potluck dinner. Attendance averaged approximately 60 children plus workers. The Rev. Kern Johnson is pastor.



Attendance at New Hope (Benton) VCS averaged 36. Mrs. Louis Ramsey served as director; the Rev. Thomas G. Poss is minister.

RIGHT: Elementary Camp 1 of the Little Rock Conference shown in outdoor chapel at Camp Tanako.

BELOW: Preachers, preachers' kids and preachers' grandkids at Elementary Camp 1. (Left to right) Front: Ricky Poss, Paul Hankins, Miss Beasley, Sharon Sweatman, Sheri Poss, Ollie Gentry, Gayle Alston, Kathy Freppon, Louann and Susan Averitt; Back: Buddy Trieschmann, Richard Poss, Donnie Gentry, Jan Irvin, Biff Averitt holding son Chris, and Nilan McLean.

