

E. Clay Bumpers

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"Continuity in Change" theme

North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly

"Continuity in Change" will be the theme of the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly August 4-5 at Mt. Sequoyah. This year's Assembly will honor E. Clay Bumpers of Wabash, Conference Lay Leader from 1960 until being succeeded this year by Henry M. Rainwater of Walnut Ridge.

Principal speaker at the Assembly will be Roy J. Grogan, prominent United Methodist layman from Weatherford, Tex. A former Special Agent of the F.B.I., Mr. Grogan is a practicing attorney in his home town. He served as chairman of the General Texas Conference delegation to the General Conference in Atlanta in 1972 and has been a member of the delegation in a number of other General Conferences. He has served as chairman of his local church Administrative Board as well as numerous other local church, district and conference responsibilities. He has served as secretary of the Jurisdictional board of laity. He will give two major addresses during the Assembly.

Bishop Eugene M. Frank will speak to the Assembly on Saturday evening at the eight o'clock hour.

As a tribute to former Lay Leader Bumpers, speakers will share in presentations highlighting his life as

"Churchman, businessman, family man and friend." Giving these presentations will be Henry M. Rainwater, Joe Pierce of Searcy, J. J. Partridge of West Memphis and Dr. Matt Ellis of Conway.

A report on the National Conference of Laity, held recently at Purdue University, will be given by W. E. Arnold, Jr., Associate Conway District Lay Leader of North Little Rock.

The Rev. Charles Whittle of Nashville will deliver the sermon at Sunday morning's worship service. Mr. Whittle is a member of the staff of the Board of Discipleship, Section on Evangelism. A Service of Holy Communion will be held early Sunday morning with the Rev. Harold Spence, superintendent of the Fayetteville District and the Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly administering the sacrament.

Persons presiding during the sessions will be Conference Lay Leader Henry M. Rainwater, Associate Conference Lay Leader Warren Blaylock of Alma, and Conway District Lay Leader Jim Lane. The music will be under the direction of Dick Fikes, Associate Conference Lay Leader from North Little Rock.

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Susan Gladin (right) is shown with her pastor, the Rev. Jim Beal, at First Church, Helena, where she was recently recommended by the Charge Conference of her home church for License to Preach.



Youth Council leader recommended for License to Preach

Susan Gladin, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Council, was recommended for License to Preach by the Charge Conference of her home congregation, First Church, Helena, Meeting on July 9, the Conference, presided over by Forrest City District Superintendent the Rev. Elmo Thomason, confirmed the decision that Susan had shared with the congregation on the previous Sunday.

The pastor, the Rev. Jim Beal, noted the last occasion when a person had been recommended for License to Preach by the Helena church was forty-five years ago and that the person was one Aubrey G. Walton, who was later to become a Bishop of the

church. Bishop and Mrs. Walton, recently retired after serving the Louisiana Area, now live in Little Rock.

Susan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Gladin of Helena, will enter Hendrix College in the fall. Her plans are to continue in one of the seminaries of the United Methodist Church and become a Minister of Christian Education. She has been active in both her local church, in the Annual Conference level and in jurisdictional youth ministries.

The above picture shows Susan being congratulated by her pastor, the Rev. Jim Beal.

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Arkansas well represented at National Laity Conference

Eighty-six persons from Arkansas attended the National Conference of Laity at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana July 13-15. Thirty-six persons attended from the Little Rock Conference, representing fourteen churches in that Conference. Wesley church in Little Rock led in number with fourteen persons attending. Fifty persons from the North Arkansas Conference attended. First Church, North Little Rock, had ten persons attending, leading the churches from that Conference.

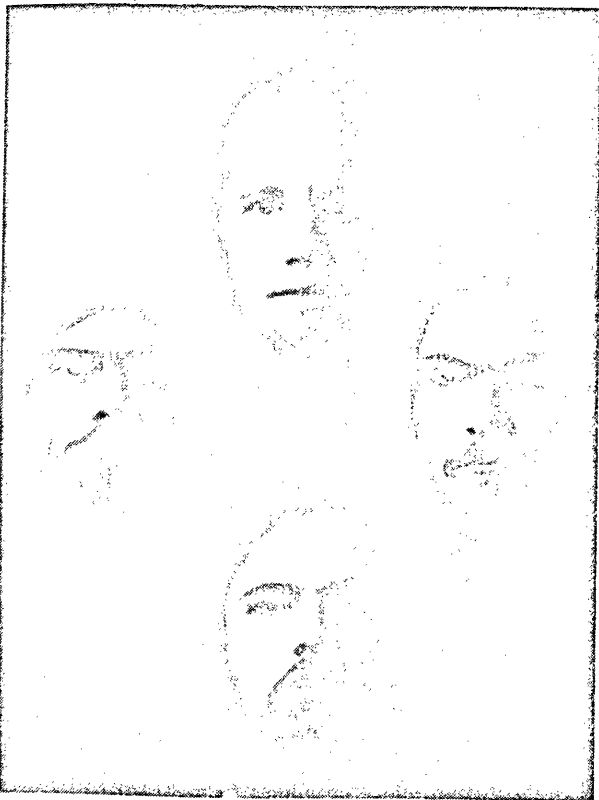
Arrangements for the groups were made by Conference Lay Leaders William M. Shepherd of Little Rock and Henry M. Rainwater of Walnut Ridge. For the Little Rock Conference, Ken Ross of Hot Springs was chairman for Transportation and was assisted by Charles Stuck, Gus Rummel of Little Rock was the music chairman, North Arkansas Conference coordinator for

the Purdue meeting was Homer Fulbright of Searcy. Dick Fikes and James Lane, both of North Little Rock, served as chairmen and assistant for transportation for the North Arkansas Conference group.

Little Rock Conference churches represented at the Conference included Sheridan, Mabelvale, Asbury in Magnolia, Camden First, Fairview in Texarkana, New Hope in DeQueen, Duncan Circuit, Glenwood, First Church and Grand Avenue in Hot Springs and White Memorial, First Church, Wesley and St. Paul in Little Rock.

North Arkansas Conference churches represented included Brookland, Walnut Ridge, Central Avenue in Batesville, Griffin Memorial and First in Paragould, Conway First, Searcy First, and First Church, Levy, Lake-wood, Washington Avenue and Gardner Memorial in North Little Rock.

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Highlighting the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at First Church, Little Rock, will be the appearance of the Howard Hanger Trio shown at left. (Clockwise, from top) Howard Hanger, pianist and manager-director of the group; Rob Jackson, saxophonist and guitarist; Martin Parker, drummer, and David Anderson, bass and guitar player. Dr. John P. Miles, Arkadelphia pastor, will be the featured speaker for the event which begins at 9:15 on Saturday.



Attending a meeting of the Aldersgate Camp Committee on Facilities for the Aging at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock last week were (left to right) the Rev. Harry Bass, pastor at Wesley Church, Austine Williams, Vernon Giss, Sarah Galloway, Mark Garver, Ray Tribble, the Rev. James Robert Scott, Jim Vines, Consultant Arthur E. Klein, Board Chairman Ed Wimberly, Tom Williams, Dot East. The committee heard a briefing by Klein of St. Louis regarding a proposed facility for the aging for the Aldersgate area.

Six El Dorado young men prepare for ministry

Three young men recently dedicated themselves at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, to full time Christian service in the ministry. This makes a total of six young men from First Church now in the process of preparing for the ministry. The recent dedications are Dub Karriker and Mike Dwyer, who will be entering Centenary College, Shreveport, this fall, and John Mark Finley, who will be a high school senior.

REMINDER

The North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly will be held next week, July 30-Aug. 3, at Hendrix College. "We're All in This Together" is the theme of the Assembly which is for youth who have completed the 9th grade through 12th grade.

APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED

Bishop Eugene M. Frank has announced the appointment of the Rev. Orvil Stahl to the Umsted Memorial Church in Newport and the Oil Trough Church in the Paragould District. The appointment becomes effective August 1.

Gary Barbaree is in the Berkeley School of Religion, David Barbaree and Scott Mouton attend Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas.

In addition, two former members are in the active ministry: the Rev. Robert Van Hook, pastor of Henderson United Methodist Church in Little Rock, and the Rev. Kent Kinard, associate pastor of First United Methodist Church of Camden.

Dr. Alvin Murray is the senior minister and the Rev. Ralph Mann is the associate pastor at First Church, El Dorado.



Youth groups from Wesley Church in Pine Bluff and Markham Church in Little Rock toured the Methodist Headquarters Building and Little Rock's First Church on Thursday, July 5. Bishop Eugene M. Frank visited with the youth and spoke to them in a brief gathering in First Church's Chapel. Accompanying the groups were Mrs. Steve Robbins, junior high counselor, and Miss Carol St. John, summer youth director at Wesley and Mrs. Charles Price, junior high counselor, and Miss Nancy Schmidt, youth director at Markham. The Rev. Robert Regnier is pastor at Wesley and the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr., is the Markham pastor.

Continuous annual meetings since 1853

Salem Camp Ground site for 119th camp meeting

The 119th Annual Salem Camp Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, at the Salem Camp Ground, 6 miles North from Benton, according to John Pelton, Jr., president. This is two weeks earlier than usual.

Dr. George W. Martin, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District of the United Methodist Church will be the evangelist, and Dean Brown from Dallas, Tex., will direct the singing and the youth program. Brown is bringing a number of young people from First Church, Richardson, Tex., to assist him. Mrs. Pauline Weger will be the pianist.

Bishop Eugene Frank, Bishop of the Arkansas Area, The United Methodist Church, will preach Sunday morning service at 11 a.m., Aug. 12; and Dr. J. E. Dunlap, District Superintendent of the Little Rock District, The United Methodist Church, will preach the Sunday morning service on Aug. 5. The Rev. M. E. Scott of Malvern, pastor of the Carthage Circuit, will preach the Memorial Service at 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 12, after which those who have passed on during the

past year will be memorialized.

Preaching services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening through Sunday, August 12.

Dr. Martin will teach the study on the Book of Romans at 6:30 a.m., beginning Monday, Aug. 6, and continuing through Aug. 10. Coffee and donuts will be served each morning.

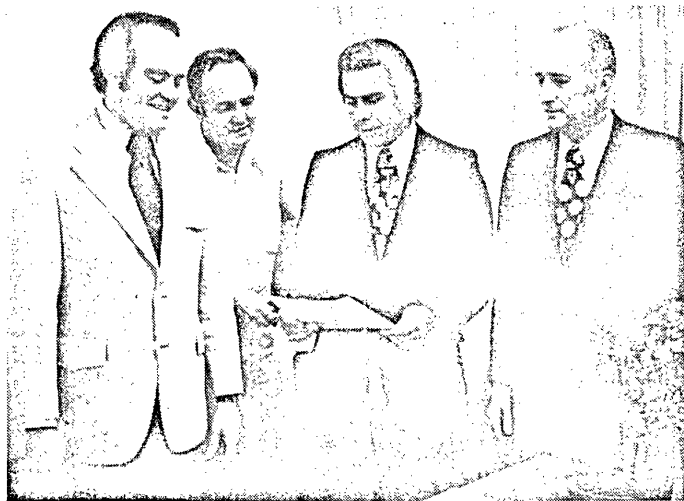
The youth under the direction of Dean Brown will have their own special program, and the young people of all churches are invited to attend.

Camping facilities are available for those who have campers, and those people are urged to come and camp during the meeting.

Salem Camp Meeting has a long history, and has been meeting continuously in August each year since 1853, except for one year during World War II. It is believed to have had its beginning in the 1830's.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meetings this year.

The Salem Camp Ground is located about one mile East of the Congo Road on the Salem Road in Saline County.



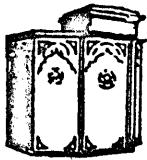
The Committee on Communications of the North Arkansas Conference met last Monday at First Church in North Little Rock. Among items considered was a Conference Workshop on Communications planned for next spring. Shown above are Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Program Council director; Herschel McClurkin, chairman of Conference Committee on Public Relations; Larry Powell, Communications committee chairman and Earl B. Carter, secretary of the committee.



Among 227 persons attending the Mt. Sequoyah Conference on Ecumenical Mission, July 15-19 were Arkansans shown here. (ABOVE) The Rev. W. W. Barron of Malvern; Dr. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of Hope District; Dr. Myers Curtis, director of Council on Ministries, North Arkansas Conference; Mrs. H. G. Russell of Springdale; Mrs. Ann Wood and Mrs. W. L. Stone-



cipher, both of Fayetteville. (ABOVE) Mrs. Carr Dee Racop, Jr. and the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr. and Mrs. Joyce Moore, all of Little Rock. Represented at the conference were United Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, A.M.E., American Baptist, Roman Catholic, C.M.E., Presbyterian, U.S., and others, in addition to United Methodists.



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....

BENDING OVER BACKWARD

It becomes harder each day for thinking Americans to resist the temptation to draw conclusions, render verdicts and all but pronounce sentence concerning the persons involved in the Watergate affair.

In regard to confessed illegal activities and in regard to those criminal acts which are matters of factual record, we are right to be morally indignant. God save us when we lose this sensitivity. But in instances where the testimony in these hearings reflects only one side of a story, or even two sides of a many-sided story, we must bend over backwards to remember a basic principle upon which our nation of laws is founded: that a person is presumed innocent until, through due process of law and court trial (and not by a hearing alone), he is proved to be guilty.

No matter how conclusive and how damning the evidence may seem, this principle must hold. It seems that we need to be reminded of this. What we are witnessing on TV are hearings and not a trial and we are not a jury to pronounce sentence upon untried individuals. To be sure, we must abhor the national moral degeneracy which has made such acts possible. We are involved spectators at an unbelievable scene reflecting a heart-breaking moral decay. And we are spectators with a vital vested interest at stake — the very soul of our nation. But if we allow our moral indignity to move us to a lynch-mob mentality, then we commit errors as grievous as those we condemn.

The above in no way suggests a whitewash of the grave admitted wrongs the hearings have unearthed. Nor does it wink at the perjury which may have been committed before the Watergate committee. Nor does it reflect any less indignity over the sordid catalogue of criminal activities unearthed by the hearings.

The point here is, to repeat, to underline the vital importance of a fundamental right assured to any and every American who may be suspected or accused of criminal activity: the right of fair trial by due process of law. This holds for the accused rapist, tax evader, traffic violator, murderer or for the suspected President of the United States or for you or for me.

The hearings must go on, no matter how long they take, until as much of the truth as can be known is known. No matter how "tired" we become of the whole thing, the Christian above all persons, should remember how tired God has been of all wrong-doing and sin for some centuries now.

It is entirely possible that the whole thing may yet be used redemptively. At least this is the hope that Christians hold for all human tragedy, sorrow and sin. One of the very real opportunities and responsibilities of the church in this moment may well be to listen and learn just how God wants to use us toward such a redemptive end in this national tragedy.

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Let's hear it from Number One

The Watergate matter and all attendant issues have reached such a state that "presidential privilege" and "executive immunity" should now take second place to a higher moral consideration: the need to authenticate the credibility and integrity of the President himself.

To be sure there are some fine legal points at issue. But so are there some fine moral points at issue as well. Surely no technical interpretation of powers can be allowed to compound the crisis created by the loss of faith in their President that many Americans are now experiencing.

The time has come for us to hear from President Nixon on Watergate. Precedent has been set for Presidential appearance before a congressional committee of enquiry. Other critical domestic and foreign matters are begging for our attention. Even more important is that our President clear the air on Watergate.

If a peace with honor is possible in the Watergate war, now is the time to move for it. It seems that President Nixon should have something to say to us about it all. We are in terrible need of hearing from him.

J.S.W.

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Off the Top of the Head....

"Come one of these days . . ."

It had been a rough day down at the orchard and Adam was bushed. He could hardly wait to get home, take off his boots, change into an old comfortable fig leaf and settle down with his new issue of "It's a Man's World," his favorite weekly.

He rehearsed once again his opening lines on arriving home: "Now don't you give me any more of your lip, Evie, or it's back to the cider mill with you for another hitch!" He chuckled to himself — something he hadn't done much of, since those meetings began — "That really ought to get her."

You had to admire old Adam. He really knew how to handle his woman. Or, to put it more accurately, he really knew how to handle a woman; for up to this point, she was the only one around. But being a wise man Adam knew that come one of these days the whole country would be running wild with them and he had some pretty important business at hand. Whole multitudes of males were, he envisioned, looking to him to lay down some guidelines, hard and fast, and to do it now — quick.

"It was those meetings. It all began with those meetings." Adam continued his musings as he made his way home. This business of having to fix his own supper, tidy up the place, do this and then do that and so forth had gotten a bit out of hand. And this silly bit about having to call her "Ms. Eve"! That was too much. Adam stumbled gingerly as he tried to kick a snake out of the path.

"Hi, dearie!" It was Eve. She was getting home just as Adam reached the front door. He went on in first, letting Eve catch the door. She seemed to like it better this way since those meetings had begun. . . "Blast those meetings, anyway," thought Adam, wincing as he reached for his side. "Those dad-gum pains again," he thought to himself. He used to laugh about it; used to say that "the Management really gave me a good ribbing . . ." but it wasn't the same chuckle now, since those meetings had begun . . .

Eve's voice brought him back: "What's for supper, honey?" "Oh — ah — I really haven't given it much thought, honey. I just got in, you know . . ." Ad was really having a rough time with this new role. "Just so you don't burn the figs again," Eve returned, not realizing just how too-much this was.

"That does it! That really does it!" shouted Ad as he ripped off his apron, threw it on the floor and stomped out the door. Once out in the night he shook his fist toward the heavens, threw back his head and let out a long, loud, slow, deliberate and demanding petition that reverberated down the centuries:

"I . . . WANT . . . MY . . . RIB . . . BACK !"

Startled at his own brashness, Adam was overwhelmed by the silence that followed, hanging in the air like an eternity. He thought to himself, "Well this time, Ad old boy, you blew it; I mean you really blew it!"

Then it came. The voice, this time, sounded more benevolent than usual:

"Adam . . . (pause) . . . Adam, you make sense, boy. Give me a little more time. I'm thinking about it . . ."

J.S.W.

Bad Dream

As one who makes attempts at being a preacher, I'm glad I don't know who said this: "I've never heard a sermon I didn't get something out of, but I've had some pretty close calls."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Addressing 200 educators from 65 Southern Baptist schools, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, a Quaker author, said that Christian colleges must tighten their standards in such areas as chapel attendance and personal morality. The former professor of philosophy and religion at Earlham College said: "Complete freedom, if it is empty freedom, always leads to decay. Freedom must not be empty, it must be controlled by an ultimate purpose." Although voluntary chapel is theoretically better than compulsory attendance, he maintained, it doesn't work.

In its current newsletter, the Jewish Fabran-gen Community in Washington, D. C., listed six general questions "for all American Jews to ask ourselves," which included one on non-Jews, phrased as follows: "Do we owe it to our Jewish sense of justice as well as good tactics to raise also the question of Soviet treatment of independent-minded writers; Baptists, who also suffer religious oppression; Ukrainians, who also suffer national oppression; and workers who are denied the right to strike?" A follow-up question asked, "Can most Soviet Jews ever be really free if these others don't become free?"

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Church has issued a "declaration" in defense of the Catholic doctrine on the Church against certain "errors of the present day." The document, "ratified and confirmed by Pope Paul VI," concerns among other issues, the unity of Christ's Church, the infallibility of the universal Church and of the Catholic Church's magisterium or teaching authority, the validity of dogmatic formulas employed by ancient Church councils, and the priesthood of Christ.

"It may be asking a lot of a camping program. But there's one coming up that will be history making, precedent-setting and, it is hoped, gloom-doom dispelling," says a late National Council of Churches bulletin. From Aug. 11-19, 40 children and youths from New York City, Newark and the Oranges (in N.J.) who have sickle cell anemia, will share in a first unique camping experience at NCC's Camp Winni on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire.

Speaking at a Presbyterian Consultation on World Hunger, Frank G. Harrington, vice president in charge of social responsibility for the Insurance Company of North America said: "Our common sense tells us that historical forces won't long permit one nation, with 6 percent of the world's population, to continue to consume a third of the world's resources." "Our common sense," Harrington continued, "tells us that science alone will not provide the answer to a world shortage of food — that a philosophy of sharing and helping must go hand in hand with technology."

The American right to privacy is being "whittled away by the federal government," charges Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (N.C.) in an article written for A.D., the monthly magazine of the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church. The chairman of both the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and the Select Committee investigating the Watergate scandal, said that the right to privacy is not "directly expressed in the words of the Constitution itself" but is embedded in the framework of constitutional government and reflected in the First Amendment and upheld by judicial decisions . . .

"Store managers can now be expected to be more responsive to the tastes and reading preferences of their total communities, rather than catering to the baser instincts of a few," said J. Allen Brubaker, director of news for Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc. In an analysis of the U. S. Supreme Court's June 21 decision on pornography, Mr. Brubaker said: "The landmark decision of the Court undoubtedly makes managers of bookstores, drug fairs, supermarkets, and other businesses handling popular reading materials more sensitive to total community interests and needs."

Describing intermarriage as "a part of the phenomenon of American life," Rabbi Morton M. Kanter of Detroit declared that "an unwillingness to meet and to interact with a couple contemplating a mixed marriage is a retreat from the basic openness and liberalness that exemplified the Reform movement in America."

Gulzarilal Nanda, a former Acting Prime Minister of India — also a prominent Hindu religious leader, told some 50,000 followers that he is convinced that "only a moral regeneration — if not a moral revolution — will save India from the despondency and political immorality into which she has unfortunately fallen." Absolving politicians of exclusive responsibility for the current state of affairs, Mr. Nanda declared: "All of us — people and officials alike — are equally responsible."

Writing in the journal, *CI News*, a black staff member of the Christian Institute of South Africa, said that Christianity is in "a pathological state" in South Africa today. Dr. Manas Buthelezi called for the establishment of a black Christian mission to whites, whose aims would be to enable the white man to share God's love "as it had been uniquely revealed to the black man in circumstances in which the white man does not have experience," and to work for the salvation of the white man, "who sorely needs it."

Although statistics reveal that fewer people are attending church in England, it is reported that the pealing of bells calling them to worship shows a continuing upward trend. Since the war many young people are said to have joined the ranks of the campanologists, as bell ringers are officially called.

Discussing the problems of the seven United Presbyterian seminaries, Dr. Charles E. MacKenzie, president of Grove City College, (Pa.), challenged the seminaries to decide whether they are responsible to the Church or to the secular world. "If the seminaries are in trouble today," warned Dr. MacKenzie, "our denomination will be in deeper trouble tomorrow, for the seminaries are the womb from which come the leaders of our Church."

Thirteen U.S. senators have introduced a joint resolution which would authorize the President to issue annually a proclamation designating Thanksgiving week in November as "National Family Week." Sen. Edward J. Gurney (Fla.) said such an observance "cannot promise to resolve the many problems that plague the family in America today. But we can focus attention on this institution, its strengths and virtues in this era of change. And we can enlist the millions of American parents to understand the wants and needs of their children, and we can probably encourage the children to understand the duties and obligations to their parents."

The Christian hope of unity cannot be separated from such world situations as social justice, racial discrimination, handicapped people and cultural differences, according to Dr. Gerald F. Moede, a United Methodist from Eland, Wisc. and secretary of the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order department. "The Church must be the sign of the unity of men," Dr. Moede said as he addressed the San Diego regional School of Christian Missions sponsored by United Methodist Church women.

"Statements of disappointed clerics indicate that they are no more reconciled to the separation of church and state in 1973 than they were in 1971," according to Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. "We had hoped that these aggressive clergymen would forego their drive for public funds and abandon their efforts to scuttle the separation of church and state," Archer stated in a July 12 bulletin, and declared that "Americans United will continue its strong defense of this basic American principle."

"Nobody is saved by faith in the church, it must be by faith in God," Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman of International Lutheran Hour fame told 1,000 youthful delegates taking part in the 52nd convention of International Christian Endeavor Society in Evanston, Ind. Also addressing the delegates, the Rev. James W. DiRaddo, head of the Manhattan Christian Youth Service and the Christian Counseling Center and Psychotherapy Center in New York, said evangelism is not marketing, like the selling of automobiles and other products, and that a Christian life is not easy.

The Rev. Ted L. Bradshaw of South Waterboro, Maine said that students who gather in school for voluntary prayer are not in violation of the Constitution — but school officials seeking to stop them may be. Following notification of Massabesic High School officials by Maine's deputy commissioner of education that even voluntary prayers are unconstitutional the minister commented that, "The officials are not only denying the students their right to freely exercise their belief in Christ but are denying them their right to assemble freely."

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Clarence M. Kelley, the new director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is described by his minister in Kansas City, Mo., as "a very devout Christian who takes his religion seriously." The Rev. Lawrence W. Bash, pastor of the Country Club Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), said of Mr. Kelley: "In spite of heavy police responsibilities, he always carried out his church responsibilities. He took communion to shut-ins, worked in the stewardship campaigns, was a deacon and recently was elected to a second term as elder." Mr. Kelley, 61, is a former FBI agent and has served as Kansas City's police chief for 12 years. He took the oath of office as FBI director on July 10 in ceremonies headed by President Nixon. Dr. Bash gave the invocation.

Program Directors to Local Churches

SUMMERTIME IN THE CHURCH

Summer is a great time in the Church! It's true that it's the vacation season; but it's also a period with greater access to children and youth; and a great time for planning. Vacation Church Schools for children provide the opportunity for intensified training. Excellent reports are coming in almost every day on Vacation Church Schools already held. If your church has not participated in such an event, it is not too late.

Summer is also the Camping Season. Splendid camps are already complete, but others remain. Check on the remaining camps and recruit campers from your church.

Your Council on Ministries and your Administrative Board should be looking ahead and planning for important activities in your church. Listed below are a few such important events that are immediately ahead.

MINISTRY SUNDAY

Ministry Sunday is September 16!

The purpose of Ministry Sunday is to interpret the ministry as a vocation, the role and the function of the ordained minister in the Church and society, the sense of God's claim upon the minister for representative leadership in the Church, and education for ministry. Ministry in the Christian church is derived from the ministry of Christ, the ministry of the Father through the Incarnate Son by the Holy Spirit. It is a ministry bestowed upon and required of the entire Church.

All Christians are called to ministry, and theirs is a ministry of the people of God within the community of faith and in the world. The United

Methodist Church believes that Baptism, confirmation, and responsible membership in the Church are visible signs of acceptance of this ministry.

There are persons within the ministry of the baptized who are called of God and set apart by the Church for the specialized ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order . . . Ordination is the rite of the Church by which some are entrusted with the authority to be ministers of Word, Sacrament, and Order. Plan now to make this special Sunday helpful to your congregation as you interpret the Christian Ministry.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Sunday is September 30; and Christian Education Week is September 30-October 6. Work with your Work Area Chairman on Education and your Council on Ministries to develop plans for this emphasis. There are many ways to observe Christian Education Week. Work out a program which will be most helpful to your church. You will probably want to include an emphasis on the importance of Christian teaching, and devise some plan to recognize the teachers in your Church School.

EVERY-MEMBER

COMMITMENT PROGRAM

Planning now for your Every-Member Commitment Program will produce the results you want. COKEBURY has a splendid set of matched materials entitled: "You Have Responsibility." Use this or other materials of your own design as you plan your campaign.

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Some of the 16 adults, three children and six youth who attended July 1-6 Lab School at Mt. Sequoyah. The Rev. Arvill Brannon of North Arkansas Council on Ministries office (center, front) served as coordinator. Attending the Lab School and a related Seminar were Mrs. Margaret Thompson (center, second row) of Fort Smith, who was certified for leadership in the conference training program for junior high youth, and the Rev. Herschel McClurkin (second from left, front), who was certified to train in senior high and young adult ministries.

Oak Forest plans dual youth events

Oak Forest Methodist Church, in Little Rock, is sponsoring a Youth Revival and Summer Bible Institute on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 2-4. Steve Douglas, an evangelist from Baton Rouge, La., will be preaching at the nightly worship services. Steve, an experienced worker with youth is currently a student at the University of Arkansas where he has been a leader in the Christian evangelistic outreach on campus.

Concurrent with the Youth Revival, a Summer Bible Institute will be held. The Institute will cover in depth the book of I John, and elective seminars will be offered on topics such as "Love, Sex, and Dating," "Dealing with Worry," "Satan and the Occult," "Personal Witnessing," "The Godly Woman," "Forgiving Others," "The Spirit-controlled Life," and "The Gifts of the Spirit."

Staff members for the Institute are: Terry Shope, youth minister at Trinity United Methodist in Little Rock; Nolan Duck, associate youth minister

at University Baptist Church, Fayetteville; Susan Matthews, from First United Methodist in Little Rock; Terri Bales, from Dallas, Tex.; Buddy Olinghouse, Collegiate Minister at University Baptist in Fayetteville; Steve Douglas, evangelist from Baton Rouge, La.; Rob Thorpe, youth minister at Westside Baptist in Little Rock; and Greg Wallace, youth minister at Oak Forest.

These events are open to all, especially young persons in the area.

There is a \$1 registration fee for the Institute, to cover the cost of the Institute notebook and the hamburger lunch on Saturday.

The times for the Revival and Institute are: Thursday — 7 to 10 p.m.; Friday — 7 to 10:20 p.m.; Saturday — 9 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. and 7 to 10:10 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Oak Forest church office (663-9407).

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Church membership and reporting

by Dr. Mouzon Mann

Someone has said that membership rolls are being kept accurately in only 25% of the Churches. By accurately is meant putting the names of new members on the roll and taking off the names of those who have died, transferred, or withdrawn, and reporting no more numbers than we have names on the roll.

Therefore, we don't know what our membership is; we know only what is reported.

Admittedly, there are weightier matters than the roll. But our Lord taught that we show character and consecration in our handling of the minor matters. Our careless keeping of the rolls is indicative of a greivous and serious condition.

Namely — a low, or confused, understanding of the meaning of membership. Nothing bigger can happen to one than his being added to the Body of Christ, the Church. This is God's action—man's response. This is salvation. For God and man, it is a mutual faith venture. For both, it is unconditional.

The Lord's instruction to the Apostles reflects this estimate of membership. Feed them, love them. Care must be unending. A member can never be written off. If the Church is faithful to the member, the latter will not wish to be written off. He cannot be written off because he may be unfaithful. Someday, the Church hopes, he will be restored.

Having said this, what form should our handling of the matter take?

1. An urgent teaching and re-teaching of the candidate and members on the meaning of membership. Membership is in the Body of Christ. When one

moves to another town, his membership must be placed there, as a rule; his basic loyalty cannot be to the local congregation. The latter cannot supercede the whole in our thinking and relationships. It is the whole, the Body of Christ, that validates the local congregation.

All members need to understand that they aren't necessarily serving God or doing their old Church a favor by retaining their membership there after they have moved. If they insist on it, they should support the Church in the ways they can: prayers for and gifts to the Church regularly should be offered. But they ought to "move their letters."

2. The Church must be in regular contact with every member, resident and non-resident. Only by such means can the Church communicate the meaning of membership. Without such, the member will forget the meaning and be unsupported in his effort to live it out. Without such, the Church is unfaithful to her Lord, and, in some cases, shows a preoccupation with immediate results rather than faithfulness.

There's much work to keeping up with addresses of non-resident members and writing to them once or twice a year. Initially, normally, they won't respond. In fact, they have to get several letters, in some cases, before they get the message that they and their response are important to the Lord and His Church. There's much work, but Jesus Christ has those in every Church who are willing and able to do this. When the Pastors, local, district and episcopal, become concerned about this, the members will.

3. The Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism in its recent report to the Conference called on "each District Superintendent personally to check the efficiency of the rolls kept in each Church." The Pastor is required to give the names of members involved in changes at each Charge Conference. Inquiry has to be made to discover if these changes have been noted on the membership roll. Recently, a Superintendent had to inquire concerning both matters, neither of them having been taken care of.

A critical time for roll keeping is the change of Pastors in the middle of the year reported on. In a hurry, a Pastor or membership secretary can make the year end report having forgotten what took place the first five months of the year when another Pastor was present.

One wonders sometimes if we don't have the idea that the ministry and work of the Church consists in sincere preaching or exhorting (including Sunday School teaching) and visiting. We're suggesting that if sincerity exists, details of the life of the Church will be attended to. Indeed, more consecration may be present in attending to details than in the more ego-satisfying roles of preaching, teaching, chairing, and visiting.

Finally, we believe, we know, that God is blessing His People who are called United Methodists. We believe they are growing.

This can be reported when everybody is keeping the rolls accurately all the time.

NEWS and NOTES

A LAY WITNESS Mission was held in the United Methodist Church at Lavaca, June 29-July 1. Dr. Glen Swingle of Marked Tree was coordinator for the mission. The Rev. Fern Cook is pastor.

CENTRAL AVENUE CHURCH in Batesville held a revival the week of July 15-20 with the Rev. Earl Carter, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock, as guest evangelist. Dr. Charles Casteel was host pastor.

MARJORIE LAWRENCE, former opera star, presented her students in a concert of sacred music, July 8, in First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, where Dr. George F. Ivey serves as pastor.

THE REV. CEDRIC POPE preached in First Church, Mountain Home, at both services, July 15. Mr. Pope is a retired Methodist minister who is making his home in Mountain Home. He served 22 years in his last pastorate in Princeton, Ill. The Rev. Norman Carter is the pastor in Mountain Home.

BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK preached at the morning worship service of Asbury Church, Little Rock, Sunday, July 15. His sermon was "Believing in a God Who Acts." During July, Asbury is celebrating a Month of Methodist Singing. Each Sunday at morning worship service, gospel hymns are being led by the pastor, the Rev. Fred H. Arnold, and the church choirs.

AUGUSTA YOUTH recently presented the morning worship service in First United Methodist Church. Mark Miller, summer youth worker who is a member of the Razorback football team during the year, brought the message. Participants in the service included Paul Conner, Martha Kittrell, Janet and Julie Murphy, Sam Beard, John Hazelbaker, Clark Winberry, Helen Daniel, Terry and Ann Portert. The Rev. Lowell Eaton is their pastor.

A JAZZ CANTATA for Children was presented in Central Church, Fayetteville, on Wednesday, July 18. The Children's Summer Choir is comprised of 15 singers working under the direction of Paul Shultz, minister of music. Dr. Joel Cooper is their pastor.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER Weekend, held in West Memphis, July 20-22, involved senior high youth from the entire Forrest City District. Young people from Helena, Wynne, Earle, Parkin, Forrest City, Marianna, Brinkley were hosted by youth of First Church and Rosewood Churches of West Memphis and by Marion youth. Special guests were singers from the French Camp, Miss., Academy.

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HOMEcoming SERVICES will be held at the Primrose United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on August 5. A former pastor, Dr. Fred R. Harrison, who served Primrose from 1927 to 1930 will be the guest speaker. A pot-luck dinner and afternoon singing will follow the morning worship service. Everyone is invited to join the fellowship. The Rev. Carl E. Beard is the pastor.

THE KEISER United Methodist Church members welcomed the return of their pastor, the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, and his wife with a church-wide dinner on Sunday night, June 24.

NINE YOUTHS and three adults from Gardner Church, Hot Springs, recently went to Silver Dollar City, Mo., and to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs. They raised their money by means of a chili supper, car wash, ice cream supper, and washing a mobile home. The pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Woody, along with Beth Baber were the supervisors.

TWENTY PEOPLE from Cavanaugh United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, attended a Learning Retreat held at a lakeside cottage at Sugarloaf Lake, July 14. The retreat included leadership training, self-inventory, group process, and program analysis. The day ended with the Rev. Larry Powell, Cavanaugh pastor, conducting the worship service which included a communion service adapted from the Wesleyan Love Feast.

DR. A. B. BONDS, JR., who has been President of Methodist-related Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, for the past 18 years, and former Arkansas State Commissioner of Education, was a recent visitor in the home of his brother, the Rev. Herman G. Bonds of Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT Parsonettes met June 29 at McClay Park, Monticello, and elected the following officers: Ellavee Swift, president; Helen Arnold, vice president; Verona Simpson, secretary; Rita Myers, treasurer; and Pat Mitchell, sunshine chairman. At noon the parsonettes joined their wives for a picnic lunch. Regular meeting for the Parsonettes was set for the second Thursday of each month.

FIRST CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, held an Open House reception, July 15, in honor of the pastor, the Rev. Bob Edwards, who is beginning his seventh year as pastor. In addition, Mr. Edwards serves as a member of the board of directors of the Jacksonville Health Center, and of the Health and Welfare Council of Pulaski County. He was organizer and first chairman of the board of Jacksonville's Human Services Center and was appointed Chaplain of the Arkansas Senate in January.

O. H. (DOC) DUEWALL

Oscar Henry (Doc) Duewall, 59, of Morrilton died Thursday, July 5, at his home.

He was a native of Caldwell, Tex., and had made his home in Morrilton for the past eight years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and served as a member of the Administrative Board and Council of Ministries; lay delegate to annual conference; District president, Tri-County Methodist Men's Club; commission of the Methodist Children's Home; secretary of the Board of Health and Welfare of North Arkansas Conference of United Methodist Church, and was a certified lay speaker.

He served as president of the Morrilton Junior High School PTA and held a life membership in the Westside Demonstration PTA; member of the Conway County United Fund; chairman of Public Relations Committee for United Fund, and member of the Conway County Fair Board.

He organized Cub Scout Pack 184 and was pack master for six years. He served as Training Committee chairman in Foothills District.

He organized a non-denominational prayer breakfast. He was instrumental in organizing Conway County Communications Club and was holder of Distinguished Service Award from the Morrilton Jaycees for service to youth and community.

Survivors include his wife, Dorris Buford Duewall; four sons, Donald Duewall of Houston, Tex., David Duewall of Los Angeles, Calif., Charles Duewall of Fort Worth, Tex., and Wally Duewall of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Keimstead of Houston, Tex., and Donna Duewall of the home; his mother, Mrs. W. C. Duewall of Hempstead, Tex., three brothers, Harvey Duewall of Bryan, Tex., Andrew Duewall and Wallace Duewall, both of Fort Worth, Tex., two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Kristof of Splendora, Tex., and Mrs. Ann Warren of Hempstead, Tex., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 7, at First United Methodist Church, Morrilton, with the Rev. Clyde Parson and the Rev. I. A. Claud officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers were members of Cub Scout Pack 184.

AWARDS PRESENTED TO WYNNE SCOUTS

On July 15 at the morning worship hour, Thompson Murray and Jacob Turner of the First United Methodist Church in Wynne were presented the God and Country Award. Making the presentations were Mayor Bob Ford of Wynne, chairman of the Review Committee, Scoutmaster David Jeffords, and Pastor William M. Wilder.

The boys began their work on the awards during the ministry of the Rev. Warren Golden, and have continued the work since that time under the ministry of their present pastor. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Murray, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Turner, Sr. were recipients of pins in honor of the awards given their sons.

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 29—Sunday	John 3:18-21, 36
July 30	Eph. 1:3-12
	2:1-7
July 31	2 Thes. 2:1-12
Aug. 1	Heb. 2:1-4, 3:7-19
Aug. 2	Heb. 12:25-29
Aug. 3	Rev. 3:14-22
Aug. 4	Rev. 20:11-15
Aug. 5—Sunday	Ex. 13:21-22
	Num. 9:15-23

PATRIOTIC CANTATA PRESENTED AT CONWAY

The morning worship service in First Church, Conway, on July 8 featured the presentation of an unusual patriotic cantata for two-part chorus, "The Freedom Song," by Mary E. Caldwell. A summer chorus consisting of adults, youth, and children is under the direction of Elise Shoemaker, Organist and Director of Music. Other instrumentalists assisting were Ronald Fox, trumpet, Ann Smith, guitar, and Gail Rushing, percussion.

"The Freedom Song" traces the growth of the United States in its pursuit of freedom. Serious questions are raised concerning our present and future as a "nation under God," with a special challenge to the individual to strive for love and understanding. The service was an observance of Independence Day as it may be translated in fresh and meaningful terms to our Christian mission in national life.

Also featured in the service was the recorder class of Bill Durham, which presented a special prelude. These wooden flute players included Pat Moon, Julie Johnson, Gary Skiles, Susan Middlekauff, Ellen Smith and Maureen Murphy. Dr. Harold Eggenesperger is pastor.

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P.K. (Preachers' Kids) KORNER

CHRISTOPHER AARON AVERITT was born on May 22 to the Rev. and Mrs. Louis L. Averitt, their third child and first son. His father is pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Camden. He is the grandson of Mrs. Thelma Averitt, former conference treasurer, and the late Rev. Louis W. Averitt.

TOMMY MASTERS and Sandra Chaviers were married in Pine Bluff at the Second Baptist Church, May 26. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thurston Masters of DeWitt.

OCEANOGRAPHIC TECHNICIAN, S3, Herman Glenn Bonds, Jr., is scheduled to arrive home on leave from the Navy on July 25. Glenn has been stationed in Naples, Italy, during the past 15 months, and upon completion of his leave, will be reassigned to shore duty in Bermuda. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman G. Bonds of Hawley Memorial in Pine Bluff.

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Women's groups report service projects

United Methodist Women are credited with supporting the mission program of the church by giving through their "Pledge to Missions" over \$36,000,000 (which is over 36% of the budget of the Board of Global Ministries — formerly called Board of Missions). In addition to giving money, women pledge to give prayers and service. Local service projects of two active groups are described on this page. Mrs. Harold Montgomery is president of the Sardis society and Mrs. Jim McDonald heads the Primrose group this year. Both societies have less than 50 members.

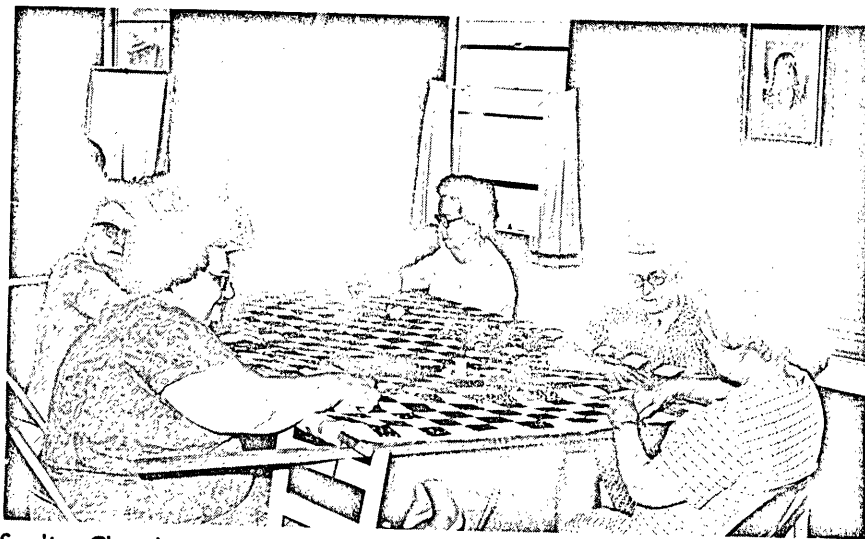
PRIMROSE WOMEN MINISTER TO NEEDS

In seeking ways to minister to others, the members of United Methodist Women of Primrose United Methodist Church have had some very rewarding experiences. We would like to share with the readers of the *Arkansas Methodist*, two of the projects we've been involved in. This is no way to give ourselves a pat on the back, but perhaps to give others an idea of ways they too can become personally involved and minister to some of the very lonely and forgotten people in their own community.

On May 1, 1972, we opened a beauty shop in the Southwest Nursing Home. This shop was completely equipped with money received through special donations and projects. The men in our church built the cabinets and installed the equipment. We contacted hair stylists in the area and with their cooperation have managed to keep the shop in operation. Each week the shop is staffed with a professional operator and one of the ladies from our group. This is all volunteer work and there is no charge to the residents of the home. You just cannot imagine how excited those little ladies get on beauty shop day.

Originally, the venture was staffed by Primrose ladies only, but during the year, members of the Archview Baptist Church have joined the effort.

Another project we are quite involved in is Cottage 5 at the Methodist Children's Home. For the past three years we have sponsored this cottage. At the beginning of the year we get a list from the house mother of items they need in the cottage and another list of articles our girls need or would like to have. Each month we pick something from one of these lists



Sardis Church women make quilts for the Methodist Children's Home. (Photo by Saline County Pacesetter)

SARDIS WOMEN SEW FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

A special project of the United Methodist Women at Sardis, begun last summer, is one in which the participants feel deep personal involvement and a sense of real service. It started with Mrs. Louise Francis making inquiries as to the needs of the Children's Home. She learned that one of the greatest needs Sardis women might be able to meet was in the clothing department.

After a meeting with Miss Beth Nelson, Director of Social Service at the Home, plans were made to begin work. The society was divided into four groups of five or six. Each division reports to the home on one Wednesday of each month.

and our goal for that month is to supply this need. If it's a personal item for the girls (panty hose, hair ribbons, etc.) each member brings this item to the next regular meeting. The next week someone delivers it. If it is something for the cottage (bedspread, rug, etc.) we either take a special offering or have a bake sale or rummage sale to raise the money for this. We try to have someone different deliver the goodies each time to give everyone an opportunity to meet and visit with our girls and the house parents. We are always greeted with squeals of delight and hugs galore. We have a great time each month reading the thank you notes that we always get.

All of these people, the ladies at the nursing home and the girls at the Children's Home, have the necessities of

The day is spent in mending, which includes patching, hemming, sewing up rips and tears, putting in zippers — anything that needs to be done to put a garment in good repair. The ladies take their lunches and at mid-day enjoy a social half hour. A thoughtful housemother always provides coffee.

One of the highlights last year was a day when the entire sewing-mending group was hostess at a potluck dinner for the houseparents and other workers at the Home. Following the meal, Miss Nelson showed a film recounting the history of the Home and describing its present work. It was a good day for everyone present.

To date the Sardis group has restored to wearability 1556 garments. This represents 639 hours of pleasantly and profitably spent time. This

life — food, clothing, and shelter. We are trying to give them something that many of them do not have . . . A feeling that someone, somewhere loves them and is concerned about them.

If you would like to share some of our very rewarding experiences contact some of the local nursing homes and see if there isn't some way you can minister to their residents. There is always a need for someone just to visit their people, for some of them have no family. Call or visit the Children's Home and adopt a Cottage of boys or girls. I promise that you will receive much more than you can ever give.

The Rev. Shelton Kilgore, pastor at Primrose for five years, was recently appointed to Mena and has been succeeded by the Rev. Carl Beard.

—Bonnie Kaufman

CHARLESTON CHURCH CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

The First United Methodist Church of Charleston, with a history dating back to 1848, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the present church building and held homecoming for former members and pastors on July 8.

Dr. Charles P. McDonald, Fort Smith district superintendent, delivered the morning sermon and Mrs. Nancy Roberts was guest soloist.

Approximately 150 persons enjoyed the basket lunch at 1:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

The Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor, was master of ceremonies for the afternoon program. Mrs. Louise Pate of Little Rock gave the history of the church. D. D. Brown, 95, only living member of the Board of Stewards when the church was built in 1923, and oldest member of the present congregation, was recognized. C. B. Ford, the only living member of the 1923 Building Committee, was also present. Charlie Wakefield, who has been a member since 1911, was recognized.

A letter from Governor Dale Bumpers, member of the Charleston Church, was read expressing his regret at being unable to attend.

The high school band under the direction of Henry Mize played for the occasion. The Rev. Paul Bumpers of Fort Smith gave the benediction.

The committee directing the program included Mrs. Clyde Hiatt, Mrs. Raymond Wells and Miss Clarice Brotherton.

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work is greatly appreciated by the house mothers, who have their hands full without having to do the necessary mending.

In addition, women of the Sardis church have pieced and quilted six quilts for the Home, as bed covering is another pressing need there.

The ladies have realized a most rewarding feeling in this "labor of love" project for the children who are the residents of the Children's Home. They count it a joy and a very special privilege to be able to contribute to the happiness and well being of some 125 or more children, whom United Methodists in Arkansas can call "our children."

The Rev. Curtis Monroe was pastor at Sardis when work for the Children's Home was begun. The present pastor is the Rev. Harold Rogers.

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Primrose Church women volunteer to staff and equip a beauty shop in the Southwest Nursing Home at Little Rock. Appreciative of the work of Billie Jo Wilson are Miss Irma D. Stevens and Mrs. Mamie Ridgedill.



The lift in spirits is evident as Mrs. Pauline Rusenberger puts finishing touches to Miss Frankie Watson. In wheel chair is Mrs. Hazel Evatt.



A strategic comb graces the hair of Miss Nan Murphy, whose parents donated the land on which Primrose Church is located.

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The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR AUGUST 5:

The Peril of Greed

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:17; Ecclesiastes 5:10 through 6:2; Matthew 20:20-23; Luke 12:13-21; I Timothy 6:6-10.

MEMORY SELECTION: Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. —Luke 12:15

AIM OF THE LESSON: To inspire us to love God so much that we will be free from coveting things, in order that we may care for one another, and thus "covet earnestly the best gifts."

This Tenth Commandment has been called the summary of the other nine commandments. It deals with the motive of man's life, the heart's supreme desire. It disciplines the believer to avoid lesser desires and to give his heart, soul, mind and strength to desires of the will of God.

INTERPRETER'S BIBLE EXEGESIS

The Interpreter's Bible definition of the scripture recording the Ten Commandments has been the starting place for understanding them. The Tenth Commandment is treated by Lutherans and Roman Catholics as two separate commandments. In Deuteronomy 5, and the LXX (Septuagint) the wife is mentioned before the house. The term "house" among Arabs today, is an inclusive term for all the family and possessions of a man. The prohibition of jealous desire pointed up specific objects, to emphasize details included in the general term, "house."

The Fifth Commandment, as the Tenth Commandment, emphasizes the basic principle that in the realm of "sentiment, attitude, and thought," is the source of deeds and words.

DR. J. EDGAR PARK'S EXPOSITION

The references to the word meanings in the exegesis, and the lesson meanings in the exposition are cited in the hope that reference may be made to the Interpreter's Bible, and to the Interpreter's Bible Dictionary in the church's library.

Dr. Park comments on the short space occupied by the commandments in the Hebrew language compared to the longer translation in English. In their original form the commandments were even shorter than either of the above. This racial characteristic in Hebrew, giving "peremptory orders" as "No murder! No adultery! No stealing!" lose much of their force when translated into English, as in our versions of the Bible.

He cites the early translation of the Hebrew text into the Greek for the word "covet"; the clear meaning is "to set one's heart upon a thing." The Deuteronomy passage uses another word which emphasizes that the intention of the Tenth Commandment is to prohibit "grasping thoughts that lead to grasping deeds." This record makes the wife above other personal property in the household. A special verb is also used to make the distinction clear between personal and non-personal values. This commandment, Dr. Park emphasizes, is one of the early insights that the inner life of man determines destiny. Beneath the events of crime and punishment, of act

and word, is the "secret place where all good and evil begins, the heart of man. . ." Christianity in essence is the keeping of one's inner life in order that the outer life may be good fruit of a good heart.

This was in the mind of Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. Dr. Park goes into detail to diagram this relationship. Commandments, one God, and no images, are reflected in Matthew 6: 9 and 7, as "Our Father," and "No forms needed at all." Commandment number 3, "No blasphemy is reflected in 'Hallowed be thy name.'" Commandment 4, Sabbath for man, is reflected in Mark 2:27, the Sabbath for man. Commandment 5, honor your parents, is referred to in Matthew 12:50, to honor all good people. Commandment 6, no killing, means no anger, according to Jesus, in Matt. 5:22. Commandment 7, no adultery, means no lust (Matt. 5:28). Commandment 8, no stealing, means give freely (Matt. 5:42). Commandment 9, no false swearing, means no swearing (Matt. 5:34). Commandment 10, no coveting, means covet righteousness (Matt. 5:6). This summary of the law of Moses in the Commandments, and the new commandment of love that Jesus gives, gives a revelation of the motive behind the deed. Jesus did not come to destroy the law but to fill it full of his spirit.

BISHOP EDWARD L. TULLIS — "WHAT THE SCRIPTURE SAYS TO US"

In our lesson quarterly "Adult Bible Studies—God's Laws For Man," Bishop Tullis interprets our real concern — "What we desire." The Tenth Commandment emphasizes that your personal respect for your own property, and for that of your neighbor, is another way of saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (page 68) The commandment respects rightful desire. It forbids one coveting what is not "rightfully or correctly yours." In our concern for desiring the right things we are so concerned with material possessions that personal values come second in many decisions and desires.

Bishop Tullis quotes an Old Testament scholar, Arnold B. Rhodes, "This has been called the most spiritual of all the commandments. It gives a greater depth of meaning to Commandments Six-Nine. Jesus said ' . . . from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness' (Mark 7:21-22)."

DISCIPLINE OF INNER LIFE AGAINST COVETOUSNESS

The memory selection, Luke 12:15, is spoken by Jesus to a man in a crowd, desiring Jesus to get his brother to divide his share of the family estate. Jesus told him, to look and steer clear of covetousness in every "shape and form" (Moffatt). A man's life is not part of his possessions because he has sufficient wealth. Jesus told the parable of the rich man's estate. He had abundant crops. He planned to increase his storage spaces for all his produce and goods. Then he would say to his soul, "Soul, you have ample store laid up for many a year; take your ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Moffatt—Luke 12: 16-19). "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?'" Jesus added, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight" (Key '73 edition Good News for Modern Man). This parable of the rich fool shows the lack of the inner dedication of the farmer to the will of God.

The inner discipline of man must follow Jesus' way of service to God and man. All shapes and forms of covetousness are but the backside of every form of doing good, walking humbly before God and loving mercy. The heart of man must be dedicated to the "role of a servant." Modern health-of-mind disciplines emphasize the role of unselfish service to replace the acquisitive self at the center of one's interest and conduct. The childish self-centeredness is to be replaced by the continued other's goodwill interest in maturing judgment, decision and action. This is the discipline of concern that is lifted up in the First as well as the Tenth Commandment. To covet is to engage in a form of idolatry if the object of one's covetousness is self instead of God and others' needs. Neighborly concern is the object of Christian coveting. "This self-discipline is the basis of moral living" (Tullis).

Bishop Tullis quotes the pastor of Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church in Minneapolis: "How do we minister to our troubled, hurt, estranged, deprived, neighbors? Conventionally this question has been answered in terms of social service. Church groups join in acts of charity; we distribute food to the hungry, collect clothing for the poor, visit those in prison. But, in our generation, the question is being raised whether social services of this sort are sufficient. It is said that we need "social reforms that will get at the conditions which cause people to suffer in these ways. So the argument runs, it is not enough to visit jails; we must reform the prison system; we must organize our economy so that everybody gets a fair share of our affluence; we must free people from their ghettos and give them education and opportunity for work and housing. What is needed is not social service but social change." If the church coveted earnestly the best gifts seriously it could "lead our nation from our preoccupation with self-interest and materialistic gain to the kind of change that Jesus had in mind when he called us to love our neighbor . . . God gives himself to us in the hope that we will allow his love to free us from covetousness to caring for one another."

STANLEY JONES' MOTHERS' COVETING BEST GIFT

For the July 20th daily reading in the devotional book, "Abundant Living," Dr. E. Stanley Jones says the only Bible passage he ever remembers his mother mentioning was "Casting your care upon him: for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7). This is the kind of godliness with great gain through coveting earnestly the best gifts.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AID COVETING GODLINESS

In addition to the several passages of scripture quoted in the lesson manuals, the following are suggestive with their themes on spiritual coveting. Enjoying What God Gives Us, Ecclesiastes 9:7-13; God, the Judge of Motives, Proverbs 21:1-8, Mark 10:35-45, I Kings 21, and Job 31.

One aim in reading these passages is to detect covetousness, and deal with it.

Next week the subject, "The Great Commandment," deals with Jesus' summary of the commandments in the New Testament gospel of love for God, neighbor and one's self. Today's lesson recalls Chaucer's statement: "God . . . 'ware you from the sin of avarice.'"

From Our Readers

Let the buzzards have their day . . .

Dear Sir:

. . . You brought one of the most beautiful and restful sights to my mind when I read your "Love a Buzzard."

When I was a small child that was just about my favorite pastime. I'd say I watched a buzzard every day, weather permitting, all of my young growing years. I followed three brothers to the woods and after the crowds quit biting I would lie flat on my back in a field of tiny blue flowers and watch high in the sky old Mr. Buzzard, circling and flying, just coasting easy-like round in the blue sky. Oh! I envied him. I thought him beautiful; his wings would rarely ever move . . . just gliding along. It never occurred to me what his function was — all I knew he was one of God's beautiful things and he was filling my childish soul with delight.

When I moved away to the city I missed them — always remembering — and on my trips home when I'd get to the tall pines I'd begin to look for a buzzard. And when one would fly over I knew for sure I was going home. No, they may not be all that beautiful eyeball to eyeball, but then who is? I look a lot better from a distance, or with your glasses off. But the Lord gave grace to be beautiful at a distance and to see beauty from afar . . .

I know of no better way than to just be brave and out with it: "You don't know what you've missed till you love a buzzard." I'm sure you and I aren't the only ones who looked up and found the thrill of so much beauty flying around.

Anyway, why should Jonathan Livingston Seagull get so much attention? All he did was learn to fly, and our old friend has been doing it better than Jonathan all his life . . .

Can you sing?

Johnny Cash Narrates Life of Christ . . .

I think that I shall never see
A bird so beautiful as he
Who soars and sails in summer's sky

Beneath the great Creator's eye
Who need not come
so close to see
He may see much
Unloveliness in me.

(Apologies to Joyce Kilmer.)

Mrs. John Duke
2836 Kimball 2
Memphis, Tenn. 38114
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Dear Editor:

Love a buzzard? . . . I myself have watched them sail through the air and thought "that is beautiful; why did God give such beautiful grace to a buzzard?" . . . I remembered a saying: "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us . . ." In all things there is beauty if we look for it and good in all things . . . It brought back many thoughts of childhood of watching buzzards sail through blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds (like the cotton I was supposed to be picking).

The Sunday School lesson is good; the Poetry Panorama (poem "The Founders") makes you want to roll up your sleeves and do something. The paper of this week was well worth the subscription price . . . I am twelve years old again though a grandmother of seven. Twelve years old for a little while — quite wonderful for a while; however I kind of like this age and this time, so guess I'll not trade. But the memories were great.

Sincerely,
Faye Miller
Hunter, Arkansas
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Presbyterian gives \$2.3 million property to Georgia Methodists

ATLANTA (RNS) — A Presbyterian woman who has "great trust in the Methodist Church" has given a \$2.3 million tract of land to the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church for the development of a major assembly center in Gwinnett County.

In presenting the property, Miss Ludie Simpson of Norcross stipulated that the 237-acre tract is to remain intact, that the project should maintain the ecology of the area, and that an English-style chapel should be constructed on it in memory of her mother, the late Elizabeth Jane Sanders Simpson.

James McKay of Decatur, an attorney, former U. S. Congressman, and lay leader of the North Georgia Conference, declared that the land is "a rare sort of gift which will likely become a showplace for the entire Protestant church." He said it is rare "because few church groups could afford property of this kind, and, in addition, few heavily wooded tracts of this type are even available this near the downtown area."

Miss Simpson had originally offered it to Wesley Homes, Inc., the retire-

ment agency of North Georgia Methodists, but since the agency could not use all the land for retirement homes Dr. Candler Budd of Decatur, chairman of the agency's board of trustees, suggested that it be used as a conference center.

Miss Simpson, a former school teacher and world traveler who has written two volumes on China, related that she had been a student of Methodism's founder, John Wesley, since she was a child.

"I have read Wesley extensively, and I have great trust in the Methodist Church," she said. "In fact, all my brothers and sisters were Methodists, as were most of my ancestors — but I somehow turned out a Presbyterian."

The property had been in Miss Simpson's family for 120 years. She inherited it from her mother.
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Citation Award to honor chaplains

(Nashville, Tenn.) — Civilian and military chaplains throughout the world will be honored at a special ceremony in Washington, D. C., October 23. Representing chaplains around the globe to receive the 1973 Citation Award from The Upper Room will be the Chiefs of Chaplains of the three U. S. Military Services.

Accepting the awards on behalf of all chaplains will be Major General Roy M. Terry, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Air Force; Major General Gerhardt W. Hyatt, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army; and Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Navy.

Announcement of the forthcoming Citation Ceremony to be held at Washington's Sheraton Park Hotel, was made by Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Editor of The Upper Room, the world's most widely read daily devotional guide.
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'The Gospel Road' set for September release

NEW YORK (RNS) — "The Gospel Road," a story of Jesus told and sung by country music star Johnny Cash, will be released in September by Twentieth Century Fox.

Filmed in Israel, the movie was produced by June and Johnny Cash.

Some press previews here of the movie indicate that "The Gospel Road" is "a unique interpretation" of the story of Jesus, combining the familiar biblical theme with the rhythm of country and western music. Johnny Cash narrates the film. There are no spoken parts in the production.

The narration was described by one preview group as excellent. The picture moves along at a fast pace as the life and times of Jesus unfold.

Jesus is portrayed by Robert Elfstrom, the tall blond bearded director and director of photography of "The Gospel Road." June Carter gives a deeply moving performance of Mary Magdalene.

Scenes of Jesus and Mary Magdalene as well as the John the Baptist sequences were shot at the north end of the Sea of Galilee, near the Golan Heights where the Six Day War of 1967 took place.

Dr. William Jones, associate professor of film arts at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in his evaluation of the movie, called it "a country preacher's interpretation of the Gospel."

He said the interpretation was "low-keyed and easy-going, humble and unpretentious — grinding no particular axes, but simply an out-loud visual record of what might run through the mind of an evangelical, run-of-the-mill Christian preacher if he had the time and money to journey to Israel and 'walk where Jesus walked.'"

"Those who enjoy country music, a simple re-telling of the Jesus story, or as the witness of an humble but emotional man should find the film a worthwhile experience," Dr. Jones said of "The Gospel Road."



Crucifixion scene from "The Gospel Road." Robert Elfstrom portrays Jesus as well as serving as director, while June Carter plays the role of Mary Magdalene.



Country music star Johnny Cash narrates the film, "The Gospel Road," which has no spoken parts.

"There is a pervasive feeling that new spiritual insights are at hand," says keynote speaker

National Laity conferees examine 'Commitment in Community'

W. LAFAYETTE, Ind. (UMC)—"Positive action is the only viable response by those who claim commitment," 3,000 United Methodists were told here July 15 as they wound up a weekend of examining "Commitment in Community."

"People can take right and make wrong out of it," the Rev. Earnest A. Smith of Washington, D. C., cautioned in concluding the denomination's first National Conference of the Laity on the campus of Purdue University. "Religion can become as much of a barrier to the fresh spirit of God as anything else... (and) nothing sounds more insipid than for the church to say 'let's be practical.'"

Dr. Smith, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, also gave the keynote address launching the three days of platform speeches, small groups, a drama raising concerns facing Christians today, an unusual "play time," a "community fair" designed to provide resources for work in the participants' home churches, and late-night dormitory wrestlings with issues lifted during the days.

Although the number taking part was 1,500 to 2,000 below that recorded at previous quadrennial national men's conferences out of which the laity convocation grew, sponsors and participants appeared to agree that it had been a worthwhile experience.

"I've never been in a group that became a community so fast," was the way an Illinois woman summed up her sharing in a small group. "I think

we've demonstrated that the laity includes all persons in the church — men, women and youth," said Sidney R. Nichols, a staff executive of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Lay Life and Work which sponsored the conference.

Mr. Nichols, coordinator of the sessions, told a concurrent meeting of denominational communicators that he thought the conference was a success despite what he said was a "boycott" by some laymen across the country in protest of the meeting being opened to women.

Although exact figures were not immediately available, it was estimated that about one-third of the total group was women—and one observer voiced the opinion that many of them did not take part regularly in activities of the church's women's organization. It also was estimated that about 500 youth were among those present, and it appeared there was more minority participation than at previous men's conferences.

A decision on future such convocations will be made later, but a tentative hold has been put on the Purdue facilities for a similar session four years from now.

In his keynote address, Dr. Smith said there "is a great hunger for new spiritual dimensions," on the part of persons today and, "strangely enough, there is a pervasive feeling that new spiritual insights are at hand." He also voiced the opinion that the church may not have put "as much emphasis on the experimental nature of religion" as it should.

"We have talked about it and preached about it," he said. "We have written about it and demanded it... but rarely have we made it an existential necessity... Too few of us have related faith to life and not enough of us allow it to become the core of our motivations and the springboard of our actions."

Biblical foundation for the weekend was set by the Rev. Edward P. Blair, adjunct professor of New Testament Interpretation at the church's Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

"What difference would it make if we really believed the church is an outpost of God?" Dr. Blair asked. To many members, he said, the church is a club where they show up two or three times a year, toss in a few pennies, and then rush home to the Sunday afternoon football telecast.

The church's Judaeo-Christian tradition teaches that "it is an awesome and fearful thing to be the chosen people of God," the professor reminded. He suggested that the church might consider overhauling worship to include a time when members would 'show and tell' what God is doing in their lives instead of listening to a sermon every Sunday, stressed that persons have a dual role as both individuals and as members of a social group, and asserted that "love for God and love for one's neighbor is at the heart" of the faith.

Most unsettling event of the weekend for some participants was the original drama written for the conference by C. B. Anderson, a United Methodist Communications staff executive,

and produced by the Nashville (Tenn.) Theater Workshop.

In a style reminiscent of the popular rock musicals, "Hair," and "Jesus Christ Superstar," the 13-member cast danced, talked and sang its way through several issues and movements bearing down upon the church.

Following-up on the call for openness by Mr. Mobley, the cast confronted the delegates with such concerns as church investments in war-material producing industries; Wounded Knee and the plight of other ethnic minorities; the role of women in society in general and the United Methodist Church in particular; and the sexual revolution, especially the Gay Liberation movement.

Entitled, "We Are the Church — Freeze," the drama closed with the admonition: "We are the Church — don't freeze!"

Anxieties raised by the drama were shared in the discussion groups and elsewhere.

Worship for the conference was led by Miss Gene Maxwell, a regional executive of the Board of Global Ministries' Women's Division. Music was provided by Bill Mann, Dallas, Texas, widely-known evangelistic singer; Dust and Ashes — a folk singing duo of Tom Page and Jim Sloan from Nashville; Oris Baldwin, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Don Larson, Atlanta, Ga.

The concluding event was a dramatic sculpturing of the face of Christ by Lt. Col. Gilbert N. Amelio of the U. S. Air Force against a background of music, literature and spoken word.

Specialist in drug / alcohol problems recommends trained lay 'action units' to work in communities

BERRIAN SPRINGS, Mich. (RNS) — "Churches have the potential of being the most powerful and effective influence in combatting alcohol and drug abuse problems," a national leader in the field of drug and alcohol control said here.

Milo Sawvel, executive director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, said here that "the majority of churches are not involved, because they don't know where they stand in regard to abstinence and temperate living."

He told the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse that churches should educate members on "temperate living."

The institute was held here at Andrews University, a Seventh-day Adventist school. It was sponsored by the Andrew School of Graduate Studies in cooperation with the U.S. National Committee and the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism.

Mr. Sawvel suggested that those with specialized knowledge in drug and alcohol problems should train laymen so they can work effectively in the community.

"Action units" could be sent out by churches to reach those in schools, homes, the street and other areas of

the community where assistance is needed, he said, adding that youth are especially effective in this role.

"Concerned individuals should visit their friends and neighbors," Mr. Sawvel said. "These people will open up more when they don't have to reveal their problems publicly."

Dr. Laurence Senseman, medical director of the psychiatric unit at Glendale (Calif.) Adventist Hospital, told the Institute that alcoholism is a "family disease."

"The more people involved in the alcoholic's rehabilitation, the better his chance of recovery," he said. "We need to help the individual realize what his

problems are, and show him how he can treat them realistically without the use of the bottle."

Dr. Senseman reported that studies show "there are genetic, nutritional and environmental causes" of alcoholism "and it needs to be made clear to the individual that if we can find the cause, we can treat it."

He said statistics show that one of every 12 persons over age 21 is an alcoholic, and that while two-thirds of the adult population either drink occasionally or not at all, the remaining third drinks excessively.

The role of the family is extremely important in an alcoholic's recovery,

Dr. Senseman, said. "We try to integrate the alcoholic back into the family and make them responsible in part for his recovery. The family needs to keep up with their activities and face the crisis squarely. Too often the alcoholic is ostracized because of his behavior."

Dr. Louis Bozzetti, executive deputy director of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse and an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of California (San Diego), told the Institute of recent studies concerning effects of alcohol and marijuana use.

He said investigations at Stanford have shown that marijuana causes an impairment in short-term memory and ability to think. Studies of heavy hashish users among U.S. soldiers in Germany indicate that long term use of marijuana causes apparent damage to brain tissue, and could lead to the same cancer risks as tobacco, Dr. Bozzetti reported. He indicated that new projects are underway relating heredity and alcoholism.

News in Brief

Representatives of 18 non-profit homes for the aging in Virginia have formed an association and named the Rev. R. Kern Eutsler, executive director of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc., as president.

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Five hundred persons attended the recent annual fish fry sponsored by United Methodist Men of Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff. Shown here are two of the chief cooks serving patrons, with the Rev. Herman Bonds, pastor (left in background with glasses). Jake Commer served as general chairman for the event, from which proceeds are used for local benevolences and to aid needy families in the community. (Photography by Paul Thompson)

Arkeology

by Gene Herrington



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Hendrix professor takes temporary leave

CONWAY, ARK., — Robert W. Meriwether, associate professor of education at Hendrix College, has been given a leave of absence by the College for the first term of the 1973-74 school year. The leave was granted so that Meriwether might teach full-time in an Arkansas secondary school during the period of August-December.

Meriwether has signed a contract with the Little Rock Public Schools and will teach ninth grade civics at Booker Junior High School during the fall. In explaining his new assignment Meriwether said:

"It has been 20 years since I last taught in junior high and 14 years since I last taught in senior high. One of my major responsibilities at Hendrix is in the preparation of secondary teachers. If I am to continue with the Hendrix teacher education program, I feel that it is important that I have more recent experience as a full-time secondary school teacher.

"I am looking forward to teaching at Booker. I feel that it will be a valuable experience and one which should enable me to do a better job at Hendrix in the future."

Meriwether had nine years of secondary school teaching experience in Arkansas and Illinois before coming to Hendrix as dean of students in

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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

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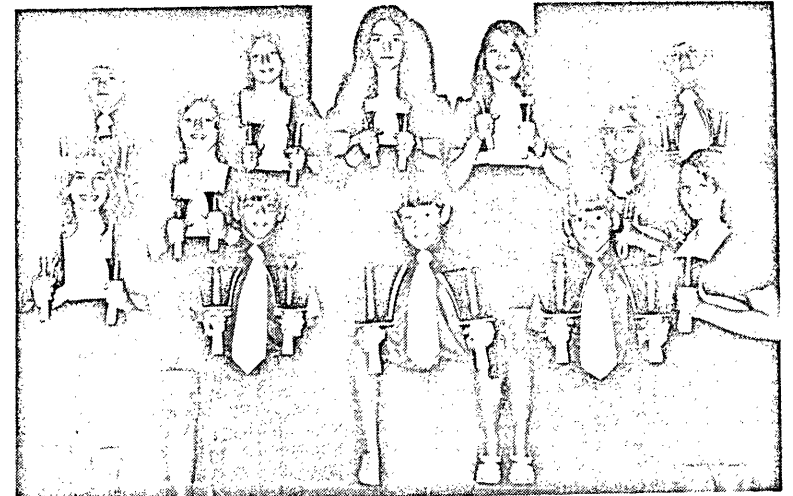
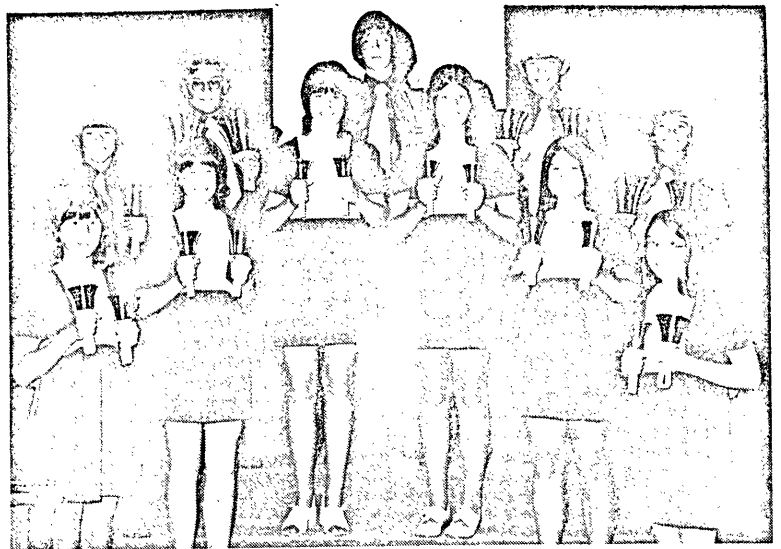
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St. James Ringers



The youth of Monticello's First United Methodist Church posed for cameraman as they made ready for their fifth annual trip, July 11-14. The trip, to Dallas, Tex., financed by various work projects and assistance from adult members of the church, included the viewing of the movie, "Jesus Christ, Superstar"; a tour of Highland Park Church, the SMU campus, Methodist Hospital and a day at Six Flags Over Texas, climaxed by an overnight retreat and communion service. The Rev. William D. Elliott is pastor.



The three ringing groups (shown above) from St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, attended the 13th National Festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, at Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky., June 26-30, along with Felix and Martha Lynn Thompson, husband and wife directors of the music program at St. James. The week's festival, during which individual bell choirs performed, was climaxed on the final evening with the coming together of all the choirs to present a Massed Ensemble Concert. One of the 16 numbers performed was Martha Lynn's arrangement of "Rondo in G" by John Bull. The Friday morning performance by the St. James choirs included three works arranged by Mrs. Thompson. Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr. is pastor at St. James Church.

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

This compassionate thought in verse is by an author unknown. . . "I have more food than I can eat; they die with hunger on the street. I have more clothes than I can wear; their feet and legs and arms are bare. My walls are thick and dry and warm; their walls scarce hold against the storm. I have the love of noble souls; their lot is cold and empty bowls. O Lord, I would remember when . . . cries of the needy rise again."

Two Worlds

Two warm-wrapped children step inside a shop
Where spicy-odored cakes reflect the light.
They choose, they pay, they leave the fragrant air,
And laughing, disappear into the night.

The lonely, ill-clad, hungry little waif
Peers through the windows, basking in the light;
He pauses, gazes, wishes, looks again,
And hungry, walks into the same dark night.

-by Charles A. Stuck

Wildfire

Some children splash in the pool
on a hot summer's day. . .
What do they do - who have no pool
in which to play?
What do they do - who wish
with all the heart
That in this life a pool of clear,
cool water might be part?

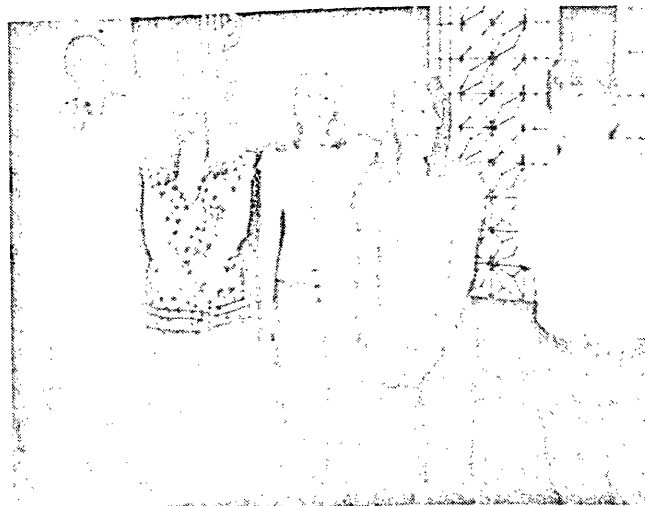
It takes no genius of insight
to discern
That finally the soul begins
to burn. . .
Then raging uncontrolled,
with no relief in view,
They do what all the rampant
wildfires do. . .

They set the world on fire!

-by Barbara L. Mulkey



Mike Yancey of Asbury Church, Little Rock, was the recipient of Boy Scouting's highest award, when in recent ceremonies he was presented the Eagle Scout Award. Mr. E. A. Bowen is scoutmaster and Mr. J. V. Conatser, assistant scoutmaster for Troop 24 which is sponsored by Asbury Church. The Rev. Fred Arnold is pastor.



The Rev. Michael Clayton installs recently elected officers of Grand Prairie Sub-district at Lonoke United Methodist Church. New officers include Patti Woods of Hazen, president; Dorothy Gillette of Carlisle, vice president; Sharron Elmore of Lonoke, secretary; Kay Elmore of Hamilton, treasurer; and Joe Waller of Mt. Tabor, reporter.