

# Arkansas Methodist

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In Little Rock Conference....

## "Camp Tanako Day" this Sunday

United Methodists across the Little Rock Conference will have the opportunity this coming Sunday, August 12, to contribute to the support of their Conference Camp, Camp Tanako.

The camp, the center of Conference summer activities for many years, is located on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs. It is used by children, youth and adult groups and served 29 groups totaling 2,500 campers during its last session.

Sunday's special offering is needed to help meet the current indebtedness

Local churches can assist....

## Immunization of state's children set for September

September 8th and 9th will be inoculation days in the state of Arkansas. Free clinics will be set up around the state to immunize every child in the state against all preventable childhood diseases. It is estimated that 225,000 Arkansas children will be involved.

Mrs. Betty Bumpers, wife of the Governor, is chairman and Mrs. Nell T. Balkman, R. N., head of the Arkansas League of Nursing, Inc. is co-ordinator. Major General Thomas A. Phillips, Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard will have 10,000 Guardsmen helping. Also assisting on the project are the Health Department, Co-operative Extension Service of the U. Of A., Arkansas Medical Society, Easter Seal Society, Arkansas State Nurses Assn., National Center of Voluntary Action, Arkansas' Bicentennial Commission, Arkansas County Judges Assn., the State Education Department and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Little Rock.

Mrs. Bumpers has undertaken a massive immunization project, the first of its scope and magnitude ever presented to this nation or the world. The program can succeed only if there are enough volunteers to do the job. 10,000 are needed. Mrs. Bumpers is truly concerned about the children of Arkansas. If all young girls would get the measles vaccine we could eliminate future birth of the handicapped children caused from pregnant women contracting the

of approximately \$10,000. The camp receives its support from four sources: Conference apportionments; local church budgets; campers fees; contributions from individuals and organizations; and from the special offering received once each year.

Contributions may be made on Sunday, August 12, or by mail to Camp Tanako, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Local churches will be notified and credited for all money received.

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measles.

Mrs. Bumpers also encourages anyone who has not had the polio vaccine to do so as soon as possible. Four out of every five 2-year-olds have not had the recommended polio doses. They are free at your health department. We are due for a polio epidemic as only 40% of the people in Arkansas have had the polio vaccine.

Vaccines will be paid for by state and federal funding. The 1973 Arkansas General Assembly appropriated an additional \$100,000 for immunization activities. Some vaccine will be furnished by the National Center for Disease Control.

It is hoped that every child needing immunization will receive the free inoculations for measles, rubella, polio, DPT (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus), D. T. (Diphtheria, Tetanus). It will be helpful if before going to the clinics the parent or guardian check to see which immunizations the child has had. If you are not sure it will do no harm for the child to receive it again.

Volunteers are needed to assist the county health unit with records, to identify and contact families, especially hard to reach families, and to assist in the clinics when they are conducted.

Those interested in volunteering (as well as those in need of inoculations)—should contact the Extension Home Economist in their area.

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Adult leaders Arvill Brannon and Saville Henry, at left, are with the new North Arkansas youth officers: Sue Casteel, treasurer; Beverly Holifield, secretary; Randy Shock, vice president; and Tom McDonald, president.

North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly....

## Laity called to new commitment

"I'm here to say to you that our church — The United Methodist Church — has caught the vision of a new commitment. And I believe we're capable of giving it. The commitment of Christ in the world to a people in need."

So stated Roy J. Grogan, Methodist layman from Weatherford, Texas, in the first of two addresses he gave as principal speaker at the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly meeting last weekend at Mt. Sequoyah. Approximately 170 persons attended the event which had as a special feature the honoring of E. Clay Bumpers of Wabash for his devoted service as Conference Lay Leader from 1960 to 1973.

### BISHOP FRANK ADDRESSES ASSEMBLY

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, speaking to the Assembly on Saturday evening, said "As I move around among you in North Arkansas, I am amazed, thrilled and grateful to God for the power that he has given you. And yet sometimes I have a feeling that you're all waiting for something to happen." "... God has given us membership in a great church," continued the Bishop. "What would happen if this

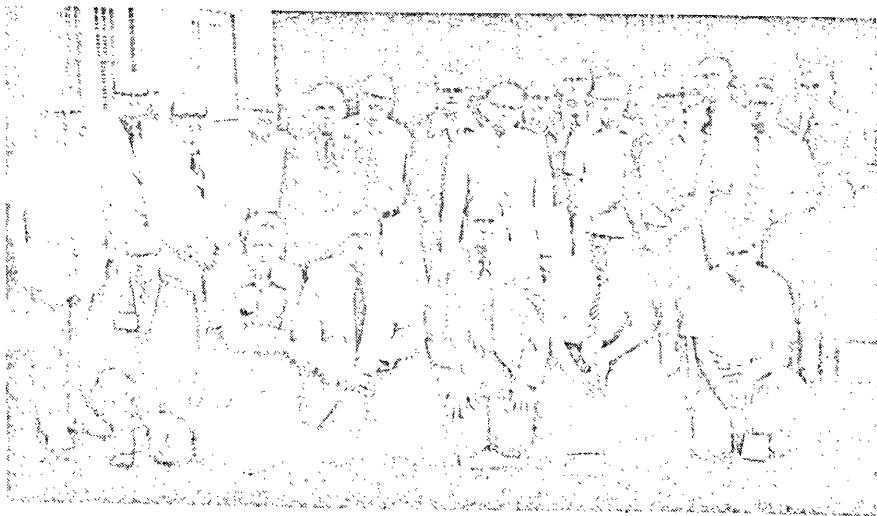


Bishop Eugene M. Frank (left) with Roy J. Grogan of Weatherford, Texas, principal speaker at the Lay Assembly.

year every member of a Methodist church won another person to Christ ...? Last year it took 43 members of the church to win one person to Christ. God has given us the power. What are we waiting on?"

Bishop Frank concluded his message with this challenge to the Assembly: "We can do anything we really want to do. The Holy Spirit, dear friends, has come upon us with such power that I don't know how God could do any more for us. What is it we really lack?"

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The North Arkansas Conference Board of the Laity. Shown above are members of the North Arkansas Conference Board of the Laity meeting at the Laymen's Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah last weekend. Kneeling, from left, are District Lay leaders: Leon Woolbright, Fort Smith; Dr. Russell Riggs, Fayetteville; Marvin Gaither, Batesville; Jim Lane, Conway; Dalton Henderson, Paragould; Bob McGinnis, Forrest City. Standing, from left: George Lockwood, Paragould; the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville; the Rev. Ben Jordan, Paragould; the Rev. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro; Warren Blaylock, Alma; the Rev. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith; the Rev. Myers Curtis, North Little Rock; Conference Lay Leader Henry M. Rainwater, Walnut Ridge; W. E. "Buddy" Arnold, North Little Rock; the Rev. Ralph Clayton, Conway; Roy Weld, Fisher; Dick Fikes, North Little Rock; the Rev. Elmo Thomason, Forrest City; Bill Simmering, Forrest City; and Henry Richmond, Helena.



## PLANS UNDERWAY FOR A PARAGOULD DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Plans were formulated for a Paragould District Council on Ministries at a meeting of pastors and lay persons held Tuesday evening, July 24, at the Walnut Ridge First United Methodist Church.

With each Charge represented by a pastor and one lay person, it was decided that the District Council be organized on the basis of one pastor and one lay person from each of five cluster groupings of churches within the District.

A possible arrangement of clusters of churches within the District on the basis of either geography or membership was presented by the District Superintendent, the Rev. Ben Jordan, and the group voted to accept an arrangement on the basis of geography with the option to implement programs on an arrangement of churches according to membership if the need presents itself.

A geographical arrangement of charges was selected as follows:

**Cluster A** — Paragould First Church, Griffin Memorial, Shiloh, Christ United, St. Mark's, Pruett's Chapel, Beech Grove, and Stanford;

**Cluster B** — Rector First Church, Corning, Piggott, Marmaduke, St. Francis, Boydsville, and Rector Circuit;

**Cluster C** — Walnut Ridge, Pocahontas, Hoxie, Maynard Parish, Black Rock, and Sedgewick;

**Cluster D** — Newport First Church, Unsted-Oil Trough, Emory Chapel, Tuckerman, and Swifton;

**Cluster E** — Hardy, Cherokee Village, Imboden, and Mammoth Springs.

The persons representing these geographical areas at the meeting met in their small groups and selected the following pastors and lay persons to represent them in the District Council on Ministries:

**Cluster A** — The Rev. Joe Linam from Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould and Mrs. Hardy Sims from First Church, Paragould;

**Cluster B** — The Rev. Wayne Jarvis, First Church, Rector and Winfred Polk of Corning;

**Cluster C** — The Rev. Gaither McKelvey, Pocahontas and Gene Brand, Walnut Ridge;

**Cluster D** — The Rev. Joe Wilkerson, Tuckerman and Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., Newport, First Church;

**Cluster E** — The Rev. Clyde Crozier, Hardy and Harold Kersey of Cherokee Village.

It was decided that five additional persons, two pastors and three lay persons, would be selected at large to make the District Council a fifteen member body with the district superintendent serving by virtue of his office. The five persons to be added will be selected by the ten members elected to the Council at the July 24 meeting.

The first meeting of the newly formed Council will be on August 23 at 7:00 p. m. at the Davy Crockett Restaurant in Walnut Ridge. At that time a chair person and other officers of the Council will be elected.

## Your mission dollar is working in Bolivia

Two years ago the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences assumed the goal of raising approximately \$25,000 to complete a \$50,000 pediatric wing on the Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia. This project became one of the major Advance Specials for the Conferences. The other half of the project had been pledged by the Texas Conference.

Friends of the project will remember that Helen Wilson, a native of Hot Springs, has served at the Bolivian hospital since 1953.

The following letter from Dr. Bill Jack Marshall, M.D., a former missionary and medical director of Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital, reports the completion and official dedication of the project. The new wing was named in honor of Dr. Marshall, now in private practice in Bastrop, Texas.

Dear Friends,

After almost three years of private practice in the U.S., I have just returned from a month's vacation in Bolivia where we Marshalls served as missionaries from 1955 to 1970. My experiences convince me that the Methodist Church is under capable leadership, is wide awake to the vast needs of the Bolivian people and needs our active support to meet the challenges which our Lord has set before us.

The new Pediatric Wing of our Methodist Hospital has been officially dedicated and is in business caring for the children of Bolivia. It is so beautiful, I wish each of you could see it: the 26 modern beds and related equipment, isolation rooms, glass panels which let the nurses see all the patients from one central station, and even the locally made



At the Service of Dedication for the Dr. Bill J. Marshall Pediatric Wing of the La Paz hospital were (left to right) Bishop Sante Barbieri, Bishop Mortimer Arias, Miss Joyce Hill, Secretary for Latin America, Board of Global Ministries; Dr. Marshall, and Dr. Lindsay Smith, hospital director.

tapestries and woodwork which add so much for the enjoyment of our patients. For years, our little patients had been crowded into two rooms of scattered throughout the adult section.

The love and care and concern for little children certainly was prominent in our Lord's ministry, and it has long been our concern, too. Most of you who will be reading this letter contributed through your church, church school, or individually, making our dream come true, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts . . .

Innumerable Bolivian officials and citizens have expressed their appreciation to us, and really to you, for this pediatric facility and the blessings which will be rendered to many children through it.

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Miss Helen Wilson of Hot Springs, medical technologist formerly at Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital (but now in Cochabamba, Bolivia), is shown with Miss Hortensia Alacron, the Chief of Nursing Services.

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### HARVE J. TAYLOR JR.

Harve J. Taylor Jr., 58, of Clarksville, a past president of the Arkansas Oil Marketers Association and the Peach Growers Association, died suddenly Saturday, July 21.

Mr. Taylor was an employee of Patterson Oil Company. He attended Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville and the College of the Ozarks here.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees and an usher in First United Methodist Church, a past patron of the Eastern Star and past master of Masonic Lodge 410. He was a former member of the Clarksville School Board.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. May Mills Taylor; two sons, Harve J. Taylor III of North Carolina and Tommy Taylor of Oklahoma; two brothers, Bob Taylor and Phil Taylor, both of Clarksville; five sisters, Mrs. Howard Deeds of Colorado, Mrs. Edmund Farris of North Little Rock, Mrs. Jack Cline, Mrs. Heartsill Hall and Mrs. Harris Kennon, all of Clarksville, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted July 24 by the Rev. James Meadors, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Clarksville. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery.

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The Rev. Richard Nesmith, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries for six years, has been appointed pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebr., effective June 1.

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### REPORTS GIVEN

The Assembly heard a report from each of the District Lay Leaders present and a report on the National Conference of the Laity given by W. E. "Buddy" Arnold of North Little Rock, an Associate Conway District Lay Leader.

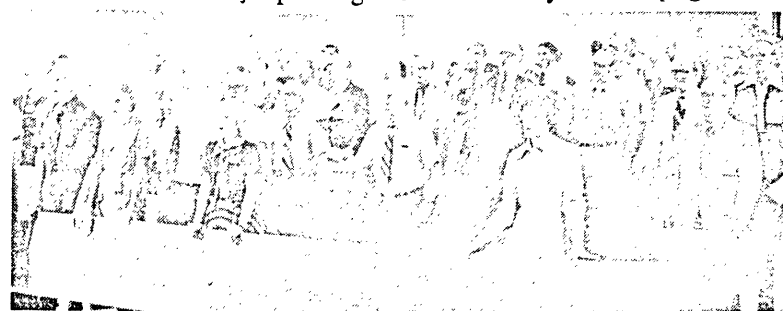
Conference Lay Leader Henry M. Rainwater of Walnut Ridge presided at the opening ceremony and throughout the sessions and shared the platform duties with Associate Conference Lay Leaders Warren Blaylock of Alma, Marvin Gaither of Batesville and Conway District Lay Leader Jim Lane of North Little Rock. The opening devotional message was given by Guy Epps of Searcy. Dick Fikes of North Little Rock, an Associate Lay Leader, led the singing during the two day meeting. Roy Weld of Fisher served as Registrar-Treasurer. He serves as Conference Director of Lay Speaking.

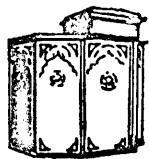
### LAYMEN'S ASSEMBLY

Participating in the ceremonies honoring E. Clay Bumpers were Henry Rainwater, Joe Pierce of Searcy; James J. Partridge of West Memphis, a son-in-law of Bumpers; and Matt L. Ellis of Conway. Honored in turn by the Board of the Laity for their many years of service to the church were Jim Wiseman of Searcy, Joe Pierce and Matt L. Ellis.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

An early morning Communion Service was presided over by Bishop Frank assisted by District Superintendents of the Conference. Preacher for the Worship Service was the Rev. Charles Whittle, an Associate General Secretary of the Section on Connectional Ministries of the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. A quotation from his message may be found on page three of this issue. Pictures from the Assembly are on page 12.





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

### SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT OURSELVES

There is a danger that the church may think too often about itself. There is also the danger that it may not think often enough concerning its life and mission. At the risk of the former, let us engage a moment in the latter.

It has been my privilege over the last week to attend the Louisiana Conference Laity Retreat, the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly and the Louisiana Pastor's School. Rich experiences, each of these. While it is impossible to convey the content of these significant gatherings, I feel it is important to try to share a basic impression which is common to each of them.

In conveying impressions, Christian people are given to superlatives. It could hardly be any other way, when you consider what God has done for us. So some often-repeated words must be used to share these impressions.

One word must be "joy!" Joy at being called by God to be a part of his church and mission. "Gratitude" — for those who have gone before, who fought a good fight, who kept the faith. One cannot go to any meeting of our great fellowship without a sense of being surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses who have gone before: retired ministers and laymen, living and dead, whose influence is both felt and evidenced.

"Responsibility" and "opportunity" are impressions which linger long as one reflects on the human needs of others which are always a priority when United Methodists gather.

"Thanksgiving" for the marvelous spirit of the laity, the ability and devotion of our Bishops, and the dedication and creativeness of our pastors in being shepherds, prophets and priests to their people — this is a major impression.

And finally, one senses that United Methodists are more eager today than for some time that God's Holy Spirit empower them for his work in this day.

The need for the church and its gospel has never been greater. We are blest by God in having a part in his mission in such a day. We need to know this, to say it, and then get on with it.

J.S.W.

### Gift of God

The following is an excerpt from a sermon delivered on last Sunday morning at the Laymen's Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah. The preacher was the Rev. Charles Whittle, Associate General Secretary of the Section on Connectional Ministries of the Board of Discipleship, Nashville, Tennessee. It speaks for itself:

I've travelled across this nation with men who damned the church. They talked about how the church has failed and how sorry the church is. Now I'm not much of a debater, but when it would come my turn I would say something like this: Now the church may be as sorry as we have heard that it is. The church may have failed like we have heard. But I've got to say that the church has never failed me.

You see, when I was born into this world, my mother and father wanted to present this third child, the third one that lived, to God. And The Methodist Church provided an altar. During those early years when we moved around because of the depression — my father was looking for work — everywhere we moved The Methodist Church provided a congregation to welcome us and love us; a pastor to minister to our need.

When we settled in one community just outside Ft. Worth — I grew up there — every Sunday the church provided Sunday School and Worship and mid-week service and Vacation Bible School and summer camping. And — would you believe this — when I went into the Navy in World War II the church thought so much about me that the church sent a Chaplain along to look out after my welfare. And when I asked my high school sweetheart to marry me, The Methodist Church provided a minister in Oakland, California to perform the ceremony.

When we came back and I wanted to go to college The Methodist Church provided a college for me to attend. When I was called to preach, The Methodist Church provided a bishop to put his hands on my head and ordain me — Bishop William C. Martin — and gave me a congregation somebody else started, to support me and to love me. And I don't know of any other institution in Nashville that can do for my family and for me what our local congregation is doing.

So — maybe the church has failed and maybe the church is as sorry as all the folks and the articles have said that the church is. I know the church has faults because it's got me! But the church has never failed me, and I'm convinced that the church is a gift of God."

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

Right here in River City . . . . .

It has just been revealed to me that real trouble with this world is fast-drying water-based paint and polaroid film. That's right: fast-drying water-based paint and polaroid film. Since you may not be among the few who are in on this bit of intelligence, you might want to listen closely to the following and then telephone two friends when the program is over.

It's a fact. Fast-drying water-based paint and polaroid film threaten the very fabric of our society.

"But how on earth can this be?", I hear you asking, excitedly. I will respond with an illustration from personal experience. Some few days back I prepared some book shelves for painting. They were carefully measured, sawed, sanded and loved until ready for the brush. Though I could hardly wait to use them, I had prepared myself for that redemptive two-day wait for the paint to dry. I recalled from childhood days the prolonged agony of such waiting to use some freshly painted object I had long worked over and was so impatient to use. Oh what qualities of forbearance, long-suffering and patience must have been produced through the years because of slow-drying oil-based paint!

Being prepared for and in desperate need of a refresher course in these basic disciplines, I picked up the paint can to survey the instructions: "Fast-drying water-based paint. Dries in 30 minutes." Now you can't tell me the devil's not in that! To say nothing of polaroid film! Back in a more spartan day we waited out with ironclad forbearance the two weeks that our 8 exposures were at the drug store, wondering all that while if they would all "come out" all right. But now? A quick count to ten does it. How much character, tell me, can be cultivated in a count of ten or even in the thirty minutes it takes the paint to dry?

How sorely are these qualities of forbearance, long-suffering and patience needed today. The present generation, if our eight year old is any example, has about as much patience as a bird dog who has just flushed a covey of quail. It's all ours can do to wait out the table grace before buttering the cornbread.

And so, with the passing of the old slow-drying paints and the other kind of film, it seems we must find a substitute for producing these desperately needed qualities.

I have a suggestion. Why not the Christian home? Why not the example of parents, of brothers and sisters, of each of us? Not only for the qualities spoken of above, but for all of those great Christian traits of character without which none of us are properly equipped for the venture of life.

It just could be that the home — the Christian home — can best produce these qualities so desperately needed by each and all.

Paint a board; take a picture . . . , and think about it.

J.S.W.

### A personal word

Something that has been bothering me, and possibly some of you, is that newspaper people are not supposed to use the first person "I" in writing. I know this. And the fact that I'm new in the business is no excuse for taking liberties with such a long-established and honored custom. I know it can sound presumptuous and sometimes egotistical and other times silly and occasionally foolish. But I do this because "it's me what's doing the writing," and I want to take the blame for anything wrong I might say and do — and yes, the credit, too, for anything right — and not pass them off to any anonymous "we."

I'm not apologizing for this; I'm just explaining. I think it's the right way for me to do my thing. I will, however, apologize for taking this extra time of yours and extra space of mine. Now I will go on sinning.

J.S.W.

### A philosopher speaks

"Behind every successful man you'll find a surprised mother-in-law."

—Matt Locke Ellis, August 4, A.D. 1973

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The already troubled Orthodox Church of Greece was recently rocked by disclosures of a report charging financial mismanagement of vast landholdings. Archbishop Ieronymos, primate of the Church, rushed back to Athens from a vacation on the island of Tenos to deal with the new crisis. The finance committee of the governing Holy Synod, a 10-member panel of bishops, mostly unfriendly to the archbishop, called for a full judicial investigation of the agency administering Church properties.

Population explosion "hysteries" were criticized in a widely publicized pamphlet issued in London which said young couples are being made to feel they are not wanted. The pamphlet was issued by the London-based Human Rights Society under the title of "Not Wanted." It asked the question: Is a whole young generation being brought up to feel they are unwanted in the world?

Public colleges and universities should raise their tuition annually at a higher rate than private institutions, so as to decrease the cost competition between them, according to the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education. As reported by the American Council on Education, the commission recommends that tuition in private colleges and universities continue to increase at about the rate of the rise in per-capita disposable personal income. But it proposed that tuition in public colleges and universities "rise faster than this rate until it reaches the level of about one-third of the educational costs of the institutions as compared with the current one-sixth, in order to narrow the tuition gap between public and private institutions.

Can an Anglican archbishop, a man who once headed the world Anglican Communion, shift his style of ministry and become a successful associate parish priest? Christ Episcopal Church in Greenville, S.C. will be the proving ground for that question when Archbishop Ralph Dean of Cariboo, British Columbia, joins its staff in December. The prelate, who is taking a five-year leave of absence from the Anglican Church of Canada, will be responsible for the continuing education of the parish's six clergymen, will do home episcopal work (confirming) and will be involved in teaching, evangelism and writing.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger has been selected as recipient of the 1973 Gold Medallion of the Society for the Family of Man. The award is sponsored by the Council of Churches of the City of New York, a Protestant organization. It is presented in November at a dinner that serves as a fund-raising event. Dr. Kissinger, a top presidential adviser, will be honored for contributions to world peace.

The black Protestant bishop who heads the major organization opposing the white minority regime in Rhodesia appears ready to compromise his demand for immediate black control in the African land, according to a recent report in the Christian Science Monitor. A dispatch from Nairobi, Kenya stated that United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, leader of the African National Council of Rhodesia met for the first time on July 19 with Premier Ian Smith. Monitor reporter Jeffer Radford said the African National Council seems willing to negotiate certain demands and to accept continuing white rule for the time being.

When a recent dispute in the legislature held up payments to Pennsylvania welfare recipients for two weeks, a group of inmates in a South Jersey prison decided they should help out. When they heard from television news reports about welfare demonstrations in Philadelphia, three prisoners reported a fellow-feeling with the people who got into trouble because of lack of food. They challenged the other prisoners who voted unanimously to give up bread at three meals, and as a result 300 loaves of bread were delivered to Assumption Catholic Church in Philadelphia for distribution to welfare families.

As the "mother church" of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) withdrew from the denomination, the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, a Church that is the product of three schisms and one union, anticipated that it might attract some dissident Southern Presbyterians to its fold. First Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Ga., in whose sanctuary the Southern Presbyterian denomination was organized in December 1861, has withdrawn from the denomination by a 297-92 vote of its local session.

A 1956 state law requiring that a person must have lived in the state for two years before he can file for a divorce has been ruled unconstitutional in Rhode Island. A three-judge federal court said the law abridges freedom of interstate travel and violates constitutional rights of due process and equal protection. The statute penalizes persons who have recently moved into the state by imposing "a hiatus of two years" before they become entitled to a judicial adjustment of a "fundamental human relationship," said the decision written by Chief Judge Raymond J. Pettine of the U.S. District Court in Providence.

The Methodist Church's role in the work of reconciliation in strife-torn Northern Ireland was stressed by the Rev. Harold Sloan, president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, in an interview with the Methodist Recorder, leading independent journal of the British Methodist Church. He said: Methodism is one right through the country and, in fact, no church in Ireland is divided by the border. The Methodist Church is playing its part in the work of reconciliation and is ready to encourage any project that will further peace and cooperation between all the people of northern Ireland."

Charities are being penalized by Britain's new Value Added Tax and this is "socially unacceptable," according to a statement issued in London by the Charities Aid Fund. The 10 per cent tax, known as VAT, was introduced by Britain when it entered the European Common Market in January. It applies to goods and services and replaces the Purchase Tax, which was imposed on goods only, and the Selective Employment Tax which was imposed only on employers engaged in service trades (shops, catering and laundry) as distinct from production industries.

The National Council of Churches appealed to President Nixon before the visit of Leonid I. Brezhnev to intercede with the Soviet leader on behalf of religious freedom in his nation. A telegram to the president said: "... We trust you will express to Mr. Brezhnev the ... deep concern of the American people for the full expression of religious freedom in the USSR ... for Jews, Christians and people of all religious faiths."

Pope Paul marking the 10th anniversary of his election as head of the Roman Catholic Church (June 21, 1963), joined some 8,000 guests in the Vatican's vast new audience hall adjacent to St. Peter's Basilica for a concert performed by Leonard Bernstein and the Newark (N.J.) Boys' Chorus, the Harvard Glee Club and the chorus and orchestra of Italian radio and television. Included in the June 23 celebration was the inauguration of a new 20th Century art gallery at the Vatican Museum.

A regulation of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy which bars cadets from marrying has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in New York. In a 36-page opinion, Judge John R. Bartels said that "the conclusive presumption that all married cadets will perform poorer than single cadets cannot be accepted upon the record before the court."

The "heyday" of ecumenical institutions may well be over, Canon H. L. Puxley, director of the Ecumenical Institute of Canada, said in his retirement address at the Board of Management's annual meeting. The Anglican priest who has directed the institute for the last 10 years said that less and less financial support has come from church grants in recent years. In 1972, 65 per cent of the institute's funds came from secular agencies.

The known death toll in Northern Ireland's four-year-old sectarian conflict passed the 850 mark recently, including 169 this year. Two British soldiers were killed when a bomb exploded in an area they were searching in the predominantly Roman Catholic Falls Road district.

Catholic bishops in Latin America are concerned about foreign pressures on their nations relating to population control, according to an American participant in an inter-American conference of Catholic bishops. Auxiliary Bishop Nevin W. Hayes, O. Carm., of Chicago, in reporting on the conference said, "Pressure is brought on the nations as a whole to eliminate poor people by the enforced use of sterilization, contraception and abortion."

South Africa's three Afrikaans (Dutch Reformed) Churches are involved in a dispute with the government over the refusal of a visa for theologian Hendrikus Berkhof of Holland. A member of the faculty of the University of Leyden and a member of the Central Commission of the World Council of Churches, Prof. Berkhof had been invited to address a "dogmatology workshop" in Pretoria.

A relief goal of \$423,100 has been set for 1974 by the Baptist World Alliance — the largest goal in the history of the organization. It was approved during the annual sessions of the BWA Executive Committee and study commission at Einsiedeln, Switzerland. There were 282 registered participants from 32 countries, comprising the largest attendance in the history of the BWA Executive.



VENICE — With the pigeon population explosion reaching epidemic proportions, officials in Venice have instituted "Operation Pigeon" to rid the famed city of three-quarters of its 200,000 birds. City authorities say the program is necessary to reduce the damage they are causing to the architecture and sculpture of Venice's magnificent churches and palaces. If the operation is successful the thousands of pigeons which converge on St. Mark's Square, shown here, will mostly disappear. The birds are just one of the problems faced by Venice, whose landmarks are faced with the dual threats of being corroded by pollution and sinking slowly into the sea. (RNS Photo)



Directors of the Councils on Ministries of Annual Conferences from over the South Central Jurisdiction met in Dallas, July 24 and 25 at Highland Park Church. Shown at one of the sessions are Dr. Hollis Shook of New Mexico, Dr. Myers Curtis of North Arkansas Conference, and Dr. Duane Bruce, executive director of the South Central Jurisdiction office, Oklahoma City.

#### Camp Meeting Heritage Noted in Howard County

Howard Countians are celebrating the county's one hundredth birthday August 4-11, by remembering the way their ancestors lived 100 years ago. In the early days, the people often worshipped at camp meetings for one or two weeks during the summer. These camp grounds were numerous in the state in the early 1800's. Today, only four Methodist camp grounds remain in Arkansas.

The Ebenezer Camp Ground was established in the year 1837. The original camp ground was located near a spring in Center Point on land now owned by Earl Pope. The camps there were destroyed by wind.

In 1840 the camp ground was moved one mile west to another spring on Red Hill. Meetings were held there until 1853 when a forest fire destroyed it.

The camps were rebuilt in 1854 at the present location two miles north of Center Point, near a cluster of copious springs where it has remained.

The camps were burned during the Civil War by soldiers who camped there but were rebuilt in 1871. The Tabernacle was rebuilt in 1942 after a wind destroyed it and four of five camps which burned in 1966 were rebuilt that year. The present encampment contains 40 acres which were bought from the United States Government for \$50 by Richard K. Barefoot, Isham P. Latimer, Thomas Carr, Sr., Robert Kennedy and Matthew Propps.

The present board of trustees consists of John Lee, Mrs. Florence Knox, A. W. Kennedy, W. H. Hughes, and Herbert Propps.

The 1973 encampment will be from August 10 through August 16. Services will be held at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day, and also at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

The Rev. Robert Trieschmann of Arkadelphia will be the evangelist and will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Richard Poss of Arkadelphia will serve as song leader and youth director.

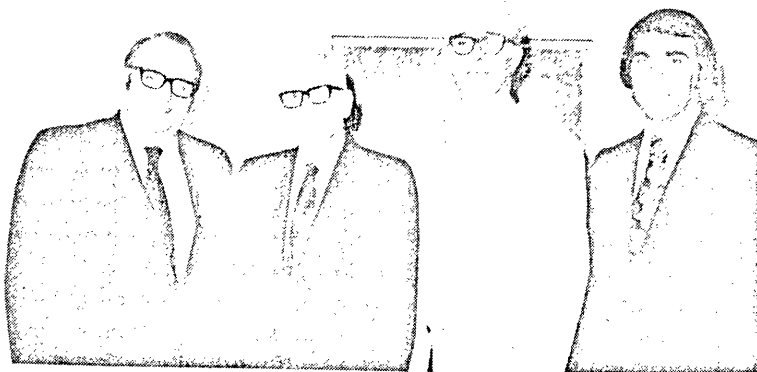
Guest speakers on Sunday, August 12, will be Mrs. Frankie Carruthers

of Malvern and John Lee of Little Rock. Guest speakers for the weekday afternoon services will include: the Rev. Horace Grogan of Mineral Springs, Jimmy Sharp of Lockesburg, the Rev. David Wilson of Nashville and Jerry Seitz of DeQueen. Mr. Wilson will conduct a memorial service Wednesday, August 15, at 3 p.m.

Visitors are cordially invited to the meeting and electrical connections have been installed for recreational vehicles for new campers who are always welcome.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Eugene M. Frank announces the appointment of the Rev. William E. Outlaw, Jr., as Assistant Supervisor in the Pastoral Care and Education Department of Children's Memorial Hospital and Grant Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Outlaw's position will become effective September 1st.



Dr. Charles McDonald (at left), Fort Smith District superintendent, stands with the leaders of the Curriculum Workshops held recently in his district. Leaders of the new adult curriculum "Our Living Bible Series" were the Rev. Clarence Wilcox (second from left) and the Rev. Arvill Brannon. The Rev. Larry Powell (at right) and Dr. Myers Curtis (not shown) were leaders of the Youth Curriculum "Youth Bible Series." The workshops were held in Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, on July 23, and in First Church, Paris, on July 24.

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#### DO SOMETHING FOR THE DISABLED

A program designed to provide necessary material for developing ministries with the disabled, such as the mentally retarded; the blind or partially sighted; the deaf and those with partial hearing; persons who are crippled, spastic, in wheelchairs; and persons with other special needs is available from the following address: SERVICE DEPARTMENT, LOCAL CHURCH EDUCATION, P. O. Box 840, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. The following materials may be ordered: "Let's Do More With Persons With Disabilities" (0131-BC) @ \$1.; "Camping With Retarded Persons" (9523-BC) @ \$1.10; A resource kit, "Ministry With Retarded Persons" (0502-AV) @ \$13.50. Each of these

resources may also be secured from COKESBURY, with the exception of the resource kit.

#### THE PROTESTANT HOUR

United Methodists, as well as all other listeners to the Protestant Hour, will hear Dr. Richard L. Lancaster, senior minister of the Meridian Street United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, on the United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour. The series began July 8 and will run consecutively for thirteen weeks through September 30, 1973. Dr. Lancaster's theme, "If God is For Us," will center around God's provisions for coping with life's daily situations and how to appropriate and benefit from the strengths that God freely offers to all through Jesus Christ. This series can be of great benefit to all those wanting to deepen their relationship with God in all aspects of daily life and in growing toward Christian maturity. Such sermon topics as "Conquerors — and Then Some!" and "The Enemy Within: Self-Pity" should serve to arouse your interest! Music, always an integral part of the Protestant Hour, will be furnished by six college and university choirs from Iowa Wesleyan College, Drew University, Lawrence University, Albright College, Drew Theological School and Wesley Theological Seminary. The program may be heard in Arkansas at the following places and times: Arkadelphia, KVRC, 10:05 a.m.; Conway, KCON, 3:00 p.m.; Dumas, KDDA, 4:00 p.m.; Jonesboro, KBTM, 7:30 a.m.; Mena, KENA, 12:30 p.m.; Nashville, KBHC, 7:30 a.m.; Paragould, KDRS, 6:00 p.m.; Prescott, KTPA, 9:55 a.m.; Siloam Springs, KUOA, 6:30 a.m. The above times are all included in Sunday schedules.

#### PARAGOULD DISTRICT CURRICULUM WORKSHOP SET FOR AUGUST 14

The Rev. David Conyers, coordinator of Adult Work in the Paragould District, and the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, coordinator of Youth Work, have announced a Curriculum Workshop on the New Adult Living Bible Series and the New Youth Bible Series for churches of the Paragould District on Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. at the First United Methodist Church, Walnut Ridge.

The resource person for the adult literature will be the Rev. Arvill Brannon, Associate Director of the Conference Council on Ministries, and the resource person for the youth literature will be the Rev. Larry Powell, pastor of the Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

The purpose of the Workshop is to give guidance to the teachers of adults and youth in the District as they begin their use of the new Bible literature at the fall quarter starting in September.

# NEWS and NOTES

**FRIENDS OF THE REV. JAMES Linam** will want to know his Hot Springs address. He is on disability leave and receiving therapy at the Rehabilitation Center following surgery and may be written at 1401 South Central Avenue, Mobile Home Village 31, Hot Springs, Ark. 71901.

**THE REV. RUFUS SORRELLS**, pastor of First Church in Fordyce and Mrs. Cozie Thomas of Fordyce were married August 5 at six o'clock in the evening at the Little Rock District parsonage. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock district superintendent and the Rev. Harold Davis, pastor of First Church in Crossett conducted the ceremony.

**THE CONGREGATION** of the Viola Church, Batesville District, welcomed their new pastor and his family with a surprise pot luck supper and pounding on the evening of their first administrative board meeting with him. The pastor is the Rev. DuBois Pettit.

**GURDON UNITED METHODIST** Men recently elected Charles Cabe to serve as president and Louis Cabe as vice president. The Rev. Therral Wilson is their pastor.

**GUEST SPEAKERS** at Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, July 22, were Dr. Fred Roebuck, pastor emeritus of First Church, and Mrs. King Collier, president of the Fort Smith District United Methodist Women who recently began work toward a License to Preach.

**THE PLEASANT VALLEY Church** held a revival July 30 through August 3, with the Rev. Tony Holifield of the Nettleton United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, as evangelist. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor of Pleasant Valley and Harrisburg Churches.

**THE REV. ALFRED I. DOSS** has returned to Arkansas and is serving as associate pastor of Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs. Mr. Doss spent the past ten years in the Texas Conference, retiring in June. He was formerly pastor at Grand Avenue, from 1956-61. He has also served Henderson Church in Little Rock, Tigert Memorial, Lonsdale, Stephens, DeQueen, and First Church, Arkadelphia.

**THE EXTRA** United Methodist Church held a five night revival in July with five guest ministers. Speakers included Monticello District Superintendent Everett Vinson, the Rev. James Sewell of Parkdale, the Rev. Clyde Swift of Lake Village, the Rev. Arnold Simpson of Dumas, and the Rev. William Elliott of Monticello. The Rev. Virgil Bell is pastor of the Extra and Hamburg Churches.

## ARKANSAS YOUTH WORK IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Texarkana youth participated in a Medical Mission Project in July. Several members of the Senior High Department of First Church accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Herb Wren to the Dominican Republic.

The trip was planned in cooperation with the Christian Medical Society, an organization that seeks to emphasize Christian principles among Christian physicians on medical school campuses around the world, and Medical Assistant Programs Inc., which sends drugs to missionaries of many denominations around the world and sends teams of medical personnel to people that have no medical care.

The trip was financed by those participating, with the help of church members during a fundraising dinner. The Rev. Ed Dodson is their pastor.

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**NEWMAN FAIR**, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Cagle Fair of Dermott, is the summer youth worker in First Church, Searcy. Newman will be a senior at Hendrix College. In Searcy, he is working with the Rev. John Copher and Dr. Charles Richards.

**MELINDA MORSE**, Hendrix student from Crossett, is working with the youth of First Church, Fordyce, this summer. Melinda is a music major. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is the Fordyce pastor.

**THE CHRISTIAN EDITION**, youth choir of First Church, Jonesboro, presented a program in their home church Sunday evening, July 29. The group had just returned from the summer tour during which programs were presented at the Convention Center, Dogpatch; First Church, Harrison; First Church, Decatur; St. Mark's United Methodist in Tulsa; and New Hope Methodist in Arnold, Mo. The choir is directed and accompanied by Robert Fuller.

**FORTY YOUTHS AND ADULTS** from Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, made a float trip on the Buffalo River the weekend of July 20.

**A RIVER EXCURSION** on the Border Star was made by youth of Henderson and Markham Churches of Little Rock, and by those from Lonoke on Sunday afternoon, July 22. A picnic in Burns Park, North Little Rock, followed.

**TOM HALEY** of Texarkana, a Hendrix College student, is the summer youth worker at Stamps United Methodist Church, working with the Rev. Robert Johnson.

**BILL KENNEDY**, singing evangelist of England, Ark., will be a special guest in the DeWitt United Methodist Church Sunday night, Aug. 12. On Aug. 19, Lynn Bauman, organist and choir director of the Hope United Methodist Church will bring a choir as special guests. The DeWitt minister is the Rev. Thurston Masters.

**DON ARMSTRONG**, Hendrix student who is a member of Winfield Church in Little Rock, is the summer youth worker in the McCrory United Methodist Church, working with the Rev. Lon Brewer.

**THE SHARE SINGERS** of Camden's First Church, directed by David Glaze, made a concert tour in June during which concerts were given in Concord Trinity United Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and in churches at Paragould, West Memphis and Wynne.

**BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK** preached at the morning worship service at The United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, Sunday, July 22. Following the service the congregation was privileged to meet the Bishop and Mrs. Frank as they stood in the Narthex with the pastor, the Rev. Merle Allison Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

**THE NASHVILLE** United Methodist congregation recently voted to build a new parsonage. The location is behind the hospital. The estimated cost is over \$40,000. The Rev. David B. Wilson is pastor.

**GUEST SPEAKERS** in the Brinkley Church, July 29, were the Rev. James Major, vice president of Hendrix College, at the morning service, and the Rev. Leon Gilliam of Clarendon at evening worship. The Brinkley pastor is the Rev. John Chapman.

**HOMEcoming AT GARDNER** United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 19. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, former pastor who is now minister in Winfield Church, Little Rock, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service and the Indian River Boys quartet will be singing in the afternoon, following a basket dinner. Dr. Hozendorf was the Gardner pastor when the land was dedicated for the church, May 31, 1953.

**WHITE MEMORIAL CHURCH** in Little Rock will observe "Woman's Day" on Sunday, Aug. 11. Guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service will be Mrs. A. C. Cabean, a deaconess who formerly served in the Neighborhood House, a project of the Women's Division, at Wilmington, Del. At four o'clock in the afternoon, the women will hold a "Service of Celebration" as they become officially "United Methodist Women."

**THE REV. MITCHELL SANFORD**, a retired minister now living in Jonesboro, supplied in three churches on July 29. At 9:30 a.m. he spoke at Lake View Church on the Lake City Charge, and at 11 o'clock at Lake City. In the evening he preached at Pleasant Grove on the Fisher Street Charge, of which the Rev. Pharis Holifield is pastor. The Rev. Russell Bailey serves the Lake City Charge.

## 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.

Aug. 12—Sunday	Ex. 15:1-19
Aug. 13	Isaiah 40:28-31
Aug. 14	Psalms 28:1-9
Aug. 15	2 Cor. 12:1-10
Aug. 16	Eph. 2:4-10
Aug. 17	2 Cor. 8:9, 9:8 James 4:6
Aug. 18	1 Peter 5:6-11
Aug. Sunday	Psalms 37:1-7

## CLUSTER GROUP MEETINGS IN FORREST CITY DISTRICT

United Methodist Women of the Forrest City District held their first "Cluster Group Meeting" at Helena, July 10. These meetings are planned throughout the district to discuss and give information about organizing United Methodist Women.

Other meetings scheduled are: Wynne — July 17; Forrest City — July 31; West Memphis, Rosewood Church — August 7; and Brinkley — August 14. The meetings are for all interested women.

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**ATTORNEY HUGH HARDIN** led the study of Romans for members of Hendricks Hills Church, Fort Smith, at "house church" held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Stringfellow, July 22.

**TRUMANN UNITED METHODIST** Men heard the Rev. William C. Haltom, Walnut Ridge, explain the story of the new conference camp, Meyer's Ranch. The Sunday morning breakfast meeting was on July 22. The Trumann minister is the Rev. Leon Wilson.

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** was held at Primrose Church, Little Rock, during the week of June 25, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert C. Clark. The average attendance was 40 children, 12 adults and 7 teenagers who provided responsible leadership. Three boys, Mark Wilson, Eddie Beard and Joe Reed served refreshment all week, and four girls Cindy Magee, Vicki Beard, Susan Barry and Carolyn Dixon worked with the nursery teachers. This was a joint VCS with the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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

**THIS SPRING**, Deborah Ann Miles was elected to Cardinal Key, the Honors Group for Women on the Hendrix College campus. John P. Miles II was elected to the Student Council of the Arkadelphia Senior High School. Rebecca Linn Miles was chosen Outstanding Bandsman in the Arkadelphia Junior High School Band. She was also chosen outstanding girl band camper at the Henderson College Junior High School Band Camp where she played in the First Band. The above are daughters and son of the Rev. and Mrs. John P. Miles. Dr. Miles is pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.



## JONESBORO DISTRICT PARSONETTES ELECT

Jonesboro District Parsonettes held a business session following the district family picnic held at Blytheville's First Church.

New Parsonettes introduced were Mrs. Robert Montgomery of Bono, Mrs. Joe Sherman of Joiner, Mrs. Willis LeGrand of Dell, Mrs. Ray Edwards of Tyronza, and Mrs. Leon Wilson of Trumann.

Officers elected for the new year are: Mrs. Frank Weatherford, Leachville, president; Mrs. Worth Gibson, Jonesboro, vice-president; Mrs. Bob Orr, Marked Tree, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. James Barton, Hickory Ridge, reporter.

The next meeting will be a salad luncheon, Aug. 29, with Sophia Barton in Hickory Ridge.

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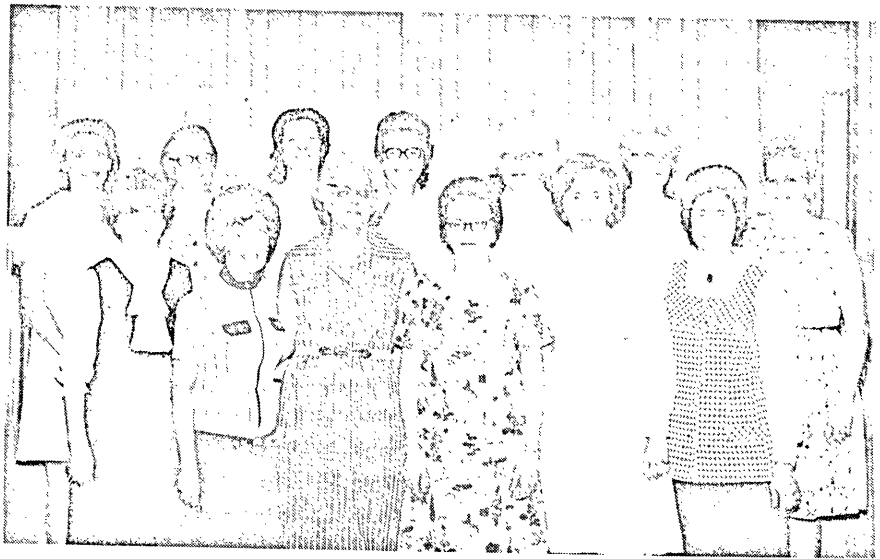
AN ORGANIZATIONAL meeting for a UMW training circle was held on Wednesday, July 11, at Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, with UMW President, Mrs. W. C. Patton, presiding. Much enthusiasm was indicated by those attending and the group will begin regular monthly meetings in August. The Rev. Herman G. Bonds is pastor.

## SERVICE OF CELEBRATION. HAMPTON-HARRELL CHARGE

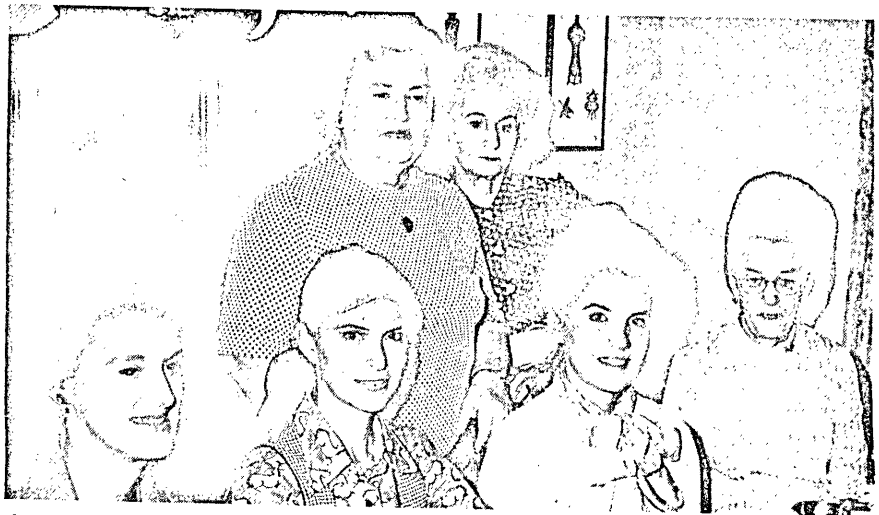
The women of Hampton and Harrell United Methodist Churches held a Service of Celebration with music, prayer, and dedication in the home of Mrs. Bernece Johnston. Mrs. Searcy Harrell, newly elected president, led the "Joyful Celebration".

The program included responsive reading, "What Are We Doing Here," the group singing "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song," followed by Mrs. Harrell leading in the Celebration of Remembering the Past, Hope for the Future, and Rejoicing in the Present, with all members joining in the Statement of Purpose. While the group sang the "New Song", each member signed a roll book as charter members of the United Methodist Women of the Hampton-Harrell Charge.

New officers for 1973 are President—Mrs. Searcy Harrell; Vice President—Mrs. Elizabeth Hannegan; Secretary-Treasurer and Program Resources—Mrs. Nellie Thomas; Mission Coordinator—Miss Johnnie Neal; Supportive Community—Mrs. Garland Harrell; Christian Social Improvement—Mrs. Clem Bounds; Christian Global Concerns—Miss Elise Neal; Membership—Mrs. Bernece Johnston; Nomination Committee Chairman—Miss Johnnie Neal.



Officers and chairpersons of United Methodist Women of the Hampton-Harrell Charge are pictured from left to right: first row, Mrs. Elizabeth Hannegan, Mrs. Nelle Thomason, Mrs. Garland Harrell, Miss Elise Neal, Mrs. Edna Adams, Mrs. Searcy Harrell. Second row: Mrs. Dick Neal, Mrs. Alma Kline, Mrs. Gerald Myers, Mrs. Len Harrell, Miss Johnnie Neal, Mrs. Bernece Johnston, Mrs. Clem Bounds.



Lepanto women recently held the Service of Celebration which transforms the WSCS and WSG into the United Methodist Women. Among those attending were Miss Mildred Osment (standing, left), guest speaker; Mrs. T. B. Goldsby (standing, right), in whose home the luncheon meeting was held; and, seated from left: Mrs. Sam Stuckey, Mrs. Ernest Portis, Mrs. Hi Cross, Jr., and Mrs. Joe Van Cleve.



New officers for Hickory Ridge United Methodist Women are, standing, left to right: Willie Goodart, vice president; Velma Slocum, treasurer; Ima House, president; Letha Smith, chairman of Committee on Nomination; Sophia Barton, Christian Personhood; Emma Vanaman, Christian Global Concerns; Libesty Vanaman, secretary (not pictured). Seated, are Mrs. Roy Weld, Jonesboro District President and Mrs. Ned Darter, Jonesboro District Secretary of Program Resources, both of Fisher. Mrs. Weld used the theme of "Key" in her installation service and as each officer was installed Mrs. Darter pinned a golden key tied with red ribbon to her shoulder.

## Financial Statement

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
April 10, 1973 - July 2, 1973

### RECEIPTS

Pledge to Missions	\$24,997.93	
Special Memberships	592.00	
In Honor and Remembrance	105.00	
World Thank Offering	262.21	
TOTAL RECEIVED ON PLEDGE	\$25,957.14	\$25,957.14

Supplemental	169.75	
Call to Prayer	1,716.41	
Ark. School of Mission	651.50	
Aldersgate	392.60	
Christian Civic Foundation	131.20	
Miscellaneous	37.50	
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	\$ 3,098.96	3,098.96
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$29,056.10
Savings Account		6,030.00
Balance in bank - April 10, 1973		5,767.52
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$40,853.62

### DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to Missions	\$22,497.93	
Special Memberships	592.00	
In Honor and Remembrance	105.00	
World Thank Offering	262.21	
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	\$23,457.14	\$23,457.14

Supplemental	169.75	
Call to Prayer	1,716.41	
District Cultivation	875.00	
Conference Cultivation	1,097.59	
Aldersgate	892.60	
Christian Civic Foundation	259.30	
Jurisdiction Organization	575.00	
Church Women United	60.00	
Arkansas School of Missions	1,950.00	
TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 7,595.65	7,595.65
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$31,052.75
Savings Account		6,030.00
Balance in bank - July 2, 1973		3,770.83

TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		\$40,853.62
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Mrs. Jim Lloyd, Treasurer

# The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

## LESSON FOR AUGUST 19: The Undisciplined Person

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 23: 19-21; 29-35; 1 Corinthians 10: 6-13; 31; Galatians 5:13-24.

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12.

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To understand the holiness, truth, beauty, love and purpose of God that will quicken our conscience, mind, imagination, heart and will to live soberly and overcome temptation to use beverage alcohol and narcotics.

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To deal redemptively with the undisciplined person is the unit theme for the last two Sundays in August, with today's topic, "The Undisciplined Person." Next Sunday's lesson topic is "Redemptive Love in Action".

The picture in our Adult Bible Study Series and our adult leader is a leisurely clothed person, holding a glass, and a bottle beside the chair. The legend above this contribution by Richard T. Lee quotes "... the crisis of faith ... contributes to ... the failure to achieve self-disciplined living." This challenges the church to give supreme interest in the kind of ministry that will help people discipline themselves in motive for living and goals for daily life.

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### WISDOM REQUIRES DISCIPLINE

Our daily life is shocked with the ravages of life and death on our highways in accidental deaths by drunk drivers. Our Bible Studies' concern quotes an advertisement by the Mobil Oil Corporation, picturing a monument with a demolished car on top, and the epitaph, "In memory of the 1,700,000 Americans who died for nothing." This statistic covers the years 1900-1968 for automobile deaths in the United States. The next four years added another 150,000 to 200,000 deaths. The National Foundation for Highway Safety reported that during 43 days in 1969, February 1 to March 15 "... the drinking drivers of our nation, killed twice as many citizens as all American soldiers killed in the Vietnam fighting in all of 1968, and injured 22 times more citizens than were injured in the Vietnam fighting during 1968. During the ten years of the Vietnam war over five times as many American citizens have been killed by drinking drivers than have been killed by the Viet-Cong in the Vietnam war." Our civilian casualties of 25,000 each year in auto accidents by drunken drivers adds to this astounding tragedy. "If you drink, don't drive" is one text for disciplined drivers.

The Old Testament scripture from Proverbs gives the practical experience of the wise man in the background scripture. This wisdom literature is the record of practical common sense accumulated in the day to day experiences of living. A modern type of such common sense conclusion is in the statement, "get the drunk driver off the highway."

The disciples of daily life are needed today as they were in the more than three thousand years before Christ, when the wise men made terse and pithy statements, gleaned from the practical necessities of daily living.

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### BISHOP LORD'S CONCERN

Bishop John Wesley Lord, resident Bishop of our church in the Washington, D. C. Area, says, "Many good people, in and out of the church, are silent on the issue of the perils of drinking and driving because they are party to both. Drinking and driving do not mix. Safer driving on our highways will come when we possess the moral character to apply what we so easily applaud. The greatest pollution in our nation and the most dangerous, resides in those who think that they can mix a base and pure substance and live. If you drink, don't drive." "The Kentucky Issue," which records this and other pertinent materials in our Adult Bible Studies for today, continues, "One-third of all suicides and one half of all homicides are alcohol-related."

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### TEMPERANCE AND SOBRIETY IN THE HEBREW WISE MAN'S WORDS

The largest quotation of background scripture for today's lesson is from Proverbs, chapter 23. The wise man tells his words to "my son", meaning any one who will hear and listen. To be wise, and to be guided by good "common" sense, his son should never stop to sit down with persons who drink and are tipsy with wine, and who eat too much — gluttons. Wine and bread are now, as then, the staple diet of much of the world. Too much of either violates the temperate quality of nutrition required for good health.

Some persons cannot take any intoxicating beverage without going to excess. For such their capacity for voracious and rapacious drinking is cautioned in the statement: "First the man takes a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes the man." The wise man's word for the destination of wine drinking is "poverty." Drunkards and gluttons spend their wealth for such that they have none left for nutrition and the other necessities of life. Their "revelling" leaves them without enough clothes to cover and protect them. From riches to rags is the reverse destiny of the sober man beginning in poverty and going "from rags to riches".

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### TRAGIC RESULTS OF EXCESSIVE INDULGENCE

The larger quotation from Proverbs recites the results of excessive drinking. The drinker "shrieks," in sounds irrational. He "groans" in his pains and distress of body, mind and soul. He is irritable and "quarrels" with any and everyone in his way. He "grumbles" in his discontent with things as he sees them. He sustains many wounds and bruises in falling, fighting, and self punishment. His bloodshot eyes make him feel distress and are an offense to those who see him. The picture of the person holding the glass and sitting in the chair with the bottle beside him on the floor, shows the lingering drinker suffering from "relish" of mixed drinks.

The wise man contrasts the pleasant prospect and the painful product of drinking intoxicating liquor. The attractiveness of the appearance of red wine should not even be looked at, the wise man says. It should not be tasted in its "glide down smoothly," in swallowing. The beauty and smoothness at first are delusion to contrast with the resulting "bite like any snake and the sting like an adder." In extreme intoxication the fears of the snakes being seen, and the terrible pains of the "delirium tremens" bring unbearable distress of body, mind and soul and to those who have to attend to their distresses.

The wise man refers to the irrational things that the drunkard imagines, and the uncontrolled lan-

guage that is "queer." The torpor of the drunkard is like sleep in a boat at sea: sleeping in the "midst of a storm".

Dulled sensitivity of nerves makes the drunkard boast that "I was hit, not hurt; I was beaten, but I feel nothing!" Dr. Moffatt translates the final verse in the lesson text quotation, "When ever will morning come, till I can get drunk again?" What a timely place for the truth of the Apostle Paul in the memory selection. "Therefore let any one who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."

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### HOME BIBLE STUDY GIVES DISCIPLINES

In addition to the background scriptures for this lesson there are other passages which are resourceful for guidance in dealing with undisciplined sinners in yielding to temptations of indulgences of food, drink and pills and narcotic poisons of many and various intensities. Strength in temptation is given in the entire 10th chapter of First Corinthians. Psalm 1 gives the discipline of the study of the law of God and compares the disciplined blessed man with the undisciplined unrighteous man. Isaiah 5:11-16 shows "When a Society Decays." Matthew 5:13-20 gives the responsibilities of disciples; and Philippians 4:4-13 shows the power of Christ's presence in the life of the believer to cling to what is good.

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### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINES FOR THE UNDISCIPLINED

Symptoms of the undisciplined life are in conscious wrong, divided personality, unhappiness and weakness, contrasted with the disciplined life of conscious right integrated and united self, happiness and strength. In all of the temptations for lusts of the flesh and the pride of life, God has provided a way of escape, so that one may not follow or be led by them. The memory selection lifts up this truth.

Bishop Tullis concludes his lesson with some observations on the "Disciplined Way." John Wesley and his mother Susanna set the pattern, which spiritual legacy is still in good stead. The name "Methodist" was given a little group of Oxford students including John and Charles Wesley, because of "the exact regularity of their lives as well as their studies." Their strict discipline of body, mind and spirit was a part of the Wesleyan heritage. Some of the disciplines that have enriched our Christian heritage are as follows. Study of the Bible is a fundamental discipline. Church attendance and participation is a fundamental means of grace. Man is a steward of his possessions, to earn, save, spend and give in Christian neighborliness. Life is to be dedicated to social concerns and causes. The conscious living in the presence of God brings renewal of spiritual power. Finally, the discipline of national unselfishness in the face of world problems and conflicts. In the history of the Christian church are the leaders who have lived disciplined ministries of personal dedication and community relatedness.

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The "J.C.'s" are dedicating themselves to dealing with the alcohol problem among their age group. Government and church groups are studying and acting to deal with the alcohol problem as the number one addiction in modern life. It is rated of more serious importance that the narcotics crisis, great as that is. I have before me a list of the eight drugs most commonly abused today. Let us dedicate our lives to sober and holy living each day. Next week we study "Redemptive Love in Action."



## From Our Readers

### ACTION ON AFRICA

Dear Sir:

I was very much disturbed over your editorial in last week's METHODIST entitled "Ten Weeks to Wait." This article and others I have read about the hunger in India tells us that many millions of people will soon die IF something isn't done.

What can the church here do? You used some "harsh words" (you said) about the apathy of the church, but you did not say what action the church (or individuals) could take.

Many of these people are in inaccessible sections and there are such great numbers that it seems any thing we could do would only be a "drop in the bucket."

Please write something definite that you would suggest could be done. I agree that we need to become more aware of the problems, as a beginning, but what can be done after that?

Thank you for the fine paper. I look forward to getting it each week.

Very sincerely,  
Mrs. C. O. Wofford  
Weiner, Arkansas

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Attention is called to the article on this page reporting on how special offerings will aid these African nations.)

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Dear Sir:

... I was especially moved by (the editorial) "Ten Weeks to Wait;" so much so that we received an offering here Sunday for U.M.C.O.R. (United Methodist Commission on Overseas Relief) relief in the area, \$200.00 worth. Plan to do it for ten weeks to make every penny count!

Sincerely,  
Dan Evans  
Trenton, Missouri

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Rev. Dan Evans is pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Trenton. He is a former member of the North Arkansas Conference and a native of Berryville, Arkansas.)

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### UN Petitioned To Intervene To Aid Bishop Muzorewa

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Nations has received a petition asking it to intervene for United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of Rhodesia so that he can travel abroad to receive needed medical treatment, according to a Religious News Service dispatch.

Written by Michael A. Mawema, organizing secretary of the African National Council of Rhodesia, a unit headed by the bishop, the petition accuses the Ian Smith government of taking "vengeance" on the African National Council and Bishop Muzorewa because of the setbacks resulting from black rejection of a proposed diplomatic settlement between the Smith regime and Great Britain in early 1972. The petition was released by the UN General Assembly in an unusual action to call the situation of Bishop Muzorewa and black Rhodesians to the attention of UN member states.

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### ROAST RIB

Dear Sir:

Deplorable! Poor theology. A vendetta to last week's letter??? 'Twas set up well to do something worthwhile, but the allusion to God's "thinking over" any of his creatures is really in need of serious theologizing.

Elaine Smith  
Perkins School of Theology  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I find it most appropriate that your "Come one of these days" (issue of July 26) was placed under the heading "Off the top of the Head"; for surely if you had stopped to think at all, you would have realized that the attempt at humor was about as tasteful as any other joke about niggers, spics, chinks, etc. I am a woman and was so offended. But, more importantly, I find it frustrating, disappointing and just plain hard to understand how any minister of the Gospel can so carelessly imply that the Creator can regret having made even one of us creatures.

Kathy Fadick  
Perkins School of Theology  
Dallas, Texas

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Attempts at satire can be destructive indeed, and persons can be unintentionally hurt by them. I regret that any reader was offended. I also believe that our fellowship must be open for the kind of light-hearted treatment of serious issues which enables us to look at ourselves and see how foolish we often are. For example: can we really believe that God could think twice over the matter of his equal regard for the sexes? It is so out of the question — and this was the point of the satire — that any male chauvinist pig attitudes cannot possibly stand before God. The danger of satire is that the reader may not read in the same "gear" in which the author writes, and the two of you, above, have served me well with these reminders that the freedom to deal satirically with serious matters must never be insensitive to the feelings of others.)

Dear John (no pun intended),

I thoroughly approved of and appreciated your "Editor's Pulpit" this week. Straight to the point, meaningful, but without pomposity and balanced with just the right amount of humor. Oh, my aching rib.

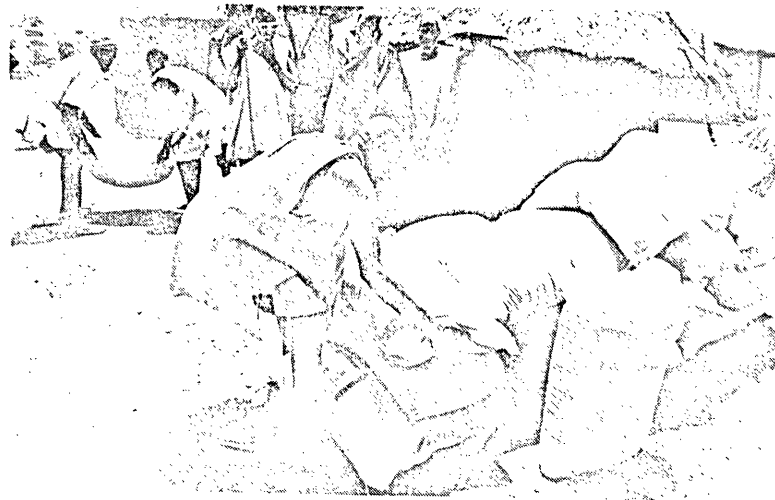
Harry E. Ezell  
Methodist Children's Home  
Ruston, Louisiana

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### 'God-Talk' Without Performance Called 'Cheap'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—God-talk in the government or in the church is cheap unless backed up by performance, Bishop James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D., told 300 New Life Missioners.

Proclamation of the Gospel coupled with ministry in the world was the recurring theme of the meeting sponsored by the Department of Preaching of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Division of Evangelism, Worship, and Stewardship. Referring to the Watergate affair which he called a "national tragedy," Bishop Armstrong said few if any administrations in recent years have been more self-consciously religious.



UPPER VOLTA — Chiefs and leaders organize local distribution of foodstuffs following the arrival of relief supplies in the form of sorghum in the village in Upper Volta, one of six West African nations suffering from a five-year drought. The food, donated by the U.S., is being distributed by the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization's World Food Program. (RNS Photo)

### United Methodists to raise money for famine relief

NEW YORK (RNS) — The United Methodist Committee on Relief will attempt to raise \$50,000 for relief efforts in West Africa, where at least a million people face starvation.

Plagued by five successive years of drought, six countries in West Africa — Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Upper Volta and Chad — are reportedly faced with famine and near extinction of the herds which are essential to the nomad population.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and chief executive of the Committee on Relief, said the request for \$50,000 has come from the World Council of Churches.

The WCC is spearheading a worldwide effort to mobilize religious groups behind famine relief programs.

The United Methodist funds will be largely used for vaccine and other medical supplies to support medical units already sent to Niger by the WCC, Dr. Haines said. Total population of the 6 African countries is estimated at 22 million.

Reports from the area indicate that millions of cattle have already perished, and an estimated one-third of the area's total population has been weakened by malnutrition. Such diseases as measles, beriberi and cholera of epidemic proportions are said to be shattering the already weakened population.

### PROTESTANT JOURNALS CONSIDER COURT'S OBSCENITY RULING

NEW YORK (RNS) — Methodist, Lutheran and Southern Baptist reactions to the U. S. Supreme Court's recent pornography rulings have examined the need to balance free expression with protection against offensive material.

An editorial in the July 12 issue of the Michigan Christian Advocate, the newsmagazine of Michigan United Methodists, contends that "freedom of the press should not mean freedom to pollute the moral climate of the nation any more than freedom of the air should mean that factories belching sulfur fumes should be permitted to poison the atmosphere."

Editor John E. Marvin declares: "Nobody cherishes the Constitutional guarantees of a free press more than this writer but the time had come when the abuse of that freedom had to be checked. For that reason we hail the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States giving individual states the right to apply local standards in controlling obscenity and pornography."

Focus on Public Affairs, a publication of the Lutheran Church in the USA, says in its July 15 issue that the rulings have raised "the ambiguity of what words mean and how they are to

be applied in the new laws and their enforcement. What is meant by a work's having 'serious' value? Who is to determine what is or what is not 'lewd' or 'prurient'?"

Robert E. A. Lee, executive secretary of the LC/USA Office of Communication and Interpretation, declares that "most Christians, however liberal or conservative their posture toward the First Amendment, not only would find hard-core pornography offensive but also would consider its production, distribution and use as wrong or sinful."

But, he adds in the Focus article, "Under the new guidelines the cure for pornography could be worse than the disease. An underground bootleg operation might create more crime. Tension may develop between borderline cities having different community standards. Some civil libertarians fear that the floodgates are now open for waves of repression in the form of censorship."

Dr. Welton Gaddy, director of Christian citizenship development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, comments, "The recent ruling promises much-needed relief from the evil plague of those who peddle pornography and fosters a situation in which the citizens of a community can have a voice in that which affects the moral climate of that community. This is healthy."

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## Bishops, superintendents, to be subjects of study

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — An extensive data-gathering process will be launched this autumn by the United Methodist commission conducting a four-year study of the church's bishops and district superintendents.

The Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt, Evanston, chairman of the 30-member commission established by the 1972 General Conference, said that both random sampling questionnaires and visits with all 45 active bishops in their areas will be included. Final plans for the procedure were approved by the commission's executive committee at a July 11 session.

The questionnaires will go in September, after pre-testing, to some 8,000 lay persons and ministers chosen at random across the denomination. Included will be 2,000 annual conference lay members; 2,000 local church Pastor-Parish Committee chairmen; Council on Ministries chairmen; all annual conference Council on Finance and Administration chairmen, or if that person is a minister, then to a selected lay person on the council; 2,500 ministers, including special appointments; and all the approximately 550 district superintendents.

Dr. Northfelt said that questionnaires will include not only queries involving selection and tenure of bishops and district superintendents, but also will seek opinions as to what kind of society the church will face in the next decade or so and what this says in terms of leadership necessary.

Data gathered through the interviews with bishops and the questionnaires will be collated and preliminary reports written in time for a meeting of the study commission with the Council of Bishops at the latter's 1974 spring meeting in Los Angeles, Calif.

The study grows out of a number of petitions submitted to the 1972 Gen-

eral Conference. While the legislation calls "for the study of the offices of Bishop and District Superintendent with particular reference to the method of their selection, tenure, assignment, (and) function . . ." the commission said, at its organizational meeting earlier this year, that in order to deal with these concerns adequately, it was "decided to dig deeper and consider the theological context and implications."

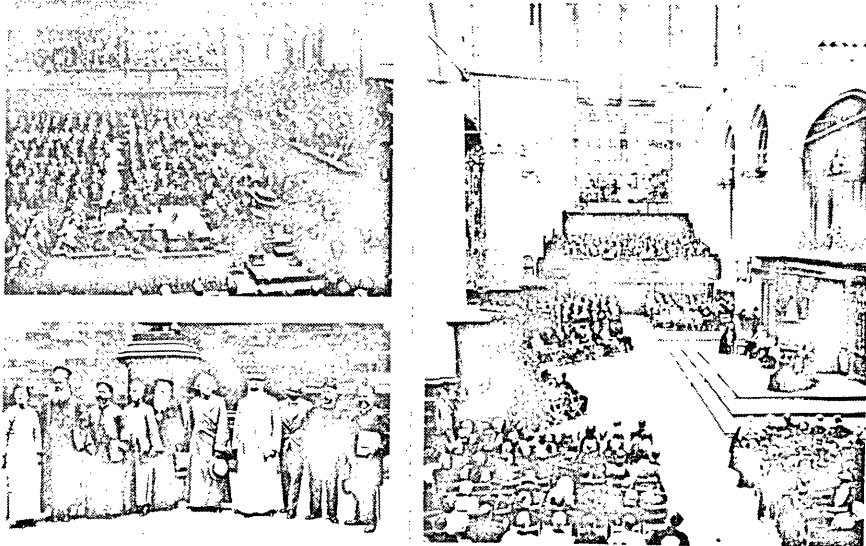
The commission also said at its organizational meeting that "we approach our study with the understanding that these offices (bishop and district superintendent) are to be continued unless our findings compel us to consider alternatives."

Under present church law, bishops are elected for life by jurisdictional conferences and assigned to areas for four-year terms with a maximum of three such terms in any one area. District superintendents are appointed annually by the bishops and may serve not more than six out of any nine years in such a post.

### Bishop Is Vacation "Supply"

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (UMC) — United Methodists here had a distinctive "supply pastor" during their regular minister's vacation this summer — their own Portland Area Bishop, Jack M. Tuell.

Earlier in the year, Bishop Tuell announced that he would welcome an opportunity to preach for two weeks this summer in one of the churches in his area during the pastor's vacation and carry out all pastoral duties just so he could keep in touch with parish life. He received many invitations and the cabinet selected First Church here where he spent a busy time doing pastoral calling, preaching, conducting a wedding, a baptism, and speaking at civic clubs.



In August, the World Council of Churches will mark a quarter century of ecumenical adventure. Although 25th anniversary celebrations will be centered in Geneva, site of the Council's headquarters, the ecumenical organization has its roots, and has held important meetings, in other cities. Three meetings which played a role in the formation of the World Council are illustrated in this panel.

UPPER LEFT — The 1910 World Missionary Conference, held in Edinburgh, Scotland, was the birthplace of the modern ecumenical movement.

LOWER LEFT — Asian participants at the 1937 Second World Conference on Faith and Order, also held in Edinburgh.

RIGHT — In August 1948, representatives of 147 Protestant and Orthodox Churches convened in Amsterdam for the World Council's First Assembly. Of these, 135 denominations from 44 countries formed the initial membership of the WCC, a membership which in 25 years has swelled to 263 Churches. (RNS Photo)

## TV violence probed in report

NEW YORK (RNS) — Violence in television dramas has a bad effect on behavior and attitudes, according to a report released here by the broadcast staff of the United Methodist Church.

A document called "Violence: Summary of Research" was prepared as part of a project dealing with alternatives to violent responses, said Nelson Price, assistant executive secretary for broadcasting of United Methodist Communications.

Conclusions (or hypotheses) on the impact of TV violence were gleaned from extensive conversations with eight experts in such fields as psychiatry and communications research.

Ben Logan conducted the interviews and drafted the report. He found considerable consensus that persons "tend to imitate the behavior and attitude models they view on television."

The report says that conflict, not violence, is what provides dramatic suspense and it is possible to present programs in which conflict is dealt with in non-violent ways.

"Conflict between persons and groups is normal in our culture," the document asserts. "It is unlikely that we can significantly lower levels of conflict. It is, however, possible to modify the way we respond to conflict."

## Dr. Carl Soule to lead India tour

Another Churchmen's Study Tour to India is planned for early 1974. As was the 1973 tour, the current one is to be led by Dr. Carl Soule, a staff member of the former Boards of World Peace and Christian Social Concerns for over 27 years. During the last 13 years he has been the U.N. representative of the latter Board, now the Board of Church and Society. Since 1945 Dr. and Mrs. Soule have led tours to England, Mexico, western Europe and eight times to eastern Europe.

Assisting in the tour in India will be Bishop A.M. Shaw, recently retired bishop of the Delhi area.

The tour is open to churchmen of all denominations. Present plans call for departure from New York on January 21 and return to that city on February 15. Of interest to person considering joining the tour is the fact that the value of the American dollar is not declining in India.

Persons interested are invited to write for detailed information concerning the tour to Dr. Carl Soule, Box 501, Lady Lake, Florida 32659.

## INSURANCE PLAN ATTRACTS INQUIRIES

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMC) — A new United Methodist insurance program is receiving widespread attention in both churches and the industry, and additional types of coverage are expected to be available later in the year, representatives of the denomination's annual conferences were told here June 28.

The program of general insurance

The report contains a number of "capsule comments" from those interviewed. One interviewee said:

"Television teaches that violence is a good way to deal with conflict. In prime TV drama, 80 per cent of the solutions show violence as a workable and acceptable solution to conflict. . . TV drama tends to have a very good guy and a very bad guy in conflict. This excuses violence. It is okay for the good guy to be as violent as necessary to get rid of the animalistic bad guy."

## Support up for campus ministries

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — United Methodist support of campus ministries going downhill? Not so, says Dr. Eugene A. Ransom, assistant general secretary for the Section of Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Financial support from United Methodists for campus ministry nationwide increased eight percent between 1970 and 1972, according to a recent statistical analysis released by Dr. Ransom's office.

While he admits the increase is not dramatic, he said, "It is significant for a two-year period and it also refutes the claim of many who say support for campus ministry is diminishing."

The statistical survey showed 1972 support at \$4,620,380 compared with \$4,277,526 in 1970. It also revealed that United Methodist campus ministry is becoming more and more ecumenical. In 1970 there were 231 Wesley Foundations supported by the church. In 1972 there were 184. During the same period Dr. Ransom said the number of ecumenical campus ministry units related to the United Methodist Church increased from 212 to 237.

New data not available in 1970 shows that in 1972 United Methodists supported 77 part-time campus ministry units, mostly at community and small colleges. These too are usually ecumenical efforts which Dr. Ransom says have been developed in line with 1968 General Conference suggestions that new campus ministries be established cooperatively with other denominations.

Persons wishing a detailed copy of the 1972 analysis may write Dr. Ransom, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

and workmen's compensation available to some 40,000 local churches, annual conferences, church-related institutions and general boards and agencies was approved by the United Methodist Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) April 30. Since that time, according to Frank B. Hall & Co., brokers for the program, some 2,500 requests for quotations on coverage have been received from local churches, and telephone calls are averaging 40 per day.

BELOW:

The UMY from the Highland United Methodist Church in Little Rock, and the adults who accompanied them, are pictured as they prepared to leave for a recent retreat at Table Rock Lake near Branson, Mo. During the four-day outing the group visited points of interest in the Ozarks, enjoyed the water sports at the resort, and participated in daily periods of devotion and study in Christian fellowship. The director of summer youth activities is Marcia White. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Woodworth. The Rev. Louis M. Mulkey is pastor.



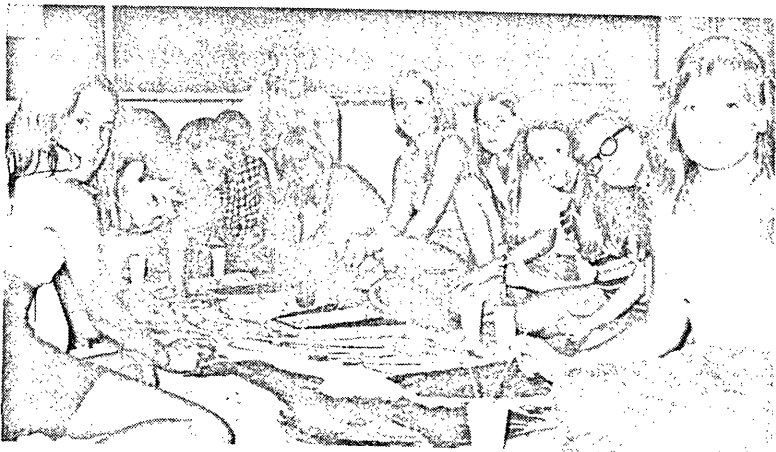
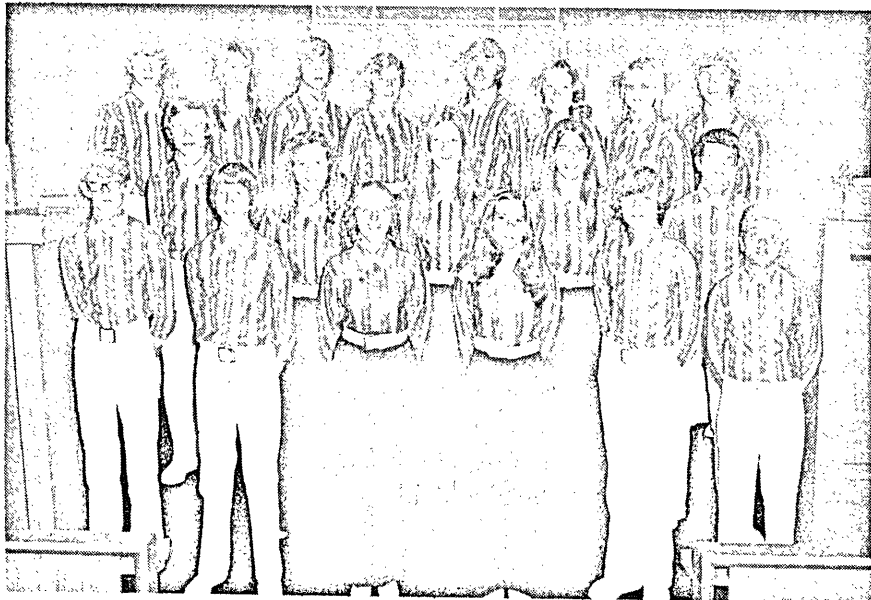
AT LEFT:

A group from Mountain View United Methodist Church (in the Fort Smith District near Alma) chartered a bus for a Sunday afternoon and evening viewing of "The Passion Play" and statue of "Christ of the Ozarks" at Eureka Springs. Seated at the far right is Pastor J. T. Byrd.



AT RIGHT:

Members of "Les Jubile Doux" (the Happy Meek) of the First United Methodist Church in Mountain Home spent two weeks in Jamaica, singing and conducting a Bible school. -Ray Grass photo



"Rejoice forever in that which I create." Isaiah 65:18 was the theme for Vacation Church School at First Church, Jacksonville, which was held July 23-27. Eight classes, from Nursery through Sixth Grade, had an average total attendance of 104 per day. Pictured is the Elementary IV class with their teacher Mrs. Steve Bartlett. Their unit of study was "In the Lands of the Bible." Miss Bonda Sue Deere, Education Director at First Church, was in charge of the program.



The Vacation Church School students and teachers of the Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, were photographed on the last day of their study program, July 13. Rolaine Green is the summer youth worker. Mrs. John Beal and Mrs. R. J. McHugh were coordinators of Bible study. The Rev. Ralph E. Hale is their pastor.

## Mountain Home youth provide service and entertainment in Jamaica

A group of 19 young people and their adult sponsors spent July 12 through 25 on a mission to Jamaica. They traveled by air to Montego Bay, Jamaica and then by truck to Lucea (a small town on the North West coast). While in Lucea they conducted an ecumenical Bible School in which they taught 313 children and young teens.

The first Sunday they participated in Methodist, Presbyterian, and open air community services. Musical programs were given three additional nights. In planned musical programs it is estimated that they sang for about 3,000 people.

While on the island they traveled in an open cane truck and gave numerous impromptu performances. After nine days in Lucea they traveled to Ocho Rios where they participated in the Sunday morning worship service at the Methodist Church. After a fun afternoon at Dunn's River Falls and a day of shopping in Ocho Rios they returned to Montego Bay for the return flight to Memphis.

Overnight lodging at the beginning and end of the journey was provided in the educational wing of the First

United Methodist Church of West Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blumthal, members of the Mountain Home Church, were responsible for making all of the plans for the trip. They, along with other adult sponsors, helped to prepare the young people for this important teaching and "witnessing by doing" mission. The young people earned the money for the trip.

The Mountain Home pastor is the Rev. Norman Carter. Mrs. Avis Moore is educational assistant.

Les Jubile Doux will be available for programs around the state whenever they may be scheduled. They will be participating in the morning worship services at the First United Methodist Church in Harrison on Sunday, August 19.

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# Annual Assembly North Arkansas Conference Youth

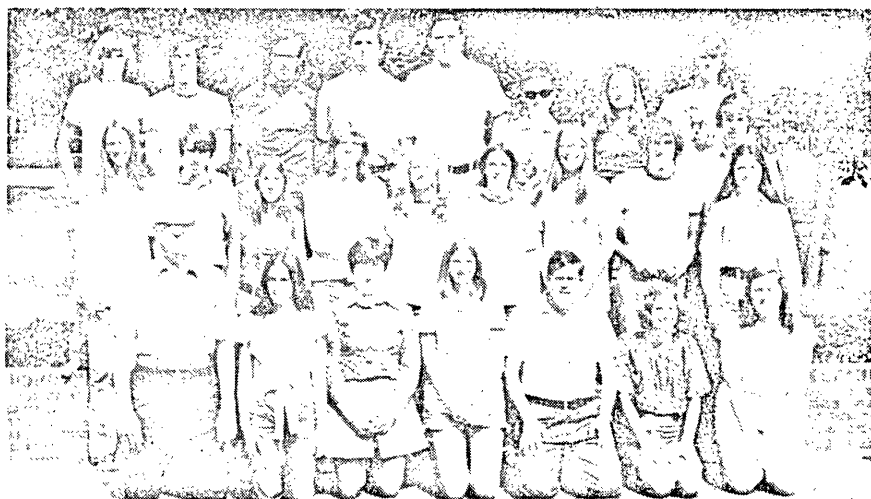


The North Arkansas Conference Youth Assembly, held at Hendrix College, Conway, July 31-Aug. 2, involved 161 young people and 23 adults. Adult leaders Saville Henry, left, and Arvill Brannon, right, are shown with outgoing president Susan Gladin and newly elected President Tom McDonald.



AT LEFT:  
Marvin Gaither, right, and Charles Casteel, both of Batesville, visit their youth at Conway.

AT RIGHT:  
Some of the participants in workshops at Hendrix leave the Trieschmann Fine Arts Building.



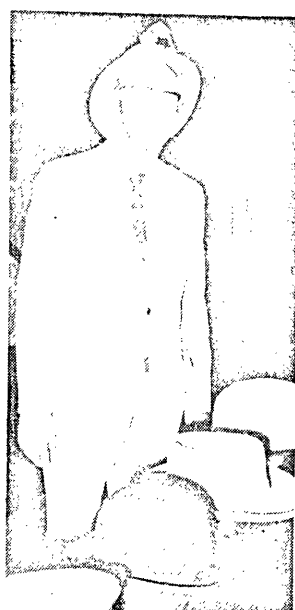
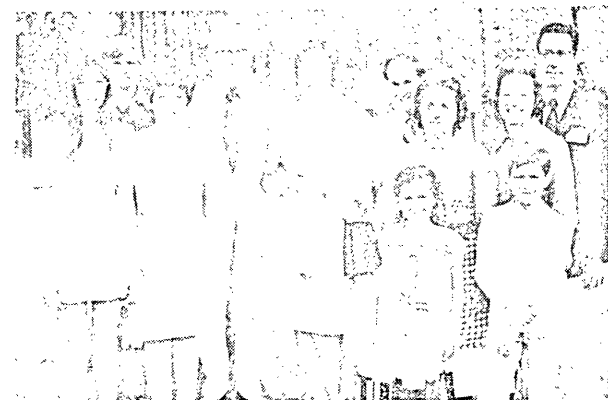
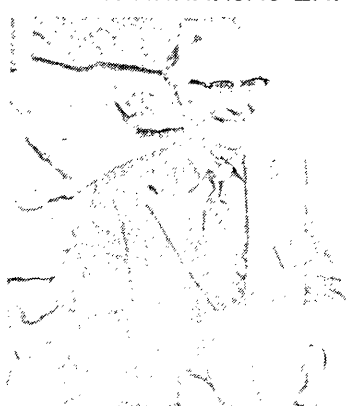
The new Youth Council, North Arkansas Conference.



Part of the staff for the Youth Assembly are shown above.



## NORTH ARKANSAS LAITY



Above: E. Clay Bumpers, conference lay leader from 1960-73, was honored. Bumpers family is shown at right, above.  
At left, above: Three laymen honored were, from left, Jim Wiseman and Joe Pierce of Searcy, and Matt L. Ellis, Conway.  
Lower left: Joe Pierce illustrated the many "hats" worn by Clay Bumpers.  
Center left: Conference Lay Leader Henry Rainwater presided.  
Lower left: Dick Fikes, North Little Rock, was song leader.  
Center, right: W. E. "Buddy" Arnold, North Little Rock, reports on Purdue Conference of the Laity.  
Extreme right: The Rev. Charles Whittle, Board of Discipleship, Nashville, preached on Sunday as Dr. Matt Ellis presided.  
Lower right: Methodist Hospital spokesman from Memphis reported on the new \$10 million unit to be added.

