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Dallas minister to deliver Pastors' School sermons

The Arkansas Pastors' School will be held at Hendrix College in Conway Sept. 10-13. The schedule includes four courses and a Preaching Hour. A special feature is the Bishop's Hour on Tuesday evening at which time Bishop Eugene M. Frank will address the ministers of the Arkansas Area.

Dr. Ira Benjamin Loud, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Dallas, Tex., will give the sermons during the Preaching Hour. Six messages are scheduled during the four day school.

An outstanding faculty has been secured. Dr. John R. Brokhoff, Professor of Homiletics, Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Ga., will teach the course "Preaching Today." Dr. Francis Christie, Academic Dean of Hendrix College, will teach "Christian Beginning: Book of Acts." "Process Planning in the Local Church" will be led by Dr. Virgil Sexton, Assistant General Secretary of the General Council on Ministries, and Dr. Emerson Colaw, pastor of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, will teach the course "Doctrinal Standards of The United Methodist Church."

Dean of the School is the Rev. Robert O. Beck, Associate Executive Director of the Council on Ministries of the Little Rock Conference.

The Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First Church in Helena, is the Chairman of the Board of Managers of the school. Other members of the Board are, from the Little Rock Conference: the Revs. Alvin C. Murray, El Dorado First Church; Charles G. Ashcraft, Malvern First Church; Alf A. Eason, Executive Director of the Program Council; Joe R. Phillips, Jr., Little Rock St. James; Robert O. Beck; and Roy I. Bagley, Chairman of the Cabinet. Board members from the North Arkansas Conference are: the Revs. William M. Wilder, Wynne First Church; Joel A. Cooper, Fayetteville Central; David P. Conyers, Newport First; Myers B. Curtis, Executive Director of the Program Council; and J. Ralph Clayton, Chairman of the Cabinet.

Registration for the School will be from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 10 and the first class session will begin at 1:30. Total cost for the week is \$20.00; rooms for a single night are \$3.00. THE METHODIST issue of August 30 will contain a complete schedule for the week.

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Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland dies

Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, 61, resident bishop of the Houston, Texas Area of the United Methodist Church for the past 5 years, suffered a heart attack and died Tuesday, August 7, at the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Bishop Copeland became ill in Mexico on Sunday, was treated by a doctor there, and was admitted to the hospital upon his arrival at home on Monday. He had been attending a meeting of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council in Mexico City.

Memorial services were held Thursday, August 9, at the First United Methodist Church in Houston. Interment was in San Antonio, Tex.

Bishop Copeland was born in Bexar, Ark., the son of John Wesley and Nancy Elizabeth Hivley Copeland. He was ordained elder in the Methodist Protestant Church in 1931 and served as president of the Texas Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, 1938-39.

Bishop Copeland was elected to the Methodist episcopacy in 1960 when the South Central Jurisdictional Conference met in San Antonio. He served as pastor of the Travis Park Church in that city for more than 11 years prior to his election.

He was resident bishop of the Nebraska Area for eight years before coming to Houston in 1968 to serve the Texas and Gulf Coast Conferences.

He held pastorates in Corsicana, Cooper, Dallas, Wichita Falls, and Haskell, Tex., and Stillwater, Okla.

Bishop Copeland was a graduate of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and did graduate study at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill. He held honorary doctorates from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex.; Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln; and Southern Methodist University.

He had served as a member of several General Church boards and agencies. Among them were: Board of Evangelism, 1952-60; Board of Christian Social Concerns, 1960-68; Methodist Corporation, 1968-72; Board of Missions, 1960-72 (immediate past president, World Division); Board of Discipleship, 1972.

Bishop Copeland recently returned from England where he served as one of the four official United Methodist delegates to the meeting of the British Methodist Annual Conference in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Survivors include his wife Catherine, and two daughters, Mrs. J. W. (Pat-



Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland

ricia Ann) Ard and Mrs. Preston (Martha Sue) Dial, Jr.

The South Central Jurisdictional College of Bishops has given Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, resident Bishop of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area, and President of the College of Bishops, authority to preside over the Houston Area until an interim appointment can be made by the College.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SET OCTOBER SESSIONS

CINCINNATI (RNS) — Ten thousand United Methodist women are expected here in early October for a four-day Assembly.

Representatives will come from many of the 36,500 local units of United Methodist Women, an organization with about 1.5 million members.

A special feature of the gathering will be a morning Bible study presented on WKRC-TV. The half-hour program, set for 6:30 on the mornings of Oct. 5-7, will be on purchased time. It will be shown throughout the station's viewing area.

Dr. Catherine Gunsalau, a professor at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will lead the study.

The Assembly will open Oct. 4 with a dramatic presentation on United Methodist women's activities back to the early 1800s. Under the direction of Sharon Bengtson of Fort Worth, the production is planned as a launching pad for contemporary concerns rather than only a memory-evoking occasion.

One full day (Oct. 6) will be devoted to ecumenism. The Assembly planners expect that women of other denominations in the Cincinnati area will join the United Methodists for sessions exploring differences and common ties. Theme for the day is "Breaking Down Barriers."

Others first — then themselves

New Hope church breaks ground



Shown above at the groundbreaking for the new church at New Hope are (from left) Mr. Henderson; Bill Thompson; the Rev. Gaston Matthews; Mr. and Mrs. Homer LaFerney; Mrs. Jim Hamilton; Pam Stewart and the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Batesville District Superintendent.

On the night of May 27th when the destructive tornado struck the Jonesboro area, the New Hope church on the Griffithville Charge was moved off its foundation by the storm.

Though the damage to the New Hope church was appraised at \$3,750, the small congregation was among the first to send a free-will offering to the people of Jonesboro for relief of those whom they felt were in greater need than themselves.

After helping others first, they then took a look at their own needs. Deciding that rather than put their money back into an old building which had already been worked over, they would consider the possibility of a new struc-

ture. Their hard work and dreams were officially marked when, on Tuesday, July 24, ground was broken for the new church.

Present for the occasion were not only members of the church and the community, some of whom are seen in the accompanying photograph, but the members of the Batesville District Board of Church Location and Building, consisting of the Revs. Lewis Ernest, Searcy, Grace Church; Densil Stokes, Horseshoe Bend; Dr. Charles Casteel, Batesville Central; James Wingo, Melbourne Parish; Gaston Matthews, Griffithville Charge and New Hope pastor; and Floyd G. Villines, Jr., District Superintendent.

Aldersgate's international staffers reflect on the summer

For the third year in a row, Aldersgate Methodist Camp has had young adults from other nations among the members of its summer staff. This year's five "internationals," as they are referred to, will end their summer duties during the next two weeks and return to their home countries.

Andrew Stoker, 19, from Birmingham, England, will begin his first year in Cambridge University where he will study chemical engineering. Blanca Elia Rico, 22, will return to Mexico City where she is employed as a physical education director by the YMCA. Per Thiman, 32, a college graduate and the only married member of the international group, will continue his graduate studies in sociology at the University of Uppsala in Sweden, and do part-time teaching in judo. Sylvie Mutsaers, 19, is from Schijndel, Holland, where she has been a swimming instructor. She is uncertain whether she will return to school, travel to Israel, or work. Richard Marklund, 21, will be a sports instructor with children and youth in Norrbotten, Sweden. He has been a member of the Swedish National Ski Team.

MAJOR IMPRESSIONS

In response to a question about the summers experience in America, Per Thiman replied: "I would say that my greatest impression has been the hospitality of the Americans; how open and friendly everybody is and how glad they are to share their experiences, their houses, their food. You ask them something and they are really glad to talk to you!"

While the busy summer schedule has not afforded many opportunities for contacts other than at Aldersgate, the group has been impressed with the few visits to homes that they have been able to make during the summer.

All agree that Aldersgate's program is a unique one. "I will remember most the mentally retarded group and the medical camp, because for me it has been a great experience to work with them," is the way Blanca Rico recalls her most memorable impression of the summer. "In Mexico I haven't had the opportunity to work with them . . . I think it is a very good idea to take them here and help them feel they are a part of the world and the church."

WHAT ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH?

Concerning the role of the church in the world, the international staffers reflect many of the cross-sections of opinions expressed everywhere today. Each has a keen social conscience, though they express it very individually. Per Thiman: "I think the



Aldersgate's 1973 international staffers (from left) are: Andrew J. Stoker of England, Sylvie Mutsaers of Holland, Rickard Marklund of Sweden, Blanca Elia Rico of Mexico, and Per Thiman of Sweden.

church is still too little concerned about worldly matters and too much about spiritual matters." He's in a lively discussion with the group as he continues. "What the world needs today is more bread, more birth-controls and less Bibles . . . (he laughs). Maybe that is putting it a bit blankly. I don't mean it that way . . . Jesus gained most of his followers just by performing social service!" Englishman Andrew Stoker: "The first priority of the church is to involve more people in its life."

Though unwilling to be conventional in their religious views, their involvement in Aldersgate's mission speaks loudly concerning their faith and their concern for their fellowman.

ALDERSGATE'S SUMMER

Ray Tribble, Executive Director of Aldersgate, while most complimentary about the international's contribution to the lives of the campers, feels that "the most outstanding experience they have had while in the U.S. may be the relationship they have

had with their own peer group in the staff." "These experiences have had great meaning in their lives," he states.

There were some 40 persons on Aldersgate's summer staff this year and from June to the present date 3,368 campers have benefited from Aldersgate program, giving a total of 11,175 "camper days."

Aldersgate is a project of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church and is in its 27th year of service. It is located on 157 acres of land on the western edge of Little Rock and serves the entire central Arkansas area. It has been called "the most unique single facility" of all the many varied service projects of The United Methodist Church and has been recognized throughout the denomination for its great variety of services in the name of Christ. It is an accredited member of the American Camping Association.

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Davidson Camp Meeting in 89th annual session

The 89th Annual Davidson Camp Meeting began on Friday, Aug. 10, at Arkadelphia. The camp ground location is in a shady grove 13 miles west on Highway 26 out of Arkadelphia on I-30.



Rev. Shuler

This year's preacher is the Rev. John M. Shuler, pastor Casa Linda United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex. He is the district coordinator of Evangelism and secretary of the North Texas Conference Board of Evangelism.

Quartets sang on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11 and 12. Appearing were The Travelers; Gospel Airs of the University Nazarene Church, Little Rock; and The Arkansans from Malvern.

Judge Randall Mathis, Clark County judge, will be the song leader all week. Judge Mathis is a popular singer in the area and has been at the Davidson Campground several times.

Mrs. Guv Brock of Delight is the

pianist. Mrs. Austin Capps will be the children's leader, and Mrs. Al Cash will have a craft hour.

The Memorial Service will be held by Dr. George W. Martin of Arkadelphia, Sunday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m. Sunday School will be taught at 9 a.m. both Sundays by Dr. Joe T. Clark and Dr. Frank Ault.

The public is invited. Services are at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. daily.

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THE REV. ELMER L. THOMAS

Death came to the Rev. Elmer L. Thomas, 79, in Mountain Grove, Mo., on July 18.

A retired member of the Missouri East Conference, he had served two churches in Arkansas — First Methodist in Magnolia, and Asbury Methodist in Little Rock. He had been presiding elder of two districts in Missouri, and superintendent of two districts during his 35-year ministry. He retired in 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Tempa Marie of the home, three brothers and one sister. A son, Duard Ranzel, preceded him in death.

THE REV. ROSCOE C. WALSH

The Rev. Roscoe C. Walsh, 91, of Arkadelphia, died Wednesday, July 22 in Clark County Memorial Hospital. A retired Methodist minister, he had been a member of the Little Rock Annual Methodist Conference 54 years.

Born Feb. 25, 1882, at DeGray, he was a son of the late M. P. Walsh and Rittie Stephens Walsh.

He was married to Era Cates, his only survivor. They had celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

He was a veteran of World War I, and a supporter of the Davidson Methodist Camp Ground, near Arkadelphia.

Funeral services were Friday, July 24 by Dr. John Miles and the Rev. Jess Hamilton, with burial in the Ebenezer Cemetery.

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Magazine Asks President Nixon's Removal

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — Because "the name of the evil now coming to light in our nation is not 'Watergate' but 'Richard Nixon'," *engage/social* action magazine has called for President Nixon's removal from office, by resignation or impeachment.

The editors of the magazine, published by social action agencies of the

Methodist gets key ecumenical post

NEW YORK (UMC) — One of world Methodism's leaders has been elected to what is considered a key ecumenical post on the international church scene.

According to word received here, Bishop Yap Kim Hao, episcopal leader of the Methodist Church of Malaysia and Singapore, was elected general secretary of what was formerly called the East Asia Christian Conference, but has been renamed the Christian Conference of Asia. A vice-chairman of the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee, Bishop Yap will come into his new post later this year and will take steps to relinquish his episcopal responsibilities in order to accept the new assignment.

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From the Bottom of the Heart.....

In keeping with our historic Methodist tradition of freedom of speech and responsibility in speaking, what appears here is the editor's point of view and not necessarily the official position of The United Methodist Church. Responses from our readers are invited. (See "From Our Readers" column, Page 9)

BIT PART OR LEAD ROLE?

"Never invoke a god upon the scene until all else has failed." It would seem that Horace's Rule of Drama has found its fullness of time.

Consider the events on stage: ... Watergate and all it says about the level to which we have descended to justify political election; ... the horrors of at least 27 young boys being murdered in a perverted sex ring, in what now appears to be the largest mass-murder tragedy in our history; ... illegal corporate contributions to political campaigns; ... secret bombings in Cambodia for the past 15 months, these being publicly denied during the time by the President; ... three incidents in the last week of our bombs killing Cambodians (at least 400) for whose protection they are officially justified; ... now the Vice President has been accused of criminal activities involving bribery and kickbacks; ... prices continuing to zoom upward — 15% more for food this last April, May and June than a year ago, this not including July and August which saw some increases as much as 60%; ... \$10 million in public funds spent on private properties of the President for security reasons, plus questions in regard to how these properties were originally procured. And so on and so on ... It all reads like an unbelievable nightmare.

Concerns for the church? (How strange that we even have to justify the question and the answer). Certainly! Because people are involved; right and wrong are involved; persons are hurt and sorrow and grief and agony are experienced. Wherever human life is touched either with tragedy or with joy the church must be there because Christ is there.

Our role in such a time must include at least three elements. First, we are to stand with all men under the judgement of God for any wrongs of which we may be a part: immoralities, untruths, breaches in ethics — in a word, sin. For it is sin which has brought so much of the agony of our time upon us.

Second, our role is not so much to invoke the presence of God upon the stage as it is to witness to the Christ who is and has been on the scene all along, front stage center. He weeps there, not only because of the hurt of humans but because we, his church, are so often preoccupied in such a day with our own internal petty differences (liberals vs. fundamentalists; social activists vs. evangelicals, and so on) that our energies are drained in these trivialities while the urgent cries for help from all around us go only partially heeded.

Third, our role just now is to make the most of a national mood which is beginning to see a positive use for this dismal hour in our history. That is that we can learn our lesson, correct our wrongs and emerge stronger than before. But the public has such a short memory span! And we seem not to have learned much from our sins of the past. So the church must be vigilant and repetitious to the point of noxiousness in its reminder that an old word is still relevant: "Sin pays its servants: the wage is death. But God gives to those who serve him: his free gift is eternal life ..." (Romans 6:23, J.B. Phillips trans.).

Our role is to respond to the clear call that we do our job with more urgency than ever; that we pray more, preach better, witness more articulately, serve all in the name of Christ and live triumphantly in the Christian hope.

We are called by God to play a major, title role in redeeming the human tragedies of our time. The danger is that we will settle for a bit part.

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Off the Top of the Head.....

THE OLD BED-SPRINGS-ON-TOP-OF-THE-CAR STORY. . .

or

MAKE AN EXTRA TRIP . . .

I'm not brave enough to commit any really big sins. I just don't have the heart for it.

I discovered this deficiency last week and the experience still bothers me so much that I must clear myself before the whole world. If you don't like that sort of thing, you can read elsewhere for a moment. But if you are the kind that delights in other folks' agonies, this is just your sort of stuff.

It all started by trying to save a little time. I have this set of old-style bed springs, see, that I needed to take to Mt. Magazine. I was going to exchange them for a better set a friend has at his cabin there. Well, rather than make an extra trip I decided to take them to Fayetteville with me over the weekend of the Laymen's Assembly and drop them off on the way back home. (This is not too exciting, I know, but it's important that you come in at the beginning on a story like this).

To say the least, I was a bit self-conscious upon arriving at Mt. Sequoyah, in the middle of a big crowd, with some old-style bed springs strapped to the top of my car. Even new-style bed springs wouldn't have helped a lot just at that point. So I parked my car around the corner and walked up the hill, which suspicious act prompted a friend to shout his greeting: "Did you hitch hike?" I started to say "No, I walked all the way," but it struck me that he would know that I hadn't walked all the way because I still had on my tie.

After the crowd thinned out, I drove around in front of the lodge I was to share with a dozen others, none of whose cars, I noticed, had old-style bed springs strapped to their tops. For some reason I thought about a remark that Herb Shriner, the comedian, had once made. He told about going by his girl friend's house to visit. He found her, he said, "out at the pig pen, sloppin' the hogs." Nostalgically Shriner recalled: "There was something about her . . . ; she kinda stood out." That's the way I felt about my car.

Should anyone have identified me with the car, I had my answers ready. "It's so I'll have a smoother ride;" or "Aren't we supposed to bring bed springs to Mt. Sequoyah with us?," and other clever remarks. But no one, thankfully, saw me anywhere near the car.

That is, until I was leaving. I thought I had waited out the crowd. The thought, you see, that had kept plaguing me was that folk might think that I was carrying the bed springs off from Mt. Sequoyah . . . ; you know, stealing them! You can see what even a little-bit of guilty conscience can do to an otherwise free being.

So, on going to the car, I put my sun glasses on. (No one can ever recognize me with sun glasses on). The coast was clear. I could exit by the west gate; closer and less conspicuous. I didn't have to drive by Lee Cate's office, either.

Just as I roared up the engine on the get-away car, a million people came out of every cabin door in sight. Well, maybe ten people. Their thoughts came crashing through the rolled-up windows, drowning out the air conditioner and radio: "Why . . . that looks like our Editor! . . . What on earth is he . . . ; Why, look: those bed springs — no, look: those old-style bed springs . . . How on earth did he get them out of the room? Poor man; must be some idiosyncrasy. Probably has a basement full of old bed springs . . . You'd think if he were going to pick up bed springs, he'd at least . . . And he really comes from such a fine family . . ."

Now right now, you are probably trying to comfort me by saying that they weren't thinking any such things at all. Thank you, but I know better. I could see it all over them just as plain as they could see the guilt around my sun glasses.

I wish I could tell you that this little episode turned out all dandy. It didn't. It's another and longer story, but after all of this doing, I couldn't get in my friend's cabin . . .

So, the bed springs enjoyed the round trip, and with the summer sun sinking slowly in the west, I returned home a sadder but wiser man. For I had learned well that old lesson which each of us must learn soon or late in this life: don't never take no old-style bed springs to your friend's summer cabin by way of Mt. Sequoyah!

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PHASE VIII

We were having our after-Sunday-dinner desert (our very own sack each of M&M peanuts) when our youngest announced that there were 20 M&Ms in his sack. His school teacher mother, ever alert for any chance for some back to school preparation, posed a question for him: "If there are 20 M&Ms in the sack, and together they cost ten cents, how much do they cost apiece?" Third Grade New Math replied: "The first ten cost a penny each and you get the other ten free."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An American woman theologian is the new chairperson of the Anglican Consultative Council, a global organization made up of 26 independent and autonomous Churches with 47 million baptized members. Dr. Marion Kellerman, recently retired professor of pastoral theology at Virginia Theological Seminary was elected to succeed Sir Louis Mbanefo of Nigeria.

The religious significance of animals and birds in Apache Indian religious beliefs may be used in a possible court case on the question of legal ownership of the wildlife on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona. San Carlos Apaches are challenging the State's claim that all wildlife in the state belongs to Arizona.

A "Children's Trust Fund" which would protect existing programs from "budgetary seepage" and provide money for new children's programs designed by individual states would be created under a bill introduced in the Senate. The fund, according to the bill's author, Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.), would be allocated to the states based on the number of children under age 18 and the number of children whose families receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) has announced the establishment of a two-part program aimed at combatting the root cause of hunger in the U.S. and abroad. It calls for the employment of part-time "hunger action enablers" to serve within the Church's synods as "advocates of the hungry" and enablers of grassroots action.

The Center of Concern, founded in Washington last year by a Canadian Jesuit, Father William F. Ryan, has been given two grants totaling \$65,000 toward an 18-month population policy project. An autonomous operation with no formal relationship to the Roman Catholic Church or any other church, the center will sponsor seminars, policy research, and other information-disseminating functions designed to underscore the importance of considering population problems as a part of the larger issue of working toward social and economic justice in the developing world, a spokesman said.

Thirty-nine families of former prisoners of war and men missing in action in Southeast Asia asked for help at a retreat at Granby, Colo., ranging from how to be kind to humbling neighbors to integrating a husband back into the family. Asked to identify their three most pressing problems, the military-related families also listed the removal of bitterness from their lives, accepting the fact that a son is missing in action, and the need for a deeper faith for mapping out a future without a husband.

The Southern Presbyterian News Service has announced that its R. L. Reynolds Award for Excellence in Religious News Coverage will be presented this year to The Covington (Ga.) News and The Columbia Missourian, campus newspaper of the University of Missouri. The Missourian, winner in the daily division, provided a "highly unusual religious emphasis for a college paper," the panel of judges said. In the non-daily division, judges selected the Covington News for its "excellent depth in coverage of religious activities, and excellent layout and display of religious stories."

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The new government of Prime Minister Mariano Rumor of Italy is being pressured to make substantial cuts in federal subsidies to the Roman Catholic Church as part of an overall effort to solve the country's financial crisis. State subsidies to the Church over the past three years totalled about \$300 million. The money is channeled through five ministries — Public Works, Interior, Education, Health, and Foreign Affairs.

A Baptist minister in London is launching a round-the-clock phone-a-message service to help Britain's 100,000 missing teenagers and their parents. Under the program of the Rev. Roger Hayden, minister of Haven Green Baptist Church at Ealing, West London, teenagers who have run away from home will be able to phone a message to a special number. The message will be recorded and passed on to the parents, provided the address is given.

If St. Charles parish, one of the largest in the Cincinnati archdiocese, is typical, then the "affluent, suburban" Roman Catholic parish in the U.S. is strong on attending Mass and Communion but weak on Confession, ambivalent on civil rights, leaning toward active ecumenism and divided on the need for Catholic education. An exhaustive census taken recently involved some 8,000 individuals in about 2,000 families.

A former Israeli ambassador to the United States declared that Israel's relations with the U.S. have never before been as good as they are now. General Yitzhak Rabin pointed out that the \$400 million in military aid that the U.S. gave Israel in the past year was about 70 per cent of all American military aid given to foreign countries for the year. It consisted of \$300 million on easy credit terms and \$100 million in grants, he said.

A \$57,417 continuation grant was awarded by the National Institute of Mental Health to Christian Theological Seminary, for its mental health services education program for ministers. CTS, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) seminary in Indianapolis, began the mental health program in 1968. More than 120 clergymen have participated annually in the program, with 20 denominations represented.

The church in Britain "is still a mighty army," said Anglican Bishop Stuart Blanch of Liverpool, "but the trouble is that it is far from being an army of combatants. In terms of Christianity, Great Britain is rapidly becoming a backwater on the world scene." Bishop Blanch was commenting on the answers provided by a special questionnaire.

A call for "decriminalization" of non-violent sex crimes that principally affect only the persons involved has been issued by a subcommittee of the Commission on the Jurisprudence of the Future in Providence, R.I.

Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury has appointed Bishop Ronald Williams of Leicester to be the Church of England's representative to the Brussels Ecumenical Center, which was founded in the mid-1960's to serve the European Common Market communities. Bishop Williams will be a member of the Consultative Committee of the Churches of the European Communities which is the Governing Body of the Center. It is expected that he will visit Brussels every few months to attend committee meetings.

Amnesty International, a London-based group that has consultative status within the United Nations, presented a copy of its report on the political prisoners in South Vietnam to Australia's Roman Catholic Bishops, "so that the bishops may make up their own minds on the subject." Presentation of the report was occasioned by a recent statement by Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Nguyen Van Binh of Saigon that allegations of torture in South Vietnam was unfounded.

"Christian comics really sell," says the owner of a Christian book store in Tucson, Ariz. "Bibles are still the best selling item, but comics are the new, fast-selling item in the religious book business," according to George E. Butler, a Free Will Baptist clergyman and owner of the Christian Supply Center.

A new level of maturity in Britain's charismatic movement was detected by observers at the close of a six-day international conference at Nottingham University. The conference brought together 1,500 Christians from Britain, North and South America, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa as well as from the European continent. It included Anglicans, Roman Catholics and Reformed churchmen.

George Constantinidis, director of O Logos, an evangelical publishing house in Athens, was acquitted by a three-judge court in Pyrgos, Greece where he was charged with violating anti-proselytization laws. Greek Orthodox officials in the small city in the Peloponnese accused the editor of violating the conscience of Stavros Saltamavros, of the village of Skuroheri, by sending the man an unsolicited modern Greek New Testament and devotional material.

What motivates Christians to give to their churches? Commitment is the key, according to Dr. Nordan C. Murphy, stewardship director of the National Council of Churches — "commitment to a person named Jesus and all that he stands for. Dr. Murphy in his study sponsored by 15 Protestant bodies in the U.S. and Canada, said the study found that the six most important motivating forces for giving through the church are "gratitude to God," "an expression of worship," "the privilege of sharing," "an obligation," "love for others," and "the need of the church for money."

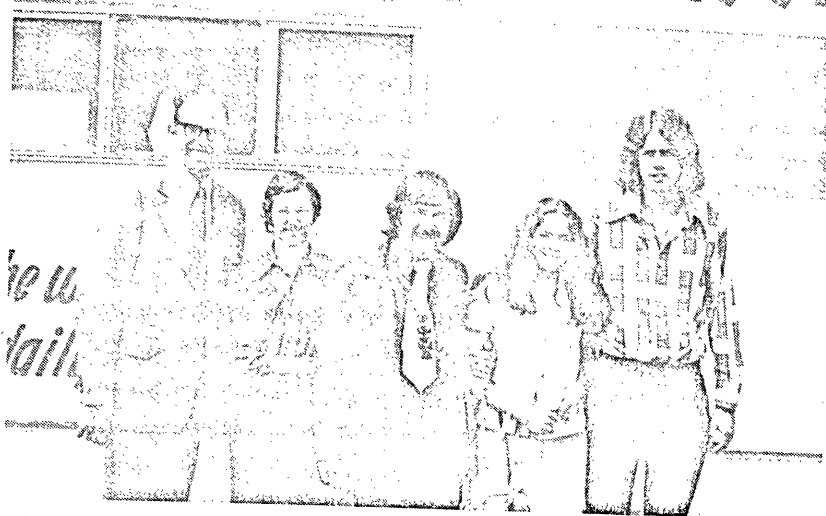
The United Methodist Churches of the Florida Conference have prepared a brochure welcoming visitors to visit United Methodist landmarks and institutions throughout the state. The attractive folder labeled, "The Church in Mission," is signed by Florida's Bishop Joel D. McDavid.



MONTREAT, N.C. — Dr. L. Nelson Bell, the immediate past moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) and a leading evangelical editor and writer, died peacefully in his sleep at his Montreat, N.C., home Aug. 2 at the age of 79. Dr. Bell was evangelist Billy Graham's father-in-law. He is shown with Mr. Graham in this 1972 photo. (RNS Photo)

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The Upper Room



The Rev. Worth Gibson (left), pastor of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, is shown in front of The Upper Room van parked in front of church, when the team (shown with Mr. Gibson) from the Board of Evangelism in Nashville, Tenn., gave leadership to Aug. 2-5 Youth Weekend at First Church. The team (left to right): Chris Whittle, the Rev. Jimmy Bass, key speaker for the event, Amy Bass, his daughter, and Mark Brown. Bass combines musical skills (which include the playing of the guitar, banjo, harmonica, piano, drums and bass) with the presentation of the "Good News."

A NATION'S STRENGTH by Wilson O. Weldon

A measurement of our nation's worth is in the willingness of individual citizens to acknowledge their own personal shortcomings. Often I have asked the question: "Will America travel the way of other nations? Is it necessary that America shall walk the downward path of such ancient powers as Assyria, Egypt, Greece, and Rome?" When we ask such a question we are really asking whether or not it is necessary for a nation to grow old and decrepit, like individual men and women who grow old and decrepit. An illustration of a river will help us. We look at a river, realizing it is old; yet we realize it is ever new, depending upon the fresh water which comes from the springs and melting snows.

So it is with a nation. We can be old; yet we can be ever new. The question is whether or not ease and license will sap virility from a great people and make them effete and doddering.

It is possible for national character to be eaten away by the slow acids of ease and indulgence. When one reads in the Book of Daniel about Cyrus and the Persians knocking at the gates of Babylon, the thing that counted was the kind of men behind the gates. The explanation of the downfall of Babylon was due to the debauchery and the drunkenness of the Babylonians as much, if not more than because of the strength of the attacking Persians.

Which way, modern America?

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Major Winslow Brown appointed to Post chaplaincy

INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. . . . Chaplain (Major) Winslow E. Brown has assumed duties as Post Chaplain of the U.S. Army Garrison at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation. He arrived at IGMR early this month from Bamberg, Germany, where he served close to three years as Chaplain of Headquarters, Support Activity, in Bamberg.

The new IGMR Chaplain is a native of Centerton, Ark. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and the Graduate School of Southern Methodist University. Before Army duty he served as a Methodist minister in a number of churches in Arkansas.

Chaplain Brown began Active Army duty in May 1959. In World War II from May, 1943 to April, 1946, he served in the Navy and for three years was in the Asiatic Theater. Chaplain Brown has also served in Vietnam for a one-year period.

The newly assigned Chaplain is a graduate of the U.S. Army Chaplains' Basic and Career Courses. He has served as Chaplain at Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; and Fort Polk, La.

The Chaplain numbers among his awards and decorations the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Naval Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, U.S. Reserve Forces Medal, and Unit Citation.

Chaplain Brown is married to the former Lottie May Palmer of Fayette-

Council Directors to Local Churches

GENERAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Your Council on Ministries office has received a number of inquiries about the availability of Church insurance under the General Insurance Program of the United Methodist Church. We made contact with the Frank B. Hall & Co. of New York, Inc. (the company handling the program) and received the following answer: "The questions raised by the Commissioner's Of-

fice have been answered to their satisfaction. I urge you to have the churches in your conference complete the "Request for Quotation" form and receive from us a competitive quotation."

In order words, as we understand it, churches in Arkansas ARE ELIGIBLE for the National Insurance Program.

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Little Rock Public Schools and you

"What have been the successes and problems of the Little Rock Public Schools the past few years and how can we learn from these to have a better experience this year?" This will be the subject of a program at 7 p.m. this coming Sunday, August 19, at Markham church, 9820 West Markham.

Participating will be School Board president Robert McHenry; James Wise, Principal at Carver Elementary; Odessa Talley, English teacher at Central High; Mrs. Phyllis Brandon, president of the P.T.A. Council; and a representative of Volunteers in Public Schools.

The public is welcome and both youth and adults are invited. A nursery will be provided. The program is sponsored by the Work Areas on Missions and Christian Social Concerns of the Markham church. The Rev. Carr Dec Racop is the pastor.

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Nothing to beef about here . . .

Members of First United Methodist Church, Texarkana (Ark.), were making preparation for the church picnic to be held July 29. The cooking committee looked around for a large grill to use for the chicken barbeque. Someone suggested that Jack Williams had a large grill belonging to the Cattlemen's Association. Jack gave permission, but he did not think it appropriate to cook chickens on a grill belonging to the cattlemen's association. He suggested that he and his father, Emmett Williams, would give enough beef for the entire picnic!

What it was, wasn't just beef, — it was rib-eye steaks! The preacher, Dr. Edwin B. Dodson, tells the story, and he claims they fed 438 people.

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ville, Ark. They are the parents of two children, Deborah, 20, a student at the University of Arkansas, and David, 15, who will be attending Palmyra Area High School. They currently reside at 976 East Maple Street, Palmyra.

Hendrix president at Notre Dame

The president of Hendrix College, Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., is at the University of Notre Dame this week for the American College Public Relations Association summer academy.

Shilling is a member of a select faculty in this intensive training program for persons relatively new to the area of educational public relations and development.

This year is the second in which Shilling has served on the faculty. Last summer the academy was held at the University of Maryland in College Park.

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SEEKERS CONCERT AT MARKHAM CHURCH

On Thursday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m., Markham United Methodist Youth will be host to a religious singing group called the Seekers, who will present a folk concert as a part of a nine-day tour through six states.

The Seekers came into existence four years ago when eight persons of the St. Louis South Sub-District UMY started sharing their talent and witness. Since then the group, which includes youth from Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, Episcopal and Baptist congregations, as well as United Methodist, has grown to 30 members. The group has traveled in five states. They cut their first record in June, 1971, and recently cut their second.

Markham Church, Little Rock, where the Rev. Carr Dec Racop serves as pastor, extends an invitation to the public to hear the Seekers.

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APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Eugene M. Frank has announced the appointment of the Rev. Charles K. Wilmoth to the Imboden-Smithville Charge in the Paragould District. The appointment becomes effective August 15.

NEWS and NOTES

THE BATESVILLE AREA United Methodist Men will meet Tuesday night, Aug. 21 at 7:00 p.m., in Asbury Church, Batesville. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Gordon Grant, a Presbyterian minister from Scotland who is in Batesville this summer as an exchange minister.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church, Russellville, will begin its Centennial Celebration Sunday morning, October 14, with Bishop Eugene Frank as the guest speaker. The celebration will continue through Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, with the Rev. Ed Matthews conducting a series of services. Historic items will be on display during this time. The Rev. Charles E. Ramsey is pastor.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH of Malvern First Church took a three-day bus trip to Nashville, Tenn., beginning Aug. 5. While in Nashville they visited The Hermitage, The Parthenon, Upper Room Chapel, Methodist Headquarters, Country Music Hall of Fame, Opryland, U.S.A., and the campuses of Scarritt, Vanderbilt and Peabody.

HUNTINGTON UNITED Methodist Youth Activities Week was held Aug. 13-17. The Rev. David Driver, associate pastor at Paragould, led the Junior Hi's in studying "To Tell A Mystery." The Senior Hi group, led by the Rev. Dick Haltom of Walnut Ridge, studied "King Jesus: Servant, Lord, Soul Brother." The Rev. James R. Chandler is the Huntington pastor.

CHARLES GELLER, minister and folk singer, gave a series of concerts recently at Texarkana First Church, where the Rev. Edwin Dodson is the pastor.

THE THEME OF YOUTH Activities Week at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, was "Joy." The Rev. Wayne Clark, pastor of Indian Hills United Methodist Church, led the devotional programs. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is the Gardner Memorial pastor.

THE REV. BENNIE G. RUTH of Des Arc is the evangelist this week, Aug. 12-17, at Concord Church on the Desha Charge (near Batesville) where the Rev. Felix Holland is pastor.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL was held at Vantrease Church, El Dorado recently, under the leadership of Mrs. Alton Avery. The average attendance was 23 children, with 11 visitors. They used as their project "The Children's Mission Fund". Refreshments were served and furnished by the parents. The Rev. James Shaddox is the Vantrease pastor.

CAROL ST. JOHN, a Hendrix College senior, is working with young people in Wesley United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff. She is a member of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. The Wesley pastor is the Rev. Bob Regnier. A youth planning retreat was held at the International Paper Company Clubhouse.



DAWNE BENEFIELD of England has been working with the Rev. John F. Walker in the Smackover United Methodist Church this summer. A senior at Hendrix College, Dawne has had experience working with the Pulaski County Social Services in the area of Child Abuse, and also in Fulton, Mo., in the Juvenile Division at the Mental Hospital.



JIM LANE of North Little Rock, lay leader for the Conway District, filled the pulpit at the Dover and Moreland Churches on July 22 in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. W. Bert Powell, who was attending school at SMU at Dallas.

THE COTTON PLANT Vacation Bible School was held Aug. 6-10 with an average daily attendance of 40 children and 12 workers. Commencement was held Friday afternoon with a reception following in fellowship hall. The Rev. Wilbert Feagan is pastor.

A MEN'S PRAYER Breakfast has been organized at Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, and meets at the Ambassador Motel Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30. Kent Rinehart is chairman of the group and the Rev. Herman G. Bonds is pastor.

"FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD" are being held this week in the Harrisburg United Methodist Church. The Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, is the evangelist. Song leader and pianist are Carl Fielder and Larry Wright of Jonesboro. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

MISS AGNES OGLESBY has presented to First Church, Fort Smith, her home at 16th and C Streets and two lots. Dr. Paul M. Bumpers is the pastor.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR of the Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, presented on Sunday, Aug. 6, the jazz musical, "100% Chance of Rain," based on the experiences of Noah during the flood. The children learned the musical at a weekly summer program at the church which included, music, crafts, recreation, and Bible stories. Linda Payne was accompanist for the group. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.

MARY WILLIAMS, Hendrix senior, is summer youth worker in First Church, Benton. She served in similar capacities in Henderson Church, Little Rock, in 1971, and at Fairview Church, Texarkana, in 1972. Her home is in North Little Rock. A summer project for Benton youth has been in the two nursing homes.



JULIA HILLIARD, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Allan Hilliard of Cabot, is the summer youth worker in the Beebe United Methodist Church. Julia will be a sophomore at Hendrix this fall. Until June, she was a resident of Fayetteville where her father was pastor of Wiggins Memorial Church.



THIRTEEN YOUNG people from the UMY group of Vantrease Church, El Dorado, attended the Little Rock Conference Youth Rally along with their Summer Youth Director, Jim Bob Hightower. A planning Retreat is planned for Hot Springs, Aug. 13-15. The Rev. James Shaddox, is the pastor.

RHONDA CROW from Jacksonville is the summer youth worker in First Church, Fort Smith. She graduated from Hendrix College and plans to enter Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in September. She is working with Nicholas and Carol Lascaro, associate ministers, and Dr. Paul M. Bumpers, senior minister.

THE YOUTH OF ST. PAUL Church in Little Rock enjoyed an eventful Sunday afternoon with swimming, entertainment and lots of food, during their visit to the Methodist Children's Home, Aug. 5. After swimming and a picnic supper, they were entertained by a talented group of counselors from Aldersgate Camp. Following this a tour of the Home was conducted by Mr. Buzz Suddith. Ministers of St. Paul are the Rev. Robert Scott and the Rev. Don Eubanks.

JOHN WEBB, youth director at Western Hills, is in Germany for approximately two weeks and in his absence Mike Biggs is the acting youth director. On Monday, Aug. 6, Western Hills youth hosted the youth of University United Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La., who presented a musical program "Lightshine" in the sanctuary. Following the program, there was a swimming party. The Lake Charles youth spent the night in the church and left the next morning for North Arkansas. The Rev. Robert Robertson is the Western Hills pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Aug. 19—Sunday... Psalm 37:1-7
Aug. 20 Psalm 46:1-11
Aug. 21 Psalm 91:1-16
Aug. 22 Isaiah 41:10-13, 43:1-2
Aug. 23 2 Cor. 4:7-18
Aug. 24 James 1:2-4, 12
Aug. 25 1 Peter 3:12-18
Aug. 26—Sunday ... Deut. 8:2-14

ROD HOCOTT, director of youth activities and choir director for children and youth in First Church, Fort Smith, for the past five years, has resigned effective Aug. 15. He plans to study for a degree in Music Therapy at the University of Kansas.

THE REV. WILLIAM J. REID, who retired at the recent session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, now lives in Mountain Home and occupied the pulpit of First United Methodist Church there, July 22. The Rev. Norman Carter, pastor, was with a group of young people on a work trip to Jamaica.

YOUTH FROM DEWITT and Lodges Corner Churches made a four-day trip to Texas in July, visiting points of interest around Dallas. Adults accompanying them were Mrs. Sue Davis, Mrs. George Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gunnell, Don Mooney, and the Rev. Bob Irvin, Lodges Corner pastor.

PARAGOULD YOUTH members of First Church made a three-day trip to Nashville, Tenn. Counselors with them were Ron Farrell, Wanda Pillow and David Driver, associate pastor. Dr. Raymond Franks is senior minister.

THE REV. BENNIE G. RUTH has returned from a trip to the Holy Lands, Greece, and Italy. He presented a review of the trip Sunday night, August 5 at the Des Arc Church. His members sponsored the trip.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST Church, Rogers, has renovated its old parsonage. Sunday, Aug. 12, the members viewed the "new" parsonage at an open house. The Rev. Bill Connell is pastor.

P.K. (Preachers' Kids) KORNER

MR. AND MRS. I. L. CLAUD, JR. and their children, Bob and Cathy of Charlottesville, Va., sailed on Aug. 12 on the "Queen Elizabeth II" from New York to Great Britain, where they will live for a year at Aberystwyth, Wales. Mr. Claud, a professor at the University of Virginia, will teach at the University College of Wales in Aberystwyth as a visiting professor. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Claud of Morrilton, and Mrs. Claud is the former Marie Stapleton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stapleton of Conway. They recently visited relatives in Arkansas.



Members of a youth tour from the Kansas West Conference stopped in Fort Smith to visit the Methodist Nursing Home, a project supported in part by the National Division of the United Methodist Church.

Yes, Virginia —
there really is a

Methodist Nursing Home in Arkansas

Activities Varied in Fort Smith Methodist Nursing Home

The residents of the Methodist Nursing Home rolled out the "Welcome Mat" recently for 40 high school and college students touring the southwest. This was a Mission Tour sponsored by the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church. The group visited Health and Welfare Agencies that receive support from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church. The Fort Smith Methodist Home has 88 residents. This is the only non-profit, non-sectarian Methodist Home for the aged in Arkansas.

The Twin City Rodeo Queen, Kathy Fraeling was on hand to help the residents greet the guests with a "Southern Welcome". The Candy Stripe Volunteers gave out Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce information and a guided tour of the building. Jack Flocks, a resident of the home painted a large wel-

come sign with white lettering on red oil cloth, to remind them they were in "Razorback Country!"

The Methodist Nursing Home is located on Wildcat Mountain in Fort Smith. The home is situated on 27 acres surrounded by stately oak trees. The residents can enjoy the breathtaking view of the Arkansas River or watch the rabbits, squirrels, and birds.

The theory of the home is to treat the "whole person" not just the "sick part". This is how the Activity Program plays an important part of the nursing care. Activities are planned to meet the needs of the resident. The bed patient may receive range of motion exercises and the wheel chair patient may enjoy the talking books or the therapy exercise class. The ambulatory patient would enjoy activities such as bingo or an entertaining program on Tuesday; church service in the chapel by a local Methodist minister on Wed-

nesday; Thursday, the art and craft room is opened all day; Friday, the "Talking Books" and the exercise therapy class. A Saturday morning Bible class is taught by a resident of the home and the Sunday School class is taught by the laymen of the local Methodist Churches.

The Director of Activities, Mrs. Sue Schaap, is a L.P.N., and has had special training in Physical Therapy and arts and crafts. Under her supervision a Candy Stripe Volunteer Program was organized. For the last two years these teen volunteers have offered such services as assisting in all activities, walking patients, reading, feeding and visiting. With the help of Mrs. Coley Clark, a local artist, a "Grandma Moses" art class was organized. The residents enjoyed painting and did so well that they have had two art shows, one at the Civic Auditorium and one at the City Library. Several of the res-

idents have sold their work.

The two big parties for the summer are the Hill-Billy party, where they dress in the native costumes of the hill-billy and are served all the watermelon they can eat. This is in July. The "Gay Nineties" party is in August, when they have the fun of making home made ice-cream. The Methodist Women's Board entertains in June with a tea for the residents and their families. The Methodist Nursing Home gives a Valentine Tea in February in honor of all guest artists, entertainers and ministers who have given their time and talents for the residents.

E. L. Smith, the administrator, states that rehabilitating the elderly to institutional living is one of the important phases of the Activity Program in a Nursing Home. Keeping the patient active keeps the mind alert and the physician agrees this makes good nursing care.



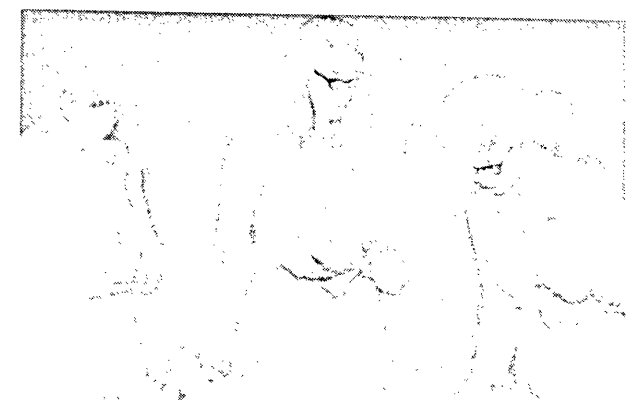
The Methodist Nursing Home in Fort Smith has a "Grandma Moses Art Class" which presented two art shows this spring. AT LEFT: residents view the work of fellow residents, whose ages go up to 94. BELOW: Milo Rider, a member of the Grandma Moses Class, shows off his painting of a waterfall.



At a recent program meeting of the Mauzel Beal Circle of Central Avenue United Methodist Women in Batesville, the above pictured ladies were honored for their service, dedication and inspiration to the other circles. Each holds a red rose presented to her by Mrs. Pat Moody, president of the circle.

"SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY" was the theme of recent sub-district meetings at New Salem and Haven United Methodist Churches, Hot Springs. The sub-district chose the name "Grace Dwyer" honoring Mrs. Dwyer, church and community worker in the area.

HIGHLAND UNITED Methodist Women in Little Rock have scheduled two speakers for a missionary program on Monday, Aug. 20. Dr. Pearle McCain, a retired missionary, and Marcia Miller who has returned from a mission tour will speak at a joint meeting.



Recent activities for women in the Gravette Church involved Mrs. Dorothy Fordyce, at far left with balloons, as auctioneer at a white sale, and Mrs. Rose Mantooth, UMW president. At a pot-luck luncheon, Mrs. Chole Ballard, at left above, was a hostess. Susan Douglas, center, is secretary and Mrs. Jean Wall is circle leader at Gravette.

The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. James Workman

LESSON FOR AUGUST 26:

Redemptive Love in Action

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 12:43-45; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 15:11-32; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Galatians 5:25 through 6:5.

MEMORY SELECTION: Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, Galatians 6:2

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us in the church to live the redeeming love of Christ in the church, meeting needs in every instance in which we find all sorts and conditions of persons.

"Make the most of your time, for these are evil days," is Mr. Moffatt's translation of Ephesians 5:16, which comes to mind in this closing study of the lessons for this quarter. We have refreshed our knowledge and wisdom in learning anew the Ten Commandments and renewing our covenant relation with God through our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who fulfills these commandments. His giving us the great commandment, the new commandment, brings the Old and New Testaments into fresh unity and relationship for our daily Christian life. As members of the body of Christ in the church we are daily confronted with new opportunities for witnessing our own New Testament of Christ's living spirit.

"HELP CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS"

In a way we can obey the law of Christ, "Help carry one another's burdens," is Paul's teaching of this way for the Galatian Christians. This echoes the phrase in Jesus' prayer in John 17:19: "And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you." Jesus' way of life in the days of his flesh was one of burden bearing and lifting. From infancy to adolescence it was a family fellowship at home, school, church, and community of neighbors. Through adolescence into young manhood his carpenter's eighteen hidden years were silent years of preparation. Then the revelation of approximately three years were his most fruitful years of fellowship with his chosen apostles after baptism, calling of the twelve, and the teaching, healing and preaching ministries. The needs of each period of his life are met in the daily contact with people in their varying life situations. His heart responded to the cries of the poor and the rich, the saints and the hypocrites, the blind and the seeing, the deaf and the hearing, the dumb and the speaking, children and youth and adults, widows and orphans, an only child and the children in the large family, his own close family members and the prodigal daughters and sons, prostitute and prophet. His was a total ministry in the spiritual succession of the prophets, and his life is our gospel to relive in his spirit.

THE LEGEND OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER

An early Christian story of Saint Christopher tells of the priest walking to a river. There he saw a child who could not wade across. He took the child in his arms and carried him across. He found that the one he carried was the Christ. It recalls the spirit of Jesus' word, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least important of these," the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, prisoner, or stranger, "you have done it unto me." This awareness is the dynamism,

the source of strength and ability to live in Jesus' way. It is a law of dynamics that energy matches the load at its maximum with the maximum load. Such is the law of the life in Christ. Each of us bears his own burden by bearing one another's burden, fulfilling the law of Christ in love. We are to love one another as he loves us!

WHO NEEDS ACTS OF REDEEMING LOVE?

"It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer," is an American folk song. That's part of it. The song continues, "It's not the preacher nor the deacon . . . , not my mother nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Each of us needs the redeeming love of God for help in bearing our own personal burden.

The memory selection gives Paul's answer to meeting our own need. It is in receiving God's forgiving and energizing presence in Jesus Christ our Lord. "We share each other's woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear." (John Fawcett, in his hymn) "Blest be the tie that binds," expresses this truth. As members of the body of Christ in the church we are mutually members one of another.

Jesus saw the tax collectors and sinners and ate with them. He was criticized by "the best people," the scribes and Pharisees for this. He replied that he came to call sinners, not the righteous. The needy were to have the healing of the Great Physician. Is there anyone who does not stand in the need of the Great Physician, Jesus Christ our Lord? The gospel song, "The Great Physician now is near" gives the answer to our need.

In this last lesson of the series, Bishop Tullis reminds us that every one in his "age and station" stands in need of the supporting love of God in the Christian community, the church. Children need Christian home care. Youth are searching for meaning, and purpose; what things should come first in life's choices. Young married persons make great ventures into new jobs, families, and financial decisions that are always changing. Middle aged persons look for direction and encouragement that the church can give. Aging persons face changes in health, family relationships, financial readjustments, and patterns of behaviour that "the calendars" make necessary.

Richard T. Lee is credited with the photograph in today's Bible Study Series, picturing a weak, spiritless person in advanced age, holding arms crossed, while a person facing him, places his right hand on the left shoulder of the weakened man. Truly, it's "a great thing, O my brother, to place a hand upon your shoulder, in a friendly sort of way."

In presenting the "Main Question" in Lesson Annual, Dr. Laymon tells of Lou Marsh, twenty-nine year old black man in New York City. He was killed by a group of young gangsters he tried to reconcile in a black Puerto Rican fight. He assured his mother, "I'll be all right. I can take care of myself. Besides, somebody has to do the job." At 29 or 97, needs are met at the cost of the cross.

HOME BIBLE STUDY SUGGESTS ACTS OF REDEEMING LOVE

Luke 7:36-50, presents the understanding love Jesus gave. Luke 15:1-7 shows the loving care of Jesus for sinners and "respectable persons." Luke 15:11-32 reveals love in a Father's care and a "joyful homecoming." Galatians 6:1-10 gives the con-

text, the larger portion of scripture, which includes the memory selection on bearing one another's burdens." 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 records Paul's example in his ministry of love. James 1:22-27 shows the meaning of love in listening to truth and living an unspotted life in the world. These passages, with the quoted ones in the lesson text, show the disciplined life living love in action.

Professor William Baird, of Texas Christian University, writes in "The Interpreter's One Volume Commentary on the Bible," that the parable of the prodigal son teaches two truths about love. God's compassionate love receives and restores the penitent prodigal sinner. God's love is rejected by the unrepentant elder son, Pharisee. The largest portion of scripture reference in this lesson is the record of Luke in the fifteenth chapter revealing the compassionate love of God to all men.

REVELATIONS OF GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE

In "The Adult Leader," John D. Humphrey quotes the late Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in his book, "Man's First Love," as follows: "The Mosaic code calls men to keep its laws; Christ calls men to keep his love, 'even as I have loved you.' Law is conforming, love is creative and transforming. Christ-like love sets no limits to which it will go. 'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends!'"

PERSONS WITNESS GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE

"When the high heart we magnify, and the clear vision celebrate, and worship greatness passing by, ourselves are great," is the word of Abraham Lincoln which sets the theme of this lesson's closing.

Harris Franklin Rall wrote a small book, "The Christian Faith and Way," in which he wrote about the greatest subjects for our lifetime to consider. God, man, history, and God's way of life for men and nations; our hope for life to come. It is simple, brief and revealing of the meanings of the principal words used in the Christian religion. "Jesus suggests two tests . . . 'obedient faith;' and 'the spirit of love, the spirit of the Father, shown in love and service to all in any need.'" Matthew 7:21-27; Matthew 25:31-46. Many who knew Dr. Rall think of him incarnating this redeeming spirit of love.

Dr. B. Harvie Branscomb wrote in "The Message of Jesus": "Jesus talked about a new character, life lived in ordinary surroundings from a new center. In him we see what such a life actually means . . . , the words of Jesus are most valuable as showing the kind of heart and soul from which they sprang; we strive always behind the deed or the word to apprehend that the life of Jesus was his greatest gift to the world."

Dr. Smiley Blanton, psychiatrist, wrote "Love or Perish." There is no love but truth. "Self discovery, faith, truth, — through these we bring love into our lives, ourselves become lovable, and so reach out to forge with our fellowmen the enduring bonds that preserve life."

Rita F. Snowden, in "The Time of our Lives" (Abingdon Press) quotes Canon Raven, "It is here and now that the Son of God is discovered . . . in the face of death that the gate of life is opened." "I claim the blessing now," said Charles Wesley.

The Christian faith is commitment to Christ . . . , the love of God, and his empowerment to love God, and our neighbor as ourselves. The next quarter's lesson will be of your own choosing.

"We can and should learn from each other . . ."

Dear Brother Workman:

My letter is in regard to the article in last week's paper by Rev. Herman Bonds, entitled "Are United Methodist Youth being 'lured away from their churches?'" At the present my reaction can be summed up in about three points. (I'll leave off the poem this time.)

First, the groups referred to in the report of the Board of Evangelism to the Annual Conference were only two—the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Young Life. Campus Crusade and Faith at Work were not included as indicated in the Editor's note. We selected FCA and Young Life because some members of our Board had had personal experiences with each group; and, we felt both groups were representative of a positive style of evangelism we wanted to encourage.

Second, the question, "Are United Methodist Youth being 'lured away from their churches?'" is one that most of us face from time to time, either from "outside groups" or from other denominations. It is true that some of our youth are having their spiritual needs met by these other groups. Where this is being done, then, I say more power to them. But, let's also remember this: When our youth are "lured" away, the attraction is very often the strong personality of a youth director or counselor, sometimes a pastor with special appeal, a girl friend or boy friend, or just belonging to a group.

But these are legitimate relationships which need not threaten us as pastors. In fact, we can learn from them. But first, we have to be honest and admit that it is not our great preaching and theology that attracts the youth. Our primary attractiveness is in being a pastor and friend they can trust. But this takes time and energy. We have to be with them, play and laugh with them, love them, and give them a chance to know and love us as pastors and persons. I firmly believe this kind of relationship will withstand any phony "luring away" from the outside. And even better, it creates an atmosphere in which some of our most effective evangelism can take place. For here, we can help our youth to feel their heart "strangely warmed" by the presence and power of Christ, and we can lead them into a personal, meaningful, and enduring commitment to Him as their Lord and Savior.

My third point is that I strongly hope the discussion provoked by the inclusion of the FCA and Young Life in our Board's report will not diminish or obscure other matters of importance, which were also a part of our

report. Our business is Christian Evangelism, and that's a lot bigger than any one Board, group, or church. None of us has all the answers, and we can and should learn from each other. It is imperative that we use every legitimate means, take every fair and honest advantage open to us, and always be alert to opportunities to share our faith in Christ constructively and creatively; and, like Paul "become all things to all men, that (we) might by all means save some." And "do it all for the sake of the gospel, that (we) may share in its blessings." (I Corinthians 9:22, 23)

I appreciate your "From our Readers" column. It helps to promote a positive and healthy mood among us; it gives me a chance to share these gems of wisdom with you; and most of all, I believe it gives us able assistance in making an effective witness for our Lord.

Fred H. Arnold Chairman
Conference Board of Evangelism

On "tongues" and healing

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to your editorial entitled "What about Tongues Speaking and Faith Healing?"

Your points are well made; there is room in the church today for both of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned as well as the other ones listed in 1st Cor. Chapter 13 and 14.

Perhaps the confusion would be cleared away if more teaching concerning the Holy Spirit and his gifts was given in the church.

It is my personal belief that all gifts of the Holy Spirit are potentially available for the person whose life is fully surrendered to, and who trusts Christ completely.

Furthermore each person has been given at least one of the gifts to empower him or her in their particular ministry or calling. These are to be appropriated through faith and prayer and obedience to the will of God for each person.

Some would use the manifestation of the Holy Spirit as an indicator as to whether or not one is a true Christian. In my humble opinion this should be avoided since it tends to divide the church. The fruits of the Holy Spirit evident in a person's life is the only reliable guide.

Sincerely yours,
F. M. Hilburn
Chairman, Administrative Board
United Methodist Church
Cotton Valley, La. 71018

"Good News" meet attracts 2000 United Methodists

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. (UMC) — With evangelical fervor in their hearts, spirited, revivalistic preaching in their cars, and Bibles and tape recorders under their arms, some 2,000 persons trooped across this venerable assembly grounds July 30-August 3 in the fourth "Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity."

While similar in many ways to the three earlier meetings sponsored by the unofficial Forum for Scriptural Christianity, usually known as the Good News movement, there was one major difference — little overt criticism of official United Methodism and its leaders in platform addresses and other meetings.

Arkansan presides

"I've heard more affirmative statements of love and support for United Methodism this week than in any church meeting for years," was the way the Rev. J. Frank Warden, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, summed up the week as he presided over the final session. (Warden is a native of North Little Rock and a student at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas). Other like comments were heard at various times during the meeting.

Not that dissatisfaction with church leaders and programs which helped to found the Good News movement has disappeared. It seemed to an observer to be lying still just below the surface and occasionally bubbled through, but the overall feeling was rather different from previous convocations when participants reserved their most fervent "Amens" and loudest applause for attacks by speakers on the "establishment."

More "acceptance"

Asked by reporters if this represented a switch in Good News policy, convocation leaders said that speakers never had been told what to say and the change this year was not the result of any plan. The Rev. Charles Keysor, Wilmore, Ky., introduced here as the "father" of Good News movement and editor of its magazine, said that perhaps the apparent change was the result of great acceptance of evangelicals in official circles.

The attendance of 2,085 was a record for such a convocation, according to the Rev. Michael Walker, Greenville, Texas, chairman of the convocation's steering committee.

It appeared that the 2,000 persons included no more than a score of minority persons, most of them blacks from Minneapolis, Minn.

Seminar sessions included marriage and family life, "saving" the Sunday school, Bible study, evangelism, work of the Holy Spirit, prayer, renewal groups and "lay survival in hostile surroundings." There also were extensive programs for children and for youth.

There were numerous prayer groups held throughout the grounds, and there were reports of some persons speaking in tongues.

To study crisis in missions

For the first time, a Good News Convocation became the source of united action for the denomination's unofficial evangelical movement, also known as "Forum for Scriptural Christianity Within the United Methodist Church." Dr. David A. Seamands, Good News Board Vice-Chairman and head of the group's Missions Task Force, told the convocation of the Good News board decision to call a church-wide evangelical missions consortium.

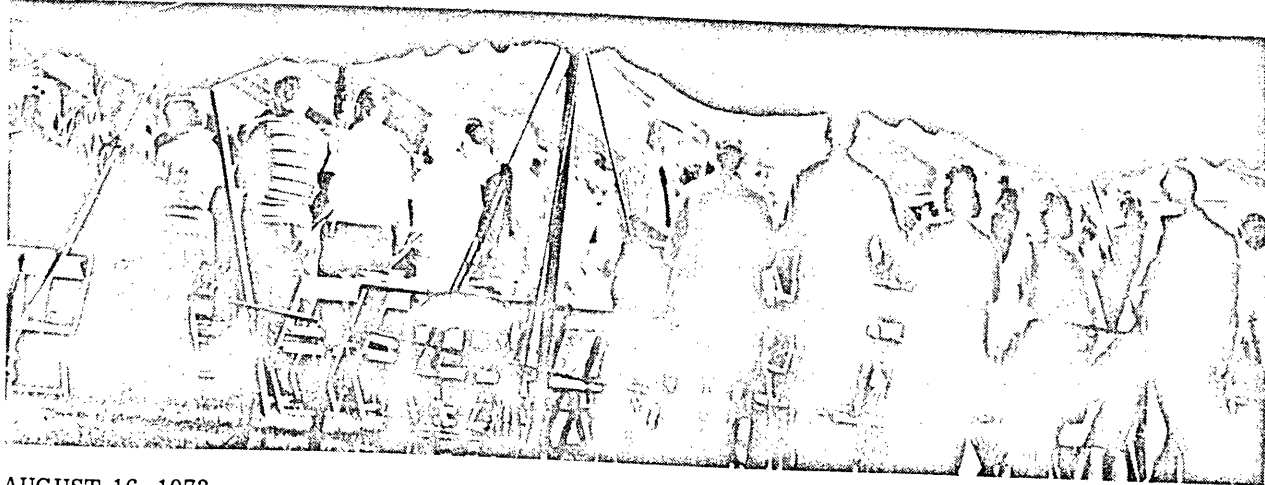
"It will be a think-tank," he explained to the press, "by which 25-50 evangelicals will explore ways to solve the crisis in our denomination's foreign missionary program. Invitations will be extended to a wide range of concerned United Methodist evangelicals, some of whom have not identified with Good News." The Board also announced completion of the first phase of a long-range policy plan for the Movement.

Bishop Hunt welcomes, cautions

The convocation was welcomed to Junaluska by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of the Charlotte Area, who said that "anyone should have known that a resurgence of evangelical religion was coming because it had been so long about it." The bishop also said there was more friendliness toward Good News in the Council of Bishops than might appear.

Bishop Hunt cautioned evangelicals against false doctrine, Phariseism, and a "superficial instead of a genuine social conscience and consciousness." "The only evangelical movement that can survive," he said, "is one that has a forthright position on great social issues."

Unlike an earlier assertion by the bishop concerning an overemphasis on organizational structure in the church that was greeted by a chorus of "Amens" from the crowded Stuart Auditorium, the call for a forthright social issues position was heard in silence.



BERGEN, N.Y. — A tent frames participants in a revival meeting in Bergen, N.Y. Some 1000 persons attended the meeting, sponsored by the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of the community as a part of a week of renewal, to hear a Roman Catholic priest, Father Francis McNutt, O.P., offer an explanation of the healing ministry. (RNS Photo)

Of charismatic movement . . .

Conservatives, fundamentalists most critical

NORTHFIELD, Minn. (RNS) — The charismatic or neo-Pentecostal movement was reported here to receive more criticism from conservative and fundamentalist Christians than from moderates and liberals.

Dr. Erling Jorstad, history professor at St. Olaf College and a student of the movement, suggested some reasons for this "surprising" development when he lectured on the movement at a summer theological conference at the American Lutheran school.

He said it was "surprising" since the new Pentecostals and the conservatives seem to share so much.

Dr. Jorstad, while emphasizing he claimed no infallibility for his analysis offered this explanation as to why "the more conservative-minded stand in sharp disagreement with most new charismatics," he said.

— "Many conservative church groups maintain their own mid-week or Sunday evening prayer meetings . . . Hence, they find little need for an additional mid-week meeting, such as the new Pentecostals conduct.

— "The conservatives fear that the teaching and practice of Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues will seriously disrupt and most likely break apart their own theology which

rests on the belief that the Christian belief can be clearly defined and understood by precisely worked doctrines . . .

"It appears that the conservatives fear the new charismatic manner of interpreting the Scriptures, just as do the more liberal groups."

— "Conservatives and fundamentalists have had considerably more experience in this century with itinerant faith healers, revivalist ministers and free-lance preachers than have the members of the mainline denominations, where the new Pentecostalism is the strongest.

— "Conservatives fear that they cannot control the movement of the Holy Spirit by the more traditional means of formal denominational decree and established church programs . . .

— "Many conservatives join with liberals in concluding that many of the more controversial new charismatic practices are understandable almost entirely in human terms, generally as seen and interpreted by psychology or linguistics . . ."

Dr. Jorstad is the author of *The Holy Spirit in Today's Church*, a Handbook of the New Pentecostalism, to be published Oct. 8 by Abingdon Press.

History of Jurisdiction's minorities to be published

DALLAS, Tex. (UMN) — Authors for the history of ethnic minorities in the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church have been announced here by Dr. Walter N. Vernon.

Dr. Vernon, recently elected chairman of the jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History, and a Nashville, Tenn., resident, said he will write the American Indian section of the brief history.

Dr. Grant S. Shockley, professor of Christian education at Chandler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., will author the Black section.

The Hispanic-American section will be written by Dr. Alfredo Nanez, professor of Hispanic studies at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas.

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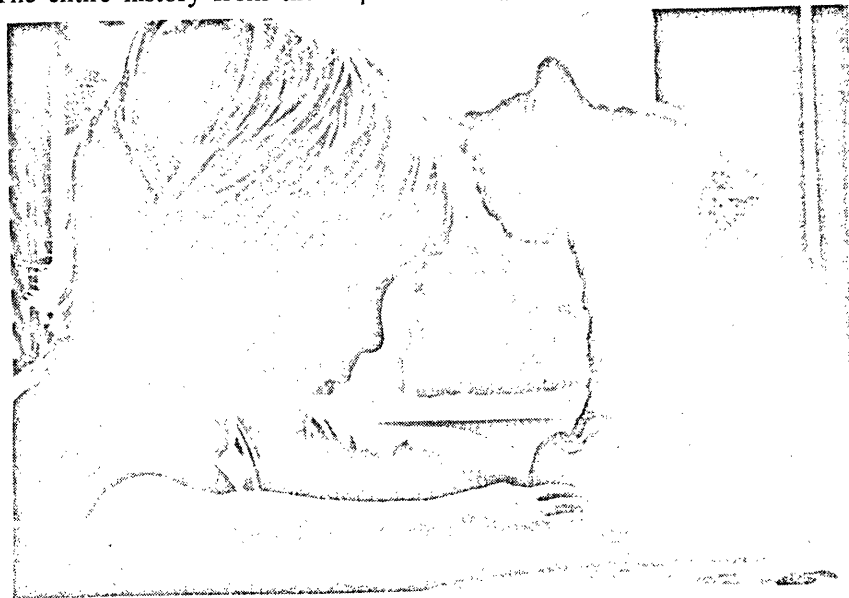
tive origins of the ethnic groups will be included.

"Space limitations will dictate that the pattern should center on the ethnic group as a whole," said Dr. Vernon. "The brief history can not be tied to a narrowly limited structure."

The history was authorized by the South Central Jurisdiction Council on Ministries last February with a proposed publication date of October 1975. The Commission expects to submit the completed manuscripts to the publisher in two years.

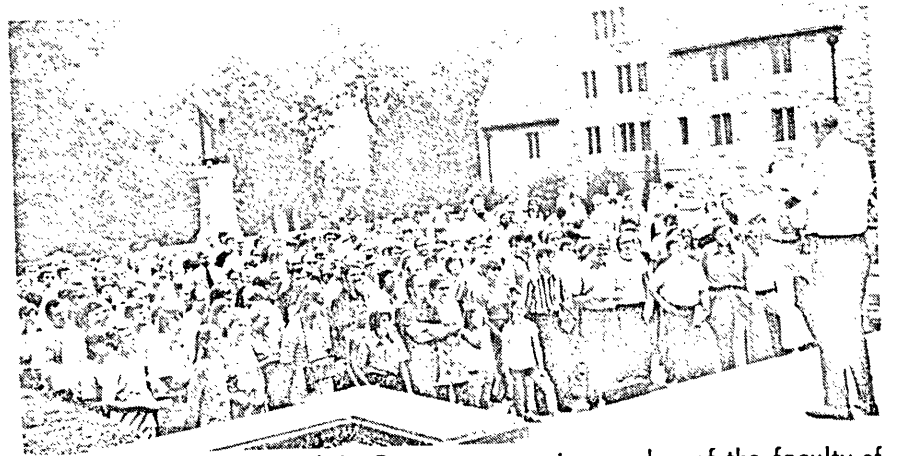
Focus of the American Indian section is expected to be the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and its ancestors.

The first manuscripts of the new historical work are expected to be submitted to the Commission for review in September of 1974.



PREPARATION

Under the watchful eyes of his pet cat, a little boy works diligently at his penmanship, getting ready for the school days ahead. (RNS Photo)



ST. LOUIS — Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer, senior member of the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, reads a "Declaration of Protest and Confession" signed by 50 of Concordia's 60 teachers. It served notice that the majority of the faculty of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school would not bow to conservative doctrinal policies endorsed by the denomination's triennial General Convention. The document purported that the leadership of the church and the majority of convention delegates — not the Concordia faculty — are abridging Lutheran standards. The convention had concluded that most Concordia professors taught false doctrine. (RNS Photo)

Methodist historians meet in England

BRISTOL (RNS) — Some of the most prominent Methodist historians of the United States, Britain and Europe met at Wesley College here for the first regional meeting of the World Methodist Historical Society.

The five-day conference was presided over by Dr. Frederick E. Maser, executive secretary of the society which traces its origins to the organization in 1911 of the 'Methodist Historical Union,' later called the 'Ecumenical Methodist Historical Union' and eventually 'The International Methodist Historical Society.'

Altogether, 60 historians attended the conference and discussed Methodism in its cultural and evangelical context. Several papers were read by top scholars. Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of Little Rock's First Church, was one of those attending from the United States. He is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Society.

The lecture theme of Dr. Albert C. Outler, noted theologian from Southern Methodist University at Dallas,

Texas, was "The Relevance of John Wesley's thought for Today," while Dr. Maldwyn L. Edwards, a former British Methodist Conference president who is regarded as one of the greatest living authorities on the Wesleys, spoke on "Methodism in the British Society of the 19th Century."

Asked by the Methodist Recorder to give his reactions to the charismatic movement, Dr. Outler said, "it is the liveliest single sign of yet another spiritual awakening in our contemporary religious situation."

"It is not without danger, excesses and crudities, but nor was early Methodism."

"It dismays me a little to hear contemporary English Methodism talking about the charismatic renewal in much the same way as the 18th Century Bishop of London talked about the Wesleys and their 'enthusiasm' and to hear staid establishment-minded Methodists talking about the charismatic renewal in the same vein, as if it were some danger to a Christianity that has, indeed, grown too dull."

Heifer Project routes 2000 cattle to Indians

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (RNS) — Heifer Project International is launching the biggest project of its kind ever tackled by the 28-year-old organization — a Fall round-up of 2,000 head of cattle for distribution to nine American Indian tribes.

Thurl Metzger, HPI's international program director, announced that it has entered into agreements with leaders on several reservations to provide herds of good breeding stock. Tribal herds will be maintained as "cattle banks," to make allocations to 4-H and F.F.A. club members and to individual ranchers.

Purebred Angus, Hereford, or other beef cattle are needed for the big round-up of 2,000 head, Mr. Metzger said. He pointed out that good grade animals will also be welcome.

Animals have already been delivered to the Papago and Pima Indians in Arizona, the Cattaraugus in New York, the Cherokee and Kickapoo Indians in Oklahoma, and some to the Sioux in North and South Dakota.

Taking part in the program are the Sioux at Sisseton, Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota; Santee Sioux in Niobrara, Neb.; Three Affiliated Tribes of Ft. Berthold Reservation in North Dakota; and three Navajo projects in Arizona and New Mexico.

Webster A. Two Hawk, president of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, past president of the United Sioux Tribes, and a former Episcopal priest in the District of South Dakota, said that HPI had given animals to the Rosebud Reservation last March during the peak of violence at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He emphasized that most Indians today are interested in developing self-help enterprises.

Ed Geers, HPI's executive director, suggested that churches, service clubs, and cattlemen might want to get together to contribute a whole truckload of cattle. Donors will be invited to a Brotherhood Pow-Wow on round-up day when the animals are delivered, he said.

Life, like a box?

Members of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock, were directed to Richards Fellowship Hall for the morning worship service last Sunday (Aug. 5th) "to remind us of our past in efforts to direct us toward our future," in the words of Associate Pastor, the Rev. Don Eubanks. Richards Fellowship Hall was St. Paul's first sanctuary at the Durwood Road site. The Rev. James Robert Scott is pastor.

Entitling his sermon "Our Life — 'A Box,'" Mr. Eubanks called attention to the "boxes" a person is placed in or places himself in throughout his lifetime, and to constructive or destructive ways of living in or moving from these boxes. Folding chairs, used when St. Paul members first moved into the church on Durwood Road, were arranged in rows around the four walls of Fellowship Hall, facing the center. In the center of this "box," were various-sized cardboard boxes labeled to represent "boxes we are in" (community, city, nation, political, the home, the body, etc.). Mr. Eubanks stood near the pile of boxes to deliver his sermon, at the close of which he pulled from boxes objects symbolizing creative options open to Christians living in or moving out of their boxes.

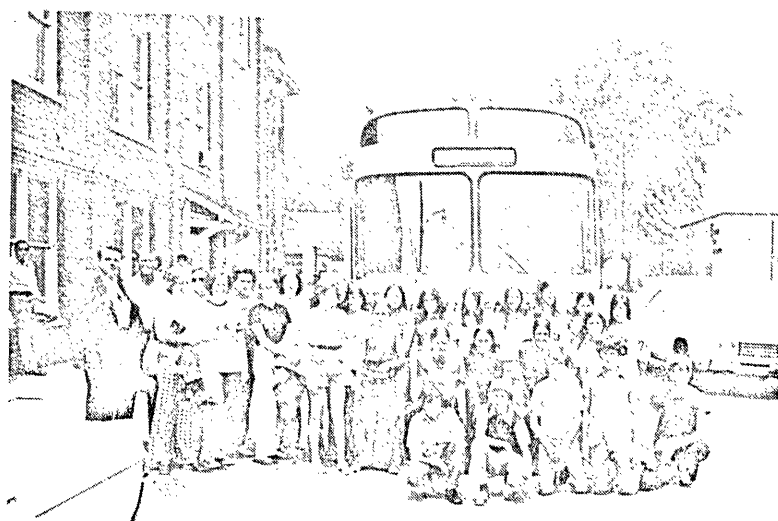
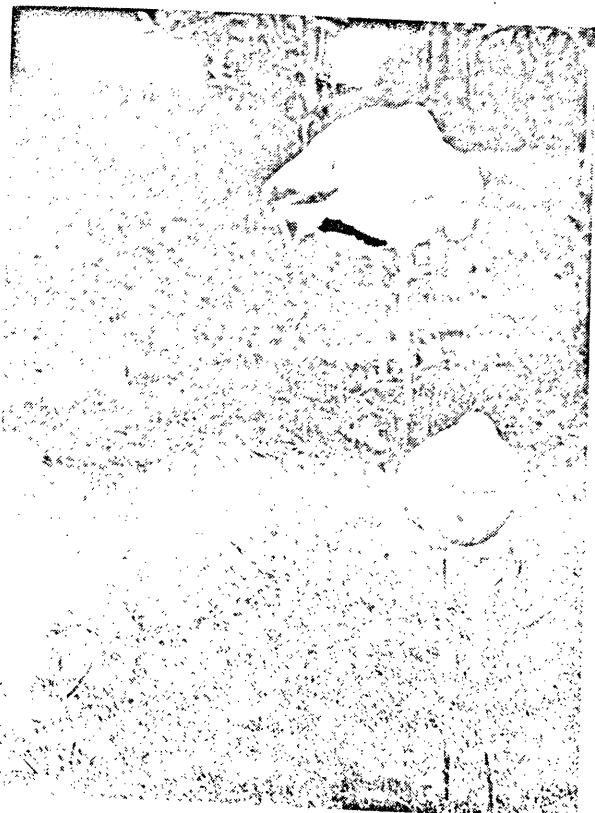
Emphasizing the difference between worship in the old sanctuary and the new, in addition to the substitution of folding chairs for soft pews, was the use of piano instead of organ. The unrobed Chancel Choir was led by Mrs. Elinor Royce, director of St. Paul's Youth, Carol and Wesley Choirs. Old familiar hymns were sung by the congregation. Dorothy Palmer played guitar and sang "I Saw the Light." A prayer was given by Oscar Fenn, and Jana Beard read the New Testament lesson and led the Affirmation of Faith.

A United Methodist missionary, Warren C. Wofford of Inman, S. C., has been commended for his work on the faculty of the American Institute of Lins, Brazil, by the Lins city council.

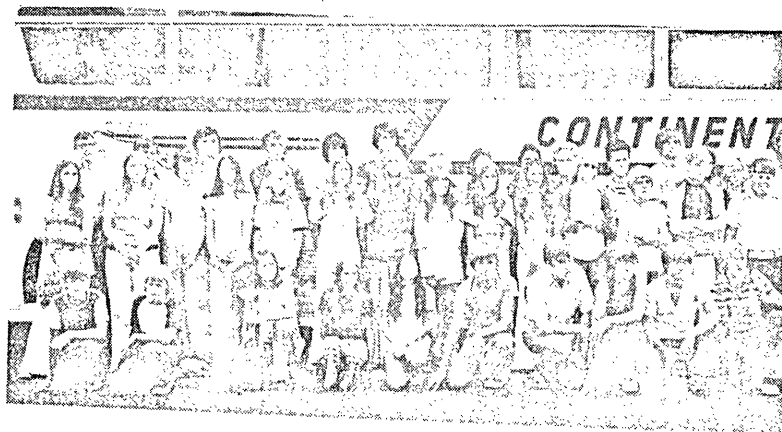
Arkeology

by Gene Herrington

His appeal
for
volunteers
must be
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Junior high youth of Malvern First Church readied for departure by Continental Trailways chartered bus for Nashville, Tenn., following Aug. 5 morning worship service. Shown with them are counselors, including the Rev. Charles Ashcraft, pastor (far left, foreground). The group visited The Hermitage, The Parthenon, Upper Room Chapel, Methodist Board of Evangelism and Board of Education, Methodist Publishing House, Scarritt College, Vanderbilt University, Peabody College and other points of interest, during the four-day excursion.



ABOVE:
The youth of First Church, Gurdon, about to depart on three-day tour of Methodist institutions in the Dallas area and Six Flags Over Texas. The Rev. Therral Wilson is minister at Gurdon.

MRS. FRANK ANGELO

The Cotton Plant United Methodist Church lost one of its oldest and most faithful members in the death of Mrs. Frank Angelo on July 31.

Mrs. Angelo had served the church in many capacities since 1913 when she came to Cotton Plant as a bride. She was the oldest member in years of service of the WSCS. She taught a Sunday School class for many years, was a member of the board of stewards, was formerly a member of the choir, and was in charge of the preparation of communion over a long period of time.

Before her marriage she was Miss Mary Johnson. All of her life was spent in Woodruff County. She was born at Devew and became a member of the Methodist church there when she was fourteen years old. She and Mr. Angelo celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1962, several years before his death. She is survived by two sons, Frank Angelo of Jonesboro, and Joe Best Angelo of California, and several grandchildren.

"Miss Mary" will be long remembered and missed in Cotton Plant.

News in Brief

Mrs. J. Robert Nelson, director of health education for the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, Mass., has received a four-weeks study grant to tour medical institutions in Moscow, Kiev, Leningrad and Odessa, Russia, and the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

It has been observed that "man's nature and requirements are such that he can never have a feeling of security, peace and happiness without faith . . ." In the gospel of Matthew it's put in this term . . . "According to your faith be it unto you."

Faith

God's love is whispered
On the sparrow's breast,
And I know
He whispers to me.

-by Rosemary Clements

The Guardian

Have you considered the tiny sparrow,
So dependent, fragile and light?
God fills its needs — it fears not tomorrow —
Meekly surviving by day and night.

He watches its flight and lifts its wings
Above the storm as it speeds along . . .
Sends the sunlight in which it sings,
And guards the young, shields them from harm.

We're dependent and have great need for Him
As we journey along our earth-bound way.
He stands and watches in each shadow dim —
'Til we view His face in the light of day.

What a glorious day breaks into view
When we trust in His ever-loving care!
Just as He cares for each tiny sparrow
We can be sure of His presence there!

-by Margie King



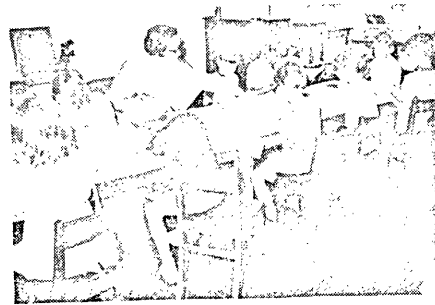
Shown here are some of the 40 children and young people, along with their teachers and helpers, who attended the Vacation Bible School held at the Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, July 30 through Aug. 3, for the Mt. Tabor-Mt. Zion Churches of the Austin Circuit. The pastor is the Rev. George Bailey.



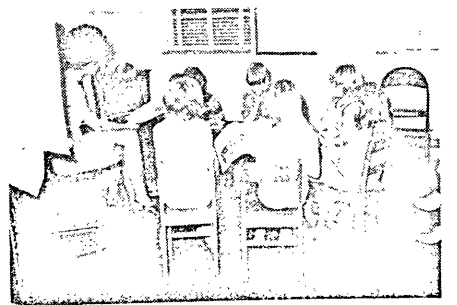
Newport First Church held vacation church school at night this year for the first time. Night classes enabled them to recruit some men teachers — four young men and several teenage boys. Dean of the school was Mrs. W. L. McDowell; Mrs. Champ Hosley is educational assistant to the pastor, the Rev. David P. Conyers. Kent Branstetter, summer youth worker, assisted. Others on the staff included Mrs. Tommy Clark, Mrs. James Rogers, Bobby Chatman, Mrs. James Spencer, Phillip McDonald, Mrs. Conrad Taylor, Dean Garrett, David Hodges, and Mrs. Bobby Chatman.



The Rev. Andy Hall and his family were welcomed to Wyatt Memorial Church in Fort Smith with a lawn party on the church grounds after a recent Sunday evening worship service. The Hall family is shown above with Mrs. Louise Hill (left), UMW president, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, district superintendent and wife, at right.



Elementary I-II at Asbury Church are led by Mrs. Frank Zimmerman.



Children in III-IV study "Land of the Bible" with Mrs. William Reinhardt.



Mrs. Fred Arnold leads the group of V-VI grade children.



Asbury youth committee is at work led by Annette Williams.



First Church, North Little Rock, was host to a talented group of UMY members from Weatherford, Tex., July 22. The 20 young people, who were returning from a working trip to the Appalachian hills of Kentucky, presented a musical service entitled "People to People" which they had compiled and directed. First Church young people, whose leader is the Rev. Ralph Wiggins, were joined by the youth of St. Paul Church, Little Rock, led by the Rev. Don Eubanks.

INTERGENERATIONAL SCHOOL AT ASBURY CHURCH

A Family (Intergenerational) Vacation Church School was held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock July 29 through August 2. Mrs. Ed Corbell was director of the school with Mrs. M. S. Burgess as assistant.

The Adult course which is always well attended was taught by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cooper and was a continuation of last year's study on the "Sermon on The Mount."

The Youth Division's study was on the use of money, "Bread and Perhaps A Little Butter" was taught by Miss Annette Williams. The Children's Division used the regular Vacation Church School material.

The evening started off at 6 o'clock with a pot-luck supper, the church furnishing the meat, rolls and coffee. Classes were held from 6:30 to 8:30 with a short break at 7:30. It was a good school with children, youth and adults learning together.

The Rev. Fred Arnold is pastor.

Ecumenical institute in Argentina in second year

NEW YORK (UMC) — What used to be a traditional seminary training men for the ministry is now in its second year as a community in which 64 participants — men, women, children — work, study and live together, contributing into a common fund whatever income they earn for maintenance of the community.

Although focused around the Institute of Higher Theological Studies in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the community is diversified in its educational pursuits. Sixty-two of the participants are in some study program. The largest number, 26, are in theological courses, nine in music courses and 19 in special programs or studying outside the Insti-

tute. Eight children are considered part of the community.

As in the days when it was Union Theological Seminary, the two-year-old Institute draws its community not only from Argentina but from various other Latin American countries. The community is ecumenical in its make-

up. Students work the number of hours necessary to maintain the community but carry on their programs of study, reported the Rev. Roberto Rios, president of the Institute and a leading minister in the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina, an autonomous body.

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