

So far as is known, this service of Holy Communion Oct. 7 at the United Methodist Women's Assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio, is the first major denominational gathering at which all celebrants were women. Nineteen ordained United Methodist women ministers consecrated the elements (on circular table), which were served to about 8,000 Assembly members by presidents of annual conference United Methodist Women organizations.

Clergywomen administer Communion at historic UMW Assembly

CINCINNATI, Ohio (UMC) — A sense of spiritual renewal and reaffirmation of organizational purpose marked the gathering of about 8,000 United Methodist women from all over the nation for their quadrennial Assembly at Convention Center here October 4-7.

Meeting in a city where 93 years ago one of their predecessor organizations was founded, the women chose the occasion to focus on their movement from the former Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild into the single new organization, United Methodist Women. All units are expected to complete the transition into the new organization by December 31.

The women also used the Assembly to re-examine their basic purpose and to emphasize their unity within diversity in the Assembly theme of "Many

Gifts, One Spirit." Their chief staff executive, Theresa Hoover of New York, said the Assembly was for renewal through prayer, fellowship and "stimulation of the mind," and for affirmation of the group as a supportive community of women.

With worship, song, group discussions, speakers, drama, meeting mission workers, theological and Biblical reflection, an "Ecumenical Day" and a Communion service, the women concentrated on inner renewal and inspiration, though the action content of their world mission program was also emphasized in speeches and in other ways.

Contrasted with the 1970 Assembly in Houston, Texas, when sharp polarization developed among women over the war in Vietnam and other issues, this year's Assembly had no overall major divergences of opinion. A discordant note did come in relation

sored by the Texarkana Religious Emphasis Committee. Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Gerald Kennedy Professor of Preaching at the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif., will be the guest minister.

The lectures will be held at Williams Memorial United Methodist Church, 220 Reading Avenue at 4 p.m. on Sunday and at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

Themes and titles for the messages are: Sunday, A Word for the Church, "God's Good News—Receiving Love," Monday morning, Emerging Woman, "From Man's Rib to Women's Lib," Monday evening, The Generation Gap, "Between the Generations;" and Tuesday morning, A Nation in Crisis, "The Gift of Integrity;" and Tuesday evening, The Christian Hope, "Bad News — Good News."

The Religious Emphasis Committee of Texarkana, Ark.-Tex., is an interdenominational group established in 1955 for the purpose of enriching the spiritual life of Texarkana through the

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Dallas pastor to lecture at Malvern

Dr. William M. Elliott, Jr., Pastor Emeritus, Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas will be the speaker for the 1973 Young Lectures to be held at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, October 21-23.

The series will open with the morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Sunday morning, Oct. 21, and will continue with the Sunday evening service at 7 o'clock. Services will be held twice daily on Monday and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Elliott was the pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church for twenty-nine years, which is now the largest congregation in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States with over 6,300 members. He is well-known throughout the United States as a Preacher, lecturer and author. He has just returned from a two months trip to west and east Europe.

The Young Lectures are a gift to First United Methodist Church and the Malvern community by members of the J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young family as a memorial to their



Dr. Elliott

parents and to the memory of their two deceased sons, John Murry Young and Gordon E. Young.

The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft, pastor of Malvern First Church, invites everyone to attend these services. Ample parking space will be available and a well-staffed nursery will be provided for children under six years of age. An informal reception for Dr. Elliott will be held following the evening services.

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to an "Evening of Celebration" presented by the Rev. Al Carmines, a minister at Judson Memorial Church, New York, and a group of dancers and singers. He was liturgist and musician for the Assembly.

Although many women crowded around Mr. Carmines following the program of songs, dance and poetry to congratulate him, about 200 signed a

petition objecting to the program as inappropriate to a church meeting and lacking in inspiration (about 75 signed a petition of appreciation).

But there was also much praise for Mr. Carmines' composition of a theme song for the Assembly, entitled "Many Gifts, One Spirit," and it was sung many times. The closing communion

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K. Morgan Edwards to preach for Texarkana series

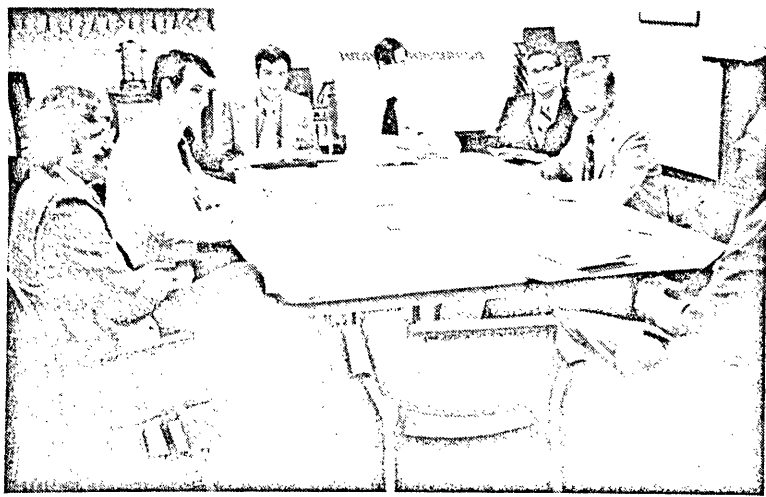
"Emphasizing Religion in a Troubled World" will be the theme of the preaching mission Oct. 21-23 sponsored by the Texarkana Religious Emphasis Committee.



Dr. Edwards



The service of Consecration for the new facilities of Hope's First Church was held Sunday, Oct. 7, conducted by Bishop Eugene M. Frank. The new unit includes sanctuary, classrooms, kitchen, parlor, fellowship rooms and a chapel. The facility is the fourth church plant to be built by the Hope congregation. Stained glass windows from the former sanctuary are used in the new. The unit, including lot and furnishings, represents an investment in excess of \$900,000. The Rev. Norris Steele is the pastor. Dr. D. Mouzon Mann is the Hope District superintendent.



Dr. Shubert Ogden (second from right), faculty member at Perkins School of Theology, leads Intern Seminar on Doctrinal Standards in the Church. Participating are the Rev. Michael Jay Cole, visiting from Grace Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Ed Matthews, Lakeside, Pine Bluff; not visible is the Rev. George Fisk, minister-in-training at Lakeside; the Rev. James R. Brown, minister-in-training at Pulaski Heights Church; the Rev. Kennan C. Williams, minister-in-training at First Church, Benton; Dr. James B. Argue, Pulaski Heights Church; Dr. Ogden; and Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck, First Church, Benton. The seminar held at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock was one in a series of five being conducted during the 18 week intern program.

Ministers-in-training serving three congregations

Three seminary students are serving as "ministers-in-training" in three congregations in the Little Rock Conference. The Intern Program of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Tex., is now in its second year and is described as "a significant new venture involving Perkins School of Theology in a partnership with the church for more effective ministerial education." All students in the Master of Theology degree program are required to serve in internship after their second year of graduate professional study.

Serving the Arkansas congregations are the Rev. Keenan C. Williams, minister-in-training at First Church in Benton where Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck is the pastor; the Rev. James R. Brown, minister-in-training at Pulaski Heights church in Little Rock, Dr. James B. Argue, pastor; and the Rev. George C. Fisk, minister-in-training at Lakeside church in Pine Bluff, whose pastor is the Rev. Edward Matthews.

The purpose of the interim program is to provide the student with practical

experience and instruction which is not available in the classroom. One aim of the program is "to afford opportunity for insight, confidence, competence and poise in his role and function as a minister."

The length of the internship is normally at least one semester (18 weeks). Those serving in the Little Rock Conference began their work on Aug. 20 and will conclude on Dec. 20. At that time they return to the Perkins campus to complete their residence training.

The pastor of the local church to which a minister-in-training is related serves as his field instructor. A feature of the program is a series of five seminars in which the minister-in-training, the field instructors and other staff persons participate. These are led by Perkins faculty members and are usually one day in duration. In addition there will be one seminar led by Bishop Eugene M. Frank.

Three of the five seminars have been held to date. Leaders of these and their topics have been Dr. Shubert Ogden, Doctrinal Standards in the

Church; Dr. Lamar Cooper, Ministerial Ethics; and Dr. Grady Hardin, Preaching. The fourth, to be held on Oct. 29, is entitled Evangelism, and will be led by Dr. George Hunter. Dr. Howard Grimes will lead the final seminar by Perkins faculty; its subject is Church Education and it will be conducted on Nov. 12. The seminars have been held at Pulaski Heights church in Little Rock. The date for the seminar to be held by Bishop Frank has not been announced.

During his time in the local church the minister-in-training is considered a staff member. An aim of the program is "to involve the student meaningfully and responsibly in the total scope of ministry — but under supervision." Six basic functions of ministry in which the program seeks to involve the student are pastoral care, congregational worship, management within the parish, education, church beyond the parish, and community relations.

At present there are 56 ministers-in-training in the Perkins program. These are related to 13 separate field units. A local congregation desiring information on the program may write to Director, Field Education, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex. 75222. Support of the minister-in-training is primarily by the local congregation. Stipends for the interns are the same for a given period of time.

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THE REV. CURTIS W. WILLIAMS

The Rev. Curtis W. Williams, aged 74, of Benton, died on Thursday, Oct. 11. Mr. Williams was a retired member of the Little Rock Conference. Born at Hot Springs, he was the son of L. E. and Mrs. Molly Kinney Williams. He attended Hendrix College and was a supervisor for the Works Progress Administration during the 1930s.

Pastoral appointments served by Mr. Williams were Douglassville and Geyer Springs in Little Rock, where he began his ministry in 1937. He served at Pullman Heights, Hot Springs, Dumas, and as district and conference evangelist during 1948 and 1949. Other pastoral appointments were Carlisle, Dewitt, Nashville, Little Rock Hunter, and Primrose, from where he retired in June of 1965. Following retirement he served for a period of five years as minister of visitation and as teacher of the Men's Bible Class at First Methodist Church in Benton.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Morton Williams; by two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Baker of Enid, Okla., and Mrs. June Price of Benton; by two sisters, Mrs. Lilla Harrison of Benton and Miss Gladys Williams of Little Rock; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at First United Methodist Church of Benton with Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck officiating. Burial was at Forest Hills Cemetery.

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Little Rock Conference Youth Tour scheduled Nov. 17-25

The Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries will sponsor a tour to Washington and New York for the youth of public school grades nine through 12 during the period from Nov. 17-25, 1973. Like the tour conducted last year, the itinerary will include places of historical importance in Washington, the United Nations, and other points of interest in New York City.

The tour will be under the direction and leadership of the Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., pastor of Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The cost will be \$175, plus extra meals and other expenses incurred by the individual himself.

Registrations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis until Oct. 27 — the deadline date — and

must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25. The final payment of \$150 should be submitted by Nov. 1st to the Conference Youth Coordinator. The Rev. R. O. Beck, 715 Center, Suite 202, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

There are no other requirements necessary except that the youth be affiliated with the United Methodist Church. As soon as registrations are received in the Conference office, registrants will receive detailed information concerning personal needs for the trip — clothes, number of bags permitted, suggested amount of extra spending money, etc. — in addition to an itinerary of the trip.

Paul E. Hankins and the Rev. Joe E. Arnold and other adults will accompany the youth.

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Fayetteville District Council on Ministries group in meeting held at Town and Country Restaurant in Rogers, Oct. 4th. BACK ROW (left to right): Dr. Russell Riggs, the Rev. Merle Johnson, the Rev. Tom Adkinson, the Rev. John McCormack, the Rev. Max Whitfield, Dr. Joel Cooper, the Rev. Maurice Lanier, the Rev. Vernon Paysinger, the Rev. Bill Williams, the Rev. David Moose; FRONT: Ralph Whiteway, the Rev. Lewis Chesser, the Rev. Sam Teague, the Rev. Harold H. Spence, district superintendent, Vicki Van Pauke, and Mrs. Norma Wilson. In addition to evaluation and setting of future goals, Training Schools to be held at the Springdale and Harrison Churches were approved. (Photographer, the Rev. Arvill Brannon of Conference Council on Ministries Office)

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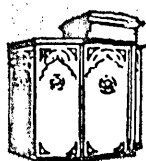
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From the Bottom of the Heart....

WHEN GOLD RUSTS

Some few years back President Lyndon B. Johnson announced that he would not seek nor accept this party's nomination for reelection. Among those being interviewed immediately following this sudden disclosure was Senator Eugene McCarthy. In a situation and moment which obviously overwhelmed him, the senator's response was "I think I'm surprised."

This response comes to mind in relation to the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew from the office of Vice President. For the remark, taken from its context and borrowed for this completely different situation, characterizes an attitude of a considerable number of Americans. For many of our citizens have lost the capacity to be genuinely surprised at corruption anywhere and find it difficult to be honestly alarmed over wrong-doing in high places. This loss of moral sensitivity is just one among the many issues in America 1973 which should receive special concern from the Christian citizen.

In the weeks to come we will be bombarded with all kinds of comment, diagnoses and reflections on the events of the past months. It is right that we should be; in a sense we must be if we are to make redemptive use of these tragic events. Their scope boggles the mind, breaks the heart and "accentuate(s)" the existence of an unparalleled moral crisis in the life of our nation," to quote Bishop Charles F. Golden, president of our Council of Bishops.

Of the many issues which emerge, several are of priority concern from the point of view of our faith.

ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

One is our attitude toward the man Spiro T. Agnew. Two extremes are being expressed. One of these bends over backwards, out of deference to his high office and from an understandable compassion for the humiliated, to gloss over the charges of broken laws, for which the former Vice President has, as a result of a bargained plea, now received a \$10,000 fine and been put on probation for three years — the other half of the "bargain" being that he resign his high office. This same attitude is eager to whitewash the feelings of broken trust which so many citizens have painfully experienced.

The other extreme has been by those who have lashed out in self-righteous condemnation, leaving no stone unthrown and tempering no wind to the shorn lion.

Neither of these extremes is honest. Neither does any good for the man nor for the nation. While both reactions may be understandable, both are inadequate for the Christian. The latter reaction — self-righteous condemnation — is hard to resist, being told that pay-off money was delivered to the Washington office of the Vice President during the very years that law and order was the theme so vigorously preached from that office. Nor do the memories of vicious attacks upon those who violated welfare regulations in order to stay alive rest easy with the knowledge that these attacks came from one who has been so seriously accused. Such events make it difficult not to feel disillusioned toward an office we should have every reason to trust.

The former attitude — unquestioning compassion — is also hard to resist by those who are conditioned either by good manners or by their faith. The sensitive person wants to have compassion toward those who have been humiliated or caught in wrong-doing. But this attitude is also unfair because it would push a "cheap grace" upon the former Vice President and deny him the right all have to redemption that can come to each of us only through God's "costly grace."

Our response, then, must be consistent with our total faith. Spiro T. Agnew is afforded the same grace that each of us mortals claim. He stands under the same admonitions — all subjects of God's and man's law must stand. It hurts the more because we have, we believe, the right to expect more from those who seek and accept high positions of public trust. "If gold will rust, what will iron do?"

WHEN FAITH BECOMES PRIVATE

Another aspect of the situation, of particular significance from the standpoint of faith, concerns the effects of "private faith." We have seen an administration which has been accused of public show of private piety ("closed" worship services in the White House, extended moralistic rhetoric, calls for law and order, etc., etc.) while at the same time being involved in deception at best and criminal acts at worst.

It is not just a partisan failure. Nor is it just an affliction peculiar to politics. It is, rather, a human ailment which infects the public and private sector, the state and, yes, the church. Who is not to blame for moral compromise? Who among us is clean?

The temptation is that we put all of this behind us and get on to

the urgent national and world issues at hand. But the fact is that there are no more basic and fundamental issues before our nation than those symbolized by Watergate and prior and subsequent moral defaults. For they reflect the necessity for a basic moral integrity from which all other issues, in a nation under God, must be approached.

If "getting on with the business at hand" means sweeping Watergate and all under the rug, we could do no greater disservice to future generations of Americans. Certainly we're "tired of Watergate." But so is God tired of all sin. Better to be tired of it and pursuing remedies than to give up on the whole distasteful mess to return to business as usual without better safeguards against other Watergates in the future.

Until we have dealt honestly and adequately with this issue, all others are of secondary concern.

The situation presents a clear and urgent call to persons of faith that they be about their task with a renewed and determined devotion.

Off the Top of the Head....

Sole searching

I know that there are good Christian people in the men's shoe manufacturing business but I'm beginning to wonder if any of them are ever going to get to heaven. If their case depends on one would-be purchaser they've got a rough road ahead of them.

My problem is this. It's my year at our house to buy shoes, and when it comes to this kind of transaction I have to begin scouting around a few weeks before its starts to begin to be time to commence to think seriously about looking in earnest for some possible bargains that one might want to look into in a few weeks or so in case one might want to consider buying two shoes some one of these days or so.

It's just not in me to rush into this kind of transaction. It's sort of like picking a wife (I really don't know why this analogy comes to mind, and I really don't mean anything by it, girls. Honestly).

Anyway, I've begun my search and it's about to ruin my lunch hours. I've gotten to the point where I don't know whether to look before I eat or afterwards. Some styles I am shown make even the hint of food a most distressing thought and other styles make me wish that I had been fortified with a very full stomach before facing them. So, I'm never quite sure about the eating bit.

The other noon when I thought I had at last found just the pair that would, as I proudly announced to the clerk, "suit my personality," the good man responded without even so much as a smile that "That number has gone out of style and we won't be getting anymore." The gentleman couldn't have known what that did to my already buffeted psyche or he would never have said it, I'm sure. So, pretending that it didn't make any difference to me anyway, I finally found another pair that I happily suggested would "express the real 'Me' to the world." This is something else you're not going to believe, but — yes — I had picked out the only other pair of the 10,000 on display that were being phased out!

I shall not attempt to explain to you how I felt (for you're not up to hearing it, this far from Sunday) as I gathered my now completely frayed spirits, bravely thanked the man, and turned my face toward the door and walked out into the strange, strange world which I suddenly realized was not really my home anymore.

But, alas, being of sound faith and coming from good stock, I shall soon recoup and continue my search. For somewhere, somewhere out there in shoeland, there are two shoes, one right and one left, that are "me."

I'm really not sure that I believe this, but I want to so very, very much that I'm going to keep looking. However, from what I've seen, I really can't offer myself much encouragement.

But tomorrow is another day! I think I'll have the tuna salad before I hit the streets this time.

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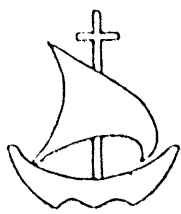
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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Addressing a city-wide Ecumenical Celebration audience in Iowa City, Iowa, Sen. Mark Hatfield said only religious renaissance, repentance and spiritual revival can cure American society's crisis in purpose. The senator told the interreligious group, representing 22 Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, "the nation cannot continue to pretend that God has somehow chosen and blessed America as he did ancient Israel." He criticized the myth of a "national folk religion, devoid of moral content," which "fails to distinguish between the god of civil religion and the God revealed in Scripture."

The National Council of Churches reports that U.S. Church contributions are on the increase again even though membership has declined somewhat during the past two years. The report said that last year 39 established church bodies including most major Protestant denominations received \$4,615,607,162 in contributions, with a percentage gain of 5.2, nearly two per cent higher than the government's figure of 3.3 for last year's cost of living rise. Per capita giving in 10 main-line churches averaged out to \$103.33 in 1972, as against \$96.74 the year before, a rise of \$6.59 or 6.7 per cent.

A recent United Methodist communications newsletter, replying to persons who have questioned the omission of "United" from "Methodists Make News" releases, says the "rationale has been that MMN has sought to carry news of the three black Methodist denominations as well as United Methodist News. However, that rationale is being questioned by the staff and it is expected that the new heading will carry 'United.'" The general church news service unit has made a determined effort to make certain the denomination is not referred to simply as "Methodist."

Dr. Leon Smith, Nashville, director of marriage and family life education, was among religious and civic leaders who testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Youth in late September. Dr. Smith proposed that "a National Institute for Families" be established as one way to implement the basic concern for children, youth and families, and that the chief officer of such an institute have Cabinet status." The United Methodist suggested that such an institute "would have the power to review all governmental policies affecting families and to make recommendations to the proper authorities in all branches of government."

The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race, meeting in Oklahoma City, decided to seek corrective measures to provide General Conference seats to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, a 128-year-old unit which has never had even non-voting delegates until 1972. The commission will also ask the General Conference, set to meet in 1976, to provide for Indian delegates from annual (regional) conferences with large Indian constituencies. There are about 20,000 Indian members of the denomination, with the greatest concentration in Oklahoma.

The Rev. Thomas Roughface, a district superintendent in the Indian Conference, said the Church should also give attention to the question of ministerial ordination as it affects minorities. The commission adopted proposals to study the process of securing and training clergy in light of the need for recruiting persons from and for minority groups.

The faculty of the 50-year-old Latin American Biblical Seminary in Costa Rica has taken issue with comments on their school made by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor-at-large of Christianity Today magazine, who recently spent six weeks in Latin America. Henry had written: "Some professors at the Latin American Seminary in Costa Rica, one of the oldest evangelical seminaries whose leadership has in recent years been turned over to Latin Americans, espouse a compromise form of liberation theology, take a hard line critical of North American mission board influence and support socialism as a preferred economic option and violence as a Christian possibility for social change."

According to the professors in Costa Rica, the report was "irresponsible and distorted," failed to say anything about teachers with "middle-of-the-road and conservative political views" and did not distinguish between types of socialism. Reiterating commitment to historic evangelical doctrine and the authority of the Bible, the professors said any report "appearing to link this institution with the promotion of guerrilla warfare or radical theology strays far from the truth."

Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr. of North Carolina has proclaimed Oct. 21 as "Traffic Safety Sabbath" in the state. The state's chief executive announced that more than 12,000 ministers were being sent information packets including a letter in which he asks for their support of the observance. "I am sure," he said, "that participation in this effort can be an effective force to cut down on the death and injuries on North Carolina highways."

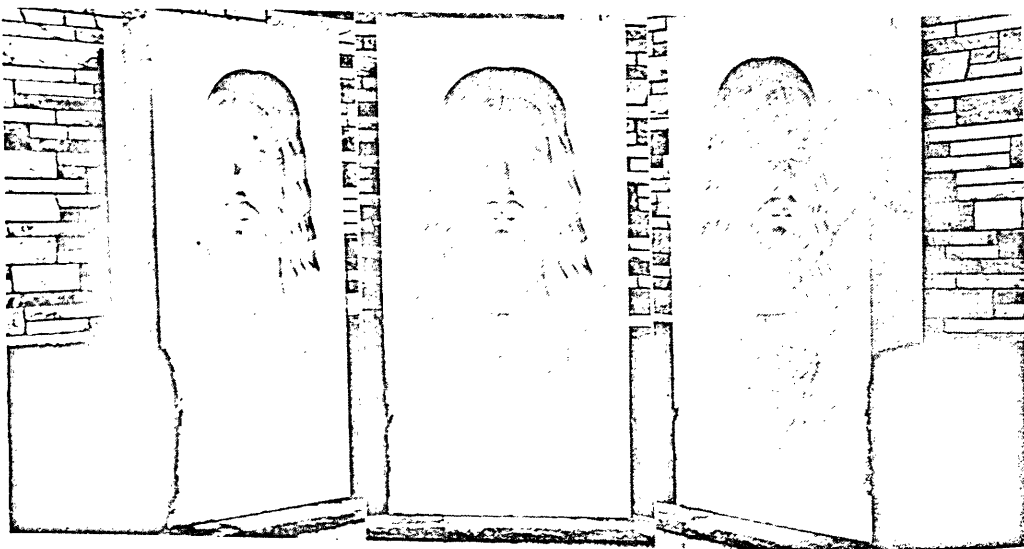
Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty, Hungary's exiled Roman Catholic primate, made a strong plea at a news conference during his recent visit in North Brunswick, N.J., for the protection of human rights of prisoners and refugees all over the world, including the rights of Soviet intellectuals now under fire from their own government. Twice imprisoned by Communist regimes, Cardinal Mindszenty urged "all people of the free world who value human rights" not to forget these people.

Citing a speech by Maltese Ambassador Pardo given six years ago at the United Nations, Dr. Carl Soule, a leading United Methodist churchman, told the working committee of the Christian Peace Conference it would be good international socialism and good religion if the oceans and their floors were administered by a U.N. agency for the welfare of mankind. Interpreting the value of the sea to the world community, Pardo had noted that: Metallic nodules litter the ocean floor. They contain manganese, iron, cobalt, copper, nickel, aluminum and lead. One estimate is that they contain 43 billion tons of aluminum, sufficient for the world's needs for 20,000 years; 350 billion tons of manganese, sufficient for 400,000 years; eight billion tons of copper, sufficient for 6,000 years.

Dr. William J. Reiss, executive secretary of the Lutheran Council's Division of Service to Military Personnel, has announced that there are chaplaincy "openings" in the U.S. Armed Forces for black Lutherans, women and minority group clergy. He said the new emphasis indicates the Defense Department's objective to have the chaplaincies reflect, as much as possible, the diverse makeup of the civilian population — "by race and national origin" as well as denomination.

In Charlotte, N.C. sponsors of a popular interdenominational parking lot ministry for young people, launched last Spring, are now planning a Winter program in the form of a coffeehouse. Entitled PURPOSE (People United for Reasons of Presenting Organized Spiritual Entertainment), the weekly 90-minute programs were held on church and commercial parking lots, with Sunday night sessions attracting an average of 300 young people. Christian music, films, and the distribution of tracts and literature have been part of the program, along with "rapping" for Jesus.

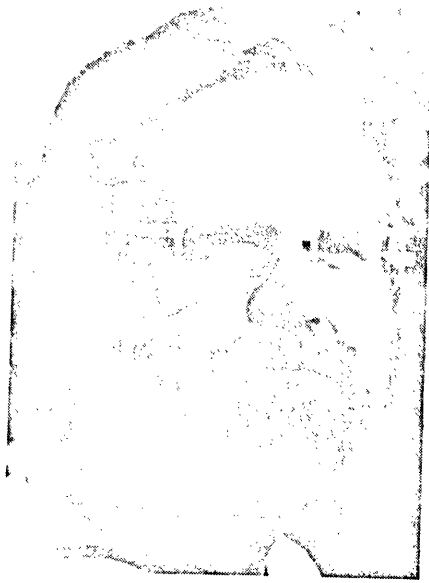
Gov. Daniel Evans of Washington State has signed into law a drastic revision of the state law on tax exemption which greatly broadens the legal definition of a church for religious purposes. It takes the power to determine tax exemption of churches away from county assessors and allocates the determination to the State Department of Revenue. Passage of such a bill to clarify the tax position of churches had been sought by a wide variety of religious bodies because some county assessors had taken a narrow interpretation of the existing law which, if applied, would have imposed great financial burden on religious organizations and would have greatly curtailed church programs designed to serve people.



GATLINBURG, Tenn.—A group of Italian sculptors have carved the face of Jesus in a concave manner so that the eyes—and the entire face—seem to turn and follow the movements of a person walking before it. The six-ton sculpture, carved from pure Carrara marble, was found in Carrara, Italy, by Ronald Ligon, a Tennessean who placed it in the patio of his Christian Gardens—a scenic attraction in the Smoky Mountains near Gatlinburg where the life of Christ is depicted with life-size wax figures. The statue was pushed aside and forgotten in an ancient warehouse when Mr. Ligon found it. Nearby were the famed Carrara quarries from which Michelangelo secured the marble for his masterpieces. Under the face Mr. Ligon has had carved a quotation from Proverbs 15:3, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch upon the evil and the good."

Jacksonville M. D. and family engage in Summer mission in Algeria

by NANCY BURNETT
Staff writer,
Jacksonville Daily News



Dr. Rex Moore

(Dr. Moore, a member of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Arkansas, with his family, made the trip and performed the services described below without remuneration. Dr. Moore's personal transportation was a gift from his church.

France have also served there.

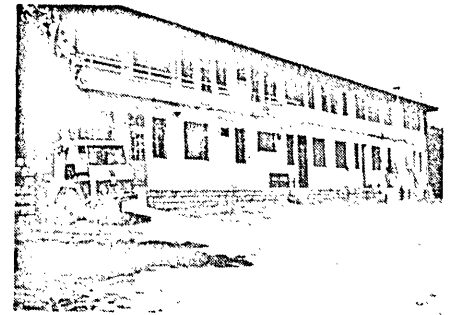
He added that there are many students in medical school; the problem is that Algeria only became independent from France in 1962, and the medical school was established four or five years ago. To be a doctor in Algeria, one must have seven years of schooling. So it will still be a while before the school produces any physicians.

Although Moore did not characterize Algeria as a "poor" country, he said diseases there are different from those in the United States. He estimated

who had goiters to start using iodized salt, which is just being stocked in stores there.

Because of the lack of sanitary facilities, parasites of the intestine and skin diseases are also a problem, including tapeworms and roundworms.

Unlike the rural areas where the Moores were, the medical situation is better in larger cities, said Moore, but not that much better. However, he said the cities are not crowded; when Algeria became independent, a lot of eight and 10-story apartment build-



Algerian church hospital where the Moores served under auspices of United Methodism's Board of Global Ministries.

Living accommodations for the Moores were quite comfortable; Dr. Moore says their house was "very nice," with walls three feet thick. It contained three bedrooms and had running water "part of the time." The electricity in the house was 220 volts, however, rather than the American standard of 110 volts, and as a result some equipment was burned out. Refrigerators and stoves run on bottled gas.

The Moores stayed on the Mediterranean coast, where there are fertile valleys and mountains. They wanted to visit the Sahara Desert, but were told it was too hot there for such a venture.

The principal product of Algeria, which is twice the size of Alaska, is petroleum. Both the United States and Russia have refineries there.

The person heading the mission at Il Maten is a laboratory technician from St. Joseph, Mo. The French also send a technician, and the church has had one nurse in the area even since before the hospital was there. The church also furnishes an anesthesiologist.

While in Algeria, the Moores also saw the other Methodist missions there. One of them is in a mountain town 80 or 90 miles from Il Maten, and its most successful programs are a prenatal clinic and a delivery clinic, bringing 400 to 500 babies a year into the world. There is also a well-child clinic there.

At this clinic, there are Swiss midwives to deliver the babies, as well as three Swiss nurses.

The Moores also got to visit many Algerian cities. One of the most fascinating, according to Moore, is Constantine, which was occupied by the Romans from 200 B.C. to A.D. 200. One can still see the remains of bridges built by the Romans. The walls of the Romans' public baths are also still standing; Moore says the tile is still there as well as part of the underground water system they had.

The weather in the part of Algeria where the Moores stayed is "about like Southern California," said Moore, with the sun shining all the time. Orchards and farms can be found in the valleys. There are no prepared foods or fresh vegetables, there was no pork, just beef. The fruits they ate were mostly oranges, lemons and figs.

The Methodist Church has no worship services in Algeria, but there is a small chapel there which is attended mostly by oil field workers from America, and the Swiss nurses.



The Moore family

ted that 90 per cent of Algerian women have large goiters because of the fact that there is no fish, the prime source of iodine, in the area in which he worked. He recommended to those

ings were even built out in the country.

The average monthly income in Algeria, said Moore, is 600 to 700 dinars, or \$150 to \$160 a month. The physician said that many people are either underemployed or overemployed, some of them tending only three or four sheep on a farm. Others work at things like being hospital aides and building roads.

The whole family did their part to help Moore in his work. Mrs. Moore, who is a nurse, served as the operating room nurse, something which Moore said she enjoyed since it had been several years since she had worked. Sandy, 17, was the first assistant in all operations and her father says she "learned quickly." Fourteen-year-old Jeff set up the operating room and Davey, 10, worked part-time there. Patricia, age 13, stayed home and kept house for the rest of the family.

Moore said that Algerian women are "very oppressed" and that it is rare to see any woman over 12 years of age outside her home. Teenaged girls are never seen, except to work with the olive harvest, which lasts 10 days each December. Mrs. Moore, when she went to the village to give shots, did visit with many of the women in their homes.

The mission station is located at Il Maten, a village on the side of a mountain, with an elevation of 2,000 feet.

Council Directors to Local Churches

YOUR CHURCH and MISSION

Because of the U.S. dollar devaluation, we feel in the United Methodist Church a crisis in missionary support. Churches and groups around the world have appealed for no less than 922 missionaries. Support for a missionary can be in any amount. For example, the General Advance share of missionary support is:

FOR ONE DAY	\$ 19.18
FOR ONE WEEK	134.62
FOR ONE MONTH	583.33
FOR ONE YEAR	\$7,200.00

For support of a missionary and family for one year—\$15,000. Surely a Sunday School Class, or youth or adult group, could take one of these shares of support. Include in your church budget some support for a missionary and/or a missionary and family.

Unless we can find response in our local churches, the figure of 922 mis-

sionaries for whom the churches around the world have appealed, may have to be reduced. According to the present rate of support, which is decreased by the dollar devaluation overseas, only some 824 missionaries can be supported.

For the past 2 years, the Board of Global Ministries has had to dip into other resources to help keep this number of missionaries in the field. Now, it must be the responsibility of each local church to share in this vital ministry. The sad fact is, that, of the some 40,000 United Methodist local churches in United Methodism, only about 3,000 are now involved in this wonderful opportunity of "Second-Mile Giving" to the Advance Special Missionary support programs. WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHURCH?

If you desire to secure information concerning missionary support, contact your Conference Council on Ministries.

NEWS and NOTES

THE HARRIS FAMILY SINGERS presented a program of gospel singing at Washington Avenue United Methodist Church on Oct. 9 for a "Family Night" meeting sponsored by United Methodist Men. The singing group includes Lt. Leo Harris, Little Rock Detective Bureau; Lt. Willie Harris, Public Information Officer, Little Rock Police Department; Sgt. Gene Harris, North Little Rock Police Department, and Cleo Harris of Vilonia. The Rev. Kenneth Renfro is pastor at Washington Avenue Church.

DR. ASHLEY COFFMAN, head of the music department at Hendrix College, has been added to the staff of First United Methodist Church of North Little Rock as choir director. He succeeds Lloyd Dardon who served on a "temporary" basis for the past four years. Mrs. Martin Hamilton is organist and the Rev. Earl Carter is pastor.

DR. LELAND CLEGG, a former pastor at DeWitt First Church, will be the morning worship speaker at that church on Sunday, Oct. 21 as the 50th Anniversary of the present building is observed. Former pastors, district superintendents and members have been invited to participate in the celebration which begins at 10 a.m. Morning worship will begin at 10:50 and a potluck dinner will be served by the women of the church at 1 p.m. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

SALINGER APPEARANCE CANCELLED

Former White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, scheduled to speak at Hendrix College Oct. 16, was forced to cancel his appearance. Student body vice president James Hearnberger was notified that conflicts arising from Mr. Salinger's schedule necessitated the change in plans. Salinger is presently foreign affairs editor for the French publication L'Express.

MT. OLIVE and BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST Churches in Fordyce held a joint revival, Sept. 10-14, with the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Hot Springs as the evangelist. On Friday night the Rev. Everett Vinson, Monticello District superintendent, brought the message. Other visiting ministers who participated were the Rev. Herbert Scott, pastor of McCabe Church, North Little Rock, and the Rev. Lloyd Smith, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Pine Bluff. Four persons were added to the church; offerings in the amount of \$229 were received. The Rev. R. B. Brown is pastor.

MRS. ESTHER MAE WALKER, who recently resigned from teaching the Kindergarten Class at the United Methodist Church in Marion after 27 years, was honored with the gift of a gold necklace from the class. She began teaching the class when the Rev. Elmer Holifield was pastor. The Rev. B. W. Stallcup is the present pastor.

DR. JOHN MILES, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, will be the guest evangelist at Gardner Church in Hot Springs for special services to be held Oct. 28-Nov. 1. The theme will be "Good News for Modern Man." Music will be provided by local singers. The Rev. Robert E. Woody is pastor.

From Our Readers

Contributions for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer. What appears here does not necessarily represent the point of view of this publication and the editor reserves the right to withhold, edit for space, or print contributions.

RETIRED MINISTERS ARE BUSY MEN

Dear Editor:

Sunday, Oct. 7 I had a very interesting experience preaching in the First Presbyterian Church of Gurdon, Ark. and administering the Communion of the Lord's Supper according to the ritual of the Presbyterian Book on Common Worship. It is almost the same as we use in the Methodist church. Two Presbyterian laymen and their ministerial student, Jack Ryan, assisted.

Mr. Ryan, who is studying for the Presbyterian ministry at Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin, Tex. presided and introduced me.

May I say that it was a real spiritual uplift for me, and the church was very cordial and appreciative. It is a small church but they are doing great things for the Kingdom of God.

H. W. Jinske
Retired Methodist minister
Hot Springs, Ark.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following note came recently from Dr. S. B. Wilford, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference. Friends will be interested in this word from him. The Wilfords make their home at 821 Channing St., Lakeland, Fla. 33801.

To The Methodist:

I am enjoying teaching Dr. Charles Laymon's large adult Sunday School class while he and his wife are away for the summer. I am also serving as an officer in "The Retired Ministers' and Wives' Dinner Club." It presents many programs both informative and entertaining.

Mrs. Wilford and I find ourselves deeply involved in the work of the First United Methodist Church here in Lakeland. It's a beautiful structure overlooking Lake Norton, only a short distance from our Florida Southern Methodist College. Rev. David Horton is our fine young minister.

We are also enjoying our home at 821 Channing street on Lake Parker. Our fine fruit trees are touching the ground with a bountiful crop of citrus fruit.

We appreciate our Arkansas Methodist publication. It's a nice way to keep up with our friends in the North Arkansas Conference . . .

S. B. Wilford



The Rev. and Mrs. Charlie V. Mashburn will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary with open house, Sunday, Oct. 28 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Piney Grove United Methodist Church, southwest of Hot Springs on Highway 70. They were married at the district parsonage in Little Rock by Dr. D. W. Brittain, then district superintendent, on Oct. 27, 1923. They have five children and 15 grandchildren. Their children are: Mrs. Jerry (Geneva) Partridge, Mrs. Huey (Betty) Holcomb and James Mashburn, all of California; Van (Buddy) Mashburn of New York and Mrs. Z. I. (Charlene) Peritt of Louisiana.

FIRST CHURCH, JONESBORO SPONSORING HOLY LAND TOUR

Dr. Lindsey Pherigo, professor of New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology (Methodist) in Kansas City, Mo., will be the guide and resource person for a tour of the Holy Land and Athens, March 21-31, 1974. First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro is sponsoring the unusual tour which has been characterized as "a rare opportunity for learning and spiritual enrichment."

The tour party will be limited to 30 persons. Individuals interested in joining the group are invited to get in touch with the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor of First Church in Jonesboro.

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EDWARDS

means of bringing eminent persons in the field of religion to the city. Among former speakers in the series have been Dr. Elton Trueblood, Dr. Nels Ferre, Dr. George A. Buttrick and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. The Religious Emphasis Committee consists of 24 clergy and 45 lay members.

A Service of Consecration for the parsonage at Decatur, followed a Charge Conference at the Decatur church on Oct. 1. Shown at right (left to right): The Rev. John Lee, pastor; Mrs. Lee; Bill Schmidt, Administrative Board member who gave leadership in the purchasing of the house and lot; the Rev. Harold H. Spence, Fayetteville District superintendent.

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.

Oct. 21—Sunday	Dan. 7:9-14
Oct. 22	Zech. 13:6-9
Oct. 23	Matt. 25:1-13
Oct. 24	Matt. 25:31-46
Oct. 25	Luke 21:25-36
Oct. 26	John 5:24-29
Oct. 27	Titus 2:11-14
Oct. 28—	
Sunday	Psalms 119:1-16

MRS. FRED R. HARRISON is a patient at St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock recovering from a recent heart attack. She has been in the coronary care unit and is expected to be moved to the regular patient area soon. Following a stay in St. Vincent's she will move to the hospital in Malvern for further recuperation. Cards may reach her at St. Vincent Infirmary, Markham and University, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

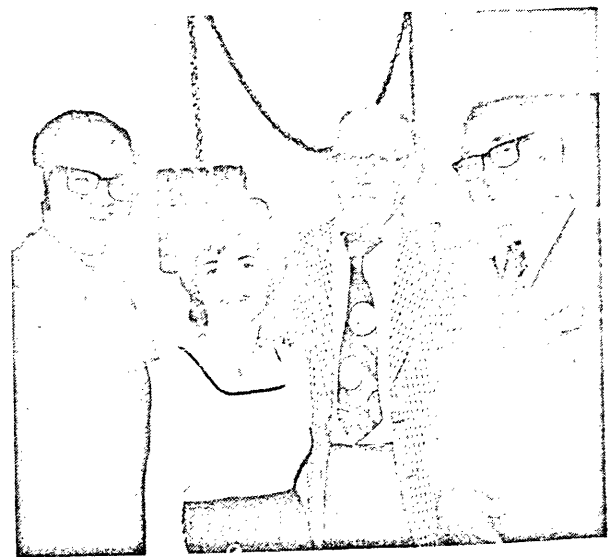
MRS. W. NEILL HART is hospitalized at the University Medical Center in Little Rock following a heart attack on Wednesday, Oct. 10. She suffered a second attack on Saturday and her condition is reported to be stabilized at the time we go to press. She is in the coronary care unit and cards may reach her in care of the University of Arkansas Medical Center, 4301 W. Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

COCKRILL-VAN HOOKER

An invitation is extended to the friends and acquaintances of Dorothy P. Cockrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cockrill of Crawfordsville, and the Rev. Vann Hooker, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Crawfordsville, to attend their wedding ceremony at the Crawfordsville Church on November 4 at 5 p.m. The Rev. Elmo Thomason will be the officiating minister.

P. K. KORNER

THOMAS CHRISTOPHER Hathcock was born Sept. 24 to Philip L. and Ruth Hathcock. Philip is a seminary student at Duke University in Durham, N.C. Their home is in Fayetteville, Ark.



OCTOBER 18, 1973



IT WAS "Welcome" to United Methodist Women at their Assembly Oct. 4-7 in Cincinnati's Convention Center. About 8,000 women from the 50 states and overseas came together for the first Assembly of the single new women's organization in the United Methodist Church. Visible on tote bags held by women is the Assembly emblem tongues of orange and red flame, perhaps symbolic of the Assembly theme, "Many Gifts, One Spirit." (Photo by Toge Fujihira)

Miss Beverly Parker (left), a student in Methodist Hospital's School of Respiratory Therapy (Memphis) receives a check for \$1,000 as the first half of her Raymond Skinner Scholarship for 1973-74, from the hospital's executive director, Mr. C. H. Hottum. The remaining \$1,000 will be presented to her in January, 1974. Miss Parker, a native of West Helena, holds a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education from the U. of Mississippi, and taught seventh-grade science for four years in West Memphis, before entering training at Methodist Hospital.



service, written by the Judson minister, was acclaimed by many as the high point of the Assembly.

United Methodist Women includes 1,500,000 members in 35,000 local units in all 50 states. The Assembly was sponsored by the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, policy-making body for United Methodist Women. They give \$13,000,000 to missions and related causes annually.

Highlights of the Assembly included early morning Bible studies by a woman theologian on a Cincinnati television station, a musical and dramatic interpretation of the Assembly theme, 60 "interest groups" in which women explored topics ranging from spiritual healing to the United Farm Workers, talks by Ms. Peggy Billings, a staff executive of the Women's Division, and the Rev. Dr. Philip A. Potter, top executive of the World Council of Churches; an Ecumenical Day including guests from other denominations, and the closing Sunday morning communion service.

Assembly officials estimated attendance was the largest since the 1962 Methodist women's gathering in Atlantic City, N.J. It may prove the largest United Methodist meeting of the 1973-76 quadrennium.



Among the members of United Methodist Women of Centennial United Methodist Church of El Dorado, who met recently to plan a churchwide reception and two separate baby showers were (left to right) Mrs. Robert H. Jackson, Mrs. Jesse Dollar, Mrs. James Sandifer, Mrs. Jack Westmoreland, and Mrs. Reed Westmoreland.

United Methodist Women were greeted and praised by Cincinnati Mayor Theodore Berry, a United Methodist, and Bishop Paul A. Washburn of Chicago, Board of Global Ministries president, who called the group "the most intentional, innovative and involved group of women in the world."

Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, Dixon, Ill., national president of United Methodist Women, told the Assembly that "if we are united, no goal is impossible, and our aims must be as high as is possible for us to attain. As women we can do anything, and to do this we must be positive, enthusiastic and supportive."

A closing service of Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday (October 7) was focused, as was the Assembly, around I Corinthians 12:4, "There are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit." Nineteen United Methodist women ministers — in what was believed to be a first in United Methodism — consecrated the elements, which were served to Assembly members by annual conference presidents of United Methodist Women. Leaders were Mrs. Cummings and the Rev. Esther Edwards, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The service was coordinated by the Rev. Susan

JONESBORO DISTRICT WOMEN MEET FOR ANNUAL PRAYER RETREAT

The United Methodist Women of Jonesboro District met Sept. 16 for their Annual Prayer Retreat at Wayland Springs. Seventy-two ladies attended the event, and a love offering was presented to Wayland Springs Camp for general expenses.

Mrs. Earl Warren of Bay, district chairperson for Christian Personhood, led in the presentation of a program written by Miss Mildred Ozment on the theme: "What Is in Your Hand?" The morning session, which began at 10 a.m., was followed by a pot-luck luncheon and fellowship hour. Mrs. Lee Anderson led the afternoon prayer service.

Mrs. John Duke of Memphis, past Jonesboro District Wesleyan Service Guild secretary was a special guest for the event.

The Annual Fall Meeting for the district will be held on Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro. Mrs. Gladys Womack will be guest speaker.

Ruach, associate minister of the Beech Grove (Ind.) United Methodist Church and a member of the Assembly Committee.

The assembled sisterhood heard an appeal from one of their leaders for support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) through legislative and labor movement channels. Mrs. E. M. Decker, Jr., Jacksonville, Texas, asked specifically for women 1) to use their influence to help get the AFL-CIO to endorse the ERA at its convention starting October 15 in Miami, Fla., and 2) to seek ratification by legislatures in states where the proposed amendment has not yet been ratified. Reports say 10 states must ratify the ERA before the required number, 38, is reached for the amendment to become law.

"Both men and women will have cause to celebrate the enactment of the amendment which will erase before the law, discrimination on the basis of sex," Mrs. Decker said. Her appeal was addressed to the women as individuals, as the Assembly is a non-legislative gathering.

At the Ecumenical Day service, in which Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant women participated, Sister Mary Luke Tobin of New York urged that women move official church structures along the road to increased ecumenism. The Catholic nun and direc-

tor of citizen action for Church Women United said "it is up to us to move forward the circle of light which is ecumenical unity, to cause it to spread by our being ecumenical in spirit and action in all we do."

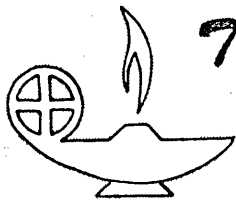
For three mornings, the Assembly began at 6:30 a.m. on a note of televised Bible study over Cincinnati station WKRC-TV. Dr. Catherine Gun-salus, United Presbyterian minister and a professor at Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, led the study, which was viewed not only by Assembly-goers in their hotel rooms but was available to the Cincinnati region.

In a presentation on "New Order and New Life," she said the Holy Spirit "creates order and disorder . . . The Spirit calls us to be new creatures, but we are not always willing to do this . . . We are all becoming new through the Spirit. We need to learn to be open to that power."

Members individualized their Assembly experience by participating in some 60 interest groups, ranging in size from 25 to more than 400, and as varied in subject as abortion and "The Holy Spirit in Everyday Life." Aided by a computer, Assembly planners sought to place each woman in one of six groups for which she had indicated preference at the time of registration.



Forty Golden Agers were present for a banquet at Oaklawn United Methodist Church in Hot Springs on Sunday evening, Oct. 7. Dr. J. E. Dunlap, superintendent of the Little Rock District — and a former pastor at Oaklawn — was the speaker for the occasion honoring that church's senior members. The Rev. Carlos Martin was host pastor.



The Sunday School Lesson

by the Editor

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 28:

"Confidence of Victory in Suffering"

ORIENTATION: We are in the first quarter of the 1973-74 church school year. The theme for this quarter (Sept.-Oct.-Nov.) is **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL**. We are in Unit #2 (Sept. 30-Oct. 28) of this quarter. The unit subject is **THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION**. Our lesson for Oct. 28 is the fifth and last in this unit and is entitled "Confidence of Victory in Suffering."

MEMORY SELECTION: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?
—Romans 8:32

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: To see the relationship between "The Message of Reconciliation" and the question of suffering; to examine the meaning of "the life of the Spirit;" to see the relationship of hope and faith to suffering; to see how reconciled man may experience suffering with an attitude of victorious confidence.

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GETTING THE MAIN IDEA

In today's lesson we come to the end of a unit of study on The Message of Reconciliation. Our lesson titles have been Good News for Sinners, Law and Gospel, Reconciliation through Christ, Freedom and its Temptations, and today Confidence of Victory in Suffering.

When today's title is seen alongside the others in this unit our first impression may be that it seems out of place. What relationship does a lesson on suffering have with the theme of reconciliation? There is a significant relationship and it is important that we grasp it before we proceed.

Recall that when Paul thinks of reconciliation he is thinking of that act of God's free grace which reunites estranged man with God. Such reunion is achieved not through man's obedience to the law, but by man's faith in Christ. While man's relationship to his fellowman can be placed upon an entirely new plane because of this restored relationship with God, it is, let us note again, man's relationship to God with which Paul is primarily concerned when he speaks of reconciliation.

It is at this point that we see the relationship of this unit on The Message of Reconciliation to the issue of human suffering: if man is restored to God, then no arena of human concern is beyond the circle of God's redemptive interest. Paul points to this totally encompassing divine concern when he asks "Then what can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or hardship? Can persecution, hunger, nakedness, peril or the sword?" (Romans 8:35 NEB). It is as if Paul were saying "Now that we have peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ, even our great enemy of suffering cannot have final dominion over us!"

"THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT"

The entire section of Romans from 5:5 to 7:6 has been concerned with the theme of the new life in Christ. Chapter 8's theme might be called "the life of the Spirit." Only two times in this former section (5:5 to 7:6) has Paul referred explicitly to the Spirit. In 8:1-27 the word appears no fewer than 20 times.

Paul is saying that the Spirit of God is the power of God by which he confirms his reality and presence in the life of the man of faith. The Spirit becomes the believer's source of strength: "... once the Spirit of him who raised Christ Jesus from the

dead lives within you he will, by the same Spirit, bring to your whole being new strength and vitality" (Rom. 8:11 J. B. Phillips).

Much of Paul's comment about the Spirit of God is especially relevant as we think of the question of suffering in that one great function of the "strength and vitality" given by the Spirit can be to sustain man in the midst of one of life's most common experiences, suffering. This sustaining strength comes through a hope and a faith that God's Spirit instills in the heart of the believer. J. B. Phillips' treatment of Paul's word on this is especially helpful:

In my opinion whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own... And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay... We are saved by this hope, but in our moments of impatience let us remember that hope always means waiting for something that we do not yet possess. But if we hope for something we cannot see, then we must settle down to wait for it in patience. The Spirit of God not only maintains this hope within us, but helps us in our present limitations" (Romans 8:18, 20, 24-26).

The Spirit, therefore, becomes in the life of the believer the "experienced" evidence of and grounds for faith and hope. John Knox (Interpreter's Bible, Vol. 9, pg. 505) says that the Spirit is "the guarantee of both the significance of what has happened (the death and resurrection of Jesus) and of the reality of what is still to come (our full deliverance from the power of sin and death). Knox states that it is the Spirit of God which "binds the whole event, which we call the revelation in Christ, together — bridging the gap between past and future..."

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THE ETERNAL ISSUE: SUFFERING

What is the relationship of all of this to the question of suffering? It is discovered in Romans 8:16-17 in which the height of Paul's expression of "life in the Spirit" is given: "The Spirit himself endorses our inward conviction that we really are the children of God... and if we are his children we share his treasure, and all that Christ claims as his will belong to all of us as well! Yes, if we share in his suffering we shall certainly share in his glory" (J. B. Phillips). As Christians we are to share in the sufferings of Christ.

Our lesson quarterly and Adult Teacher (pg. 60-62) are most helpful in defining various kinds of suffering. You might want to list these in your class session. The author of the Adult Teacher makes the point that the kind of suffering Paul is speaking of is that which is inflicted by others. And yet — as we shall see in a moment — Paul knows that the suffering which results from other sources, such as ill health and other causes, is equally subject to the benefits of Christian faith.

There are few human experiences more common than that of suffering. It is the great common denominator of all humanity. Suffering knows no class nor station or any distinctions which man may create. Suffering is universal. This fact makes even more significant Paul's triumphant statement that the message of reunion with God enables man to respond positively and creatively to this painful element in his experience.

Paul writes of human suffering with the conviction that man, having been restored to fellowship

with God (reconciled), can be more than conqueror in the face of whatever life may have in store for him; even suffering.

Paul does not write of suffering from an academic point of view. He knew what it was to suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually. A reading of Romans 7:14-24 (Paul's experience of mental anguish; "the evil I really don't want to do I find I am always doing"); of 2 Cor. 12:7 (Paul's thorn in the flesh); and of 2 Cor. 11:24-28 (where Paul catalogues a long list of physical and mental sufferings) will reveal that Paul knows of what he speaks when he writes of suffering.

"EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS. . ."

The fact of Paul's own suffering makes even more triumphant the great proclamation in Romans 8:28: "Moreover we know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good" (J. B. Phillips).

Paul does not say that "everything that happens is good." He knew better than that and so do we. But he does say that the person of faith can know that in spite of what happens, no matter how bad it may be, God is working within that event to bring good from it.

To be able to say this is to make a great statement of faith! It is easy for us to voice this position casually and to miss the great significance of it's truth. The statement reflects a truth born in the agony of suffering and nurtured at the altars of complete faith and total trust. It is not an easy or cheap grace which enables one to make this great and triumphant profession of faith. It is a benefit of the grace of God who himself knew suffering in the life of his Son and who brought triumph out of tragedy and life from death.

In his comment on this 28th verse of Romans 8, the author of our lesson quarterly says "It takes the eye of faith to see the activity of God."

"WHAT IS THERE LEFT TO SAY?"

The message of reconciliation is one which bears very practical fruit in the life of the person of faith. Being restored to God, he has the basis upon which may be rebuilt broken relationships with his fellowman. And he has a standpoint — faith — from which he may have confidence of victory in the everywhere-present experience of suffering.

The believer who has been reunited to God through faith in Jesus Christ (the person who has been reconciled) can live a truly triumphant life. This is the good news we may receive and this is the gospel to which we are called to witness. In it we have confidence of victory in suffering.

The following verse seems to say it all:

In the face of all this, what is there left to say? If God is for us, who can be against us? ... No, in all these things we win an overwhelming victory through him who has proved his love for us. I have become absolutely convinced that neither death nor life, neither messenger of Heaven nor monarch of earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither a power from on high nor a power from below, nor anything else in God's whole world has any power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! (Romans 8:31, 37-39 J. B. Phillips).

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NEXT WEEK: Begin new unit on **THE LIFE OF RECONCILIATION**.

A Ladder for Young Navajos



In "body language" it's the last day of high school for this graduate-elect of the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, N.M. At right, cheerleaders give both beat and chant during one of the school's pep rallies.



Chee Dodge, an interpreter) in 1880.

A decade later two missionaries pitched tents in the desert and the United Methodist Church began a more than 75-year involvement in the education of the Navajos.

One remarkable example of that involvement is the Navajo Methodist Mission School at Farmington, N.M. Situated on 100 acres of land, it comprises 21 buildings valued at more than one and a half million dollars. The staff numbers 30, including superintendent, chaplain, principal, dorm parents and office workers. Other personnel are both elementary and high school teachers, a dietician, cooks and maintenance workers.

These professionals serve approximately 175 students in grades six through 12. A majority has come to the campus from within a 100-mile radius but some have homes as distant as Yuma, Ariz., or Rapid City, S.D. Most are Navajo although other tribes are represented—Hopi, Apache, Sioux and Yuma.

Because it is a boarding school, the staff is responsible for the students 24 hours a day and for the major part of nine months of the year. Each student receives a well-rounded education incorporating academic achievement, social development and spiritual growth. The academic program, approved by the State of New Mexico, provides a college-preparatory course as well as commercial classes, music and art courses and home economics. Courses in religious instruction are required at each grade level.

The students participate in a variety of campus

activities (see accompanying picture), among which are school-related clubs, newspaper staff, dramatics, sports and student council. There is an active United Methodist Youth Fellowship on campus.

The Rev. Larry S. Kemp, who recently assumed the position of superintendent, believes the school's future has never been brighter. Its 75th anniversary was marked in 1966. And he is convinced that the school "and the Navajo ministry at large . . . will endure as long as men and women continue to answer God's call to serve these, His people."

By their giving to the World Service, United Methodists enable the Board of Global Ministries to help undergird this ministry. United Methodists who would like (in the motto of the school) "to win Navajo youth for Christ" and train them for Christian leadership of their people should note what certain sums will do.

Seventy-five dollars will pay for the meals for one student for one month. Thirty-two dollars will help replace linens for the dorms or dishes for the dining hall. Sixteen dollars will buy school supplies for one child for one semester. Nine dollars will provide a heating pad or ice pack or other small equipment for the school infirmary. Five dollars will buy needed medicine for one child for one semester. And \$2.50 will feed one child for one day. Contributions as Advance Specials gifts are welcomed by the school for all of these needs.

The total cost of maintaining a student for one year is \$1,700. Tuition for one full year is \$225. Many students cannot pay even this amount.

"It's as if the whites were in a grassy canyon and we Navajos were on a dry mesa. My grandchild, education is the ladder. Tell our people to take it."

Manuelito, a Navajo war chief, said this (to

Ethnic concerns considered

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMC) — Problems of providing ministers for ethnic groups within the United Methodist Church and continuing obstacles to black-white desegregation were before the Commission on Religion and Race here Sept. 25-26 in a session that had Indian American concerns in a prominent place.

Meeting in the heart of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, the commission heard the native Americans' history, complaints and songs, ate their food and started some action in their behalf at the point of delegates to the quadrennial General Conference. In the area of ministers for ethnic groups, the commission agreed to study the process of producing such leaders, with the end of increasing the opportunities for recruiting and training persons from and for minorities.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH ELECTS ARKANSAN AS PRESIDING BISHOP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (RNS) — Bishop John Maury Allin of Mississippi, 52, was confirmed as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church by its House of Deputies, meeting in Louisville. The youngest of the five candidates for the post, Bishop Allin succeeds Presiding Bishop John E. Hines, 63, who had announced earlier this year that he was stepping down two years short of the retirement age.

Bishop Allin was born in Helena, Ark., on April 22, 1921. He studied at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and was ordained a priest in 1945. He served at churches in Arkansas and Louisiana and as president and rector of All Saints Junior College in Vicksburg, Miss., prior to his consecration as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Mississippi in 1961. He became Bishop of Mississippi in 1966.

Minority groups ask fund action

CLAREMONT, Calif. (UMC) — Spokesmen for three of United Methodism's major ethnic minorities have called on the denomination to halt funding of church agencies and programs which are not ethnically inclusive in personnel or approach.

Their recommendation came out of a three-day consultation on minority ministries, including those of Asians, Native Americans (Indians) and Hispanic cultures. The consultation was

conducted by the Division of Ordained Ministry of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and was a companion session to one held the past December for the black community of churchmen. It was held at the School of Theology at Claremont.

The recommendation that church funding be withdrawn from agencies which are deemed non-inclusive was coupled with a request that the church establish priorities and strategies to funnel scholarships, endowments and programs into ethnic-minority ministries, and that whatever new agencies needed for implementation be created within the church structure. The 70 persons attending the consultation also requested the denomination to establish the average minimum salary of all annual conferences of the church as a minimum salary for the Puerto Rico, Rio Grande, and Oklahoma Indian Missionary conferences.

News in Brief

Three United Methodist bishops — James Armstrong, Aberdeen, S. D., Charles F. Golden, Los Angeles, Calif., and John Wesley Lord, Washington, D.C. — are among national leaders endorsing a "Call to Conscience" Sept. 16-23 to alert the nation to the plight of political prisoners still held in South Vietnam by the Thieu regime.

Equalization of lay and clerical membership in annual conferences anticipated

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMC) — An amendment to the United Methodist Church's Constitution which is expected to become effective in mid-November likely will make a considerable difference in size, cost and meeting place of several of the denomination's 70 annual conferences, according to a survey in the Oct. 11 issue of the *Christian Advocate*.

The amendment in question would provide for an equalization of lay and ministerial membership in the basic unit of the denomination. The official results of the voting on this and seven other proposed amendments will be determined by the Council of Bishops at its Nov. 12-15 meeting, but unofficial tallies by the General Conference secretary from 81 of 83 U.S. and overseas conferences show 24,707 in favor

and 4,567 opposed.

With anticipation of passage, the *Advocate* says, many conferences have already taken action on how they will provide implementation. Under terms of the amendment, initiated by the 1972 General Conference, each annual unit will work out its own formula for the equalization.

Six of the larger conferences were surveyed by the magazine and estimates of additional lay members to be added range from 100 or 150 in the New York Conference to 400 in Southern California-Arizona. Expected increases in costs of the annual sessions range up to \$15,000.

Several of the conferences say they will have to seek new meeting places to accommodate the increased mem-

bership, even with restrictions on visitors.

While the purpose of the amendment is to equalize lay and clergy voting strength, the *Advocate* quotes some conference officials as saying that the change could, instead, create a heavy imbalance on the lay side if all these members are present and the customary non-attendance of many ministers in special appointments and retirement continues.

General Conference secretary J. B. Holt of Dallas, Tex., believes the amendment could lead to a considerable redefinition of the meaning of ordination and annual conference membership for clergy. He forecasts that this will be a major issue in the 1976 General Conference.

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UMCOR giving up 94.5 per cent from year ago

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Total giving by United Methodists for the world-wide activities of their denomination in the third quarter of 1973 is up slightly from the same period in 1972, but World Service, the basic program fund, is trailing the past year by a 2.48 per cent, according to figures released here Oct. 4.

R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church and general secretary of its Council on Finance and Administration, said that the total for 16 funds reported to his office through Sept. 30 this year is \$29,344,077. This is an increase of about \$275,000 above 18 funds covered in the 1972 report.

The \$11,835,268 given through Sept. 30 this year for World Service is some \$300,000 below that given in the same period a year ago. However, the per cent of decline at the three quarters mark is only about half what it was in the six months report. Annual goal in the fund is \$23,500,000.

In the report as a whole, where comparisons are possible with a year ago, ten funds are up and four are down.

Largest increase for the third consecutive quarter was in giving to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), up 94.5 per cent from a year ago. Greatest decrease, 7.5 per cent, was in special gifts to national missions projects.

New in the list this quadrennium is the Black College Fund and the Human Relations Day offering. Through Sept. 30, a total of \$2,031,431 has been received in the former and \$476,568 in the latter, against annual goals of \$6,000,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively.

The complete report on continuing benevolence funds for nine months, compared with a year ago, shows:

World Service—\$11,835,268, down 2.48 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials—\$4,408,077, up .51 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials—\$1,237,614, down 7.5 per cent; UMCOR—\$1,454,951, up 94.47 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing—\$940,962, up 17.97 per cent; World Communion—\$98,946, down 3.46 per cent; World Service Specials—\$38,706, up 2.8 per cent; Temporary General Aid—\$590,511, up 39.53 per cent; Black College Fund—\$2,031,431, new this quadrennium; Ministerial Education—\$2,886,493, up 19.58 per cent; Human Relations Day—\$476,568, new this quadrennium; Student Day—\$165,298, up 13.45 per cent; Youth Service Fund—\$182,359, up 64.6 per cent.

The report for three administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund—\$1,750,019, down 3.78 per cent; General Administration—\$817,698, up 2.89 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation—\$429,169, up 28.63 per cent.

United Methodism's Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., has reported an increase in enrollment for the third consecutive year, with a total of 131 students for the autumn term.

Rights, population World Order emphases

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — Human rights ("in danger in almost every part of the world") and population will be the major emphases in this year's United Methodist observance of World Order Sunday.

However, the multiple aspects of world order call for observance of more than the date of October 21, such as on-going study and action, according to the sponsoring Board of Church and Society. The thrust of participation in the local church, according to Herman Will, peace executive for the board, should be designed to help persons "apply Christian principles to real life decisions."

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Salary study nears completion

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — An extensive study of titles, salaries and fringe benefits for some 350 United Methodist Church national staff executives is expected to be completed next summer in time for use in preparation of 1975 agency budgets, the denomination's fiscal office has announced here.

In the meantime, the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) has set a guideline for 1974 compensation which would limit increases to not more than 5.5 per cent. Included in the total is salary, housing allowance, various forms of insurance, pension and all other fringe benefits paid by the employing agency.

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News in Brief

Retired United Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy has relinquished his preaching role at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Calif., citing poor health. Bishop Kennedy, who retired from the episcopacy in 1972, has been preaching an average of three Sundays a month at the Pasadena church since 1968.

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Key 73 moves forward into final phase

The year-long outreach to "Call Our Continent to Christ" — Key 73 — is moving into its sixth and final phase. The current issue of the Key 73 Newsletter states that the purpose of Phase Six, "Calling Our Continent to Commitment," is to stress the spiritual significance of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year.

The Newsletter states that "These three holidays can provide a launch pad for permanent commitment to evangelism, beyond the end of Key 73. If interest in evangelism and witness ceases with the Key 73 effort, then all will have been in vain. Our concern for our continent — and the world — must never cease. Therefore, the last phase of Key 73 is a call to continued commitment to bring the message of Christ to every person . . ."

Executive Director Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke, St. Louis, Mo., stated that "There is nothing wrong with turkey and football, but Thanksgiving is more than turkey and football. Christmas — there is nothing wrong with gifts, but Christmas is God's gift, Christ's birth and our rebirth. The New Year is a time to celebrate — another year of life for Christ and another year of service to the Kingdom."

Among features of this last phase of the year-long evangelistic emphasis is a prayer vigil for the last day of Key 73 — Dec. 31, 1973. Six Key 73 denominations from the Methodist/Wesleyan tradition (Free Methodist Episcopal, Wesleyan, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and United Methodist) are planning to participate in a world wide Vigil of Prayer that "will close Key 73 by opening a window to the world." Planned by the 59 denominations of the World Methodist Council, this one-day prayer event will take place from noon to mid-night on Dec. 31, 1973.

In reference to recent comments that Key 73 had been ineffective, the Newsletter stated "In an editorial in the Sept. 28 issue, CHRISTIANITY TODAY speaks out on the so-called 'failure' of Key 73. 'Far from being a flop, Key 73 can be a spur to positive evangelistic strategies for the coming years,' the magazine says. The article further states that Key 73 has served as a good pilot program and suggests that data from Key 73 be used to develop even more effective outreaches in the future."

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Moral crisis unparalleled, Bishops' president says

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (UMC) — The resignation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is the latest in a series of events which "accentuate the existence of an unparalleled moral crisis" in the nation, Bishop Charles F. Golden, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, said Oct. 10.

Bishop Golden's statement in full:

"The implications of the Watergate situation, the indictment of a former

Attorney General, the resignation of two former chief advisors to the President, and the resignation of the Vice President under charges accentuate the existence of an unparalleled moral crisis in the life of our nation.

"We call United Methodists to prayer for the future welfare of our country and encourage them to assume a greater role of responsibility in determining the quality of leadership at every level of life affecting the nation."

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Twenty-three coeds inducted into Cardinal Key

Twenty-three Hendrix College students have recently been inducted into Cardinal Key, a national, honorary, leadership organization for women students.

The new members include: Becky Jones, Tricia Hamilton, Debbie Biniores, Marilyn Martin, Carol St. John, Dana Carpenter, Jan Roseberry, Dana Millar of Little Rock; Janie Newberry of Arkadelphia; Ginny Toney of Forrest City; Debi Miles of Hot Springs, Sharon Hunter of Pine Bluff; Beth Walker of Searcy; Lynne Killgore of Fayetteville; Carolyn Hasley and Debbie Dorman of Magnolia; Elizabeth Ragsdale of El Dorado; Debbie Whitley of Bald Knob; Rolaine Green of Dardanelle; Pat Phillips of North Little Rock; Jennifer Johnston of Wynne, and Christine Christie of Conway.

The new inductees are joined by three former Cardinal Key members: Mary Wynne Parker of Newport, Leslie Swindler of Little Rock and Mary Kaye Weber of Camden.

The officers include Lynne Killgore, president; Debbie Biniores, vice president; Marilyn Martin, secretary, and Ginny Toney, treasurer.

The sponsor of the organization is Miss Francis Nix, Hendrix head librarian.

LECTURE SERIES

Dr. Robert Tuttle, Jr., minister of Evangelism, First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., will preach Oct. 29, 30, 31 at 7:30 p.m. nightly at Memorial United Methodist Church, 2202 E. Madison St. (Mer Rouge Rd.), Bastrop, La. 71220. Louis F. Roos, pastor.

Bishop Shaw of India to speak in Arkansas area

Bishop A. J. Shaw of India, recently retired from the Delhi area, will be in the Arkansas area the week of Oct. 21 and will be speaking to church and civic groups during his stay. His schedule includes preaching at Trinity Church in Little Rock on Oct. 21; at the West Little Rock Rotary Club on Wednesday; at Little Rock's Central High School on Thursday and Friday and at the morning worship service and evening fellowship meeting at Little Rock's First Church on Sunday, Oct. 28. He will be interviewed by Channel 2 television for a one-half hour program to be broadcast at a later date.

MR. R. C. LANGSTON

R. C. Langston, 88, of Luxora died in the Osceola Memorial Hospital on Sept. 20. He was a faithful member of the Luxora United Methodist Church and a long-time civic leader in the community.

Mr. Langston had moved to the area in 1917 and was a respected planter and businessman.

He was mayor of Luxora for more than 10 years, served on the Luxora School Board for 30 years and was a charter member of the Luxora Rotary Club.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Ellison and Mrs. Charles Moore, and four grandchildren, all of Luxora.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Garland Taylor and the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman. Burial was in Memorial Park in Memphis, Tenn.

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by Mary Simpson

by Wesleyan Service Unit, Wynne

by Eunice Masters

by United Methodist Women,
Hunter Church, L. R.

by Mother's Class, Hunter Church, L. R.

by State of Ark., Dept. of Social
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Division

by Central Ark. Pediatric Soc.

by Women's Service League, Dumas

by United Methodist Women, Hackett
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by First United Methodist, Hamburg

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Scot Snodgrass (front, left) was the recipient of Boy Scouting's God and Country Award during a recent Sunday morning worship service at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro. Shown beside him is Scoutmaster Bruce Barnes; (second row, left to right) Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Snodgrass, Scot's parents, and the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor.

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

Rufus Jones said, "An authentic religion must express itself in constructive outwardness as well as being rooted in spiritual inwardness." And all life at its best demands the same kind of emotional balance.

The Land of Make Believe

There is a land that's far removed
From daily care and strife,
And those who choose to journey there
Postpone the trials of life.
For sometimes when from problems great
Ourselves we must relieve,
Our destination tends to be
The "Land of Make Believe".

Amid the tensions of the day
Our Thoughts can reach afar
And come to rest in other worlds
Instead of where we are;
To wooded glen or by a brook
That's babbling on its way,
Or 'neath a large and shady oak
Where birds and squirrels play.

In this far land we find ourselves
Much better than we are.
We've put away all selfishness
And evil things abhor.
We've climbed the ladder of success
And fame is ever near
And we're courageous, kind and good,
Trustworthy and sincere.

We cannot occupy for long
This strange and lovely place
Lest we forget what life's about
And lose out in its race.
But if with strands of hope and dreams
Our values we can weave,
It was a worthwhile journey to
The "Land of Make Believe".

-by Mattie Lee Kelley

WESLEY FOUNDATION NEWS FROM ARKADELPHIA

The Wesley Foundation at Arkadelphia began the school year with an open house and refreshments served by the ladies of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. A second special event was a hamburger supper honoring the entire football squad and coaches and cheerleaders. The Rev. Robert W. Trieschmann, campus minister, acts as trainer for the "Reddies."

Weekly activities at the Wesley Foundation include a Tuesday night Bible Study on the Book of Acts, a Wednesday evening worship service led by local pastors and students, and on Thursday evening the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Wesley Foundation officers for the current academic year are: Nancy Wright of Texarkana, president; Holly Haley of England, vice president; Missy Moore of Texarkana, secretary, and Berdina Arvin of Foreman, publicity chairman.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. ROBERT E. WOODY, pastor of Gardner-New Salem Churches and chairman of the Hot Springs Area Church and Community Council, reports that the Council's Mission Booth at the Garland County Fair was a great success. Eleven of the 13 churches donated time and money to the booth, and more than 6,000 pieces of Christian literature were given away.

THE UMYF OF NETTLETON United Methodist Church in Jonesboro recently enjoyed a three-day trip to Nashville, Tenn., where they visited the Upper Room, the Methodist Publishing House, the Hermitage, the Parthenon and Opryland, USA. Mrs. Claudine Sparks is youth counselor at Nettleton. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is pastor.

FAIRVIEW CHURCH WOMEN TO FORM "SATELLITES"

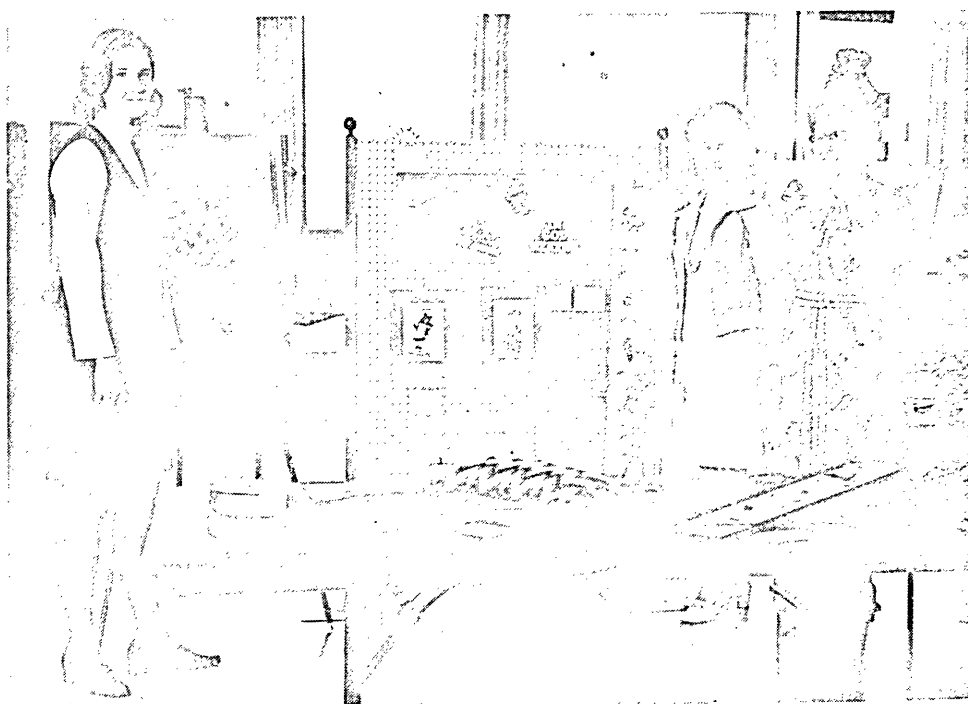
Fairview United Methodist Women of Camden met at the church, Oct. 1, with Mrs. Erlena Campbell leading the program. Written by Joan Clark of Dallas (who visited Fairview last spring), the program described the work of an "inspired small church" in the Appalachian area.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Bill Seaton, president, the group adopted plans submitted by the executive committee for forming sub-groups, and voted to call them "satellites." Mrs. Eloise Jones, jurisdiction delegate to the Women's Assembly in Cincinnati, was presented a copy of "The Living Bible." Mrs. Natalie Tisdale made the presentation on behalf of the group. An offering was taken to be sent to the Assembly, in token of local church participation.

MRS. MERLE JOHNSON ENTERTAINS FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS' WIVES

The Fayetteville District ministers' wives met Sept. 28 in the home of Mrs. Merle Johnson in Siloam Springs, with 17 members present. Mrs. Harold Spence, wife of the district superintendent, led the group in a quiet time devotional entitled, "Doing Everything for the Love of God." A luncheon followed.

THE SEPTEMBER meeting of Forrest City District Parsonettes was held in the home of Mrs. Berlon Davis in Colt, with ten members present. Mrs. Davis, president, presided. Mrs. Earl Hughes gave a summary of Elizabeth O'Connor's book, "Eighth Day of Creation." The ladies shared a potluck luncheon.



The recent Key 73 Arts and Crafts Show at First Church, Jonesboro, was attended by more than 300 persons who went to view the many expressions of God-given talent demonstrated in the handiwork of 51 members of that congregation. Shown with the display are (left to right): Mrs. Carolyn Nelson and Mrs. Carolyn Wyatt, co-chairmen for the event, and Mrs. Jerre Spurlock, Key 73 Arts and Crafts Show chairman.