

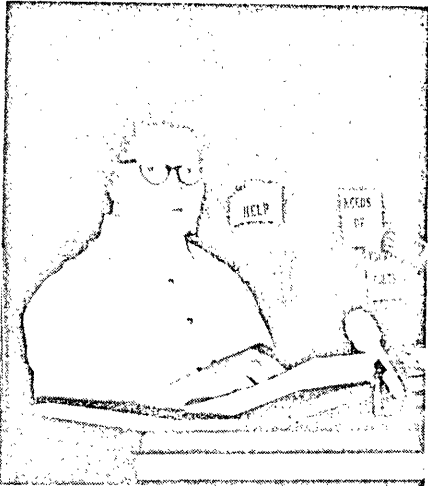
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'Keys that Unlock Tomorrow' theme of ACC assembly



Mrs. Frances P. Wood, administrator-coordinator of Arkansas Council of Churches, introduces assembly theme.

"Keys that Unlock Tomorrow" was the theme for the 18th Annual Assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches meeting Nov. 13 at Little Rock's Winfield United Methodist Church. President S. H. Allman of Hot Springs presided at the meeting which was attended by 113 persons, 56 of whom were official representatives of the ten member denominations.

Dr. James W. Rainwater, executive minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Arkansas brought the message at the opening worship service of the assembly, speaking on the theme "What is man that we are mindful of him?" The assembly heard Sister Florence Yuterman, president of Church Women United in Arkansas, speak concerning the work of the nine active and three prospective units in the state.

The assembly theme, "Keys that Unlock Tomorrow," was introduced by Mrs. Frances P. Wood, administrator-coordinator of the Council. The theme

was then explored through discussion groups on five major areas of concern: the drug problem, assistance to the elderly, the needs of children, the needs of young adults and working together in the local community.

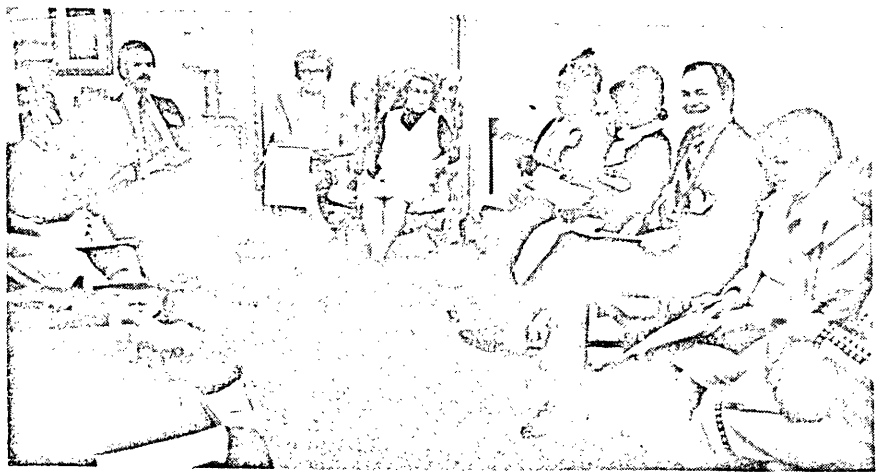
Speaking on these themes in the afternoon plenary session were the Rev. Paul Ramsay of the Christian Civic Foundation, who spoke on the drug problem; Sam Clippard, administrator of Presbyterian Village, speaking on aid to the elderly; Richard Hill of the Elizabeth Mitchell Center, who spoke on the needs of children; and the Rev. Cannon Emery Washington of The Episcopal Church who spoke on the needs of young adults. The Rev. Fred W. Tyler, pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Heber Springs and Dr. Edward S. Bayliss, pastor of the Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock, spoke on working together in the local community and on the leisure and lake ministries.

Elected to serve as president of the Council for 1974 was the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum of Little Rock, pastor of Bullock Temple, C.M.E. Other officers are: first vice president, Floyd Sexton, Texarkana, lay member of the Ozarks Presbytery; second vice president, the Rev. Lester M. Bickford, Paris, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); secretary, Mrs. R. M. McKinney, Little Rock, United Methodist; and treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Little Rock, The Episcopal Church. Elected as a trustee was the Rev. Dean Sudman of Little Rock, Lutheran Church in America.

The assembly session concluded with an Order of Installation of the new officers, presided over by the Rev. James Mitchell, pastor of The Presbyterian Church (P.C.U.S.) in Malvern. The next annual assembly will be at Hot Spring's Grand Avenue United Methodist Church on Nov. 19, 1974.



Newly elected for 1974 by the Arkansas Council of Churches are (from left): the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum, pastor of Little Rock's Bullock Temple, C.M.E., president; Floyd Sexton of Texarkana, lay member of the Ozarks Presbytery, first vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Wolfe of Little Rock, a member of The Episcopal Church, treasurer; the Rev. Lester M. Bickford, pastor of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Paris, second vice-president; and Mrs. R. M. McKinney of Little Rock, a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, secretary. The Rev. Dean Sudman (not shown), pastor of Little Rock's Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, was named a trustee.



The Needs of Children was one of five major areas of need which concerned discussion groups at the Arkansas Council of Churches' Assembly. Mrs. John L. Tucker (center), left was co-convenor of this group, a portion of which is seen above. One-hundred and thirteen persons attended the Assembly.



S. H. "Herb" Allman of Hot Springs (left), president of the Arkansas Council of Churches, presided at the 18th Annual Assembly held at Little Rock's Winfield United Methodist Church Nov. 13. Also shown above are (from left) Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, host pastor; Mrs. Allman; and the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum, in-coming president.

Council of Bishops issues

'Call for Penitent Thanksgiving'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Declaring that "we cannot condone the low estate of morality in our nation," the United Methodist Council of Bishops, meeting here Nov. 12-15, adopted a statement decrying the exploitation of persons by the corruption of political power, involvement in war and debasement by obscenity.

In another action, the Council concurred in an ecumenical document, calling the nation "to sober reflection, repentance and renewal" at the Thanksgiving season.

During its three-day semi-annual meeting, the Council also issued a progress report on its efforts at reconciliation in the strike-bound Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Ky., named 22 delegates to the World Council of Churches 1975 Assembly in Jakarta, and reported that only two of eight constitutional amendments had failed to be ratified by the church's annual (regional) conferences.

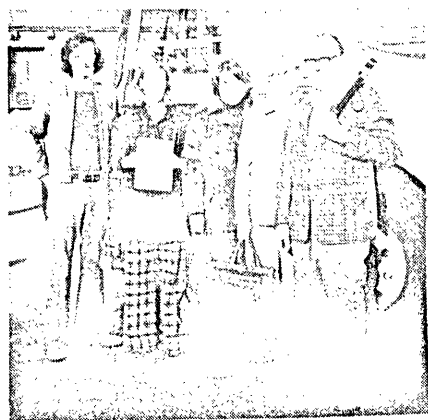
The statement adopted by the bishops declared that "Dehumanization is

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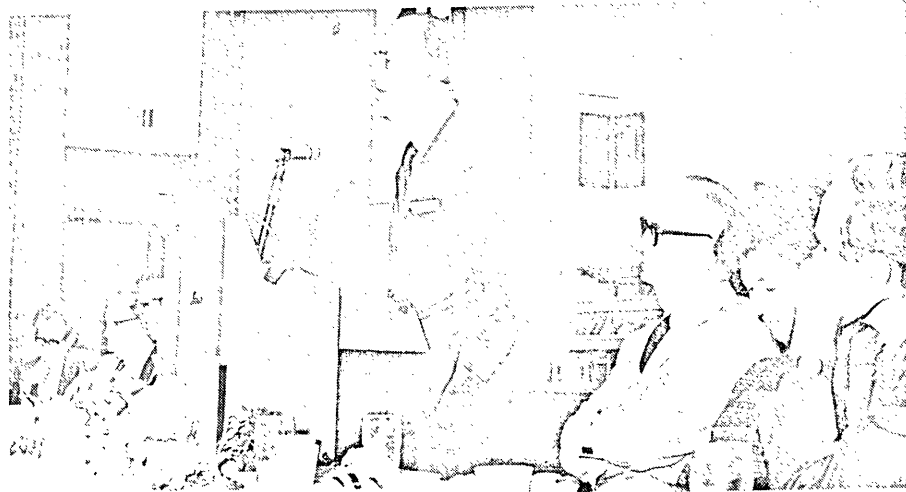
Wesley Church sponsors Ecumenical Sunday

The Work Area of the Economic Affairs of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Little Rock sponsored Ecumenical Sunday on Nov. 11. The guest speaker was Sister Annette Schambur-
eck S. Sp. S., of the St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.

Other platform guests were from Allison Presbyterian Church; Bullock C.M.E., Church Union A.M.E. Church, and Paynes Chapel A.M.E., Zion Church. The guest soloist was Mrs. A. A. Hightower of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mrs. R. Jones of the Catholic Church presided. Chancel music was furnished by the Philander Smith College Choir. The Rev. W. Harry Bass is pastor at Wesley.



AT RIGHT: Some of the 46 persons who are participating in the United Methodist Youth Tour sponsored by the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, photographed by Mrs. John L. Tucker, of the Council staff, as they made ready for departure from Oak Forest Church in Little Rock on Saturday, Nov. 17. ABOVE: Counselors for the tour group, left to right, Paul Hankins, guidance counselor at Lewisville High School; Mary Katherine Gould, Council on Ministries staff secretary; Kay Douglas, college student, Texarkana; Mrs. David Hankins and the Rev. David Hankins, Oak Forest pastor, and guide for the tour.



ABOVE: Bishop Eugene M. Frank addresses Hope District Laity dinner, held Thursday, Nov. 8 at Ashdown. Approximately 300 persons attended. The Rev. William A. Cheyne is pastor of the Ashdown church. AT RIGHT: Dr. Edwin B. Dodson, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, heads the line as laypersons and clergy share in the occasion. (Photos by Ashdown newspaper)



GENERAL COUNCIL ASKS "DAY OF NATIONAL PENITENCE"

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMC) — A call for observance of a national day of penitence has been issued by a general agency of the United Methodist Church.

The denomination's 128-member General Council on Ministries, meeting here Nov. 7-10 issued a call to all United Methodists, asking that the first Sunday in Advent (Dec. 2) be observed "as a day of national penitence for the sins that have brought us to the present state of moral confusion and ask God's guidance in the affairs of our nation in these troublesome days, and ask other denominations to join us."

The General Council on Ministries also requested the church's Council of Bishops to endorse the idea and carry it forward.

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caused by selfishness, pride, ignorance and all other conditions and attitudes that debase human values."

"These function," the statement went on to say, "in a climate of immorality that is marked by political expediency, arrogant opportunism, and corruption in individual, social and political life."

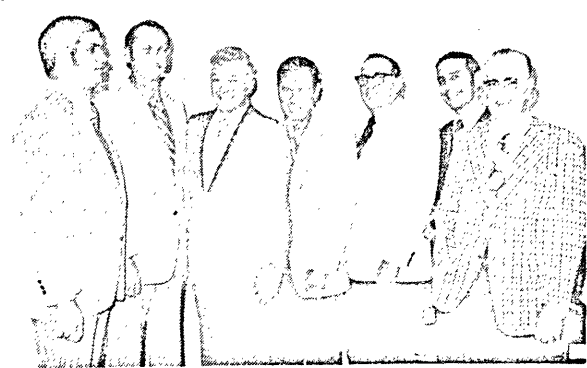
In what appeared to be an obvious reference to Watergate and related matters, the statement said: "No political end justifies the corruption or circumvention of legal processes. The corruption of political power threatens the future of this nation no less than war and places in jeopardy the constitutional foundation of this nation."

In somewhat related but separate action, the bishops concurred in a Call for Penitent Thanksgiving, simultaneously signed by a number of ecumenical leaders of other denominations and groups in the nation.

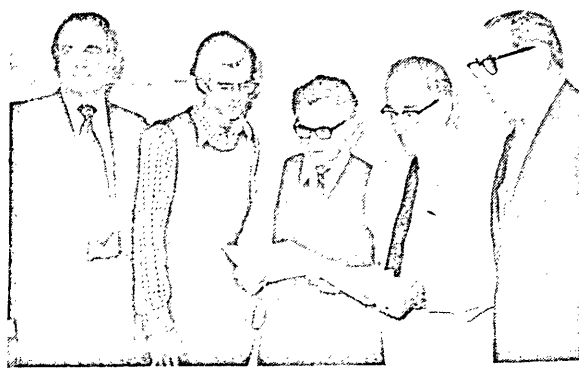
This call emphasized that "the nation's sickness is moral and spiritual as well as political, and the churches

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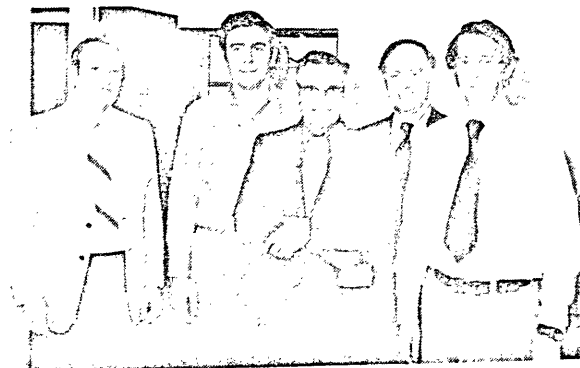
North Arkansas Confirmation Workshop



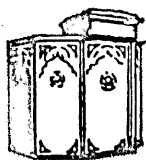
Among the participants in recent Confirmation Workshop, sponsored by the conference Council on Ministries were, left to right: the Revs. Andy Hall of Wyatt Memorial Church, Fort Smith; Bob Orr of Marked Tree; Ben Hines, First Church, West Memphis; Dr. Charles Casteel, Central Avenue, Batesville; John Chapman, Brinkley; Mr. Buddy Arnold, Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, and the Rev. Bill Watson, Blytheville.



Dr. Myers Curtis (left) is Conference Council on Ministries' director. The workshop was planned and directed in cooperation with the Conference Board of Evangelism of which Dr. Joel Cooper, pastor of Central Church in Fayetteville, is chairman. Others in photo, left to right: the Rev. Vic Nixon, Berryville; Dr. Chester Custer of Discipleship Board of Nashville, Tenn., the resource person; Dr. Harold Eggensperger, pastor of First Church, Conway; the Rev. Archie Boyd, pastor of Goddard Church, Fort Smith.



Also attending the Confirmation Workshop at First Church in Conway were, left to right: the Revs. Jesse Bruner, Mountain View; Sam Teague, Bentonville; Gaither McKelvey, Pocahontas; Herschel McClurkin, Wesley Church, Russellville; the Rev. Dick Haltom, Walnut Ridge. Persons attending the workshop will serve as resource leaders for confirmation workshops to be conducted in each district. Others attending were the Revs. Gerald Rainwater, associate at Lakewood Church, North Little Rock and Charles Lewis, associate at First Church, Conway.



From the Bottom of the Heart.....

THE GREATNESS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

There is a greatness of the human spirit which we would do well to honor more often. Not that it should be carnivalized, but this quality — for which only the word greatness seems adequate — is one of the truly primary facts about life and should receive our celebration. It is a fact before which we may justly stand in reverence and awe. It is a grand and heartening evidence of the reality and presence of God. We pay our best tribute to this greatness by using it; we honor it most by letting it use us.

Consider this quality of the human spirit. It is seen in the patient endurance of illness and sorrow and tragedy. It is evidenced in quiet, continuing devotion to duty. It is revealed in dedication to the highest and finest. It is witnessed to by the uncommon faithfulness of common people who daily go about their tasks with good humor and honor and trust. It is beheld in the aspirations and ideals of youth. It is beautifully reflected in the dreams and yearnings of the aged. It is witnessed in the life of those whose days are prayers, not just vocalized, but lived out in selfless service to others.

The greatness of the human spirit is revealed by those who bear their own sorrow and hurt so that loved ones may be spared the pain. It is also revealed by those who share the burden of another so that he not suffer alone. It is a spirit which may be expressed by our nation, both in the enduring of our trials and in the redemptive look and return to the rock from which we were hewn.

This greatness of the human spirit is evidenced in the resilience of peoples, individuals and nations; the ability to recoup from blows which otherwise would be fatal.

It is such a spirit, authored by God, which has nerved the faint-hearted and given faith to those who otherwise would have long ago given up on both man and God. It has kept alive the fires of faith, the light of truth and all noble ventures of the human heart. Such is some of our indebtedness to God for his gift of such a spirit.

The church is both beneficiary and trustee of this spirit. We are its heirs and its custodians. We are stewards of those elements which nurture and sustain this unique quality which enables life to endure.

Our appropriate response is to thank God for this gift and to participate in it. We know that it needs not so much our praise as it does our use. Because of it we may live victoriously in the present and look to the future with hope.

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Message in a bottle

I don't know who you are or where you are, but right now you are hurting with a hurt that only the soul can know. It is so much worse by far than the pain the body can experience, though that can be unbearable, too. But your hurt and your anguish and your sorrow are of the heart and are such that no other human can fathom or understand.

So just for you is this message in a bottle, washed upon the shore of your suffering; take this treasure shared by all who call the Nazarene Lord: peace . . . faith . . . love . . . hope.

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Paeon to the pioneer preachers

Some of the greatest preaching ever is preserved in the Lyman Beecher Foundation series, better known as the Yale Lectures on Preaching. The following is a quotation from the 1914 Lectures, given that year by the Englishman Charles Sylvester Horne, whom death took suddenly just three days after the series was completed.

Speaking of the contribution of the preacher down across the ages, he says:

"Gradually before their message, ancient . . . empires tottered, heathen despots bowed the head . . . stately cathedrals reared their splendid towers and spires, and the battle music of the Christian crusade rang triumphantly in chiming bells and pealing organs"

In the recesses of Indian forests, up the dark rivers of Africa and South America . . . , along the frozen coast of Greenland and Labrador, the pioneer preachers made their pilgrimage.

Let every village preacher who climbs into a rude rostrum, to give out a text and preach a sermon to a meagre handful of somewhat stolid hearers, remember to what majestic Fraternity he belongs, and what romantic traditions he inherits. He, too, is the servant of the spirit. He, too, does his work in the land of Romance."

Off the Top of the Head.....

The View from the Window — #3 :

"Fling wide the gates of the temple . . ."

From where I sit in my office I can look out the window and see an imposing gothic cathedral and can watch worshippers come and go during stated services. But one thing I see puzzles and bothers and sometimes, I must admit, amuses me. It is that of the big double doors of the cathedral only the one on the left side opens. The right-hand one is secured.

Now most of us, when we approach double doors, are conditioned to try the right door first. I notice that almost all of the good folk who try to enter the cathedral do just this. Some will pull and tug and jerk on it, all to no avail. Most of them will finally get around to trying the left door and will give it a hefty pull only to be almost physically bowled over by its complete willingness to be easily opened.

But what bothers me is the poor souls who give up, never thinking to try the left door. And in my several months of door watching this has happened on a goodly number of occasions. I've been tempted, since the cathedral is within hollerin' distance from my vantage point, to open my window and give out with a lusty yell all the way up 7th and across Louisiana Street to "Try the left hand door!" But since my window opens just a wee bit at the bottom I'd have to get down on my hands and knees and such a spectacle might not be readily understood should I be visited at the moment by the bishop or a prospective subscriber or other dignitary. So I have respectfully restrained myself from committing such an ecumenical good turn.

But just imagine the human drama latent in such a situation. Here, for example, is a communicant who needs in the worst way to make a quick confession, but tug and sweat as he might he can't get the blasted door of the cathedral open. Here's another party who has \$100,000 to give to the pastor and the door is jammed! Another chap has just had the first religious impulse he's experienced in a decade and has finally gotten enough courage to enter a sanctuary only to be greeted by a stuck door, even though the bells are ringing and he can hear singing inside. Alas, we may never know what human and divine drama has been played out before that reluctant church door.

And what little lesson in life are we to learn from all of this? What else but that we ought to make it easy for folk to get into church! Not just by doors that work but by hands that genuinely welcome, hearts that are eager in acceptance, minds that are open and by a good news that is freely and enthusiastically shared!

A check on all of our church doors might be in order: the physical and the spiritual ones too.

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Even one ringy-dingy is welcome . . .

Retired Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, in expressing appreciation for the invitation to address a lay men's assembly some time back, commented about not having made many preaching appearances of late. He recalled what the late Bishop Marvin Franklin had said some time after his retirement: "A retired bishop likes to hear the phone ring even if it's a wrong number."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Australian evangelist Dr. Alan Walker, addressing a convocation on Evangelism in Contemporary Experience in Claremont, Calif., stated that the church should abandon "archaic doctrines" that base evangelism on appeals to personal fear, and hope of heavenly reward. However, Dr. Walker warned against neglecting the personal aspects of faith. "The creation of a personal piety without a social conscience is irrelevant, but social agitation which does not seek the conversion of men and women vainly beats the air," he said.

The nationally-televized Thanksgiving Day football game between the Detroit Lions and Washington Redskins will feature two religious hymns—aimed at boosting the spirit of Thanksgiving — between halves, Dr. Robert L. Kincheloe, executive director of the Detroit Council of Churches, said in making the announcement: "We are not trying to form a rah-rah booster groundswell for the home team . . . Rather we are asking our congregations to . . . boost the spirit of Thanksgiving by joining in singing 'Come Ye Thankful People, Come' and 'We Gather Together.'"

Addressing some 950 business and professional people and government officials during the 17th annual District of Columbia Mayor-Commissioner's Prayer Breakfast, Mayor Walter E. Washington, a Baptist layman, said: "There was a time when you had to talk very loud or do something silly to get the attention of people . . . Some of us are beginning to understand that you can't learn anything talking all the time, and we're listening a little more — being willing to hear the cries of a whole variety of people."

"Today, more than ever before," Mayor Washington said, "we need God in our lives. We need to understand His love, His compassion . . . Only through faith in God can we develop the courage to reconcile those forces that continue to drive men apart. . . Only through faith in God can we force racism, hate, prejudice, suspicion and meanness from our hearts and minds."

The American public is being trained to regard U.S. Supreme Court rulings as "ex cathedra" (from the chair), charges William F. Buckley, Jr., one of the nation's best known conservative spokesmen. "There's more than compliance here," the National Review editor said. "It's more like internal assent." "Polls show that most people are against school busing, and the secularization of schools, and some politicians say that they are too. But they add that, of course, they will abide by the Supreme Court's decision on this matter," he noted. "People need release from this subtle thrall to judicial morality," Buckley, a Roman Catholic, asserted.

A state-wide referendum to provide for local-option drink sales in North Carolina was defeated in 97 of the state's 100 counties. The Rev. Coy Privette, a leader of "dry" forces described rejection of the measure as a "victory for the church."

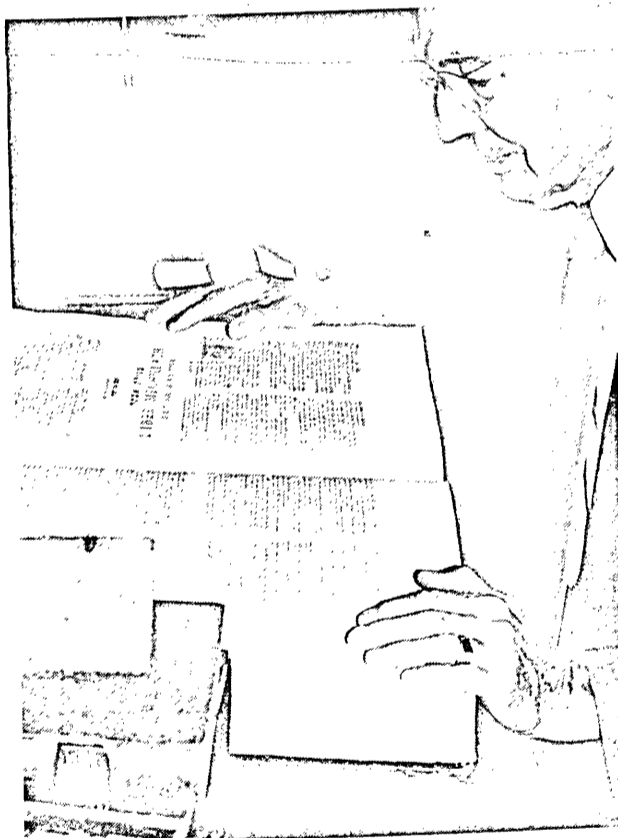
Information on the geographic distribution of North American Protestant missionaries shows little change in 1972 from 1969. Latin America continues to have the most, with one-third of the total. Asia has 30 per cent. Africa, with 27 per cent, was down 2 per cent from 1969. Brazil is the nation having the most Protestant mission workers from the U.S. and Canada.

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Zambia's President Kenneth D. Kaunda, a devout member of the United Church of Zambia, addressing an assembly of church, civic, and tribal leaders "broke down and cried" as he spoke of the problem of "excessive drinking" in his country, a Lusaka Radio report said. Mr. Kaunda threatened to resign as president unless Zambians "changed their drinking habits." Mr. Kaunda also spoke against "excessive materialism," the broadcast said. He declared, "If you make money your master, you are finished as a nation."

Addressing an interfaith clergy luncheon in Kankakee, Ill. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, prominent evangelical theologian and author, noted that the American tradition "is to consider a President, policeman, editor, or a judge innocent of any crime up to the moment of a court verdict. To consider men guilty in advance of juridical determination would be to sacrifice in principle one of the soundest features of American society."

A new ecumenical human rights agency set up by Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Churches, the Committee of Cooperation for Peace in Chile, has begun operations. The agency is designed to offer counsel and legal and material assistance to victims of the events that followed the military overthrow of the Marxist government of the late President Salvador Allende on Sept. 11.



DALLAS — Milam Wade inspects a Bible from his collection. Shying away from dealers and other collectors, Mr. Wade had found many of his books by rummaging through stacks and under benches in second hand stores and junk shops. Other books have come through friends or individuals who have heard of his collection. He cleans and rebinds his own books and in so doing has discovered two hand-written vellum pages dated around 1450 under the end pages of one old Bible. (RNS Photo)

Americans United for Separation of Church and State have charged in an editorial appearing in the November issue of Church and State that Roman Catholic bishops' efforts to introduce religious instruction into public schools through constitutional amendment is "a ploy aimed at weakening public resistance to tax aid for parochial schools."

"Civil religion doesn't deserve the shady reputation it has in some circles today," said Navy Chaplain Rear Adm. Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr. as he spoke at an annual Veteran's Day service in Detroit. "To appreciate the relationship between God and country is not an assumption that God is always on our side or that God will bless whatever we undertake," the United Presbyterian clergyman said.

"Today's American scene reveals a threat to the efficacy of court orders and a disrespect on constituted authority that should alarm every minister of the gospel, every worshiper of God, every devotee of religious freedom," Leon Jaworski, the new Water-gate special prosecutor, told a Christian Life Commission Conference on "National Priorities and Christian Responsibility" in New York. Mr. Jaworski, son of a Presbyterian minister, said "It (the church) has been a meaningful part of my life from the time of my birth in a parsonage to the present day. I want it to fulfill its mission to God and country so that every Christian can point to it with justifiable pride."

Delegates attending a "Communications Law Explosion" seminar in New York were told by Attorney Alan U. Schwartz that the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on pornography hasn't yet slowed down the flow of so-called obscene materials — but it has definitely given local communities greater power to keep it out of their areas. Schwartz, a specialist in literary, theatrical, motion picture, and civil liberties law, said there are some 50 pornography cases in various stages of court action across the nation.

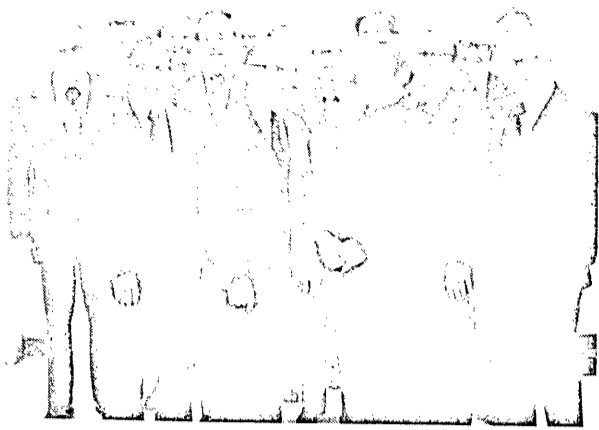
An appeal to the warring parties in the Middle East to abide by the Geneva Convention's provisions regarding treatment of prisoners of war has been issued by an interreligious committee of 16 Christian leaders and the president of the Synagogue Council of America. The statement by the Committee for Prisoners of War in the Middle East was sent to the governments of Egypt, Israel, and Syria, the U.S. Department of State, and United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim; and appeared as an advertisement in New York Times.

The number of North American Protestant missionaries overseas increased by less than 2 per cent between 1969 to 1972, according to a triennial handbook to be released in December on the Protestant mission force abroad. Mission giving, the document indicates, increased about 10 per cent across the three-year period but did not keep up with the rates of inflation and dollar devaluation.

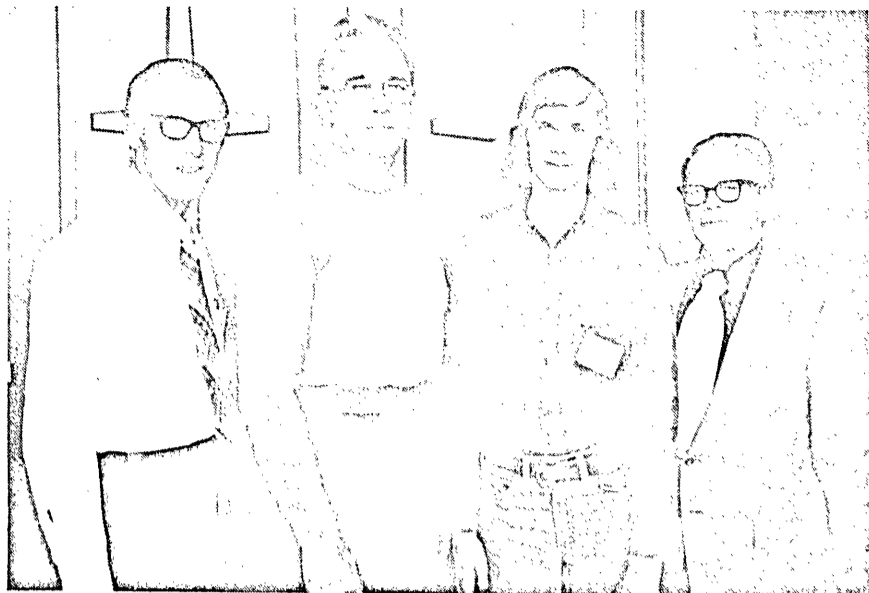
The Texas Conference of Churches, an ecumenical association including Roman Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox bodies, will sponsor a state-wide Convocation of Worship and Praise to invoke God's blessings upon the 1974 Constitutional Convention of Texas which will meet Jan. 8-9. Dr. Carlyle Marney, American Baptist clergyman from North Carolina and a former pastor of Austin's First Baptist church for 10 years, will be guest preacher for the convocation of worship on Sunday, Jan. 6.

Harold B. Lee, president of the Mormon Church, has called on Americans to stop preaching pessimism and to give "optimistic support" to their nation. ". . . We should be providing optimistic support of the nation . . . We should stress what's right in the U.S.," he said.

NOVEMBER 22, 1973



The Executive Committee of the Board of Missions of the North Arkansas Conference met Nov. 14 with district superintendents and the district missionary secretaries. Attending were, from left, front row: the Revs. Joe E. Linam; Ben F. Jordan; Bob Edwards, vice chairman. Second row: the Revs. Clint Atchley; Dr. Myers B. Curtis; David P. Conyers, chairman; Pryor R. Cruce; Lloyd M. Conyers. Back row: the Revs. Elmo A. Thomason, Dr. Earl Hughes; Dr. J. Ralph Clayton; Joseph F. Wilkerson; Andrew M. Hall, Jr., secretary; Dr. Charles P. McDonald, and Arvest Lawson.



ATTENDING a consultation on the Future of Youth Ministry held Nov. 1-5 in Oklahoma City were (from left) the Rev. David N. Moose, Gentry, Fayetteville District coordinator of youth ministry; the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, director of the North Arkansas Conference Council; Tom McDonald, president of the North Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry; and the Rev. Robert O. Beck, director of the Little Rock Conference Council. One hundred and forty persons attended, representing 55 annual conferences.

Council Directors to Local Churches

Audiovisuals on a 'first come — first served' basis

The leaves are a'turning. Arkansas is a riot of color. There is evidence that the Thanksgiving Season is ahead, and some are even "pushing" Christmas!

Perhaps it is in order to remind you that the mail service does get rather cluttered at this time of the year. Your Conference Film Library has a number of filmstrips and films, records, etc., that you may want to use for your Christmas programming. Since the library has only limited editions, they must be scheduled on a "first come — first served" basis. Too, it is suggested that due to mail service, that you place your order as soon as possible. After December 14, it will be difficult to guarantee "on time delivery" through the mail.

BELOW are the audiovisual resources available that may be ordered through your CONFERENCE FILM LIBRARY, 715 CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72201.

BELLS AT CHRISTMAS: 43 Frames. Color paintings. Record approx. 20 min. Age level: Primary through Adults. The stories of Christmas and Christmas bell lore are combined to produce a most unusual and delightful program.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN: Filmstrip seeking to help persons make the Christmas season fresh and meaningful; this filmstrip mainly depicts the Christmas Story in biblical scenes made up of wood-carved figures. The narration is taken from the King James Version of the birth of Christ, with accompanying carols. 40 frames record.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: 35mm, 18 minutes, color. OLDER PRIMARY through ADULT. Sequence of customs pictured and described on 33 rpm record of countries

throughout the world with reminder that these varied customs are all ways to remember Jesus' birthday.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARTS: 40 frames. Record approx. 15 min. Age level: Juniors through Adults. The Christmas story from Annunciation through coming of the Wise Men illustrated by great masterpieces of religious art as depicted since the Sixth Century by artists from many lands. Color and detail captured in superb closeups and appropriately emphasized in the accompanying recorded narration.

CHRISTMAS IN THE FAMILY: 35mm, 45 frames, ANY AGE GROUP, FAMILY PROGRAM. Background features carols by Mitchell Boys' Choir. A lonely widow watches from her window as the family next door prepares for Christmas. She is adopted as a substitute grandmother by little Betsy, who asks why Jesus doesn't get presents on His birthday.

CHRISTMAS RIDDLE: 35mm, 35 frames, color, PRIMARY AND JUNIOR to supplement Christmas lessons, with FAMILY GROUPS AND GENERAL CHURCH AUDIENCES in special Christmas programs.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: a 35 mm, 32 frames, record (one side of records for children, other for adults). Visualization of the traditional Christmas story including pilgrimage of shepherds and wisemen.

A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER: 35 mm. Describes the foretelling of Christ, and using both the Matthew and Luke accounts, relates the Nativity Story. 48 frames, color.

GREEN WHISTLES CAN'T SING GLORY TO GOD: 35mm. A group of children discuss events of the first Christmas and reminisce about their own Christmas celebrations. Both the script and the art work are the result of the children's exploration into the

meaning of Christmas. ELEMENTARY I-III.

HOW WE GOT OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 35mm, 43 frames, color. Interesting, carefully documented stories of the origin of many Christmas carols. May be used as a complete Christmas program of about 20 minutes, or use music, scripture, or poetry before and after, if longer program desired. JUNIORS THROUGH ADULTS.

THE INDIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL: 33-1/3 RPM record. The Nativity Story as told in the language of the American Indian. For use in children's programs.

IT BEGAN IN BETHLEHEM: 35 mm, 15 minutes, color, JUNIOR through ADULT. Worship and inspiration discussion. Relation of the nativity including Old Testament prophecy, annunciation, journey to Bethlehem, proclamation of the angels to the shepherds, birth of Jesus. Last scene is a cross, pointing out the theme. His birth was part of a continuing event.

LOVE AT CHRISTMAS: 45 frames. Record approx. 18 min. Age level: Juniors through Adults. Through art, narration and music, this beautiful sound filmstrip presents a meaningful Christmas worship service. God's love for man is revealed in the birth of the Savior. In this gift is found new wonder and amazement at God's unfailing love. The filmstrip concludes with man's response to God as man reaches out with love for his fellowman. Music by Augsburg College Choir, with organ background by Paul Manz. Uses: Christmas worship services, church parties, youth and adult groups.

MAKING CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN: 35mm, 36 frames, 12 min. color. USE LATE NOVEMBER... EARLY DECEMBER ONLY. PRIMARY-ADULTS. Effectiveness lost if shown too close to Christmas day. Story of a family who plan and do

together a variety of things to maintain a creative Christmas spirit in their home. Their activities serve as suggestions for viewers to try family traditions, make gifts and decorations, remember family helpers and friends, build a miniature creche, observe seasonal worship in the home. Ideas are concrete, not trite, and the stress on activity as a family carries year-round implications.

THE OTHER WISE MAN: 59 frames. Color paintings. Record approx. 18 min. Opp. side: Christmas carillon for public address systems. Age level: Juniors through Adults. In this fictional work "The Other Wise Man" is Artaban, a Magi of Persia. He misses a planned rendezvous with the Biblical Three Wise Men while performing an act of mercy, and spends his life seeking the Messiah alone. While doing so, he uses gifts intended for Jesus to help others in trouble. Injured in the earthquake following the Crucifixion, he finds his King as he lies dying; for he hears the voice of Jesus blessing his acts of service. Uses: Epiphany, Christmas, Lent-Easter, Life of service, Devotional.

TELL ME ABOUT CHRISTMAS: 35mm, 16 minutes. Ages 6-11. Use a week or two before Christmas, and with church school classes, worship, Christmas parties, FAMILY GROUPS in the church. Through happy family activities in the weeks before Christmas, Bobby, Mary, and parents discover how Christmas is for knowing God loves us, and for loving God and each other. This is a visualization of Mary Alice Jones' popular book. 49 frames. Offers ADULTS encouragement to plan for a more significant holiday observance.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR AUDIO-VISUALS EARLY AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER YOUR SHOWING.

NEWS and NOTES

THE UMYF of First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, went to Riley's Oak Hill Manor for their evening program Sunday, Nov. 11. The youth presented a special song and led some hymns. The Handbell Choir also presented some special songs. The Rev. Earl B. Carter is their pastor.

THE REV. R. E. CONNELL, retired United Methodist minister, delivered the sermon Sunday, Nov. 11, for Retired Ministers' Sunday in Central United Methodist Church, Rogers. His son, the Rev. William P. Connell, is the Central minister.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church, Walnut Ridge, sponsored a bus trip to Methodist Hospital in Memphis for interested persons in Paragould District on Saturday, Nov. 17. All who attended were taken on a tour of the facilities and given a luncheon meal.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST Church, Benton, will dedicate their new Wicks Pipe Organ Sunday, Nov. 25. Dr. John G. Hughes, professor of organ and chairman of the Fine Arts Department at UALR, will be guest organist. The Rev. Edward Nonenbeck is pastor.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT plans to hold two Literature Workshops for persons interested in learning more about the church school material. The first workshop will be held in First Church, Fort Smith, on Monday, Nov. 26 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The second will be in Paris at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE UNITED Methodist Church of Benton will have a bazaar and rummage sale Nov. 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Many interesting items will be for sale and the proceeds will go to buy new pews. Pie and coffee will be served. The Rev. T. G. Poss is the pastor.

PANGBURN UNITED Methodist Church held a revival Oct. 21-26 with the Rev. Lindsey Harrison as guest speaker. L. E. Price was song leader and Mrs. Price was pianist. Special music was presented by Medra Haddock, Imogene Albert, Martha Davis, Freeland Hughes, and Nickey Hughes. The Rev. Joe Gramling was host pastor.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Church, Little Rock, is making a \$300 contribution to the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Tex., as part of its special Missions project. The Rev. Joseph E. Taylor is the Trinity pastor.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond A. Dorman (at left) were honored at a surprise dinner by the congregation of Luxora United Methodist Church for their 40 years of service to the United Methodist Church. The Dormans were presented with a cake and a love gift.

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McCRORY UNITED METHODIST Women were hostesses to Augusta United Methodist Women and members of the McCrory Church at a pre-Halloween potluck supper. Mrs. Sarah Bob Trammel presided over the program which featured a puppet show entitled, "A Turtle in a Shell," written and presented by Mrs. Joanne Dodd. The thought of the show was "What are you doing in your shell?" After supper each person present drew a message from a box labeled, "No Tricks, Only Treats from Jesus." The messages were read aloud. The Rev. Lon Brewer is pastor at McCrory.

NEW OFFICERS for Wheatley United Methodist Women are: Mrs. Bobby Henard, president; Mrs. H. E. Riffey, vice-president; Mrs. Steve Williamson, secretary; Mrs. George Lalman, treasurer; and Mrs. Danny Williamson, representative. The Rev. Charles Nance is their pastor.

THE "REACH OUT SINGERS" of Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, gave a guest performance in First Church at Batesville on Sunday evening, Nov. 11.

LARRY PIERCE, associate minister at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, was guest preacher in First United Methodist at DeWitt on Sunday morning, Nov. 4. Participating in the youth program were Mike Bryant and Kathy Mooney, presidents of the Junior and Senior UMY at DeWitt, where the Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED Children's Handbell Choir of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Stuttgart, made their first appearance at a recent Sunday morning worship service. The group is directed by Mrs. Norris Ragan. The Rev. George Meyer is their pastor.

BOOK REVIEWS are being given in First Church, Siloam Springs, to promote use of the church library. On Nov. 11, Mrs. Barbara Akins reviewed "Organizing to Beat the Devil," a history of Methodists in America, and Mrs. Frances Huskins reviewed Bonhoeffer's "Life Together." The Rev. Merle A. Johnson is their pastor.

WEINER, FISHER and Hickory Ridge United Methodists held a union Thanksgiving service in the Fisher Church. The Rev. James A. Barton, Hickory Ridge pastor, brought the message. The Rev. Glenn Bruner was host pastor.

CHURCH APPRECIATION DAY at Mountain Home was Nov. 11. The Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District superintendent, was on hand to introduce the guest speaker, Bishop Eugene M. Frank. The choir presented special music. The Rev. Norman Carter was host pastor.

"A VISIT WITH BISHOP SHAW" will be the title of an interview to be seen on Channel 2 on Sunday, Nov. 25, at 3:15. Bishop A. J. Shaw, retired, of India, has recently completed a visit in Arkansas.

THE GENESIS SINGERS, a young contemporary music group from the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, presented a worship service in First Church at Camden, Sunday evening, Nov. 4.

THE "RIGHT NOW SINGERS" from Pullman Heights United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, presented the worship service at the Arkadelphia District Youth Rally held in First Church, Malvern, on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft was host pastor.

TIGERT AND MORNING STAR United Methodist Churches recently gave receptions for their new minister, the Rev. E. Stanley Wagner, and his family. The Morning Star Church reception included a welcome cake. The Tigert Church gave a grocery and money pounding.

THE McCRORY UNITED Methodist Junior High Sunday School Class raised \$44.40 for UNICEF. At the same time, members experienced what it must be like to be a Christian in Russia. The "game" involved being arrested, blindfolded and kidnapped and taken over the "Berlin Wall." After a weiner roast, the group "escaped" while blindfolded through a pre-arranged maze on the kindergarten playground. Refreshments waited at the home of one of the members.

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.

Nov. 25—Sunday	Prov. 1:2-9
	Rev. 21:1-7
Nov. 26	John 8:12-19
Nov. 27	John 10:1-18
Nov. 28	John 11:21-27
Nov. 29	John 14:6-12
Nov. 30	John 15:1-8
Dec. 1	John 17:11-21
Dec. 2—Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10



At a recent morning worship service at First Church, Harrison, a new bicycle was rolled into the sanctuary and children came forward to place over \$100 in the bicycle's basket. The offering provided the bicycle and clothing to a family befriended by the church. Seen above is Pastor John M. McCormack and the happy recipients of the gift.

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PIGGOTT CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS — THANKSGIVING-CHRISTMAS

Piggott United Methodist Church is hosting "Forty Days of Love," the season of Thanksgiving to Christmas, beginning on Wednesday, Nov. 21, with the Community Thanksgiving Service. On Thursday, Nov. 29, a work night will be held for all adults and young adults to make Advent wreaths for home use. Sunday, Dec. 2, is the beginning of Advent and the first of the Advent candles will be lighted. An additional Advent candle will be lighted each Sunday throughout the season.

Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Director of North Arkansas Council on Ministries, will be the guest speaker Dec. 2 through Wednesday, Dec. 5. His topic will be "A Dialogue in Faith." United Methodist Women of Piggott will hold their Christmas meeting with husbands and guests invited on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. the choir will present the Christmas cantata. Family night will be Wednesday, Dec. 19. The Christmas service will be "The Stranger Among Us" on Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

The Rev. Ellsworth Watson is the Piggott minister.

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LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT PARSONETTES SPONSOR SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Dr. John Biegeleisen of St. Louis, widely recognized as a Bible teacher and lecturer, led a Spiritual Retreat for ministers and wives of the Little Rock District on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Aldersgate Camp near Little Rock. The retreat, sponsored by the district parsonettes, focused on the theme: "Reach Out . . . to the Infinite."

The retreat began with a "Reaching Out to Each Other" and singing led by Mrs. W. R. Hazzard and Mrs. Vernelle Norman. Mrs. Grafton Thomas, president of the district parsonettes, led in a moment of memory for the late Mrs. Neill Hart and the Rev. Curtis Williams. Bishop Eugene M. Frank presented the speaker, Dr. Biegeleisen.

Table decorations for the luncheon which followed the theme, "Breaking Bread Together," featured loaves of home-made bread and original wood-burnings by Mrs. Robert E. L. Bearden. Centered in the foreground of the U-shaped tables was a symbolic bowl, pitcher and towel.

Hostesses were Mrs. Edward W.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT MINISTERS AND WIVES HOLD RETREAT

Ministers and wives in Batesville District met at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville on Monday Oct. 29 for a retreat which began with registration at 10:30 a.m. and closed with a Communion Service in the Paul E. Martin Chapel on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Fifty-eight persons shared in study sessions, led by Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, lodge group sharing, quiet moments and vespers. "Setting Men Free," by Bruce Larson and "Florence Allshorn," by J. H. Oldham, were used as study and resource materials. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., is Batesville District superintendent.

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Harris, chairman, Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, Mrs. W. R. Hazzard, Mrs. Vernelle Norman, Mrs. Sam Jones, and Mrs. Robert Van Hook. Overseeing other arrangements were Mrs. Maurice Webb, Mrs. Tom Nation, Mrs. Lucille Hefley, and Mrs. Grafton Thomas.

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Fairview women reorganize

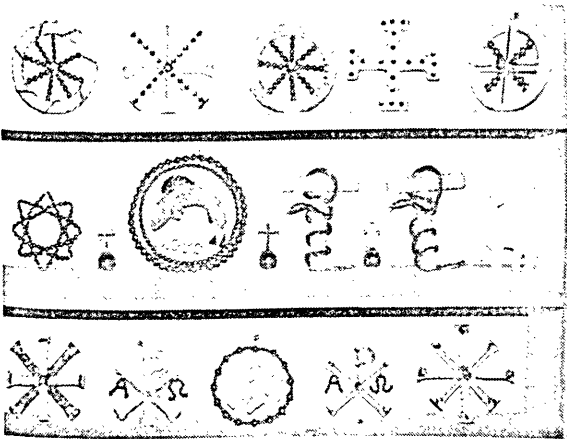
Eloise Jones, Little Rock Conference delegate and also a jurisdictional delegate to the Assembly at Cincinnati last month, presented a talk on the assembly theme: "Many Gifts, One Spirit," at the Nov. 5th meeting of United Methodist Women at Fairview Church in Camden.

Chairpersons were elected for the Morning Satellite, Afternoon Satellite, and three Night Satellite groups. Chairpersons were also elected to serve the following groups (some short-term): Nursing Home, Shut-Ins, Reading Program, Local Church Activities, His-

torian, Money Making, Stamp, Transportation, Arts and Crafts, Prayer Chain, Summer Reading (and Phonics), and Supervised Playground.

The Fairview women's organization reports 113 members to date. They have completed a Chrismon project, and the Chrismon Tree will be in use at the Dec. 2 evening worship service in the sanctuary. A Membership Tea was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, and the Service of Celebration is planned for Sunday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 22, 1973

Letter from Helen Wilson



Missionary Helen Wilson (in back row) with women of Bethel Methodist Church at Cochabamba, Bolivia. Senora Doris Wills (left, back row) is Central District coordinator of Women's Work.

Casilla 770
Cochabamba-Bolivia,
South America
November 9, 1973

Dear Churches and Friends
of the Little Rock and
North Arkansas Conferences:

The Bethel Methodist Church in the outskirts of Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America, lends their facilities to the women in the neighborhood to have monthly meetings with a home economic worker provided by the National Protestant Social Action Committee.

This afternoon that I attended (back row looking on!) our Coordinator of women's work of our District (back row left) led good singing as part of her devotional. How the women loved to continue singing as they learned to prepare a new dish to take home new ideas for better nutrition.

I hope you won't mind my being very frank with you all, but we have real financial needs in our Central District before the end of the year. This Church needs a new cooking stove, a fence of some 200 yards to protect the property. Another church needs the same. Water is very scarce; so wells need to be dug; roofs need to be changed for when it does rain! Sewage systems need to be cleaned out. Far out churches need telephones - and I could go on and on.

I thought maybe many of you as churches, classes, youth or other groups might want to make special gifts at this Thanksgiving Season. Instead of confusing you with different project names, you may send your love gifts in the name of:

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through your Church Treasurer who in turn sends them immediately to the Conference Treasurer who will send them before the end of the year to the Board of Global Ministries World Division Treasurer.

Your missionary, grateful for all you have done and continue to do,

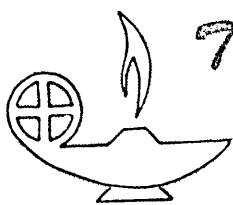
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"... pray for us that the word of the
Lord may speed on the triumph..."
2 Thessalonians 3:1

PHOTOS AT LEFT: (Upper) United Methodist Women of Fairview Church in Chrismon Workshop, with Mrs. Mary Seaton, UMW president, seated at left. One hundred Chrismons have been completed for their first Chrismon tree. Mrs. Bonnie Lewis (lower right), served as coordinator and principal instructor for the project. Chrismon materials and patterns were distributed to many shut-in members, thus giving them the opportunity to participate in the project. At lower left are some of the completed Chrismons - all made in combinations of white and gold. The Rev. George A. Tanner is minister at Fairview, Camden.

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The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 2:

"Why The Gospel of John?"

INTRODUCTION: We are to study the Gospel of John this quarter, (Dec., Jan. and Feb.). There will be three units: 1) The Son of God came to Us; 2) The Son of God Active Among Us; and 3) The Son of God Victorious For Us. In this first unit there are four sessions: A. Why the Gospel of John?; B. Who is This Jesus?; C. Belief or Unbelief; D. The Word Dwelt Among Us. Today we will seek to discover the unique message of John. The message of John's gospel should come through to us in sharper focus as we view it against the background of the conditions, life-style and thought, and people to whom he first wrote.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: John 1:6-13; 17; 20:30-31; 21:24-25

MEMORY SELECTION: These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name. — John 20:31 (rsv)

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: To enable us to understand the significant contribution of the Gospel of John to the end that we may be led to accept the promise he offers in Christ.

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A BOOK BELOVED

The Gospel of John is the best loved book in the Bible for many people. The writer speaks to their needs and feeds the deep heart hungers. Dr. William Barclay refers to it as the "Gospel of the eagle's eye." "The eagle," he says, "of all living creatures alone can look straight into the sun and not be dazzled, and John of all the New Testament writers has the most penetrating gaze into the eternal mysteries and the eternal truths, and into the very mind of God" (Barclay, The Gospel of John V. I, Int. xv. St. Andrews Press). It is this great book and its central character, Jesus, we will be reading and studying this quarter.

A FOURTH GOSPEL

The subject for today is a question: "Why the Gospel of John?" At first you may share my initial reaction. To have read and come under the power of this gospel is reason enough. Perhaps none can measure the tremendous influence this small book has had upon human life on this planet. Yet its influence has been great, we know. Is that not enough to justify its existence? The value of a gospel or book is not its beautiful and impressive prose or its interesting story. Its lasting value lies in its power to bring us into an awareness of God and commit-

ment to his will and purpose for our lives. But it does help our understanding of God's word to know something of the purpose, people, and relationship to other biblical literature of the book we are studying. So we ask why this gospel in order to know it better and discover its deeper meanings.

CONDITIONS THAT BROUGHT FORTH THIS GOSPEL

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called synoptic gospels. Though each is different from the other, they are similar as to source and the material used. In contrast, the Fourth Gospel is basically different from the synoptics.

In John the cleansing of the temple comes at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. There are no stories of the birth of Jesus in John. This gospel includes material not found in the other three. The wedding feast in Cana; the visit of Nicodemus, the raising of Lazarus, etc., are found only in John's Gospel. But these are not the most significant things about this Gospel's place in our affection. The writer makes meaningful and real the life and work of Jesus for people of all time and all cultures. Words such as life, light, love, truth and comforter characterize the deep spiritual and universal message of this book.

WHEN AND TO WHOM WRITTEN

The Fourth Gospel was written much later than the first three. It was written in Ephesus around 100 A.D. By this time Christianity had moved beyond the Jewish boundaries into the gentile culture. The Greeks in Ephesus were unfamiliar with Jewish history and tradition. The gospel writer had to tell his story in terms with which they were familiar. He must describe Jesus, not as the fulfillment of a promised Jewish messiah, but in terms of their own culture.

Perhaps this is a significant discovery of the way in which our experience of Christ becomes more real to his followers. Adapting our language and message in contemporary ideas and terms we discover the broad appeal he has for humanity of races, classes, and cultures.

Perhaps a good question to consider is how can we describe Jesus as a vital and relevant savior in contemporary society? What thought forms and ideas need enlightenment through the application of Jesus' life and teachings as we reinterpret them for our day?

John takes the idea the Greeks had of word and reason and describe Jesus as the fulfillment of this concept. The Word was God. Christ represents God, or Word, and gives meaning.

PROBLEMS OF FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY

It was inevitable that there would be misunderstandings arise among the early Christians. Without the presence of Jesus there were many false and

misleading ideas advocated. Some claimed that John the Baptist was the promised messiah. John's Gospel insists he was a forerunner. "He was not that light, but came to bear witness to the true light."

Others said physical matter was evil. Only spirit was pure. Therefore God could not exist in evil matter. Jesus was not really human. He only appeared to be a man. John's word to this is that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Another idea current in the time of the writing of this gospel was that salvation was obtained through special knowledge. Does this sound very up-to-date to you? Is there a special formula, ritual, or knowledge that brings fulfillment? Why are so many cults attractive today? The knowing that saves, according to John, is to know God and his Son, Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

The writer knew Jesus and through him he had found God. The experience was so great he wanted others to find and believe in Jesus. It had changed his life. He believed it would change the world. Do we share his belief? "We beheld his glory, glory of the only begotten Son of God."

THE PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL

One of the suggested scripture selections is a statement of the purpose of the Gospel. The author says many other accounts of the life of Jesus are known to his readers. His account was written that the reader might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing might have life in his name."

Do you think he fulfills his stated purpose? Illustrate.

What is our purpose in the Church and the Church School? Can you state an adequate purpose definitely? How can we proceed to fulfill our purpose as a Christian group when we have formulated it?

ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus prays that God will grant eternal life to all his followers (John 17:1-3). Eternal life is defined as the knowledge of the only true God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent.

The promise of life beyond death is a sacred and precious part of the Christian's faith. But eternal life is also a quality of life without beginning or ending. So, eternal life is an experience we can have now. There is a quality of life that Jesus brings to an individual that creates an awareness of meaning and enrichment that we call fulfillment. John had found and describes this experience as eternal life. It was in Jesus Christ whom God had sent into the world.

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"Who is This Jesus?" is the subject for next week as we continue the study of the Gospel of John.

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"Pluralism within church" causes Good News to change stance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Following a closed, one-day meeting here November 6, the Rev. Riley Case, Union City, Ind., chairman of a curriculum task force of the evangelical "Good News" movement within the United Methodist Church, is quoted as saying "We have a new reading of the minds of the people responsible for materials coming out of Nashville."

Six representatives from Good News and 16 members of the Board of Discipleship's Division of Education issued a release November 9 saying pluralism had been the pivotal word for their meeting.

Mr. Riley told the staff members that the Good News stance toward curriculum had shifted. Initially, the release continued, the movement tended to seek conformity of the whole church to a particular point of view.

The Rev. Charles W. Keysor, Wilmore, Ky., editor of the *Good News* magazine, identified two reasons for the change: recent changes in the staff and structure of the board, and the adoption of a position of pluralism by the 1972 General Confer-

ence. As a result, the Good News movement has shifted its strategy towards concentrating on meeting the curriculum needs of United Methodist evangelicals, according to the release.

The Rev. Paul H. Morell, pastor of Tyler Street United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex., listed several concerns of United Methodists to which he said the denomination is not addressing itself: "the neglect of matters such as prophecy, charismatic movement, gifts and fruits of the Spirit, the second coming, the occult, and the spirit world."

Five options for dealing with the needs of evangelicals were outlined in a position paper from the Good News group: (1) an alternative set of curriculum materials; (2) a broader system of materials that would include evangelicals in the curriculum-building and curriculum-writing process; (3) approval by the Program-Curriculum Committee of selected non-United Methodist evangelical materials; (4) cooperation with evangelical denominations in the publishing of materials; and (5) a possible combination of the above.

According to the release, Dr. Howard M. Ham, Division of Education Associate General Secretary,

and Dr. Ewart G. Watts, editor of church school publications, outlined the guidelines and limitations in *The Book of Discipline* within which all those responsible for curriculum resources are required to work. Both emphasized, the release said, that within this Disciplinary framework staff persons are ready and eager to find ways to provide resources that meet the needs of varying groups in a pluralistic church.

Affirmations by both groups to seek ways to satisfactorily meet the needs of evangelicals within the denomination ended the meeting.

Representatives of the Good News group at the meeting were: Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, Lexington, Ky.; the Rev. Charles W. Keysor, Wilmore, Ky.; the Rev. Paul H. Morell, Dallas, Tex.; the Rev. Riley Case, Union City, Ind.; the Rev. Dale Bittinger, Rogersville, Tenn.; and Larry A. Souder, Jr., a layman from West Palm Beach, Fla.

Board of Discipleship General Secretary Dr. Melvin G. Talbert represented the board along with Dr. Ham, Dr. Watts, and other staff members of the Division of Education.

Interracial team to serve in unprecedented district plan

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss. (UMC)—An unprecedented plan calling for two geographical districts, each to be served by an interracial team of four superintendents, was approved here November 6 by delegates to the North Mississippi United Methodist Annual Conference.

During a special adjourned session on the campus of Rust College, the delegates approved the plan by a vote of 267 for, 28 against, and two abstaining.

The Mississippi Conference, which covers the southern half of the state, will meet Nov. 12 and is expected to adopt a similar plan.

The new approach, the first of its kind in the nation, will include teams

composed of three whites and one black. Since merger was approved by the white and black conferences in North Mississippi the former racially constituted districts have been maintained in anticipation of approval of a new plan.

Presiding at the adjourned session of the North Mississippi Conference was Bishop Mack B. Stokes who served as consultant to the special district study committee he appointed last June. The committee, headed by the Rev. A. C. Bishop of Clarksdale, was charged with the responsibility of studying the peculiar needs of North Mississippi United Methodism and making recommendations for new districts. The 13-member committee composed of black

and white members was unanimously in favor of the new two-district team approach.

The committee suggested that if the plan proves workable it could be a model approach for the entire church.

But is the plan legal? Yes, replied Senator George Yarbrough of Red Banks, a General Conference delegate who has a history of being opposed to merger of the black and white conferences. Yarbrough backed the plan and served on a committee to look into its constitutionality.

"We have consulted the most learned lawyers in the state," he told the delegates, "and we have concluded that the plan is constitutional." The lawmaker added, "We believe the plan is

constitutional as a temporary procedure and could work into a permanent plan." He pointed out that the *Discipline* does not explicitly forbid the appointing of more than one superintendent to a district. "When the constitution is silent we feel it can be done legally," he said.

An anxiety expressed by some black delegates was whether or not the new plan would guarantee that black ministers would be represented in the cabinet in future years. Bishop Stokes replied; "It is my moral understanding that this would be the case."

An amendment was defeated which would have reduced the total number of superintendents from eight to six.

From Our Readers

WHO SPEAKS FOR METHODISTS?

Dear Editor:

... I taught in grade school and in high school many years ... I have served my people as their Clerk of Court and State Representative, all of which I believe qualifies me to make some grass-root observations.

The general attitude in this country is diametrically opposite to the philosophy of our founding fathers who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor in the Declaration of Independence.

Today's philosophy is more one of self-serving, dishonesty and immorality.

The electronic media has tried our President; they found him guilty of, I know not what — they find that they cannot impose the sentence and he won't quit. They are finding that the American People, the silent majority, have opened their eyes, and to save face and keep in good standing with Communist leaders, they are asking him to resign — they cannot win — the American people cannot be ignored. This hellish chorus has reached its crescendo, let's hope that the President and our patriotic leaders are giv-

en the opportunity to put their minds and shoulders to the tasks they were elected to take care of.

The one thing that frightens me and disturbs me most is that there are those in higher brackets of The United Methodist Church who took it upon themselves to speak for the Methodists of the nation and adopted resolutions calling on Congress to impeach the President. . .

Study the sequence through which each nation progressed and the common factors which led to each civilization's fall, and it is found to be: complacency, apathy and the decay of religion in which faith fades into mere form and loses contact with life situations and finally to anarchy and jungle law. The average duration of all the world's civilizations has been 200 years. Does history repeat itself? Where do we, the United States of America stand? . . .

I shall hold you and Bishop Crutchfield in the kindest personal regards and with high esteem always.

Sincerely yours,
Nathan L. Ewing,
Jonesboro, La.

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Youth Ministry looks to future....proposes test programs

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMC) — A procedure was launched here Nov. 1-5 which could produce by late 1975 a host of tested, creative proposals for youth ministry in the United Methodist Church.

The "Consultation on the Future of Local Church Youth Ministry" was initiated by the staff of the Board of Discipleship in an attempt to clarify the philosophy, structure, and program of youth ministry.

Attending the conference were 57 adults who are annual conference youth coordinators and 57 conference youth presidents. Fifty-five of the 70 United Methodist annual conferences were represented.

The groundwork for the consultation began more than a year ago when questionnaires were circulated among persons across the nation asking them what they considered to be the issues of youth ministry in the local church. Respondents included local church adults and youth, conference officers, Board of Discipleship members, and curriculum planners.

The overwhelming theme of the response, according to Board of Discipleship staff member Charles Courtoy was the need for an understandable definition of youth ministry.

The issues were merged into 24 categories and 143 individuals with particular credentials or experience in youth ministry spent the summer studying the issues and preparing summaries. These summaries were sent in advance to individuals assigned to small groups dealing with the same specific area of concern.

After four input sessions, many late-night sessions, and more than 100 dozen cookies prepared by the St. Francis de Sales Retreat Center cooks, the small groups hammered out 19 proposals each of which will be given to at least two annual conferences for testing during 1974. Results of these

tests will be compiled and legislation, if necessary, will be prepared in late 1975 for submission to the 1976 General Conference through the Board of Discipleship.

Bringing together for the first time in several years youth leaders and adult workers with youth, the Consultation faced head-on what one staff member called "major unrest and confusion about local church youth ministry."

For many years both Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren youth activities followed a singular approach of local church "clubs" which were resourced through all levels of church life. While not eliminating the club approach which is still popular at the local level, the 1968 **Discipline** of the new United Methodist Church reflected a "wholistic" approach.

Today the **Discipline** affirms youth as "full laity" and defines youth ministry as "an inclusive title, encompassing all of the interests of the church and all activities by, with, and to youth, including the United Methodist Youth Fellowship."

The youth council is charged by the **Discipline** to develop a "comprehensive," ministry with youth, persons from seventh grade through high school.

Meeting in a special session without the adults, the youth presidents approved a resolution asking that a task force be established to investigate the possibility of a national convocation of young people in the summer of 1975. Such convocations have been extremely popular in the past with more than 5,000 Methodist youth attending the last quadrennial convocation at Purdue University in 1964. If there was a consensus among the 114 participants it was that youth and adults across the church representing a wide variety of perspectives want to be involved in planning church programs which affect them.

The adults who serve as conference youth coordinators appointed a 10-member committee

headed by the Rev. Donald Bible, Columbus, Ohio to investigate the possibility of forming a national "fellowship of the workers with youth" which would include adult workers at all levels of the church. The committee is scheduled to meet April 16-18.

Before the 17 small groups tackled their tasks, four input sessions were provided. Dr. Theodore Runyon, a professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. spoke on the theological aspect of youth ministry; Dr. Merton Strommen, president of Youth Research Center, Minneapolis, Minn., shared results of research among church-related youth; a panel of third-world participants spoke of their concerns; and a panel discussed lifestyles.

Youth must possess both a feeling of belonging and a feeling of independence, Dr. Runyon said. "Youth are like blacks in the church in the sense that both groups need their own identity within the wider structure of the church." He suggested that a "subculture" of structure of youth within the church might be healthy. "There is a deep frustration. When you belong to something everybody belongs to you belong to nothing."

Youth structures within the church can provide a "right of passage" from parental authority and family life to the world, he suggested. "The first step from the family is a family substitute in which one identifies himself independently from his family."

Religion must help young people make reasonable and coherent the real world in which they live by providing rational concreteness and some certainty while preserving openness, he said.

"If we default by providing no structure then a 'total solution' seems very attractive to many persons," he declared. "The silent majority will not tolerate chaos — a completely unstructured situation."

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High school leaders' attitudes "more traditional," survey reveals

NORTHFIELD, Ill. (RNS) — Tomorrow's leaders, when it comes to moral, religious and social issues, are emerging from high school with more traditional attitudes than their predecessors, it was learned here.

A total of 77 per cent of the 26,000 student leaders queried in a nationwide survey said they believe that religion is relevant to society, and 66 per cent said they attend religious services regularly.

Last year, 63 per cent felt religion was meaningful; 57 per cent regularly attended services.

Contrary to much popular opinion, involvement in pre-marital sex, drugs, communes, and wild rock festivals is not "where it's at" for most 17 and 18-year-olds, according to the survey of high-achieving students, most of whom are now in 1973-74 college freshman

classes.

For instance, 80 per cent favor traditional marriage, 72 per cent have never used drugs — including marijuana, only 25 per cent have participated in sexual relations, and 67 per cent said they would raise their children the same way they were raised.

The survey, conducted for the fourth year by Who's Who Among American High School Students, Northfield, Ill., sought the views of students recommended by school authorities because of leadership and achievement in a variety of areas.

More than 50,000 students received survey questionnaires and the results are based on 26,000 responses, Who's Who pointed out. It also noted that the opinions do not reflect the thinking of the average high school students.

In the area of religion, 84 per cent

of the Protestant youth responding said they felt religion was relevant to contemporary society. Seventy-nine per cent of Catholics replied favorably and 58 per cent of Jewish students agreed.

According to the survey report, more public school students (76 per cent) saw relevance in religion than students in parochial schools (75 per cent). Also, more female students (82 per cent) were affirmative than male students (70 per cent).

Contrary to many stereotypes, 95 per cent of the youth questioned said they have good relationships with their parents and family. Thirty-six per cent said they communicated easily, while 47 per cent indicated communication was average.

Nearly half of the students discuss most of their serious problems within the home atmosphere, with members

of the family. This is seen leading to the fact that 68 per cent said they would raise their own children the same way they were raised by their parents.

In other areas dealing with social and moral questions the students indicated that drug use is infrequent, but the incidence of alcohol use — especially beer and wine — is on the upswing. While 72 per cent had never used marijuana, only 27 per cent had never drunk beer and 19 per cent had never drunk wine.

—Although only 3 per cent reported ever using hard drugs, 82 per cent of the students said they could purchase such drugs as heroin, LSD, speed, etc., in or near their high schools.

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New Advance projects authorized....giving increases

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMC)—The Advance Committee authorized 125 new projects for designated giving by United Methodists at its meeting here Nov. 6-7. At the same time it heard reports that suggest a reversal of a four-year downward trend in the Advance.

The new projects were proposed by the World Division, National Division and United Methodist Committee on Relief — divisions of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. They fall within general categories already familiar to local churches, including current mission programs and buildings for program-related purposes.

A major new project is for relief of famine in west Africa. UMCOR was authorized to solicit up to \$150,000 for this purpose. The famine relief money will be used in cooperation with other denominations as a part of one million dollars requested by the World Council of Churches.

The Rev. Joe W. Walker of New York, director of the Advance, reported receipts running

10 percent ahead of a year ago. If the trend continues through Dec. 31, giving for missions and overseas relief through the Advance would exceed the \$8,400,000 of 1972. The figure has declined each year since the first year of the united church, 1969, when \$9,940,000 was given.

A major factor in the upturn, according to Mr. Walker, is emergency cultivation for salary support of missionaries overseas. In an effort to prevent the number of foreign missionaries from falling below 922, there has been a churchwide appeal for increased contributions. The director stated that during October there was a net increase of \$48,540 in pledges for missionary support. This brings the total amount pledged to \$3,999,000 — the highest in more than a year. He said that pledges of \$5,060,000 are needed to assure maintenance of 922 missionaries overseas.

Another upturn is for UMCOR, which has received nearly twice as much Advance money through Oct. 31 as it had by that date a year ago.

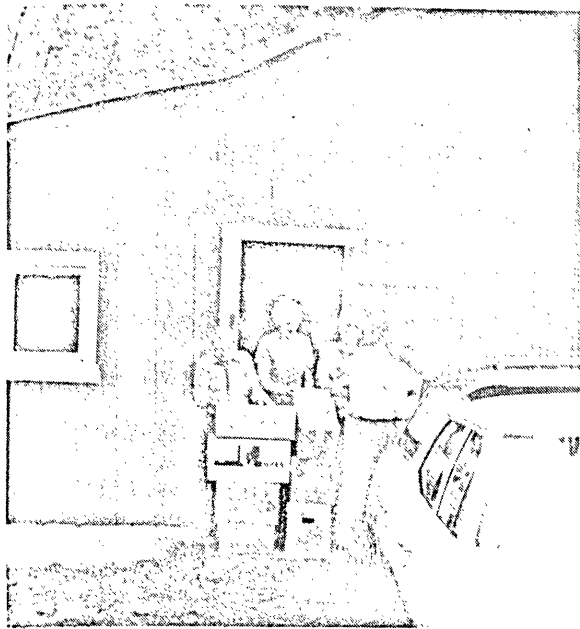
Almost all of the increase is accounted for by the response of churches to the earthquake at Managua, Nicaragua.

The Rev. David Flude of the UMCOR staff told the Advance Committee that up to Oct. 31 his unit had received \$741,020 designated for Nicaragua. Of this amount, \$278,520 has been expended or appropriated — \$200,000 of it being applied as small, short-term loans to families wanting to build houses by the revolutionary new Stack-a-sack method.

The remainder of the Nicaragua money is earmarked for a three-year rehabilitation program. Dr. Flude pointed out that this is consistent with UMCOR policy of following emergency relief with longer-range rehabilitation. He noted that UMCOR has just expended the last of the funds for rehabilitation in Peru following the earthquake there three years ago.

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Left to right, H. F. Murphy, Mrs. Forrest Behlmer, Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Behlmer, load cartons of clothing, collected by members of the Bull Shoals-Cotter Charge, into the Behlmer's station wagon for delivery to the Mountain Home freight office for shipment to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. The church sent a similar quantity of clothing for distribution in the Jonesboro area following that community's devastating tornado last spring. The Rev. George Cleary is pastor.

MRS. SIDNEY BAXTER MANN

Mrs. Addie Beatrice Meeks Mann, wife of the late Rev. Sidney Baxter Mann, died Wednesday, Nov. 14. Her husband preceded her in death on Mar. 3 of this year after 41 years of ministry as a member of the Little Rock Conference.

Mrs. Mann is survived by six sons, the Rev. Ralph S. Mann, associate pastor, First United Methodist Church, El Dorado; Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of the Hope District; Marvin L. Mann of Pine Bluff; Paul L. Mann of Houston; Irvin B. Mann of Shreveport, La.; and Herbert M. Mann of Mattison, Ill.; a daughter, Mrs. J. O. (Gertrude) Kelly of Springdale; a brother, W. M. Meeks, Sr. of El Dorado; a sister, Mrs. Mattie McDaniel of El Dorado; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, Nov. 16, at First United Methodist Church in Norphlet and burial was at Arlington Cemetery, El Dorado.

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DR. WALDO ATWOOD REGNIER

Dr. Waldo Atwood Regnier, age 68, of Crossett, died Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Dr. Regnier had practiced medicine at Crossett for 34 years. He was an honorary member of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Crossett, a Mason and a Shriner. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the American Academy of General Practice, the Arkansas Medical Society, the American Medical Society and the Ashley County Medical Society.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Greenhaw Regnier; a son, the Rev. Robert A. Regnier, pastor of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Lowry of Crossett; two brothers, Dr. George Regnier and Dr. Francis Regnier, both of Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. E. B. Stokes of Little Rock and Mrs. Mary Barnes of Hamburg, and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was Thursday, Nov. 15 at First United Methodist Church in Crossett. Burial was at Pine-wood Memorial Park.

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Sara Savell (left) and her husband Las Savell (right), who is Public Relations director for Methodist Hospital, Memphis, are co-directors of the School of Nursing Glee Club which presented an all-musical concert at Madison Heights United Methodist Church in Memphis, Sunday, Nov. 11 as the last in a series of "Autumn Sunday Evening" programs at that church. The singing group, under the direction of the Savells, has made many national and local television and radio appearances, and has recorded their third LP album. The Savells received their formal musical training at Memphis State University and attended Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Sienna, Italy. Both are widely-known in Memphis and Mid-South musical circles, having sung many leading roles.

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share responsibility for it."

"We affirm," the call said, "that this nation, duly cleansed and chastened, can be healed of its sickness and become an instrument of peace in a sorely troubled world. We call all men and women of goodwill to a new and personal commitment to help in the renewal of the nation."

MOTIVATION SERVICES EXECUTIVE TO SPEAK

James A. Davidson, executive vice-president of Motivation Services, Inc., Little Rock, will be the speaker for the regular monthly luncheon meeting of United Methodist Men at Little Rock's First Church on Friday, Nov. 23rd.

The luncheon is scheduled for 12 noon in the church's Fellowship Hall at 8th and Center Streets. Interested churchmen are invited to attend. Reservations may be made by calling the church office (372-2256).

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BISHOPS

For the second time this year, the Council held an open session for the press and other interested persons and again, as at the spring meeting in Washington, D.C., provided even longer "open meeting" time than was promised.

Reports presented at the open session included the Study of the Urban Church by Bishop Thomas M. Pryor of Sarasota, Fla., a presentation by the Commission on the Role and Status of Women, and a report from the Bishops' Call to Peace and Self-Development of Peoples by Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C., and Bishop James Armstrong of Aberdeen, S.D.

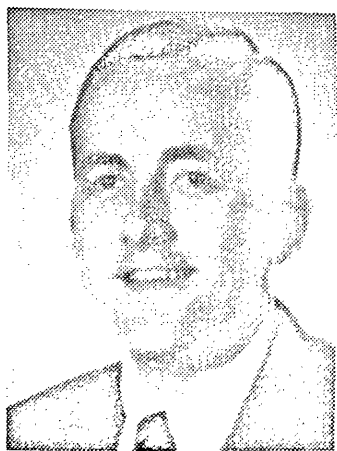
Progress reports presented by others included: Commission on the Study of the Episcopacy and District Superintendency, Bishop Loder; Commission on the Study of the Ministry, Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta; Commission on the Training of District Superintendents, Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Fort Myers, Fla., and Bishop Stuart; Consultation on Ethnic Minorities, Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia.; World Methodist Council Evangelism Committee, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio.

Devotional leaders for the sessions were Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield, New Orleans, Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, Raleigh, N.C., and Bishop James M. Ault, Philadelphia.

The Council opened its meeting with a service of holy communion in the Upper Room Chapel, with Bishop Charles F. Golden president of the Council, as the leader.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder of Detroit is president-elect of the Council and will assume office at the close of the spring meeting of the Council, to be held in Los Angeles April 16-18.

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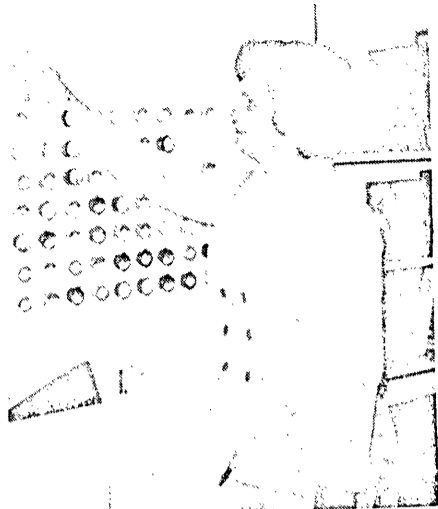


Ronald E. Ballard, music associate at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be organist accompanist for the Arkansas Choral Society's presentation of Handel's oratorio, the "Messiah," on Sunday, Dec. 2 at First Baptist Church, 12th and Louisiana, in Little Rock. Ballard attended Little Rock University and earned the bachelor of music degree, cum laude, from Oklahoma Baptist University. Ballard has accompanied oratorios in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.



The "Le Jubile Doug," (the Happy Meek), youth group from First Church, Mountain Home, recently attended a Passion Play performance at Eureka Springs. They are pictured here at the base of the Christ of the Ozarks statue. The Rev. Norman Carter is minister at Mountain Home.

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Filmstrips are readily available to church school teachers at Western Hills Church, Little Rock. Betty Rhoades, Elementary III teacher, selects one of the Christmas films to preview. The board and film slot were constructed by Mr. Mack Still. The Rev. Robert W. Robertson is pastor.



Western Hills church school pupils Buddy Rhoades, Travis Finch and Ross Bennett show their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwood, name banners beside the megaphone which announces "Yea, Teachers." Each of the children's classes - nursery to Elementary VI - is staffed by a husband and wife team. The cheering bulletin board is a gesture of appreciation for their efforts.

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NEWS in BRIEF

The Rev. Harold A. Ehrensperger, 76, founding editor of *motive* magazine while on the staff of the former Methodist Board of Education and founder of the first school of journalism in India, died Nov. 6 at his home in Barnstead Parade, N. H.

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A tornado which swept out of the Gulf of Mexico Nov. 1 inflicted considerable damage on Calvary United Methodist Church in Tampa, Fla., including the toppling of two walls of a new sanctuary under construction.

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SIMPLICITY IN SILHOUETTE - The Amish are a simple people, in the pure meaning of that term. Their religion is basic; their life style rudimentary. They shun the complexities of 20th Century life, preferring to cling to unsophisticated habits. In silhouette, Amish men rebuild a burned barn on a farm near Berlin, Ohio. (RNS Photo)

Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

The Abraham Lincoln quotation . . . "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be", can be paraphrased appropriately for the thanksgiving thought . . . Most people are about as thankful as they make up their hearts to be.

Thanksgiving Ode

For mountains, rivers, rocks and trees,
For winter snow and springtime breeze,
For God-sent blessings such as these,
We give You thanks, O Lord!

For harvests from our fertile fields
That bless us with their ample yields,
For cattle on ten thousand hills,
We give You thanks, O Lord!

For human love that makes a home
A place akin to heaven's dome,
And follows us where'er we roam,
We give You Thanks, O Lord!

For your great love, your tender hand
That nurture us in this fair land,
Far more than we can understand,
We give You thanks, O Lord!

-by Charles A. Stuck



Hymns for 1976 bicentennial sought

NEW YORK (RNS) - The Hymn Society of America is seeking new hymns suitable for commemorating the bicentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1976.

"The hymns may express such themes as thanksgiving for God's guidance of our nation and for the attainments of mind and spirit as well as for material wealth," a society announcement said, adding:

"It may be a prayer for continued guidance, for wisdom in the use of all our resources and willingness to share them with others; for the virtues and humility in public figures and in the individual citizen; for recognition that the individual's freedom does not extend to infringement on the freedom

of others."

The society said texts should be relevant to 20th Century life and "singable."

Texts selected will be published and copyrighted by the society and submitted to composers for tunes. The hymns will then be made available to church and hymnal editors without charge.

The Hymn Society has in recent years approved more than 250 new hymns, many of which appear in hymnals around the world.

Submissions of bicentennial hymns should be sent, before June 30, 1974, to the Hymn Society of America, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.

Scarritt College gets new vice president

Dr. Harry Kalas, associate director of Development at Berea College, has resigned to become vice president for Church Relations at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., according to Dr. Willis D. Weatherford, Berea College and Dr. J. Richard Palmer, president of Scarritt College.

Dr. Kalas, a United Methodist Minister and former president of Westmar College, LeMars, Iowa, will begin his new duties at Scarritt College this month.

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Argentina Methodists re-elect bishop

NEW YORK (UMC) - Methodists of Argentina re-elected a bishop, sent a message to newly-installed President Juan Peron and welcomed the first Hispanic-American representative from U.S. United Methodism at their October General Assembly in Cordoba.

The assembly of the 9,500-member autonomous Evangelism Methodist Church meets biennially. About 100 persons attended. Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni was re-elected almost unanimously on the first ballot by the lay and clerical delegates. He will serve a second four-year term, having been first elected at the church's organizing General Assembly in 1969.

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NCC members to work on variety of programs

NEW YORK (UMC) - Nearly 200 representatives of national church bodies—including most major Protestant and Orthodox ones—agreed at the autumn meeting of the National Council of Churches' Governing Board to work together on a variety of new programs.

Actions included encouraging member denominations to help raise a total of more than \$500,000 for bail bond money and legal aid for an estimated 200 Indians under indictment for alleged offenses during the Wounded Knee, S. D., situation, asking representatives of the NCC divisions of Education and Ministry and Church and Society to meet with members of the National Task Force on Gay People in a series of dialogues, and calling on the Division of Overseas Ministries to develop a "clear statement of goals and strategy" for enlarging relations with Latin America. Claire Randall, associate executive director of Church Women United, was elected general secretary of the NCC to succeed R. H. Edwin Espy upon his retirement December 31.

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The new headquarters building in the U.S. Department of Interior's Geological Survey National Center now under construction in Reston, Va., has been named in honor of John Wesley Powell, a 19th century Methodist scientist, philosopher, educator and administrator.

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