

Presbyterian pastor Raney Lecturer

Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, senior minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif., will be the 1975 Raney Lecturer April 15-17 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Dr. Ogilvie will give five lectures in the series with evening messages on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 and morning lectures at 10:30 on Wednesday and Thursday. His topics, respectively, are You've Got Charisma!, Power To You!, What Do You Expect?, The Great Holdout, and Where There's Life, There's Hope.

A native of Kenosha, Wis., Dr. Ogilvie is a graduate of Lake Forest College and did seminary work at Garrett Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh. He is Preacher to the Seminary at Princeton Theological Seminary and is the author of five books, the latest of which will be released by Abingdon Press this fall. He has been active in the church renewal movement, is a member of the Board of Directors of Faith At Work, and is a frequent speaker on radio and television.

The T. J. and Inez Raney Lectures were established in 1951 by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney, Mrs. Dallas P. Raney and the late Dallas P. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Raney, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Raney in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. J.



Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie

Raney, devoted leaders in Arkansas Methodism.

The purpose of the lectureship is to bring to Little Rock and Arkansas distinguished ministers who will enrich the spiritual life of the community and state. All persons are invited to share in the series.

Host ministers are Dr. James B. Argue, the Rev. O. D. Peters, the Rev. Carl V. Matthew and the Rev. Richard Hunter.

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Goal for Aldersgate's fifth annual Country Fair \$10,000

DATE: Saturday, May 17

The fifth annual Country Fair, sponsored by Aldersgate, Inc., will be held May 17 at the camp's Little Rock facilities. A goal of \$10,000 has been set by the fair committee to be raised by the event, which will benefit Aldersgate's year-round program of Christian mission serving children, youth and adults.

Country Fair co-chairpersons Jim and Linda Vines, of Little Rock, state that the day will be one of "fun and frolic, entertainment, bargains and fund raising." They appeal to churches and individuals to be collecting new and used items for delivery to the camp and encourage each church to appoint a chairperson to relate to the fair.

They also encourage those unable to come to Little Rock for the May 17 fair to plan fund-raising events in their own communities to benefit the Aldersgate program.

The committee again this year extends an invitation to persons from outside Pulaski County to use the camp facility for a campsite the weekend of the fair, bringing their campers and tents.

Reservations for such camping space should be made by writing to Aldersgate, Inc., 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72205, or by calling 225-1444.

The all-day-Saturday event will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. Auctions will be held at 10 a.m., noon, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Chairpersons for the various activities and events are: Arts and Crafts, Mrs. Randy Yarberry and Mrs. Orval Riggs; Auction, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Akins and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wimberly; Booths, Mrs. Curtis Packard and Mrs. Joel Henslee; Country Store, Mrs. Richard Jones; Rummage, Mrs. Glen Hammond and Mrs. E. L. Wittenberg; Senior Citizen Area, Kitty Dozhier; Attractions and Entertainment, (no chairperson named); Transportation and Parking, Mr. Curtis Brown and Dr. Allen Rozzell, and Waterfront Attractions, Mr. Richard Muha.

Publicity chairman for the event is Mr. Tommy Smith of Conway.

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YOUTH: 'A power to renew and awaken the Church'

More than 1000 attend North Arkansas Youth Assembly

In what was reported to be one of the most successful in a long series of annual meets, more than 1000 young people from the North Arkansas Conference gathered last Saturday at Hendrix College, Conway, for that Conference's Youth Assembly. The event brought together Junior High and Senior High youth from each of the Conference's seven districts.

They heard Bishop Eugene M. Frank tell them "the thing that is so exciting about this great Assembly today is the great potential that you represent . . ."



Mother And Daughter

Mrs. Saville Henry, North Arkansas Conference youth coordinator and daughter Cindy, conference youth president, share a happy moment at podium during youth rally at Staples Auditorium.

Your obedience to every vision of Jesus Christ that God gives you, your willingness to be obedient to God and to the call of discipleship today can be a power to renew and awaken the Church . . ."

Cindy Henry of North Little Rock, chairperson of the Conference Youth Council presided during the meet and at the opening session presented Tom Conners of Helena, chairperson of a Task Force on the Youth Service Fund (YSF), the youth-supported mission fund, who with the Rev. David Moose, advisor to the group, led in a presentation on the work of the Fund.

They presented Miss Maria Eugenia Duran, a student at Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas, who is a recipient of a YSF scholarship provided by the North Arkansas Conference group. Miss Duran spoke to the Assembly, telling of the influence which the Christian faith had made upon her life.

Bishop Stowe Is Keynote Speaker

Principal speaker for the Assembly was Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, resident bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area of The United Methodist Church. Following the Assembly theme, "Happiness is . . .," and taking his text from the sixth chapter of Isaiah, the bishop told the more than 1000 youth who filled the large Staples Auditorium to standing-room-capacity, that "happiness is when you say to God 'Here am I, send me.'"

He said happiness centered in three discoveries: when you see God; when



"Happiness is . . ." Serving Together

"Happiness is . . ." was the theme as almost 1100 youth from the North Arkansas Conference met April 5 in their annual Youth Assembly at Hendrix College. Among participants at the event were (front row) from left: Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Maria Eugenia Duran of El Paso, Tex., and Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe of Dallas. Back row (from left): Mrs. Saville Henry, coordinator of youth ministries, and Youth Council members Martha Duncan, Cindy Henry, Kim Keltner and Rhonda Taylor.

you see yourself in the light of God; and "when you answer Christ's call and commit your life to him."

Noting that although there were "some people who are saying how many things have gone wrong with our young people today," the bishop told the group he had "never seen a time when there were as many young people concerned about the kind of world we have and

wanting to give there life" to improve it. He said "you're the greatest bunch of young people I've ever seen in my life and I'm tremendously proud of you!"

The bishop said that "seeing God" gives meaning and purpose to life and "makes the whole world look different." He said that today as in Isaiah's time,

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Youth Assembly

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"when everything seems to have gone wrong in our world, if you see God, you see that he still rules. And all these things that have happened haven't shaken the throne of God one bit."

Saying that happiness is "seeing ourselves in the light of God," Bishop Stowe said "until we are willing to face up to the kind of person we are, we are not likely to find the kind of person we can become." He said that happiness is found in fulfilling God's purposes. He told the youth "When God first dreamed of you, he had something he wanted you to do. And so he calls you, just like he called Isaiah."

God's 'Unfinished Jobs'

"God always has some unfinished job on his workbench," the bishop told the Assembly. "And God has some unfinished job for you. I don't know what it is, maybe you don't know what it is. But God does," he said.

He told the youth "God is going to call some of you to spend your life in trying to teach us how to live so we won't fight and kill and destroy." He said "God is calling some young people in our day to do a better job in the future than we have done. And," he said, "he may call you to do greater things than (Dr. Henry) Kissinger has ever been able to do."

The bishop continued: "Lying on God's workbench are the unfinished tasks" of bringing peace to the world, feeding the starving, healing the sick and teaching the unlearned. "Some-

where," he said, "there is some young person that God is calling. And it could be here, just as well as anywhere else in the world!"

The bishop told the youth "happiness is answering Christ's call and committing your life to him. I know," said Bishop Stowe, a graduate of Hendrix College, "for I answered that call while a student on this campus."

Other Events Of The Day

In other major events of the Assembly:

- Dennis Edwards of Jacksonville, representative from the Youth Council to the Conference Camp Committee, reported on the camp programs available during the coming summer;

- Tom McDonald of Fort Smith, chairperson of the Council during 1974, narrated a slide picture presentation showing highlights of last year's Assembly;

- "God and Company," a youth group from the Little Rock Air Force Base, gave a music and dramatic presentation; and

- A closing Worship Celebration was led by a group from the Council.

Mrs. Saville Henry of North Little Rock, Conference Coordinator of Youth Ministries, was chief resource person assisting the Youth Council in the planning of the Assembly.

The youth and adult counselors had lunch at Hulen Hall on the Hendrix campus.

'New Life Missioners' to train in 3-day event

Some 21 "New Life Missioner" trainees from the North Arkansas Conference will meet in Conway April 15-17 for an intensive training session designed to prepare them to lead New Life Missions in local churches of that conference. The 21 will be joined by the conference's seven district superintendents plus members of its Board of Evangelism, under whose direction the program has been planned.

Leading the three-day session at Conway's First Church will be Dr. George E. Morris of Nashville, Tenn., director of preaching ministries of the Section on Evangelism of the Board of Discipleship.

Morris, present at the December 13-14, 1974 pre-planning session for the upcoming event, called the New Life Mission (NLM) a "contemporary strategy for evangelism that is designed to awaken faith in persons and renew churches for mission."

In a letter to the 21 "Missioners," each of whom is a local church pastor nominated by his district superintendent, Morris said the training event is a part of "an expanding program to make the New Life Mission available to every local church in every annual conference." He reports that similar training sessions have been held in 25 annual conferences and five more are scheduled for the year. Its use by local congregations will be elective and voluntary.

The NLM is divided into three phases: Preparation, Proclamation and Penetration. The first is a ten-week period of intensive church-wide study of the Life

of Jesus and a detailed preparation by the local church Council on Ministries. The second phase is a five-day period when the visiting New Life Missioner preaches and serves as a resource person to the church. And the third phase is one of continuing follow-up procedures.

Dr. Morris explains that the last phase is "by far the most significant of the three." In it the church members "give support to newly-committed persons" and implement task groups to pursue involvement in ministry to needs in the community. "The idea," Morris says, "is to penetrate the community for redemptive change in specific ministries in which God's people become the People of God."

Dr. Morris states that the New Life Mission has evolved over a decade into a "contemporary strategy for proclaiming the Good News, eliciting relevant commitment from people, and mobilizing a local church for mission." He states that while some aspects of the NLM "appear fairly traditional" the new program asks persons "to make commitments which are fairly 'radical' compared to most forms of 'evangelism.'"

Morris distinguishes the NLM from the Lay Witness Mission by saying that while the latter "has made its contribution and continues to do so, it has the potential of sweeping like a wildfire all across the territory." He says the NLM "does not have that within it. It's slower and depends upon instruction. And it has the element of depth. And I think that is an extremely important element."

Lay 'candidates' to 1976 General Conference to submit resumes

—in North Arkansas Conference

(The North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries recently approved a plan to provide lay members of that Conference with biographical information on persons interested in election as lay delegates to the 1976 General and Jurisdictional Conference. Those elections will be held at the upcoming June 2-5 session of the Conference. The following is the proposal from the Council office, outlining the procedure for submission of such resumes.)

A vital concern of lay members at Annual Conference will be the election of Lay Delegates for attendance at General and Jurisdictional Conferences of The United Methodist Church in 1976. A concern has arisen within the Conference Board of Laity, the Conference Commission on the Role and Status of Women and the Conference United Methodist Women, that for the most part lay members of Annual Conference do not personally know, or know of the qualifications of many of the lay persons within the Annual Conference.

It is felt by these groups that there needs to be a method of better informing the lay members of the qualifications of the laity within the Conference.

In response to this need the North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries took the following action at the March 13, 1975, meeting: It was voted that each person within the Conference be afforded the opportunity to send the name and background information on any lay person(s) they would like to be considered at Annual Conference as a possible candidate for Lay Delegate to General and/or Jurisdictional Conference.

These names and biographical information sheets (no longer than one-half page in length) are to be collected, compiled and published in alphabetical order by the North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries for the use of the Lay Delegates.

It was the common consensus and understood by the Conference Council on Ministries that these lists are to be furnished for "information only;" that this list is not to be a nomination list.

'Super Sunday' for high schoolers at Wesley Foundation, UCA

"Super Sunday" (except on Friday and Saturday) will be a youth retreat hosted by the University of Central Arkansas Wesley Foundation on April 25 and 26. Registration begins at 5:00 Friday afternoon and the program concludes at 2:30 Saturday.

The purpose of the retreat is to acquaint high schoolers with the campus ministry through the witness of college students. An opportunity to question the collegians will be provided during the witness sessions.

Methodist Student Centers from the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences will be represented to relate how the United Methodist fellowship is established on each particular campus. The representatives will talk to high school students through small group meetings and also present displays of their school.

Two worship services will also be held, one on Friday evening and the other Saturday morning. Worship leaders for these services will be the Rev. Carr Dee

It was further stated that the lay members be informed that any lay person within the Conference is eligible for election (whether their name appeared on the list or not).

Information sheets should give very basic information on the person. Information such as: name, address, age, church membership, local church responsibilities (past, present), educational background, family, and special (such as outstanding contributions within the community, county and state and business and/or professional accomplishments).

It needs to be emphasized that Information Sheets be limited to one-half page in length (preferably typewritten). The resumes are to be sent to: Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Director, North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.

It is suggested that the District Lay Leader take the specific responsibility of seeing that this information and procedure is made available to all churches and lay delegates within the bounds of that lay leader's district.

The biographical sheets will be made available for the first time at the Laity Dinner during the Annual Conference (Monday, June 2, 5:30 at Hulen Hall), and thereafter on the floor during the Conference session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Alan Tucker, Educational Assistant for the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, has resigned effective April 15, to enter upon a religious book ministry in the city of Arkadelphia. The list of speaking appointments published monthly will not be published for April and May, and letters of cancellation have been mailed from the office.

—the Rev. Edward W. Harris
Executive Director
Christian Civic Foundation
of Arkansas, Inc.

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The Editor's Pulpit

From the Bottom of the Heart

In praise of heroes — the 'common' kind

It has been said before about the "common man," but not, perhaps, about the "common churchperson." And it should be said: He and she are the unsung heroes of our time.

And in a time when we are in need of heroes and not too many seem to be around, we can use the encouragement their presence brings.

So why not recognize the common churchperson as the true, unsung hero of our time? To do so isn't to engage in undeserved backslapping. It is simply to recognize and honor a fact.

Consider their role. It is such persons, though all things may not go to their liking, who still hang in there, doing their best for the common good, seeking to change those things they do not like but staying on even when their vote doesn't win the day — it is these who are the real backbone of the church and are of the stature of "heroes."

They sort their priorities according to their faith and not by the fads or fancies of the day. They are loving and are loved. They give and receive. They laugh and they cry. They share and they care. They are the common churchpersons, and they are uncommon in their contribution.

Human — yes! Capable of all the sins of the race and guilty of many but innocent of most, they are possessed by a spirit and a faith that can only be called great.

It may be some kind of sad commentary on our times that we have to make a point of it — that the common churchperson is the true hero of our time. But it is a fact. And that fact is very probably the second main reason this noble experiment called humanity is going to make it after all.

To be a Christian is to believe that it will.

And when it does, it will be to the contribution of the common churchpersons — that "so great a cloud of witnesses" — that so much of the credit is due.

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Off the Top of the Head

'Something borrowed, something blue, something stolen — smells nice too'

I don't know who it is, but I owe a "thank you" to someone in our neighborhood. Someone who has a wood-burning fireplace — which I don't have but wish I did.

What I want to thank them for is for us using it. For when they do, and the wind is right, the marvelous aroma of hardwood smoke drifts through the night air, finds its way into the attic of our house, is picked up by our heating unit's blower system and circulated throughout our home.

At almost the same time each chilly evening a goodly portion of the magic incense wafts its way into my study — at about the same time that I would build a fire in my fireplace if I had one. It settles down right on top of my head and bestows, if you please, a baptism of beautiful recollections and associations.

With even the slightest inhaling and closing of eyes the aroma triggers my memory chimes and takes me on pleasant journeys while never leaving my chair — to our family cabin on Magazine Mountain, to a trail camp high in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and to a wind-swept Pacific Coast beach in Washington state. How mysterious, how marvelous the memory!

It's true, I don't get the heat from the fire; but I do get all these other nice benefits.

And another thing: I don't get the \$40 to \$80 bill my neighbors must have paid for the rick or two of wood smoke we both have enjoyed this past winter. And if I could just find who they are I'd gladly offer to pay my half. For believe me, I owe it to them. And I would be getting a bargain.

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A quadrennial review of the arts

or

'Farr out!'

I usually take in about a couple of movies a year and about one live stage show every four years or so. I'm not particularly bragging about that as though such temperance were some kind of virtue or something. That's just the way it is with me.

But it seems that I took in one of each just this last week. In fact I took in both of them in just two nights — one right after the other!

We probably wouldn't have been so wild in our night life, but our picture show going was one of those impulse things, an unplanned social event. And we didn't

remember, until the movie was over, that the very next evening was our Really Big Night Out — when we were gathering up as many of our family members as we could muster to take in the John Denver concert at the Coliseum.

The flick (that's what you're supposed to call movies these days) we saw was "The Great Waldo Pepper" — a really fun visual kick for all us children who love old-time flying, barnstorming style.

And the live concert by John Denver — than whom there is none Denverier — was, as J. D. himself would say, simply "farr out!"

In all seriousness there is a breath-taking beauty, even "grace," in the film's flying scenes. And there is beautiful poetry in the words and music of Denver's powerful and sensitive ballads about humanities' dreams and aspirations, our use and misuse of the land, Denver's own childhood memories, and in his songs about good and bad times in general.

Add to Denver's unique vocal treatment and lyrics the three-screen film show which accompanies his numbers — scenes from the Rocky Mountains, Caribbean Sea, Canadian Rockies and other sites; and add to that the 20-some piece string group (many members of which were from the Arkansas Symphony) backing up on several numbers, and what you have are some tremendously enjoyable sounds and sights, an impressive and moving experience and a veritable celebration of life.

So right now, after all of that in just two days, I'm wondering what we can possibly do for an encore.

I enjoyed it all so much I don't think I can wait another four years for the next outing.

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Full Circle

Why grown men must play

At times I think I must have been right
when I was a child
to believe that I could do grown-up things
better than grown-ups could.

And now that I am an adult
I mourn my lost childhood wisdom
and certainty
and confidence.

Where did they go?
Why do I not now have that assurance
which children own?

But one thing I do know for certain
now that I am grown:
I can do children's things now
much better than they can!

And that is good.

And that, somehow, better equips me
for the adult things I must now be about.

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Dr. Shedd

Author Charlie Shedd to lead Forum

Dr. Charlie Shedd, pastor of Jekyll Presbyterian Church, Jekyll Island, Ga., and author and lecturer, will be the resource leader for a Family Fun Forum April 10-12 sponsored jointly by First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches in Jonesboro. Shedd is the author of a number of books, including the widely-read *Letters to Karen*.

Schedule for the Forum includes events for various groups: Thursday, 5 p.m., Sex and Dating in Today's World (senior high only); 7:30, How to Have a Turned-on Marriage (all ages); Friday noon, How to Get Your Husband to Communicate (women only); 5 p.m., How to Get Along with Your Parents (junior high only); 7:30, The Wise Parent for

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Sound like the agenda for a Himalayan wilderness adventure? Well — it's a wilderness adventure, but not "elsewhere." It's in Arkansas — the "Arkansas Wilderness Encounter" — and it is just one of more than 40 separate camping experiences offered by the North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church for the summer of 1975.

Directed by Dr. Cecil McDermott, chairman of Hendrix College's mathematics Department, the program is one of the newest of several innovative camping ventures instituted in recent years by the Conference's Camp Committee.

Other unique camping ventures for this summer include a horseback trail ride, two canoe camps, a backpacking camp and an Ozark folk camp.

The 20-day Arkansas Wilderness Encounter, to be held July 26-August 14, in a remote Arkansas locale, is open to persons, male and female, 16½ years of age and older. There is no maximum age limit.

Dr. McDermott, a veteran camper and participant in the Texas "Outward Bound" program, says the wilderness course is designed "to use physical and mental challenges and problems as an

Today's Smart Kids (all); and Saturday, 8 a.m., Smart Dads I Know (men only); and 10 a.m., Youth Feed-back (youth only).

The Forum is open to all wishing to participate.

instructional tool." He says participants will be guided through the course in such a way as to make them "both independent and mutually dependent, depending on the situation." He will be assisted in the program's leadership by six persons, four of whom have participated in Outward Bound programs.

Dr. McDermott states that an important element of the program is the "solo experience," in which the participant is required to survive 48 hours without companions and with little equipment and water.

Persons desiring more information and application forms may contact Dr. Cecil McDermott, Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. 72032.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT VCS WORKSHOP

A Vacation Church School Workshop for workers with children in the Little Rock District is scheduled to be held April 17 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The event, organized under the direction of Mrs. Sheila Hurt, district coordinator of children's work, will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

Workers in the various age levels will rotate among the different classes which will include: creative activities, music, puppets, role-playing and drama, the art of story telling, room arranging and learning centers.

Staff members will include: Nursery — Mrs. Kay Evans; Kindergarten — Mrs. Sandy Haustein; Elementary I-II — Mrs. Sharon McAteer; Elementary III-IV — Mrs. Betty Robertson and Mrs. Marsha Dodd, and Elementary V-VI — the Rev. Louis Averitt. A Coordinators' Class will be conducted by Mrs. Dorothy Robinson and Mrs. John L. Tucker.

Lay Pastoral Care Workshop

A Lay Pastoral Care Workshop will be held in the Hope District April 11-12. The DeQueen Church will host the event, which is sponsored by the District's Council on Ministries.

Resource leaders for the workshop will be the Rev. Victor Nixon, pastor of the Berryville United Methodist Church and Miss Martha Roth, a guidance counselor at the Ozark Guidance Center in Berryville.

The Rev. David B. Wilson, chairperson of the Hope District Council, reports that the event grew out of a need expressed by lay members of that Council. He said the comment "I want to be a better minister to people, but I don't know what to say or do" was often heard from lay persons, and that the workshop was designed to help individuals "be better prepared to serve others during times of need."

Each church in the District will encourage two lay persons to participate in the workshop.

Superintendent of the Hope District is Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, and Mr. Eugene Cobb of Ashdown is the District lay leader.

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Register Now The enrollment card may be obtained by writing United Methodist Accident Insurance, P. O. Box 154, Winnetka, Ill. 60093.

NEWS and opinion



summary by Doris Woolard

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J. Morgan Johnson, a United Methodist missionary educator, and his wife, Rosalie, a medical missionary, who were recently expelled from Rhodesia after almost 20 years service in that country returned to the U.S. March 19 predicting majority rule within five years for the African nation where 250,000 whites now rule 5,500,000 blacks.

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"Love China, '75," an international study conference, is scheduled to be held in Manila, Sept. 7-11. An announcement by Christian Resource Management, sponsoring agency, indicated that goals of the meeting will include "mapping out the educational and spiritual training of a new generation of Christian workers for China, and calling the attention of millions of overseas Chinese and Christians everywhere to the need to take up the spiritual burden of China."

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The Executive Committee of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) at its mid-March meeting in Atlanta gave the go-ahead for selecting writers for an ecumenical marriage rite. At the invitation of the Roman Catholic Church, a COCU Worship Commission has been collaborating in the writing of guidelines for the rite.

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The South Korean regime of President Park Chung Hee has threatened to close Yonsei (Korean Christian) University in Seoul unless it fires its president, Dr. Park Tae Sun (a Methodist minister), and bars reinstatement of students and faculty recently released from prison. Dr. Edwin Fisher of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, New York, has in a telegram to the South Korean ambassador in Washington protested the government's repressive tactics.

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Dr. Herbert Bouman, a professor at Seminex — the break-away Missouri Synod seminary — has declared that there is "a hard core of truth" on both sides of the doctrinal dispute in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. "We ourselves, all of us, are the greatest problem," writes Dr. Bouman in a paper prepared for distribution to 300 persons in advance of an upcoming Theological Convocation sponsored by the denomination. "Making full allowances for over-statement and over-reaction, there remains a hard core of truth, unhappy truth in the description of both sides. Old Adam still tenants every heart. There are no vacancies," he said.



Indian Evangelism Conference

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Evangelist Billy Graham spoke at an unprecedented Conference on Indian Evangelism and Christian Leadership while in Albuquerque for an eight-day crusade. The conference was planned by Tom Claus of Phoenix, general director of the American Indian Crusade, shown here with his wife and Mr. Graham. In his address to the conference, Mr. Graham pledged to pray harder for the Indian evangelists, and to provide financial assistance as possible. (RNS Photo)

United Methodist Landmarks In Nashville Renamed

During the recent semi-annual meeting of United Methodism's Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Dr. Melvin G. Talbert, general secretary, and Miss Lou Dozier, an administrative assistant, unveiled a plaque naming the former Evangelism Building the "Denman Building" in honor of Dr. Harry Denman, recently retired after 27 years as general secretary of the former Methodist Board of Evangelism. A similar plaque was unveiled which will mark the former Board of Education Building as the "Kern Building," in honor of the late Bishop Paul B. Kern, president of the former Methodist Board of Education. The two buildings, along with Scarritt College, comprise what is now known as "The United Methodist Center."

(UMC Photo)



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A \$500,000 drive is underway to establish the first permanently endowed professorship at the School of Theology at Claremont, Calif. The fund will underwrite the Gerald Kennedy Chair of Preaching and will honor Bishop Gerald Kennedy who retired in 1972 from the Los Angeles Area of United Methodism.

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The National Church Conference of the Blind will have as its theme "Bearing Fruit," when it meets July 28-31 in Fresno, Calif. The program will include Bible study, panel discussions, and a talent hour. Exhibits will include new aids such as the Opticon, which enables a blind person to read print, and literature available to blind people.

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Ecological concern for the Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, may mean that the 55th Easter Sunrise Service held there this year was the last. While the city's park board approved this year's service, it has requested the Pikes Peak Council of Churches to suggest alternate sites for 1976. Spokesmen say the red rock part is suffering damage from "too many people."

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Dr. Lawrence W. Bottoms, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), has predicted that a proposed union between his denomination and the United Presbyterian Church might be passed by the general assembly level "but will not be passed at the presbyterial or local church levels." Dr. Bottoms, the first black moderator of his denomination said, "There is a tendency in our denomination to run away from the possibility of being swallowed up by a larger denomination. His denomination has less than 1 million members, while the United Presbyterian Church has about 3 million."

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Dr. Franklin H. Littell, Temple University religion professor and chairman of the 1975 Conference on the Church Struggle and Holocaust, said in a keynote address that the problem of 20th Century Christianity is not persecution but "wholesale apostasy." "Until we face this truth," declared Dr. Littell, "neither our Christian education nor our periodization of history will be sound."

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United Methodist Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr. of the Kansas Area and former president of Philander Smith College is engaged in a month-long episcopal visitation in Latin America.

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The Methodist Church in Sri Lanka experienced a "new awakening" as a result of an 18-day mission led by Australian evangelist Dr. Alan Walker, according to the president of the denomination. The Rev. G. Denzil de Silva, although noting over 700 "decisions" stressed that Dr. Walker spoke on both the spiritual and the social implications of the Gospel.

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Some 60 influential Indian Christian churchmen meeting in Albuquerque in a three-day Conference on Indian Evangelism and Christian leadership voted unanimously to establish a continuing organization "as a vehicle by which we can express the spiritual bond which unites all evangelical believers among native American groups." "Christian Hope: Indian Eskimo Fellowship" (CHIEF) was chosen as the tentative name for the organization. Chairman pro tem for the initial gathering was the Rev. Raymond Baines, a Thlingit Indian and United Methodist from Anchorage, Alaska.

News from the churches

THE REV. AND MRS. James Richardson were honored at a reception by the congregation of First Church, Hot Springs, where Mr. Richardson has served as associate pastor for the past three years. He was recently appointed to serve as pastor of the new Village United Methodist Church congregation at Hot Springs.

DR. JOHN E. REED, associate professor of sociology at the College of the Ozarks, was the World Day of Prayer speaker for the observance hosted by First United Methodist Church, Clarksville. Mrs. Howard Haasis, president of United Methodist Women, served as leader, with Mrs. Jack M. Cline, Christian Personhood chairperson, coordinating the event for the nine churches involved in the service.

FIFTY MEMBERS of the Xtra Years of Zest Club (XYZ) at First Church, Hot Springs, were present for the organization's March luncheon meeting. A table, complete with birthday cake, was set for persons having March birthdays. The program, introduced by Chairperson Gertrude Mann, included Easter music and several Spirituals by a chorus of 30 students from Central Junior High, under the direction of Mrs. Chris Robinson. A short, humorous poem entitled, "How to get rid of your pastor," was read by one of the members.

BILLIE JOE and Sharon Daugherty of Tulsa, Oklahoma led a recent three-day revival at Lakeside Church, Lake Village. Mr. Daugherty, formerly of Magnolia, is presently youth and Christian education director at Sheridan Christian Center in Tulsa. Mrs. Daugherty is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Swift, pastor and wife at Lakeside Church. She is a senior voice and music major at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa.

A CLASS OF FIVE YOUTH was accepted into the membership of the Bull Shoals Church and received Holy Communion on Palm Sunday. The newly organized Children's Choir, directed by Mrs. L. A. Kelley, provided special music for morning worship. Younger children, with guitar accompaniment provided offertory music for the service.

BILL KENNEDY, song evangelist of England, Ark., assisted College Hill Church, Texarkana, Ark. in special services, March 31-April 4. From April 8-10 he is assisting with services at First Church, Nashville. Other services during the month of April will include: April 17-20 — All Souls Church at Scott, April 21-23 — Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock, and April 27-30 — First Church, Fordyce.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Apr. 13—Sunday Luke 24:36-40
 Apr. 14 Rev. 5:9-11
 Apr. 15 Acts 2:24-28
 Apr. 16 Acts 3:12-16
 Apr. 17 Acts 5:27-32
 Apr. 18 I Peter 4:3-6
 Apr. 19 Isa. 42:10-13
 Apr. 20—Sunday John 10:7-11

THE MEN OF CAVANAUGH United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, presented their fourth annual living portrayal of The Last Supper for the Palm Sunday evening service. The Rev. Larry Powell, pastor, served as director and narrator for the production based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous mural. The portrayal begins with a living picture of motionless figures. Christ is represented with lights. As the drama continues each apostle relates the story of his first meeting with Christ, why he followed him, and what happened in his life following the resurrection.

JACKSONVILLE YOUTH PRESENTING

"FREE TO BE YOU AND ME"

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Church, Jacksonville, will present the musical play, "Free to Be You and Me," on Sunday April 13th at 7 p.m. Profits from the production, which will be under the direction of UMY counselors, Mrs. Betty Seales and Miss Debbie Gilstray, will help finance the group on a work project in El Paso, Tex., this summer.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children. A nursery will be provided for small children.

The musical, a product of the Ms. Foundation, is a collection of songs and poems described as a "celebration of who we are and who we can be," and is designed for both children and adults. The play challenges such misconceptions as "pretty equals good," "big boys don't cry," and "all mothers stay in the kitchen," according to UMY members.

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WEST MEMPHIS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS COOPERATIVE SUNRISE SERVICE

The Eugene Woods Civic Center in West Memphis was the site for a 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the ministerial association of that area. A special offering was designated to go for the Transient Aid Fund.

Participants on the program included Father R. C. Barnes of Saint Michael's Catholic Church; the Rev. S. J. Parker, pastor of First Baptist (Black) Church; the Rev. Henry Williamson, president of the ministerial group, and a member of the Counseling Center staff; the Rev. John A. Harrison, pastor of Ingram Boulevard Baptist Church, and Mr. Al Berthouex of First United Methodist Church, song leader.

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THE HENDRIX COLLEGE brass ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, presented the prelude and the postlude, and accompanied the hymns at the Palm Sunday worship service at First Church, North Little Rock. In addition they performed with the adult choir, a special arrangement by Dr. Coffman of the anthem.

A GIFT IN MEMORY of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Arnold of Nashville, Ark., has been received by the Arkansas Methodist from Mrs. Will D. Arnold of that city, a daughter-in-law of the deceased couple. The Arnolds were long-time members of First United Methodist Church in Nashville. Of their eleven children, one son, the Rev. Fred I. Arnold, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, survives. He lives in Dumas and serves as pastor of the Watson Charge.

Awards Presented By Scoutmaster Of 53 Years

Scoutmaster E. A. Bowen (front) presented Eagle Awards to these five young men in Troop #24 when Scout Sunday was observed at Asbury Church, Little Rock, recently. They are (left to right) George Wood, Timothy Conatser, Tim Grimes, Chris Conatser, and Tom McGuire. This is one of many groups of young men who have benefited from the guidance and training of Mr. Bowen, a veteran scoutmaster of 53 years.



'Outstanding Young Educator'

Mrs. Dorothy Frazier (right), an active member of New Salem United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, recently had the distinction of being nominated by the Hot Springs Jaycees as the "outstanding young educator in Garland County." Mrs. Frazier teaches second grade at Goldstein School in the city school district. Mrs. Geneva Arman of the New Salem congregation pins a corsage on the honoree as Pastor Robert E. Woody adds his commendation.



Camden District Youth Rally Planned

"Sunday and share" will be the theme of the outdoor Camden District Youth Rally which will be staged Sunday afternoon, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the BeBee Farm near El Dorado. The Share Singers of First Church, Camden, will provide entertainment. Planning the event are youth from the Union County Sub-district, shown here, as they met at First Church, El Dorado.



Brightwater UMYF Paints Classrooms

The Brightwater UMYF not only sponsored a chili supper to raise money for paint and supplies to redecorate Sunday school rooms, but with the assistance of several adults and Pastor Dwight Bonham (front right) they provided the elbow grease for getting the job done. To celebrate completion of the project, on Palm Sunday they served doughnuts and coffee at an open house between morning services. Here they stand in front of renovated entrance to the church, a project made possible by memorial gifts.



Hendrix College honors Cecil Graddy

by Bill Whitten
Public Relations director

"Cecil Graddy Day" was celebrated at Hendrix College on Friday, March 28th following a proclamation by President Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr. designating that day to honor the superintendent of maintenance who is retiring after more than 41 years of service to the college.

Graddy was born March 28, 1910, in the community of Beryl, located about 10 miles east of Conway. His father had a farm near Beryl, where he received his schooling.

Graddy helped his father on the farm for a while, but he also worked in cotton gins, sawmills, blacksmith's shops and in highway construction.

On February 22, 1934, he was hired by Hendrix College to work on the maintenance crew, which consisted of two other full-time employees. The former Hendrix golf course was under construction at that time, and Graddy was hired to finish it up.

He had grown up on a farm and his desire was to be a farmer. "I didn't plan

to stay," Graddy remarked, "but Hendrix kind of grows on you. You see a need for your services, you like the people and you keep on going."

On June 2, 1934, three months after beginning work at Hendrix, Graddy married the former Arcie Ingram of Enola. Mrs. Graddy helped Mrs. Georgia Hulen in the dining hall for a few years until the death of Mrs. Hulen. After Mrs. Hulen's death, Mrs. Graddy became the College's dietitian. She retired in 1963.

In 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Graddy became head residents of the "Wigwam," a men's dormitory which was formerly located near the railroad tracks southwest of the main campus. They stayed there until 1944, when they became head residents of Martin Hall, the College's oldest residence hall.

In 1946, the Graddys moved to their private residence hall on Washington Avenue, where they have resided since that time. Graddy relinquished his duties as a head resident so that he could devote full time to the maintenance superintendent's job, a position he re-

ceived in 1940.

When Graddy became maintenance superintendent, he was in charge of about 14 or 15 people. He presently supervises the work of between 45 and 50 people.

His duties have drastically changed during his tenure at Hendrix. When he came to the job, he ploughed and levelled practically the entire campus. He tended the rose gardens and vegetable gardens. Almost everything was hand-operated then.

Now mechanized equipment is used to handle almost every task, and Graddy's duties have assumed chiefly a supervisory role.

"I have enjoyed the association with the students," Graddy stated. "As a matter of fact, I have enjoyed the whole set-up. I will miss the people I have worked with for years."

Graddy plans to spend an active retirement. Although he says he will do nothing in particular, he emphasizes, "I'll do something!"



Mrs. Pate

CWU Silver Tea to benefit scholarship fund

The organization of Church Women United of Central Arkansas, Business Group, will entertain with its annual silver tea on Sunday, April 13, in the home of Mrs. Gordon E. Young, at 18 East Palisades Drive, Little Rock.

The tea, scheduled for 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., is given for the benefit of the organization's Flora Armitage Scholarship Fund. Miss Kathy Latimer, a senior medical student at the University of Arkansas School of Medicine, is the 1974 scholarship recipient.

Mrs. Louise Pate is general chairman of arrangements. Music for the afternoon will be provided by Miss Floretta Skinner. Mrs. Katharine Wilkinson is president of the organization.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT WOMEN TO MEET AT HEBER SPRINGS

United Methodist Women of Batesville District will gather at Heber Springs United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 19th for their Spring Meeting, which will have as its theme, "To Be Alive in '75." Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the morning session will begin at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Wesley Freemyer, president of the Forrest City District UMW, will be the featured speaker. Special music will be provided by Kathryn Deckard and Lorene Houston, accompanied by organist, Pat Kendrick.

The day's agenda will include a business meeting with reports from officers, and a message from District President Louise Faulkner. Workshops for all officers and members of local units will be conducted by executive committee members who make up the district mission team.

The meeting is for all United Methodist Women in the district — those belonging to organized units, and those from churches without an organization.

A salad bar luncheon will be provided for guests at \$1 per person. Reservations should be sent to Gladys Moffitt, Rt. 4, Heber Springs, Ark. 72543, by April 15 with payment to be made at time of registration.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT UMW HOLDS ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

"One Hundred Years and Still Going," was the theme of the annual spring meeting of United Methodist Women as they met at Crossett United Methodist Church, March 19th. Mrs. Asa Ford, author of the book entitled, "These Blind Eyes Now See," was the featured speaker.

Conducting the business meeting was District President Mrs. R. A. Patton. A "scripture-based" fashion show was presented under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Freeman and a volunteer cast presented a skit based on supportive community. In addition, workshops were conducted for each office within the UMW organization. Mementoes were provided for the luncheon guests.

Thursday, April 10, 1975

CONWAY DISTRICT UMW TO HOLD SPRING MEETING AT PERRYVILLE

The Spring Meeting of United Methodist Women of Conway District will provide a spiritual enrichment opportunity in the form of "A Day Apart," as the district organization meets at Perryville United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 26th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Ed Davis, district president will preside, and Mrs. R. W. McCracken, district mission coordinator for Christian Personhood, will serve as program leader.

The day will be devoted to prayer, meditation, music and discussion to encourage women to participate in the total church program of study and personal growth in mission.

Ladies in the Perryville organization will serve as hostesses. Those attending are requested to take sack lunches.



THE ALTAR CROSS shown here was purchased with memorial gifts and placed in Caraway United Methodist Church on Easter in memory of the late Stevie Gregory. Missie and Debbie Gregory, sisters of Stevie, and Mr. Lewis Powell, his grandfather are shown here with the Rev. James D. Harrison, pastor.



Lambuth Choir To Appear At Asbury

The Lambuth College Choir and Kaleidoscope, Jackson, Tenn., will appear in joint concert at Asbury Church, Little Rock at 7:30 Wednesday, April 9. Dr. Joe L. Fleming, chairman of the music department at Lambuth, will direct the group of 43 young men and women as they present sacred music from choral masterworks ranging in style from the sixteenth century to contemporary folk spirituals. Dr. Fleming is a former director of the Hendrix College Choir, and has served as director of music at Winfield Church and Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. Kaleidoscope is a smaller singing ensemble under the direction of Frank C. Coulter, also of the Lambuth music staff. There is no admission charge.

THE INDIAN HILLS UMW organization is sponsoring a Coffee and Book Review at 6701 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock, on Tuesday, April 15, 10 a.m., with Mrs. John Dalrymple reviewing "The King and I," by Margaret Landon. Tickets are \$1.50. Proceeds will be used for the parsonage fund.

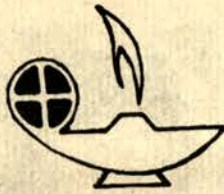
JOHN Z. "DICK" CUNNINGHAM SR.

Mr. John Z. "Dick" Cunningham Sr. of Traskwood died March 16 at Little Rock. He was 70.

A retired employee of Reynolds Metals Company, Mr. Cunningham was born Jan. 30, 1905 at Belfast, Ark., the son of John Andrew and Minnie Mae Zeigler Cunningham. He moved with his parents to Traskwood at the age of five. He was a member of the Traskwood United Methodist Church.

Mr. Cunningham is survived by his wife, Betty Pay Cunningham of Traskwood; two sons, John Cunningham Jr. and Glen Cunningham, both of Traskwood; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Summerhill of New Mexico, Mrs. Joyce Mullins of Benton and Miss Minnie Cunningham of Traskwood; two brothers, E. L. Cunningham of Russellville and Harold Cunningham of Traskwood; two sisters, Mrs. Jerrine Hilliard of Russellville and Mrs. Marguerite Stonecipher of Benton; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one aunt, Mrs. Hazel Myers of Benton.

The funeral service was held March 18 at Benton. Officiating ministers were the Rev. D. Ed McCullough, pastor of the Traskwood-Ebenezer Charge and the Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, pastor of the Cabot United Methodist Church. Burial was in the Traskwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Traskwood United Methodist Church.



The Sunday School Lesson for April 20

by SARAH GALLOWAY

God and Man in Covenant

Scripture: Exodus 19 and 20; 32; 34. Selected verses: 19:3-6, 20:2-4, 7-8, 12-17.

Devotional Reading: Psalms 119:33-45 (please do use this).

Orientation: This is the third lesson on Old Testament themes (in the second unit of the third quarter). The cutting edge of each of these studies, is an effort to keep sight of "The Living God Seeking Man" in all of history. Based on such insight, is the Church's pleading for renewed dedication to the "supreme goal of righteousness," as a worthy response to "his seeking."

Expectations of this study: That we will look again at the book of Exodus, for the depth of concern it portrays, regarding the power, and love of God in saving an enslaved nation (one he has chosen out of love to represent him to others) from their physical bondage. In so doing, he is dealing with a great power (Pharaoh, the greatest on earth). It is hoped that we will explore, not only the ways and methods by which there is deliverance, but God's eternal purposes for man, and the lengths to which he goes to redeem him. In other words, let us be presently aware of his continuous process of loving redemption.

Looking at the scripture: Through the scripture we see a weary, slave-oriented, newly freed nation of Hebrews, the people of Israel, occupying the wilderness area — Mt. Horeb, or Mt. Sinai. It was through Moses, their leader during the time of deliverance, that God spoke to them, telling them what he had done for them, and what he expected them to do to become a "holy nation." Their "chosenness" was, indeed, an act of God's love, bestowing privilege and opportunity — at the same time entailing sacred responsibility. This "holiness state" would represent God to other nations — (Ex. 19:5-6) — even the whole world (Gen. 12:2-3).

The Decalogue, or Ten Commandments, while given to Moses and considered his "legislative work," was in reality the spoken word of God directly to his people. In other words the Decalogue bears witness to both the presence and witness of God, providing a path of righteousness in daily life. In the Bible law is called "God in action," therefore the Ten Commandments permeated by the divine spirit is one of his great gifts.

For the Hebrews the supreme goal of life was righteousness (a lofty ethic) that has now become objective in law. That law has long been considered the "bone and marrow" of all human legislation. It was on the basis of law that Moses brought the Hebrews and Yahweh into a Covenant bond. The people promised — were not forced — to obey (Ex. 24:3-7), and they in return were assured the "promises of God" (Ex. 23:20-23). Thus Exodus is called the "Book of the Covenant." This code, handed down through the ages, was ratified by the sprinkling of blood upon the altar and upon the people, signifying their union with the "one God." However, it has been pointed out that historically, the full concept of "One God" did not prevail until much later (Isa. 43:10-13, Jer. 10:1-6).

The Ten Commandments did not comprise a social instrument (concerned with details) as such, but are the comprehensive essence of the inner meanings and purposes of law, having a built-in flavor of a "bill of rights" in which the interests of God, parents, and fellow Hebrews are concerned.

The nation is called to be holy and obey because God is holy. The law becomes the instrument of mutual relationships, in which faith responds to love. This transforms law into a form for expressing gratitude — a form of grace. Of such a concept, Kahn in his "Letter and Spirit" says, "Law is King."

Memory Selection: He took the book of the covenant, and read it in the hearing of the people; and they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient" (Ex. 24:7).

With the class: What is wrong with obedience? Can you imagine a society in which no one knows what corporate behavior ought to be — where nobody sounds a trumpet — parents, the school, the courts, (and for heaven's sake) the Church?

What on earth can be done to challenge our generation to the ideals that brought our nation forth?

Will someone please tell us what on earth was 'prayed for' at the prayer breakfasts at the White House the past few years?

Are you weary of the loose hanging notion of "doing your own thing"? Recently a young couple was headed for the divorce court because one of them decided to do his or her "own thing" which did not include any moral understanding of the marriage vows they had taken.

Is it valid to ask of education what greater emphasis can be made on moral ethics in curriculum materials? Can small children be taught the wrongness of abuse and cruelty to animals, which in later years may end up in hurting and killing humans? (Both instances beastly wrong.)

Has the P.T.A. given any thought to the horrible ravages of theft all about us? A juvenile office in a police force in one of the country's cities reported recently that it is their belief that 50 per cent of the people in that affluent area had been shoplifters at one time or another. We are saturated with the crime of "break-in" thefts throughout the nation — as well as government and business embezzlements. It will destroy us unless the situation can be changed.

Applying the Ten Commandments

Let us look again at the concerns of the Ten Commandments:

1. In the first four: One God (no other Gods), no images, not taking his name in vain, keeping the Sabbath day holy. Man is called upon to see himself in relation to God, who is holy, singular, and authoritative. He is not only to be worshiped but to be held in awe and respect. A climate of divine dependence should exist.

2. The last six: Honor parents, do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness (lie), do not covet (anything).

Provide a set of moral relationships by which man could live a civilized, cooperative, respectful, moral community life.

True Or False?

Try this "true or false" test for discussion:

1. People today do not always know they are worshiping more than one God.
2. The graven images we make for ourselves are much more sophisticated now than in Old Testament times. Land, money, cars, boats, clothes, jewels, restricted neighborhoods, gourmet foods, stocks, bonds, et cetera.
3. Taking the Lord's name in vain means more than profane swearing. Assuming a vow at the altar of the Church that one will be a faithful, supportive member in matters of their presence, means, and talents, then reneging because of a petty "tiff," is "in vain."
4. Sunday is a personal convenience day for catching up on chores of cleaning, shopping, mowing, and recreation, leaving church causes and commitments unmet.
5. Honoring parents is for children. Once they grow up and on their own it is childish to expect them to give special attention and love to the parents who reared them.
6. Killing can be done with other means than a gun. Hate and hostility kill love and friendship.
7. Adultery affects only two people and should be left to situation ethics.
8. Stealing has only to do with taking another's property. A person's good reputation and standing in the community cannot be stolen by careless words of gossip.
9. Lying is more than speaking untruths — it can be silence in the face of injustice, discrimination, political graft and greed.
10. Over-buying things we do not need only because others have them, and going in debt for things we can't pay for, constitute a type of covetousness.

Conclusion: Purity of worship, social integrity and morality are the basic imperatives of Christian righteousness. "God's laws are not ceremonial — they add up to moral equity" (Kahn).

Do write in this space

Since it is our business to communicate moral fundamentals to the next generation, write one definite statement on how it can be done.

Prayer: Eternal God enable us to live our common life on the everlasting foundations of righteousness and love. Amen.

Among us teachers: As teachers we are part of the ministry of our Church. This would place upon us the necessity to understand its theological precepts, for spiritual thrusts into expectant and needy hearts.

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Next Sunday

The Steadfast Love Of God

One way for Christians to share their faith

The "Pass-It-On" strategy

by Raoul C. Calkins, administrative
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Christians want to share their faith —
But How?

Many of us hesitate to talk religion to others. Here is a strategy for worldwide evangelism, the "Pass-It-On" book program. This is in the apostolic tradition. It is effective. It is relevant.

The most recent scholarship of the New Testament indicates that the Gospels were, first of all, evangelistic pieces that were written to explain to non-Christians what the gospel was about. The Evangelism committee of the World Methodist Council has borrowed a leaf out of the book of the early Christians and is urging active participation of every Methodist Church in the world.

Three important questions were selected. Three outstanding Christian writers were approached. Each one agreed to assist. The result: three books small enough to read at a single sitting — direct enough to challenge persons for Christian discipleship.

Keith Miller, noted author and business man, offers his personal testimony in response to the question, "How Can I Find God?"

Dr. William Barkley, perhaps the most widely known interpreter of the New Testament in our time, responds to the question, "Who Is Jesus?" Over and over again it has been demonstrated that "To know Jesus is to love Him, to want to serve Him, and, not least of all, to want others to share the blessings of experience with Christ."

Alan Walker is one of the distinguished evangelists of Australian Methodism. To hear him speak has been a life-changing experience for a great many modern people. His booklet, "What is the Meaning of Life" gives an answer which can help many to a greater security and satisfaction in life.

Here is the plan:

1. A copy of Keith Miller's book, with a leaflet about the "Pass-It-On" book program is being sent to every Methodist minister around the world.

2. Pass-It-On books are being published in the United States for the world at two monthly intervals: March 1 — "How Can I Find God?"; May 1 — Who Is Jesus?; July 1 — "What Is the Meaning of Life?"

3. Every Methodist is challenged to

accept 10 copies of each "Pass-It-On" book for selling or giving to friends, neighbors, fellow-workers who are not yet committed Christians.

4. Each book is to be a talking point for sharing the Christian faith. They are written by Christians for not-yet Christians. In the process Christians will be strengthened in their faith and thousands can be reached for the Christian faith.

5. In each country there should be a distribution center from which churches can order the books. Australia has placed an initial order for 20,000 copies of each of the three books. An order has been placed by the Home Mission Division of British Methodism in London.

In the United States orders are to be placed with Tidings, Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Orders for English copies to be used in distribution centers in other countries are to be processed through Raoul C. Calkins, World Methodist Evangelism, Room 1106, 471 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 U.S.A.

From Our Readers . . .

'CHURCH NO PLACE FOR CULTS, FALSE TEACHINGS'

To the Editor:

Enclosed you will find a clipping and picture of the lectures, from the Memphis Commercial Appeal, pertaining to public lectures on Transcendental Meditation at the Bartlett Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

This is the first time I have ever written a letter to any editor or any paper, but I feel that it is time that the laity of our church begin to speak out against the things that are wrong and that are weakening the church.

Any type of false religion or teaching that does not put Christ in his proper place is wrong and has no place in our church. We are told numerous times in the Old and New Testament about false

teaching and putting other things before or in the place of God.

The clipping states the purpose of the lectures is to "Eliminate Stress and Tension — Develops Creative Intelligence."

It appears that many of our churches' ministers, laymen, have forgotten the fact that there is only one God, who has the power to eliminate stress and tension and to give us creative intelligence. When our people are led to seek these and other answers to our everyday problems in something other than the power of Christ to help us solve them, then there is no wonder that the Methodist Church finds itself with a declining membership, an ineffectual and powerless ministry to the people of our cities, state, and country.

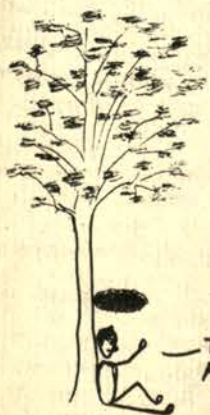
I feel that it is time that our church

leadership begins to place the emphasis on the instructions that God has given us, concerning cults, false teaching, homosexuality, etc. Our church is apparently giving acquiescence to these things by not taking a firm stand or even taking any stand at all! It is time we ceased being lukewarm!

I thank you and the Methodist church for having a paper that we can bring our opinions and perhaps correct some of the things and ideas that Satan has interjected into the body of Christ — Our Church . . .

Charles G. Swingle, MD
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Marked Tree, Ark.

"Hi" and "Lo"



THE WEEK-END STARTS
AND NATURE WORSHIPERS
ARE ON THE ROAD, - HI.

YES, LO, AND
UNFORTUNATELY THEY
FORGET THEIR BIBLES,
BUT THEY DON'T
FORGET THE BEER.

'LET'S UPGRADE THE CHURCH!'

To the Editor:

. . . (The issue of Feb. 27) had something in it which I thought was rich and good: the interview with Dr. Bennett. In answer to the question "Are you saying we should 'shun' the established Church?" Dr. Bennett said, in part, "We may have the gospel without the Church, but it wouldn't have any significant impact on human life."

That answer, in my estimation, is classic. Without the visible flesh and blood of the Church, impregnated with the Holy Spirit, man could no better understand God than he could before Jesus came. That's why I resent some preaching — preaching that declares, emphatically and unconditionally, that the Church will never save anyone.

Since the Church is the "body of

Off the Press

Theology In The Wesleyan Spirit by
Albert Outler.

This book attempts to show us how to gain an adequate theological understanding and to express our theological convictions in a meaningful and convincing way.

Albert Outler, one of the foremost authorities on the theology of John Wesley, makes another significant contribution to the understanding of Wesleyan theology and offers here a noble tribute to the enduring quality of John Wesley's thinking.

Theology In The Wesleyan Spirit is available at \$2.25 each; ten or more, \$1.75 each. Use stock number EV012B when ordering from Discipleship Resources, P.O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

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The phenomenon of Pentecostalism which has swept through the Christian church in recent years has forced mainline churches to reassess its importance. The Fifth Oxford Institute on Methodist Theological Studies convened in the summer of 1973 to address the urgent question of a theology of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, under the editorial direction of Dow Kirkpatrick, co-chairperson of the Oxford Institute and then minister of First United Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois, in conjunction with Tidings, clearly sets forth the work of the Spirit which stirs in the church today.

The book, as a collective statement, asserts that the revitalization that blows through the church today is directly related to the liberating activity of the Spirit.

The papers included in this influential book indicate a strong diversity of opinion that doubtless exists concerning the work of the Holy Spirit, as well as the equally strong elements of unity that are an assurance that the Spirit is at work in our midst.

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Christ," it is my conviction that no one will be saved without the Church. What other body has been designated to occupy the courts of heaven, except the angels?

Instead of downgrading the Church, we need to do a little upgrading!

Waid C. Radford (the Rev.)
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IN AGREEMENT

To the Editor:

Thank you for publishing the well-worded letter ("The Real Issue," April 3) written by Gary S. Crain.

I wish to say I sincerely concur with what he had to say.

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Loss of nerve contributes to decline of missionaries

by Avery Manchester*

There is growing concern in some quarters over the diminishing number of North American personnel going overseas to work in church-related fields. Aside from the fact that some countries have an increasing amount of trained indigenous workers, there are other, more complex, reasons for this.

Political problems that often make visas difficult to obtain, inflation, the declining value of the dollar and confusions of theological perspective are among the causes.

All of these are significant and contribute to requests for personnel going unmet. The United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, for example, is presently searching for 50 persons to fill missionary positions in some 20 countries in Africa, Asia and South America. Advanced degrees, professional accreditation and experience are required for almost every post.

While many people who admit interest in serving abroad write to the Board of Global Ministries' Office of Missionary Personnel, their reasons for wanting to work in mission overseas often do not provide a basis for appointment. Some applicants cite job shortages, vocational frustrations or the urge to move as their reasons for wanting to go overseas. The "call," an earnest desire to contribute their skills to the enablement of others in developing countries, is not always there.

Of those who do apply, an increasing number who have both professional skills and an understanding of the Christian faith, back out. When they come to the point of decision and the practical problems of breaking away, they decide against it.

Though there are those still willing and able who do go, the fall-out of others is a serious handicap to programs in the life of the church around the world.

It is not unfounded. News of missionary deportation, a moratorium on missionaries, famine, flood, earthquake, political coups and/or repression give nightmares to one not even thinking of going overseas. Family and friends even within the church may advise and counsel caution, or at least delay. Headlines in papers and TV newscasts leave the impression of massive instability in some countries, hardly the arena in which one might practice one's profession. Anti-U.S. sentiment and suspicion of the affluent and powerful also often feed mistrust of American Christians wanting to "help."

But there are those who despite the uncertain setting of their work contribute substantially to the well-being, welfare and self-determination of people with whom they live in countries around the world. Are the times of crisis also times of opportunity? Should not Christian people who are trained and invited be sharing the lot and life of people in every place? Does not the Christian faith have a word or message for the fearful?

Finances may also present a hurdle. Students who have substantial debts for training may be unable to make repayments from missionary salaries. Others, concerned by the discrepancy in wages between their peers in the U.S. and that of overseas, think seriously of costs. Yet the modest stipend of the missionary may appear as great wealth to a colleague in an overseas church or institution.

For some either living a U.S. life style overseas — or changing to a more indigenous life style — requires co-existing with ambiguity and change that is not always easy. The unsettling fear of "where do I go" and "what do I do" and "tenure is so uncertain" is real. To disengage from home may be costly, but re-entry may be more traumatic from a professional and financial point of view.

one culture and tradition trying to translate skills through language, custom and practice in another land. How does a doctor operate without x-ray or labs or possibly lights? How does a teacher work without books? Can an agriculturist trained in the west help farmers in another climate produce crops without the availability of fertilizer? If one puts in a term or more, can he or she "keep up" with colleagues back at the university or at home? Professional pressure discourages people from breaking out of patterns, be it medicine, education or an annual conference.

The campus, more than the local church, supplied numbers in volunteers in times past. Campus ministries were excellent training grounds for global consciousness and creative career choices. Now these have been severely cut back financially and are in a process of theological re-orientation.

There is no magic in doing one's thing in another language or culture, but there are genuine places and creative possibilities for people to serve, share and grow with the Church in other lands: the surgeon in Africa, the English teacher in Asia, the pastor in Latin America, the agriculturist in the Pacific Islands.

The new era of Christian mission has opened opportunities for exciting interchanges of people among all nations. Even with the internationalization of the missionary community, there are more opportunities for U.S. United Methodists than the present responses of qualified candidates with requisite skills willing to go. The call is for people of competence with commitment to the human community in the name of One who took the way of the cross to liberate his people into new life. Fear is overcome by faith.

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*(The Rev. Avery C. Manchester, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in New York, was a missionary in the Republic of Zaire.)

Fear Not Unfounded

Fear may contribute to this attrition of candidates.

Frustrations Are Many

Frustration is another deterrent for people trained in

'Unjust leadership' subject to revolt, journalist says

DAYTON, Ohio (RNS) — A Washington journalist has credited modern Protestantism with having reaffirmed "the right to revolt" against unjust leadership.

J. F. terHorst, President Ford's first press secretary and now a syndicated columnist, writes on "Facing a Crisis of Leadership," in the April issue of *The Interpreter*, program journal of The United Methodist Church.

An elder in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern), Mr. terHorst comments that "modern Protestantism, concerned with man's inhumanity to man and social injustice, has reaffirmed the right to revolt against unjust leadership by asserting the existence of a covenant between ruler and subjects. Our oaths of office, whether secular or religious, imply that leaders will rule justly."

He writes that "if leaders violate their pledge, the people are not bound to faithful allegiance. Thus the test for

both leaders and followers is performance."

Mr. terHorst's article appears in a special issue of *The Interpreter*, organized under the theme, "Mission U.S.A."

In the lead article Dr. Paul V. Church, general secretary of the United Methodist General Council on Ministries, explains that the purpose of the issue is "to look at the United States on the eve of our 200th anniversary and at the way the church (particularly The United Methodist Church) relates to the nation; to examine how the local church plays a role in our country; to consider specific issues in church and nation."

Special articles and features deal with such issues as racism, sexism, values, stewardship of resources, nurture and growth in the church, and world order.

In an article entitled "Not an Easy Faith," Dr. John T. King, president of the United Methodist Church's General Council on Ministries, writes, "Christianity is an interfering religion; you cannot be the same with it as without it! By its very nature it must speak out, take a stand, get deeply involved with the issues and problems of people."

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Washington Project Abandoned

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — A long-time dream for a national Methodist center in the nation's capital came to an end here March 18.

After many delays, the multi-million dollar project was formally abandoned and the last 11 acres of the site put up for sale by the Methodist Corporation which has held and managed the property in trust since 1960. The proceeds on the property, which is appraised variously from approximately \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, will go to the United Methodist Church to be used as the General Conference directs.

Churches act to aid refugees

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — The Indochina refugee emergency, with its surging tides of humanity made homeless by recent developments in Cambodia and South Vietnam, has sent church relief agencies, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), into high gear.

Operating through ecumenical channels, UMCOR already has sent home \$33,000 as its part of an initial Church World Service (CWS) contribution of \$100,000, approved by the CWS Department of the National Council of Churches on March 26.

"The World Council of Churches, through its Fund for Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Indochina (FRRI), has issued an appeal for one million dollars," explained the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines, UMCOR executive and CWS vice chairman. "Of this, the United States churches (through CWS) will provide between \$250,000 and \$300,000."

Dr. Haines said the WCC one-million dollar appeal will be divided and channeled through four agencies: Asian Christian Service (ACS), \$300,000; Vietnam Christian Service (VNCS), \$250,000; the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT), \$200,000; and the Inter-

national Red Cross (IRC), \$250,000. He explained the funds for ACS and VNCS would aid Vietnamese refugees in South Vietnam controlled areas and the funds to the Thailand church would be to aid Cambodian refugees fleeing into Thailand.

According to the Dr. Haines, the \$250,000 to be channeled through the IRC will be to work with refugees in areas now controlled by the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) in Vietnam. "The PRG has asked for assistance, but has not indicated how such aid is to be channeled, so pending clarification, we are sending it through the International Red Cross," Dr. Haines said.

Pointing to the "raw human need" of the situation, heightened by the increasing numbers and continual movement of refugees, now estimated at well over one million people, Dr. Haines said there is "total confusion but real need" in Indochina. He noted the WCC appeal could be increased, but said "with the confusion and hourly changing of the situation, we feel this is the best action we can take for the moment."

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Indianapolis selected as site for 1980 General Conference

PORTLAND, Ore. (UMC) — Indianapolis has been chosen as the site for the 1980 sessions of the United Methodist General Conference, the top legislative body of the 10-million-member denomination.

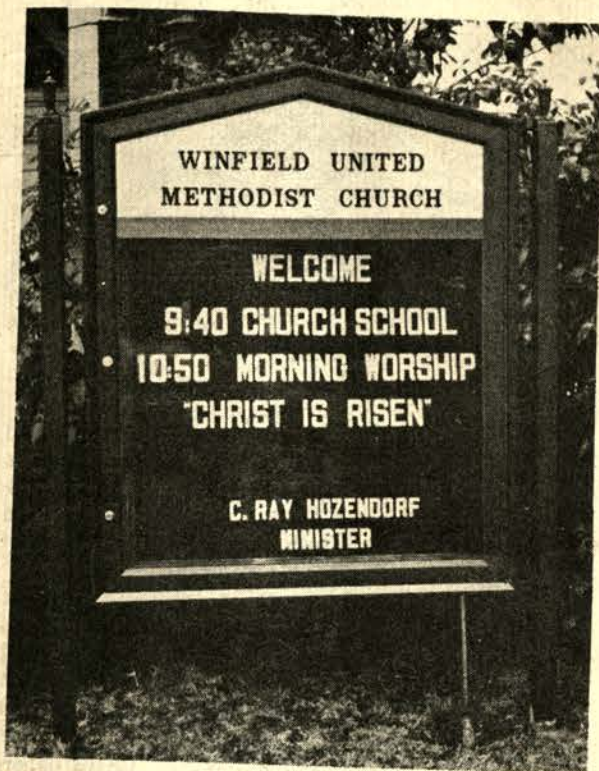
The Conference, which meets every four years, will be held at the Indian-

apolis Convention Center during a 10-day period in April of 1980. The next General Conference will be held in Portland April 27-May 8, 1976.

A 19-member Commission on the General Conference meeting here April 1-2 voted unanimously to go to Indianapolis. Chairman of the Commission is

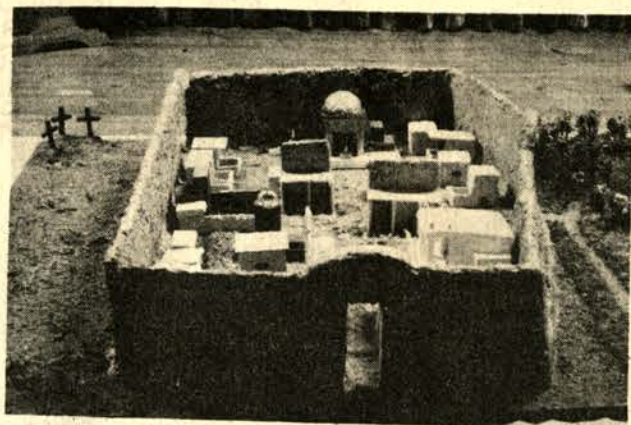
Dr. Gene E. Sease, president of Indiana Central College in Indianapolis.

Dr. Sease said the commission was "highly enthusiastic" about Indianapolis as a site for the 1980 conference which will attract about 8,000 persons from around the world, including 1,000 voting delegates.



THE NEW BULLETIN BOARD at Winfield Church, Little Rock, was erected the week preceding Easter in time to proclaim that "Christ is risen." It is a gift from Attorney Gerland P. Patten in memory of his late wife, Mrs. Ira Barrett Patten, who died last year. Inside the sanctuary on Easter morning, 84 Easter lilies graced the chancel area — many of them memorial gifts.

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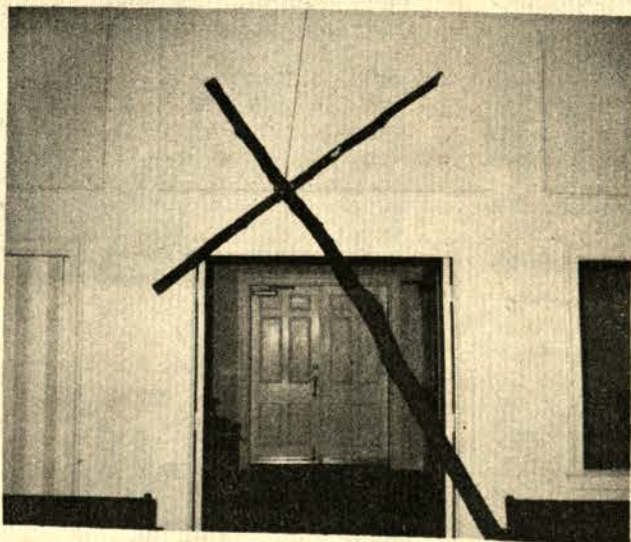
THE LENTEN DISPLAY shown here was the focal point for the Palm Sunday evening Family Night Program at Winfield Church. Constructed by the boys and girls in Elementary I through VI over a period of many weeks, under the guidance of Miss Debbie Binores, director of children's activities, it depicts the places where the events in Christ's last week before the crucifixion took place. The walls and buildings were constructed of papier-mâché and other materials. Music by the children's choir and appropriate narration provided the program for the Family Night event. The project will be entered in the Little Rock District Arts and Crafts Festival.

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THE CHRISMON TREE which during the Christmas season decorated the sanctuary at First Church, Smackover (stripped of ornamentation), was fashioned into a cross and placed on the altar during the Lenten season. It was decorated with Easter lilies for Easter morning by the Busy Fingers group of the Smackover United Methodist Women's organization.

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WORSHIPERS at First Church, Trumann, walked beneath this cross as they entered the sanctuary for the morning service on Easter.

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ALTUS UNITED Methodist Church reports a full house for their Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast, which were followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children. The Rev. J. C. Wright, pastor delivered the message of the morning.



THREE SYMBOLIC CROSSES were placed on the lawn at St. John's Church, Van Buren, on Palm Sunday by the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. On Easter evening the youth presented a contemporary play entitled "Jesus Minus Ten."

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RECEIVED into the membership of First Church, Leachville on Palm Sunday were, left to right, Tommy John Kennett, Debbie Williams and Jana Harrison. Shown with the group is the Rev. James D. Harrison, pastor.

Thursday, April 10, 1975

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

In the book "The Little Prince" there is a statistic quoted, which, if true, illustrates even more forcefully than man's individual or collective conscience could do, the necessity for mutual understanding. The fact as presented is: If the two billion inhabitants who people earth's surface were all to stand upright and somewhat crowded together as they do for some big public assembly, they could easily be put into one public square twenty miles long and twenty miles wide.

Prayer For Understanding

O Lord
in this conflict-ridden world
we are a house divided . . .
hate cleaves to hate
chilling the cold,
magnifying the darkness.
Deranged by fear we grope
for courage in the fog of illusion.

O Lord
give us the capacity to care;
let each heart
be a fountain of love.
Endow us with wisdom of purpose;
strength to topple prejudice.
Light the spark of divinity
that dwells within us, so that
we may understand our fellowman
and work to ease his pain.

O Lord
give us the hope of Justice.

—by Jaye Giammarino
Coatesville, Pa.

Consider Now

Consider now
the ways our days are spent
and count each hour a gift.
Time is but lent.

Spend wisely
all our time allotted.
Love back this loveless world
that 'gainst us plotted.

Ease pain.
Each man has need of you,
bind wounds. God's clock ticks on
and those who heal are few.

—by Lisa Ross
Pine Bluff, Ark.

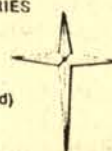
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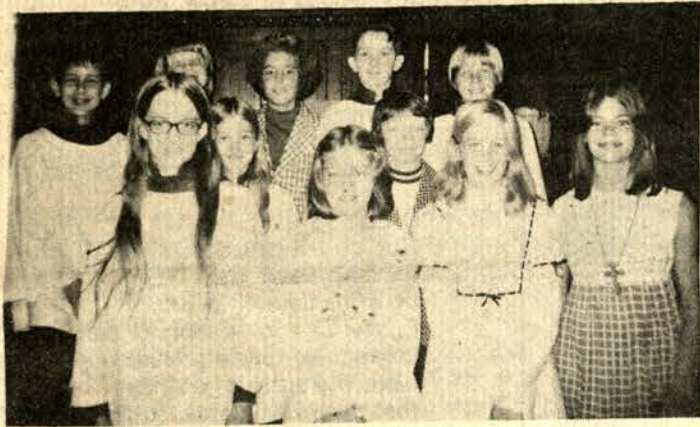
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'Confirmed in the faith' . . .



CONFIRMATION CLASS of 1975 received into Lonoke United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday by the Rev. Mike Clayton, pastor (right).

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ENTERING INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP at First Church, El Dorado on Palm Sunday were these eleven boys and girls.

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THE SEVEN YOUTH shown here were received into the membership of Cavanaugh United Methodist Church at Fort Smith on Easter. Receiving them was the Rev. Larry Powell, pastor (left).

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ADDED TO Wesley Church at Springdale on Palm Sunday was this group, including 14 baptized and received by profession of faith. Forty-two new members have been received since annual conference last June. The Rev. Jim Breazeale, pastor, is shown at rear.

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION Class received into full membership of First Church, Jonesboro on Palm Sunday. Shown below, right, is the Sixth Grade Confirmation Class, received into the church on the same day.



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