



### Bono Church Constructed With Volunteer Labor

The new Bono Church, built entirely with volunteer labor from the congregation, was dedicated on Sunday, March 23, with Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent, officiating. Also dedicated on that day were numerous memorials and other gifts to the church. Other events celebrating the church's completion included the cornerstone-laying ceremony on Feb. 23rd, a Holy Week revival with the Rev. Russell Bailey, pastor, preaching, and the presentation of an Easter cantata by the Bay choir. A fellowship supper honored the building committee and all members involved in the actual construction of the facility.

## An Appeal from the Bishop to the North Arkansas Conference

Dear friends,

On May 4th, I have been invited to dedicate the METHODIST RETIREMENT VILLAGE in Fort Smith.

Most of you have not seen this beautiful facility. It is an outreach of the United Methodist Church in mission for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. We can be grateful to the devotion of a group of United Methodists in Fort Smith who would not give up in their sacrifice to bring this mission into reality.

But, we committed ourselves to help them as an Annual Conference to the sum of \$50,000 during this Conference year. The Fort Smith District undertook to raise half of this and they have succeeded.

Surely, the rest of the Conference, six Districts, can reach a goal of \$25,000.

If you could do this by May 4th, you would bring tremendous honor to our United Methodist Church. Please give it a try! It is really important for me to be able to say to that faithful Board on May 4th, "North Arkansas fulfilled her commitment!"

Most sincerely,

*Eugene M. Frank*

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## The study of the Bible today: the 'charismatic influence' and other trends

An interview with Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo  
by the editor

Part one of a two-part feature

What is the state of Bible study today? What have been the benefits of the apparent greater interest in study of the Bible? Are there any "liabilities" in any such trend? What has been the effect of the charismatic movement of Bible study? What is the significance of current popular Bible translations and paraphrases? What are the trends in Bible study? And, in the first place, why study the Bible anyway?

These and other questions were addressed to Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo, professor of New Testament and Early Church History at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, in an April 12 interview in North Little Rock.

A veteran teacher of 24 years experience in local church and regional Bible conferences, Dr. Pherigo is widely known to Arkansas United Methodists. He has taught in at least three Arkansas Pastors' Schools and two sessions of the Arkansas School of Christian Mission, as well as in numerous local church and area schools in the state. His recent visit to Arkansas was as a teacher in Bible conferences in Fort Smith and North Little Rock.

**Arkansas Methodist: How great is the interest in Bible study today?**

**Dr. Lindsey Pherigo:** Everywhere I've gone in the last 20 years I've discovered people are interested in the Bible. And when it's presented in such a way that they can see its relevance for their life, they are especially interested.

There may be a greater interest now than ten years ago, but I'm not sure it's very marked. The general religious revival — like the Holy Spirit movement and the charismatic revival — has something to do with it. Those who get caught up in that have a greater interest in the Bible. And those who are "suspicious" of it also have a greater interest — each for different purposes.

**What effects on Bible study have you seen resulting from the charismatic movement?**

It has stimulated Bible study in a way that probably few movements have lately. And in the process I think a lot of the more moderate and suspicious persons are



Dr. Pherigo

becoming more appreciative of the charismatic movement. It's a kind of mediating influence.

**In general, do you see the charismatic movement as a positive or negative influence?**

I think on the whole it has been a healthy movement in spite of a lot of places where it has been divisive and problematic. It has called the church to an awareness of a kind of spirituality we tended to neglect.

I don't think, in most forms, the charismatic way of doing that is the best. I just think it functions in the church as a kind of sensitizing movement to make what was neglected before become more real.

You have to recognize that it's a one-sided movement. It comes primarily out of Luke-Acts. It neglects John and the letters of Paul. It uses John and Paul, but it uses them in Luke-Acts terms rather than the way Paul and John did.

**What is the corrective for that?**

The main corrective would come out of John and Paul, both of whom stress that the Holy Spirit is the possession of every Christian. There are no Christians that do not have the Holy Spirit! And therefore we need to

broaden our understanding of what the gifts of the Spirit are.

**How can differences of views between main-line and charismatic Christians be mediated?**

Oh, that's a hard one. Generally I'd say use the Bible as a mediating point and show how in certain parts of it the Holy Spirit is an important possession of everybody, not the special possession of the charismatics. And I'd show on the other hand how the charismatics tend sometimes — not always — to use the special things they have discovered in such a way that they don't function for the good of the church as a whole.

**It is sometimes suggested that charismatic Christians move to more Pentecostal-oriented denominations. What is your view of such a suggestion?**

I think we'd be healthier if we'd be more pluralistic and learn from different groups in our church. Let them influence each other rather than separate into religious types and have all the intellectuals join the Unitarians and all the charismatics join the Pentecostals, et cetera.

Pluralism means respect for another's opinions. In the long run you don't really know who's right. It doesn't mean you have less convictions of your own. It just means that you realize that your convictions are no more or no less than anyone else's. And to arbitrate between them as to who is absolutely right is something not given to us. We don't have that kind of power.

**What is the function of the Bible in dealing with these issues?**

Well, there's nothing more pluralistic than the Bible. It has a base for nearly — practically — every point of view that's in the church. And therefore the Bible functions as a common ground and a mediating point for the development of understanding and appreciation for other points of view.

**Is the charismatic issue here to stay or will it pass?**

Oh, I think it will pass. It always has. It sometimes lasts for two or three generations but almost never longer than that. We've had it now for about a generation.

**Trends In The Study Of The Bible**

**What are the current trends in Bible study?**

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# Bible study today

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The dominant one at this time is to study the Bible in such a way that you don't do much with background but only let some kind of "spiritual presence" preside over the meeting and tell you what the text means — in small groups, of largely uninformed people, without a special leader at hand. That's a big trend these days.

## How do you grade that trend?

It has its values. I'd rather people study the Bible that way than not at all — and that's largely been the case. The people who are caught up in this kind of study are not people who left another kind of Bible study to do it this way. They're people who haven't been studying the Bible at all. So in that sense I think it's positive.

But I think that this, in every case, runs into obstacles that have to be straightened out by a more responsible kind of Bible study.

Another trend — much to my dismay — is that in the past 15 years we've seen an upsurge in an understanding of the Bible that leads us away somewhat from the genius of Christianity and back toward Judaism.

And by that I mean we've seen the kind of study that

promotes more the "dos and don'ts" and the rules and the ethical requirements of salvation rather than understanding that God is active in Christ in some special way for our redemption, even while we don't deserve it.

So the element of grace has been played down lately in favor of "What does the Bible say about right and wrong here, there and yonder?" Homosexuality or the ordination of women or something like that is a good example of this.

## How do you explain this latter trend?

It's more definite, more congenial to the American spirit which feels like "We're in control of things and can do it" — if only we knew for sure what it is that we should do! It appeals to our need for security.

## What can be done to rediscover this important element of grace?

The study of Romans or Galatians, historically, has done this best. Over and over again when somebody reads Romans and Galatians a new spirituality comes forth. Not the kind of spirituality promoted in the

Luke-Acts Pentecostal-charismatic movement. But another kind of spirituality that lies behind the Reformation, the Wesleyan revival and the Barthian movement.

It ought to be the obligation of every pastor to know Romans backwards and forwards and to have his congregation familiar with it. It is one of the earliest and most classic expressions of what Christianity is all about. See, Christianity is based on what God did in the death and resurrection of Christ. It isn't primarily based on the rules and regulations found anywhere else — even in the teachings of Jesus!

We need to come to understand that it was God acting in Christ in some special way that really lies behind everything we treasure in Christianity. And that is so simple to overlook!

*Next: Part Two — What translation to use? Right and wrong uses of the Bible; Youth and Bible study; "Not enough Bible in the Sunday School literature?"*

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## Wynne Church votes \$100,000 expansion

A \$100,000 three-phase plan of expansion has been approved by the Administrative Board of First Church, Wynne. The plan will provide for additional Church School space, an underdrive canopy and storage area, and space for additional parking.

The Board approved the Long-Range Planning Committee's request and voted approval of a \$25,000 loan to enable work to begin immediately on the parking area paving and construction of the canopy. A fund drive will be held in the fall to insure completion of the projects. The proposal was presented to the Board by committee Chairperson Howard Hall.

The plan was approved at the congregation's second annual Administrative Board Dinner, at which the Rev. Joe VanCleve, pastor of the Augusta Church, was guest speaker. Outgoing Board Chairperson Ben Horne was presented with a cross and flame tie-tac and incoming Chairperson Martha Murry was given a gavel.

The Rev. William M. Wilder is the Wynne pastor.

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## At Raney Lectures

Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie (center) senior minister of First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif., was lecturer at the recent T. J. and Inez Raney Lectures at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. At right is Mr. Alton B. Raney, one of the founders of the series which began in 1951. Host senior minister is Dr. James B. Argue (left).

## Lydia Patterson Board adds new goals

The Board of Trustees of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex., has affirmed the traditional functions of the South Central Jurisdiction-sponsored school and has adopted some new directions for the institution. The actions were taken at its annual meeting, April 9-10, in El Paso.

The trustees, representing the 17 annual conferences in the eight-state jurisdiction, also viewed a first showing of a multi-media presentation on the Institute, produced by a retired El Paso advertising executive. A copy of the film presentation is to be placed in each annual conference of the jurisdiction.

The Board heard a report from two task forces, one on Developing Ministries and one on Goals and Objectives. It recommended continued involvement in ministerial recruitment and the development of training models for clergy and lay persons in Mexican-American churches of the Southwest.

In other matters the Board approved a 1975-76 budget of \$419,438.52 for the school. It reported that over 40 per cent of the institution's resources are dependent upon Advance Special giving, individual contributions and Board of Global Ministries' support. The Board also confirmed the annual goal of \$170,000 in Advance Special gifts from local churches, approved by the 1972 Jurisdiction Conference.

Attending the meet from Arkansas were Mrs. Winston Faulkner and the Rev. Palmer Garner of the Little Rock Conference and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fulbright and the Rev. Ben Jordan from the North Arkansas Conference.

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## Hendrix Alumni Days set for April 25-26

Hendrix College Alumni Days '75 will be held at the Conway campus April 25-26. The event will feature class reunions with the Class of 1925 observing its 50th anniversary and the class of 1950 observing its 25th anniversary. Other classes holding reunions will be those of 1933, '34, '35, '43, '44, '45, '53, '54, '55, '63, '64, and '65.

A dinner for the Class of 1925 and for the Half Century Club will be held at 5:30 Friday in Hulén Hall.

Among other activities will be an alumni lecture, 11 a.m. Saturday, by Dr. Francis Christie, dean of the College. The Alumni luncheon will follow, at which Hendrix President Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr. will speak. Distinguished Alumnus Awards will be presented and class reunions will follow.

The classes of 1925 and 1950 will be guests at a reception in the president's home at 2:30.

"The Fantasticks," a theatre production, will be presented at 8 p.m. in Staples Auditorium on each of the two evenings.

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## THE REV. WILLIAM H. TROTTER

The Rev. William Henry Trotter, 69, of Sedgwick in Paragould District, died recently at the Geriatrics Nursing Home in Jonesboro. Born in Greene County, he had served as pastor of several Methodist churches before his retirement. Following his retirement from the ministry he worked for the city of Flint, Mich., for a time.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Marie Trotter of Sedgwick; two daughters, Mrs. Anna Jean Adams of Hastings, Mich., and Mrs. Christine Smith of Mt. Morris, Mich., and one half-sister, Mrs. Lora Nichols of Dallas, Tex.

The funeral service was held at Sedgwick United Methodist Church with burial at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.



Mrs. A. L. Butler

## Seventh Annual Children's Choir Festival at St. Paul

St. Paul United Methodist Church at 2223 Durwood Road in Little Rock will host the Seventh Annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival on May 4th at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. A. L. Butler, instructor in Music Education and Voice at East Central State College in Ada, Okla., will return to Arkansas for the third time as guest director for the festival.

The program repertoire will include selections appropriate for the Christian Year. Twenty-four church choirs have been rehearsing under their local directors for many months in preparation for this event. David Glaze, Camden First Church, will serve as organist, and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson Jr. will accompany the choirs during the festival.

A workshop for interested persons who work with children's choirs will be conducted on Friday, May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn and Monroe Streets, under the direction of Mrs. Butler.

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RECENTLY NAMED to three year terms on the Board of Trustees of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, were Dr. Shrum Burton, assistant to the president, and Dr. William S. Sparks, librarian, both of Saint Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, Mo. Dr. Burton will serve on the Committee on Finance and Dr. Sparks on the Committee on Development.

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## From the Bottom of the Heart

### To remember America Some Bicentennial Year thoughts

Some time back, in going through some of my old army things, I came across a little piece of hardened earth, a small rock. At first I couldn't imagine what it was doing there among my valuables. But rummaging among other items, recalling past associations and memories, the significance of that small stone came back to me.

It was more than 30 years ago, though that doesn't seem possible, that as I was preparing to board a Military Air Transport Service plane to fly cross the Pacific, I reached down — remembering even now how I almost fell under the weight of my field pack — to pick up one last reminder of America, my homeland.

This very stone, now in my hand, was that memento from a California airfield. I remember carrying it through the years and finally placing it among my treasures.

By what do we choose to remember America?

By a recession-depression-inflation income tax refund? By the aftermath of a nightmare war, now swarming in unbelievable horrors? By a fat rebate on a shiny new automobile? By hungry faces at home, painful reminders that faraway lands live in that certain reality hundreds of thousands of times over? By a bit of stone?

How remember America?

(I recall Steven Vincent Benét, in *Western Star*, painting a word picture of a travelling lecturer, a stranger who finds Americans "easy to explain and tells them so in public and at length." Benét tells how the speaker drones on and on and how

He talked — and all outside the prairie-day  
Drowned into evening, and the shadows spread,  
And, by the muddy river, miles away,  
The outcast found the Indian arrowhead.)

How best remember America? How best pay our tributes in our Bicentennial Year?

Hopefully by our doing and being. For at its best, even after 200 years, America is not so much a history to be remembered as it is an ideal to be done. Not something to be feted, but practiced. Not something to be touted and carnivalized, even on its bicentennial, as to be lived.

We are not suggesting we treat our heritage lightly. On the contrary, Christians among all persons should know the significance of a past. And that past must be remembered, continually called forth to the present, not only in tribute to our forefathers but in keeping faith with our posterity.

To remember America? The heritage, yes. The dream, the sacrifice, the courage, the grit. Yes, all of these.

And also the bunglings, the shenanigans, the stealing of the land from our landlords. The killing. The fighting among ourselves, the searing of our soul with our own blood-letting, family member against family member. The scarring and wasting of the land. The spoiling of our water and air. The riots in the streets. The killing of more youth in our school violence than our soldiers lost in the first three years of the Vietnam war. Yes — remember all this and more, too.

To remember America? The heritage, yes. The promise, more.

The un-killed vision in our youth. The persistent dream in the hearts of our old. The promising life in our children. The gentle and violent pastors and prophets, lay and ordained, who do the Good News and proclaim in the royal courts that all

is not well in Zion, calling the Church and the nation to repentance. The spirit alive and moving. Remember all of this, too.

Remember America? The heritage, yes! The promise, more!

My stone is rooting  
Seeking soil beneath scarred charred  
ruins of a dream

Nourished by tears of Indian braves  
exiled youth  
grieving parents  
forgotten Prisoners of War  
maimed soldiers

My stone is struggling  
grooming  
wanting to live

My stone is budding!

## So Full

reflections on life with friends

So ripe the seeds within the heart  
So bright the flowers to cheer the day  
So warm the sun that gives them life  
So 'Come!' the paths that mark the way.

So hard the pain that hurts a friend  
So heavy the load of a loved one's care  
So great the grief that breaks the heart  
So many the sorrows that folk must bear.

So grand the mystery of all this is!  
So deep the beauty of night and day  
So vast the meaning of one small thought  
So full the Promise that lights the way.

## Off the Top of the Head

### Worth a thousand words

If I ever get my study here at home cleaned up enough so it can pose for a picture, I'd like to show you some dandy gadget ideas you might like to try out in your own office or home.

Such as:

- A neat way to rig your typewriter so you can type with your feet propped up on your desk;
- A gadget by which you can stick some dozen sheets of note paper all around you, within reach, to read from as you type with your feet on your desk;
- A special place for holding your iced tea-and-orange-juice-mix drink while you are reading from the dozen sheets while typing with your feet up on the desk;
- An arrangement to hold your tape recorder secure while drinking your iced tea-and-orange-juice-mix drink while reading from the dozen sheets while typing with your feet on the desk;
- A very special spot for your one candy bar of the evening, within handy reach for slow or sudden ingestion while listening to your secure tape recorder while drinking your iced tea-and-orange-juice-mix drink while reading from a dozen sheets while typing with your feet on the desk;
- A secret way to arrange your radio for quick turn-on when they are about to play a John Denver record on their Victrola down at the radio station while nibbling or inhaling your one candy bar of the evening while listening to your tape recorder while drinking that tea stuff while reading what's left of the 12 note pages while typing with one foot on the desk.

This is only about half the gadgets I could show you in that photograph I wish I could take. But J. D. is coming up on the Victrola, I've just got one bite left of my candy bar, the ice has melted in my orange drink, my right foot is hung in the bookshelf on my desk and the phone is ringing in the other room and there's no one else here right now to answer it, and I'm expecting a call from the bishop.

So if you'll 'cuse me, I'll try to run now and I promise to tell you all about these other goodies another time, if you can wait.

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DR. HAROLD EGGEN-SPERGER (left), pastor of First Church, Conway, was the recipient of a plaque for outstanding leadership as immediate past president of the Tri-State Section of the American Camping Association, at the April meeting of the Aldersgate Board of Directors. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, representing Mrs. Betty Knipe, current president of the Tri-State Section, made the presentation.

## UM men reject proposal to go 'national'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Edward Boardman, a judge of the Second District Court of Appeal with offices in Lakeland, Fla., has been elected president of a new National Association of Conference Presidents of United Methodist Men.

The election came here at Scarritt College recently during a workshop sponsored by the Division of Lay Life and Work of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Thirty-eight conferences were represented at the workshop, including presidents of Conference United Methodist Men (UMM) organizations and conference staff employees who are related to men's work. Several district superintendents were also present.

A proposal to form a "National Association of United Methodist Men" was rejected by the workshop participants who said they did not have a mandate to establish such a group nor were they selected representatives of grassroots UMM organizations.

The only feasible organizational pattern, the group decided, was an organizational pattern of conference presidents which could be supportive of the work of men through the Board of Discipleship.

Legislation for the 1976 General Conference was a concern of the men with interest being expressed in finding more specific emphases in the **Book of Discipline** for the unique organizations of men in the life of the church. The participants agreed that a more explicit statement concerning the function of the local church men's fellowship is needed.

## Council Directors to Local Churches

by Bervin Caswell

Superintendent, Albuquerque District, New Mexico Conference

In II Timothy 4:5 we read "... do the work of an evangelist ..." Does any of us know a substantial reason why this should not be accepted as an admonition to be universally applied among Christian disciples?

I have been asked to write an article concerning the mechanics of a program of evangelism, and I would hope that individuals as well as local churches will find some ways to plug in on one or more of these suggestions, and will, indeed, do so.

Here are a number of ways to secure the names of prospective members, and a list of persons with whom to work in a program of evangelism:

- A list of hospital patients who are United Methodist, or Protestants;
- names from utilities hook-ups;
- visitors at church services;
- new members of Sunday School classes;
- home sales by real estate firms;
- family members of church families;
- names of newcomers or unchurched neighbors given by church members;
- also, church members can be alert to prospects among fellow employees, club members, and other groups;
- be aware of prospects among community groups who meet at the church buildings;
- assess, perhaps survey, the area immediately around the church plant;
- do a follow up from weddings and funerals.



Dr. Caswell

## Some ways to do evangelism

Efficient evangelism surely involves being alert in securing a viable list of those for whom you and/or your church are logically responsible.

Some other suggestions not to be overlooked would include the very simple but valuable practice of being alert to needs, expressed and unexpressed, as we have dealings with persons. Invite non-church attenders to come to church services and activities. Encourage teachers in Sunday School classes to make an evangelistic emphasis. As pastors, give an invitation to Christian discipleship at the conclusion of the sermon.

Secure the nucleus for a membership training class, then announce the class and invite others to come. Many, if not most, churches, have confirmation classes once or twice during the year.

Conduct carefully planned series of evangelistic services. And not to be overlooked: (1) follow up with those who show an interest, and those who make decisions, so that a decision leads to discipleship; and (2) do a thorough task of following up on those who move away, using letters, telephone calls, et cetera, in an effort to get them associated with a church where they live.

May God help us to "... do the work of an evangelist ..." in ways that are pleasing to him, beneficial to his church, and enriching for the lives of his children.

## Aldersgate Needs Fair Attractions!

ALDERSGATE is in urgent need of Special Entertainment Attractions for its Annual Country Fair on Saturday, May 17th.

Vocalists, singing or choral groups, humorous or dramatic sketches, clown acts, rides, magicians, instrumental groups, sketch artists, and performers of various kinds are especially welcome!

Interested individuals or groups wishing to volunteer their services, or assistance, with entertainment attractions are urged to contact one of the following Committee persons before May 1st:

Mrs. Harold Cabe	225-9699	Mrs. Ed Harris	663-1527
Dr. Myers Curtis	374-1634	Mr. Ray Tribble	225-1444
Mr. Bill Fuller	372-2256		



MINISTERS TAKING PART in "We Care Mission" at Hunter Church, Little Rock from April 9-11. (Standing, left to right): Joe Kennedy of Danville, Loyd Perry of Salem Church, John Thompson, associate director of Council on Ministries offices of Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, Harold Flowers of St. James Church at Pine Bluff, John Walker of Smackover, Don Eubanks of Des Arc; (seated): Gerald Hammett of Levy Church in North Little Rock, Joe Arnold of Warren, Tom Adkinson — associate minister at Lakeside in Pine Bluff and Harold Hansford, associate at First Church, Pine Bluff. The Rev. Nick Evans is pastor at Hunter.



PARTICIPATING in annual work day at Nawake Conference Center (formerly Myers Ranch) in North Arkansas Conference: The Revs. Wayne Clark, Arvill Brannon and Byron McSpadden.

## 'The Methodist Years' subject of book on Henderson College

Henderson State College — **The Methodist Years, 1890-1929**, is the title of a new book by Dr. John Hall, associate professor of History at the Arkadelphia institution, now Henderson State University.

Cited as "a chronicle of the colorful past of Henderson State College when the school was a Methodist institution (1890-1929)," the volume also provides a comparative study of the present college. The author notes the college's determination to survive during difficult years and records its development from a 110-member student body to its current enrollment of 3200. He gives special note to the college's origins "in

the minds of the Arkadelphia townspeople, especially the congregation of the First Methodist Church."

Dr. Hall is a native of Sheridan, Ark., is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas and of the University of Arkansas and earned the Ph.D. degree in History from the University of Mississippi. He served two years in the U.S. Army in Frankfurt, Germany and has taught at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and at Ole Miss.

Copies of the volume may be obtained by writing the Alumni Association, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark. 71923. Price with tax is \$9.79 per volume.



# NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard



A United Methodist clergyman, Chaplain (Colonel) Orris E. Kelly, has been nominated by President Ford to be the Army Chief of Chaplains. If approved by the Senate Chaplain Kelly, a native of Kansas, would succeed Chaplain Gerhardt W. Hyatt, who will retire July 31 after four years as head of the chaplaincy corps. Kelly studied at the University of Kansas, and holds degrees from Kansas Wesleyan University and Garrett Theological Seminary, and a master of science degree in counseling from Chippensburg State College.

The Rev. Kim Kwan-Suk, general secretary of South Korea's National Council of Churches and three staff members of the organization have been arrested and detained by the government of President Park Chung Hee. Protestant agencies in the U.S. view the arrests as further harassment of South Korean Christian leaders who have called for a restoration of democracy.

The Midwest China Study Resource Center is being established at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., to help bridge the 23-year "information gap" between the U.S. and China. It will operate under a 12-member board of directors, representing participating colleges and church units of various denominations. Nine groups have signed articles of incorporation, and additional members are expected. A full-time director will begin work by fall.

The 73rd international convention of the Religious Education Association of the U.S. and Canada is scheduled to be held at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia Nov. 23-26. The association was founded in 1903 "to promote religious and moral education." More than 1500 Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox educators are expected to attend the event which will have as its theme: "Patriotism, Piety and Pedagogy: Confronting Civil Religion."

Chiang Kai-shek, the late president of Nationalist China, was baptized by Methodist Bishop Z. T. Kaung of Peiping (Peking) in the early 1930s. A champion of the missionary cause in China, he was described in the 1940s as "Christendom's most famous living convert." He became known for his simple, almost austere, personal life-style, and his daily meditation and Bible reading.

Jerry Jolley, University of Utah sociology student, has conducted a graduate research project surveying the religious backgrounds and beliefs of Utah State Prison inmates. The confidential survey indicated that 80 per cent of the convicts expressed a belief in God; 62 per cent believe the devil exists; 53 per cent said that miracles really happen, and 48 per cent were confident that there is life after death. "Seventy-one per cent said prayer is a good way to communicate with God," Jolley reports, "and 68 per cent described religious faith as important."

A federal appeals court has overruled a 1973 Tennessee law requiring public school biology texts to give the biblical account of creation equal space with evolution.

The 12-year-old Journal of Ecumenical Studies, considered "indispensable" to ecumenism is on the economic brink between life and death, according to a spokesman. The current subscription list has 2500 names with about 2000 paying subscribers.

Ethiopia's "Falashas," sometimes referred to as the "black Jews of Ethiopia," have been officially recognized as Jews for purposes of the Israeli "Law of Return," and are free to immigrate to Israel, according to an official announcement by the Israeli government.

Nine pastors of the black National Baptist Convention preached to an estimated 10,000 blacks in Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa during a February evangelism mission. They reported 312 conversions. A similar tour is planned in two years.



## 'Let My People Go'

NEW YORK — A young demonstrator holds a poster bearing a picture of a Jew imprisoned in the Soviet Union during a massive march and rally in support of Soviet Jews in New York. More than 100,000 took part in the march and subsequent rally at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza near the United Nations. The letters at the top of the poster stand for Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. (RNS Photo by John Lei)

Brooks Hays, director of the Ecumenical Institute at Wake Forest University, has called for "a reexamination of priorities" in America. The former Congressman from Arkansas and a past-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressing the awards banquet of the Southeastern Council on Family Relations in Chattanooga, described family life as the cell life of the whole society, the common thread from which comes the moral fiber fostering respect for one another and equal justice, both politically and economically.

Mormon President Spencer W. Kimball told members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) that what the world needs now more than anything else is the gospel of Jesus Christ. "If everyone lived the commandments," he said, "it would solve the problems of the world, whether they be moral, political, war, or financial."

Members of Masada, youth movement of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), have sent 40 cartons of toys to orphans of Israeli soldiers. Masada members went from door-to-door in their respective cities for the nationwide toy collection and also appealed to toy companies and manufacturers. The toys were shipped to Israel during Passover week.

Christian Aid, relief service arm of the British Council of Churches which assists developing countries throughout the world, had a record income last year. The Rev. Alan Booth, director of the agency, said the mood of the nation seems to be "one of growing concern for the world outside, and of silent and unremitting generosity. It is a mood which our political leaders need to discern and articulate."

Dr. William Stringfellow, the lawyer who is acting as counsel for the 11 Episcopal women who took part in a controversial service of ordination to the priesthood last year, said in an interview that the ordinations should be considered irregular but valid. Dr. Stringfellow held that the Anglican concept of validity is based on the intent of the ordained and the intent of the Church.



## Asian-American United Methodists Organize

Elected as officers at the organizational meeting of the National Federation of Asian-American United Methodists were, from left, the Rev. Abraham New, Van Wert, Ohio, treasurer; the Rev. Lloyd K. Wake, San Francisco, Calif., chairperson; Espi del Rosario, Dallas, Texas, secretary; and Dr. Wonmo Dong, Dallas, vice-chairperson. (UMC Photo by Harry T. Tun)



## News from the churches

DR. GEORGE W. MARTIN, Arkadelphia District superintendent, will be the guest evangelist for revival services to be held in First Church, Blytheville, April 27-30. Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent, will be the song leader.

THE REV. FRANK JONES, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Brookfield, Mo., will lead a Bible Conference in First Church, Newport April 27-30. The sessions will be held each evening at 7 o'clock.

NEWPORT FIRST, UMSTED and Oil Trough United Methodist Churches have purchased one hundred Cokesbury Hymnals for Cummins Prison. A group of persons from the churches plans to deliver the hymnals on Tuesday, May 13.

THE REV. FRED ARNOLD, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, was guest speaker for the monthly meeting of United Methodist Men of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, recently.

LAKE VIEW and Shughtown United Methodist Churches, located on Highway 135 between Paragould and Lake City, held joint revival services during the week of April 14-18, meeting alternately at the two churches. Speakers included the Revs. Russell Bailey of the Bono Parish, Carlos Summers of Sedgwick Charge, David Orr of the Bono Charge, David Bentley of Lake City-Lake View Charge, and Mike Orr of Shughtown.

DR. ALVIN C. MURRAY, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, was the revival speaker for services held in First Church, Brinkley, April 20-23.

DR. E. CLIFTON RULE, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, is schedule coordinator for the Pine Bluff Ministerial Association's Sunday Chapel program at Jefferson Hospital in that city. Among United Methodists who have been recent speakers are Dr. John Lindsay of First Church, the Rev. Mackey Yokem, intern minister at Lakeside, and the Rev. Allen B. Bonsall of Wesley Church.

MIKE ORR, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Orr of Marked Tree, was the pulpit guest at First Church, Walnut Ridge on Sunday evening, April 13. On April 20, David Bentley, also a ministerial candidate, was the guest speaker.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT United Methodist Men met at Wayland Spring Camp for a fish fry and a presentation on "Partnership In Mission," a cooperative program between Paragould District and the Northeast Oklahoma District of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

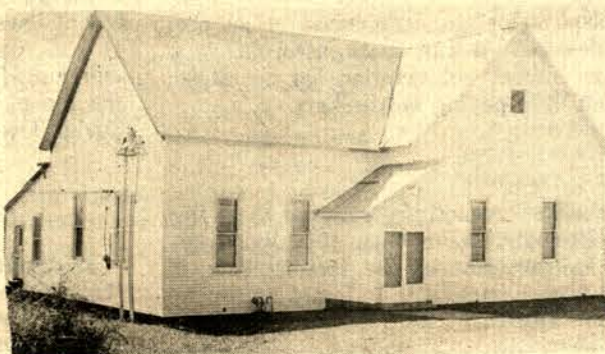
THE REV. BEN JORDAN, Paragould District superintendent, will preach for Renewal Weekend services at First Church, Corning, April 25-27. The services are scheduled for 7:30 on Friday and Saturday evenings. Special services are planned for the Sunday morning and evening worship hours.

DR. J. RALPH CLAYTON, pastor of First Church, Searcy, was the revival speaker at Griffithville Church, April 13-18. The Rev. Gaston Matthews is the Griffithville pastor.



### Before And After

A new coat of white aluminum siding has transformed the exterior of Denning United Methodist Church into the attractive building seen at lower left. The project, which cost more than \$3,000, was financed by donations from members and friends.



BILL FULLER, youth and activities minister for First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will address United Methodist Men of that church at their regular monthly luncheon meeting, Friday, April 25. He will outline plans for youth activities in the church for the coming year.

PARIS United Methodist Church held special Holy Week services under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Moore of Anson, Tex., accomplished musicians who have engaged extensively in evangelistic work. On Sunday evening, April 13 the Subiaco Academy Chorus, under the direction of Father Hugh Assenmacher, O.S.B., presented a musical program at the Paris Church. The Rev. Vernon Paysinger is pastor.

BROOKLAND UNITED METHODIST Church joined with three other churches in the Jonesboro area for a Pre-Easter Revival. Other participating churches were Brookland Baptist, Woods Chapel General Baptist, and Rogers Chapel Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. J. Anthony Holifield is the Brookland pastor.

### HOMECOMING AT PERRY

Perry United Methodist Church announces a homecoming celebration for Sunday, May 4th. The Rev. W. M. Womack, a former pastor, will deliver the sermon for the 11 a.m. worship service. A potluck dinner will follow. Former members and friends are invited to attend.

THE REV. HAROLD SPENCE, Fayetteville District superintendent, presented the worship message at First Church, Siloam Springs, Sunday, April 13.

DR. CHARLES McDONALD, Fort Smith District superintendent, was the guest evangelist at First Church, Pochontas during the week of April 13.



The Rev. Meredith Cravens

### New Staff Member At Oak Forest

The Rev. Meredith Cravens has joined the staff of Oak Forest Church in Little Rock as Director of Christian Education. Mr. Cravens comes from a similar position at Casa Linda United Methodist Church, Dallas. He holds a bachelor of science degree in music from Northwestern Louisiana State University and has studied at Perkins School of Theology. Mr. Cravens is a certified Director of Christian Education and has had 26 years experience in the area of Christian Education and as Minister of Music.

### MANILA CHURCH SPONSORS COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Manila Community United Methodist Church sponsored a Good Friday service featuring ministers and laypersons as speakers. Presenting meditations on the seven words spoken by Christ on the cross were: Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent; the Rev. Aubra Hays of Tyronza, Mr. Clifford King, the church's lay leader.

Other speakers included: The Rev. Raymond A. Dorman of the Dell-Luxora Charge; the Rev. James R. Chandler of Huntington Avenue in Jonesboro; the Rev. William Piercy of First Baptist, Manila, and the Rev. Wendell R. Dorman, host pastor. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Winston Turpin, followed each meditation with the "word" in song.

YOUNG WOMEN of First Church, Harrison, sponsored a program and Spiritual Life Hour and a light luncheon for United Methodist Women of that church on Tuesday morning, April 8. The prayer and self-denial event was attended by 76 women, and was described as "one of the very best ever held in the church." Mrs. Robert Story, UMW president, presided.

MR. HOMER FULBRIGHT, North Arkansas Conference layman, spoke in behalf of the Gideons International in Trinity Church, Little Rock, recently.

### Pangburn Organ Dedicated

The Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr. (left) presented the morning message and officiated at the March 30 dedication of the new memorial organ at Pangburn United Methodist Church. Others participating in the ceremony of dedication for the organ, a memorial to the late Ethel and Wilbur Taylor, include (left to right) Mrs. Effie Pinson, Mrs. Beulah Freeland, the donor, Mrs. Medra Haddock, organist, Mr. Julian Lovett, and the Rev. Elbert Bruner, pastor.



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### Invitation to ARKANSAS METHODIST Bicentennial essay competition

The Arkansas Methodist invites individuals of all ages to enter an essay competition on the theme "The American Bicentennial and Our Christian Heritage." Essays could deal with past, present or future aspects of the Church's relationship to our national life. Writers may determine the specific topic within these guidelines.

Essays should be limited to a maximum of 1000 words, be typed (double-spaced) on letter-size paper with margins of approximately one and one-fourth inches. The winning essay(s) will be printed in the issue prior to July 4th. No prizes. Entries should be mailed by May 26 to Arkansas Methodist, P. O. Drawer 3547, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.





Mrs. Jennings Shaw

### Named To 'Who's Who'

Mrs. Jennings Shaw, for many years a teacher in Magnolia public schools and who has served the Methodist Church in numerous capacities, has recently been notified that she will be included in the 1976 edition of "Who's Who in Religion." Currently, she is serving as chairperson of Supportive Community in the UMW at Marysville United Methodist Church where she is a member, as a member of the Committees on Church and Society and Communications of the Little Rock Conference.

In addition she is president of the Columbia County Retired Teacher's organization and is active in several other professional and civic organizations. She is a graduate of Henderson State University and holds a Master's degree from East Texas State University.

### 'Youth Club' school scheduled

A Youth Club Administration School will be held May 4-7 at First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City. The event will train, and "introduce the objectives and philosophy" of the Youth Club Program, a concept of youth ministry used for over two decades in churches in various denominations, including a few United Methodist churches in the North Arkansas Conference.

Chief resource leader for the school will be Dr. Dale K. Milligan, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City. The fee of \$55 includes registration, meals and introductory material.

Persons desiring more information may contact Dr. Milligan or the Rev. David Moose, pastor of Shiloh United Methodist Church in Paragould.

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### Mountain View Players In 'Who Am I?'

Holy Week services at Mountain View Church this year were planned and executed principally by the laity. The theme, The Triumph of the Cross, was the focus for the week's events, beginning with a Palm Sunday evening prayer vigil, and continuing with nightly services which included sermons by laymen, a program presented by the children, a film, drama (cast shown above), a youth-led service, communion, and a "Seven Last Words" candle-extinguishing service.

Thursday, April 24, 1975

## CWU groups plan May Fellowship Observances

The annual May Fellowship celebration of Church Women United scheduled for Friday, May 2, will have as its theme, Open To Live Fully. The observance for Church Women United in Central Arkansas, North will be held at First Christian Church, 2803 East Kiehl Avenue in North Little Rock at 11 a.m.

Women in the Central Arkansas, South organization will meet at Asbury Church, 12th and Schiller Streets in Little Rock, and will have as program speaker Mrs. Lee Wilson, administrator for rehabilitation for the new Pulaski correctional facility. The event will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the program will be presented at 10 a.m. under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, chairperson.

The South observance will include a special offering for the Partner's Program of the Arkansas Guidance Foundation in that agency's work with youthful first offenders. Child care will be provided.

The North program, under the leadership of Mrs. Roger Cornelison, will be followed by a luncheon. Reservations for the \$1.50 luncheon must be made not later than Wednesday, April 30. Interested persons should call one of the following: Mrs. Lota Peacock, 753-4874; Mrs. Millie Frederick, 374-3547; Mrs. Louise McGee, 753-1146, or Mrs. Eva Campbell, chairperson for the celebration, 753-2662.

MRS. MABEL HARRIS, a staff member at Aldersgate Camp, will lead a mini-retreat for the United Methodist Women of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, on Monday, April 28 at 6 p.m. The subject will be Spiritual Gardening.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Lake View United Methodist Church sponsored a dinner at Dixie School on Sunday, April 13, following the worship hour. Donations were accepted to help pay for repairs necessitated by recent fire and smoke damage sustained in the fellowship/education wing of the church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Gravette United Methodist Church were joined by members of the Gentry UMW in their April 7 Prayer and Self-denial Service. The night group presented the program on "Transformation of the Self and the World," and the day group served as hostesses for the meeting.



LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT UMW officers may be seen leading "protest march" in background.

## Little Rock District UMW officers lead 'protest march'

Members of the Little Rock District organization of United Methodist Women, met at Western Hills Church in Little Rock on Saturday, March 22 for their annual Spring meeting. The theme, "The New You," dominated the day's activities, presided over by Mrs. Jean Blackwood, president.



MRS. JAMES NIX, (center, back row) Little Rock Conference UMW president, installed district officers for 1975.

As the ladies engaged in "Singing New Songs," under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Hardison, they were interrupted by a "protest march" of district officers. Mrs. Gordon V. Buergey, representing herself as a reporter for United Methodist Communications Television and the Arkansas Methodist conducted an interview of the officers, eliciting from each a response as to why she protested the old ways and why she was anxious for all the members to become aware that the organization is new with new by-laws and new names for the officers and work groups within the organization.

Each officer, carrying a banner, led corresponding local officers to a workshop which continued through the remainder of the morning. A news idea exchange and reports from the workshops followed the lunch hour.

The afternoon session was held in the sanctuary with a memorial service led by Mrs. Peter Coley Jr., and Mrs. Arthur Paulus, immediate past president of the Little Rock District UMW presented the principal message.

Mrs. James Ogilvie, treasurer, received the love offering for undesignated mission giving. She announced that women within the Little Rock Conference have pledged \$40,500 for 1975.

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## Handgun TV special rescheduled

"A Shooting Gallery Called America," a one-hour NBC News Special examining the effects of the proliferation of handguns, will be aired at 10:30 CDT Sunday, April 27 on KARK-TV, Channel 4, Little Rock. Other NBC network stations will carry the program at 9:00 CDT. The special was originally scheduled for viewing March 2, but was postponed.

Producer Lucy Jarvis, in an NBC News release, said "people are stocking up on handguns because they're scared. A wave of paranoia is sweeping the country. People are buying handguns for their protection, but what they are buying . . . is grief. The situation is grotesque."

At the program's conclusion viewers will be told they may write for further information to The National Coalition to Ban Handguns, a project of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

Mrs. Earl Hughes of Forrest City, mission coordinator of Christian Social Involvement for the North Arkansas Conference United Methodist Women, states "The Board of Global Ministries has asked that we watch the broadcast and support efforts to ban handguns."

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## The Sunday School Lesson for May 4

by SARAH GALLOWAY

### God's Presence With Man

**Scripture:** Psalms 139

**Devotional Reading:** John 14:15-21

**Memory Selection:** Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways (Psalms 139:3).

**Orientation:** In the unit of study on Old Testament Themes, we deal in this lesson with "God's Presence With Man." Following last week's study on the "Steadfast Love of God," we listen to the Psalmist's satisfaction and joy at having his personal life researched by the omnipotent, omnipresent God. Indeed he prays for just that.

**The Main Question:** What are the criteria by which we can test our understanding of God's presence in our individual lives? These, no doubt, will differ from person to person, but sharing the guidelines that help us perceive his presence with us, should greatly bless this study.

#### Scripture Background

The unknown author of Psalm 139, chose to call his song, "A Psalm of Rejoicing," and the "time line" for the literature writings of which it is a part places it in the 400 to 200 B.C. period. Psalm 139 is a hymn, and was included in the early Hebrew hymnal.

Outlined briefly, we might find it useful to look at it in four topics:

1. God's omniscience (verses 1-6). God knowing all things — all about me. The psalmist saw himself so completely enmeshed in the "here-ness" of God surrounding his whole being, that even the minute smallness of things was not hidden from his sight. It is only in such appraisal that he found security. As the Interpreters Bible says it, we are not only misjudged by others, but we are not very sure of ourselves, since our thoughts and actions are not always straight.

2. God's omnipresence (verses 7-12). God is everywhere I am — everywhere I go. There is no place to hide. It is not enough that he knows us, he goes with us everywhere, and our peace and rest come only when we confess the impossibility of evasion, and rely on full surrender to him. In this reliance the psalmist finds comfort in being fully known and understood.

3. God as creator (verses 13-18). He made me as I am, he knew me before birth. As we ponder this, it must be done in a sense of wonder, "for thou art fearful and wonderful" — transcendent!

4. Search me and know my heart (verses 23-24). God leads me in his way. His immanence, and perfection, point out my errors, and show me the way I should go. He unashamedly asked God to search out evils that lurk in unexpected places, and rout them out as a surgeon would a tumor. Something God in his infinity can do for me that I, being finite, cannot do for myself.

You will recall that in the past lessons God was speaking to Israel to act corporately as a community — The Ten Commandments and the steadfast love of God, but this Psalm is a very personal prayer for individual relationships to God to be righted. These are both legitimate and necessary religious concepts, and neither one should be considered to the neglect of the other.

#### In The Class

How do you feel about divine surveillance, or as one termed it, "being caught in a holy net?" As you have read of some of the activities of the CIA and the FBI recently, does it give you the uneasiness of being listened to, and watched over? Downright scary, you say! Is there something threatening about personal privacy being invaded by an all-seeing eye? Does being x-rayed perpetually interfere with your privacy? (spiritually, I mean).

Not so with the Psalmist, who recognized God's omnipresence as a constraining power to hold him to the guidance of God. Remembering that God is both spirit and love, he is a permeating presence with man who is made in that image. The psalmist was witnessing to this power and presence through the intelligent spirit with which he was endowed. It was a mind-stretching experience to deal with so great a concept, not only for him, and the Hebrews, but for all mankind.

Have you lost the staggering "awe" of viewing our men on the moon recently? With what sense did you witness man in this intellectual escapade? As a dangling non-entity? As an island of man-made scientific activity? Did you feel that God knew these men? Their taking off, their weightless journey through universal space? Did he relate to them by way of cosmic dependability, innate in the creation? Did they know him through recognition of his imminence?

#### How Is God's Presence Manifested In Your Life?

How would you explain God's presence with you? A feeling? A conviction? An inner voice? A mystery you sense or understand? A silent inspiration? Source of power? Comfort? Experiences in answer to prayer? Your soul? His love shown in particular instances? Knowledge of the Bible? The message of the Church? Your reasoning powers? Please add many more.

Where do you look for evidence of his presence? Nature? Sky? Sea? The mighty waters? Service — being useful to others? Worship? In cathedrals and churches? The study of the Bible? In people? In Jesus? You add others.

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I called two of my best friends, whom I know well in their Christian lives, and asked them to give me a specific instance in each of their lives wherein God's presence was very real to them, and they made a definite response to it.

Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, former editor of the **Arkansas Baptist** newspaper, and presently a religious writer and reporter for the **Arkansas Democrat**, gives this witness: "God's presence is most real to me when I feel that he is using me as his instrument of blessing to others. Here is one of many occasions.

"A woman I had never met called me on the telephone in desperation. The daughter of Baptist missionaries (a Ouachita University student) who was a guest in her home, had suddenly been stricken with acute appendicitis. Immediate surgery was essential to save the girl's life. But neither she nor her hosts had the wherewithal, and the girl's parents were in Brazil.

"Because of my connections as a denomina-

tional worker, all it took from me was a telephone call. In minutes the patient was on her way for a life-saving operation — at no charge to her whatever. An added blessing was that an accommodating ham operator got in touch with her parents in Brazil so they could speak their words of love and assurance to her just before surgery began."

The other friend — Mrs. W. B. Landrum, former field worker (and world traveler) for the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions, presently retired and living in Little Rock had this to offer:

"Many times God's presence to me is via benedictions of the skies. Mother and I were driving in Texas. My life had undergone a change (Mr. Landrum had died). I was beginning to work as a staff member of the Methodist Board of Missions. Mother said, 'Look yonder in the sky.' Against the sunset, clouds formed a cross — not of affliction, but a challenge to GO. When one steps into the chariot of God, she never knows how far she will travel. God's presence is known. (When you know definitely you are in God's work you sense his presence and guidance)." She says this is no bent toward mysticism, as such, but the way her heart was challenged through her natural senses.

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#### Practicing God's Presence

How have you been led or confirmed in your life's work, or making decisions in the family? How were you constrained? What guidelines helped? I am thinking of the "holy habits" of John Wesley that helped to make him the saint that he was. Some were these: fasting, prayer, Holy Communion, witnessing, systematic Bible study, meeting with the Holy Club, preaching the Word, and visiting the poor and needy, etcetera.

Practicing the presence of God in our lives is an exercise in awareness. In John 14:16, 23, the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit is the most compelling evidence of God's presence with us.

**Conclusion:** "Finding God is not our greatest need; rather it is recognizing Him in each of life's ever-present situations, and then submitting to His will" (William A. Ward). Let us remember we cannot drift beyond his love and care.

**Prayer:** "God be merciful to me a sinner! Amen.

#### Do write in this space

Write your most recent awareness of God's presence with you.

**Among us teachers:** May is Family Life month in the Church. Would it help to ask class members to indicate holy habits practiced regularly in their families? Be sure to read the beautiful story of Ernest Fremont Tittle beginning at the bottom of page 67 of the Adult Student, in class.



# High school leaders give views on religion, marriage, drugs

NORTHBROOK, Ill. (RNS) — A national survey of high school student leaders reveals that 88 per cent of them believe "there is a God or a supreme being" and 82 per cent "feel religion is relevant in today's society."

The survey, conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students, also shows that 74 per cent of the top students consider themselves members of an organized religion and 86 per cent attend religious services either regularly or occasionally.

Religion was one of 23 general topics covered in the fifth annual survey by Who's Who. Questionnaires were sent by the Northbrook-centered organization to the 70,000 of the 236,000 student achievers whose names appear in its 1974 edition.

Some 23,000 responses were received, forming the basis for the latest survey. Of the total, 50 per cent were Protestant, 32 per cent Catholic, 3 per cent Jewish, less than 1 per cent "other." Caucasians comprised 89 per cent, Negro 6 per cent, "others" 2 per cent.

## On Religion And The Church

A breakdown of religious affiliation disclosed that belief in God or a supreme being was expressed by 94 per cent of Protestants, 92 per cent of Catholics, 48 per cent of Jews, and 45 per cent of "others."

According to race, 88 per cent of Caucasians, 93 per cent of Negroes, and 92 per cent of "others" are "believers."

Religion is felt to be relevant by 87 per cent of Protestant high school leaders, 83 per cent of Catholics, 61 per cent of Jews and 100 per cent of "others."

Students attending church-related schools were found to be more supportive of religion, as would be expected, than those attending public or private schools. For example, 95 per cent of parochial, 89 per cent of public and 80 per cent of private school leaders professed belief in God.

Although 79 per cent of all students said they participate in church or other religious activities either regularly or occasionally, less than half of them do so "regularly."

The "regular" participants include 53 per cent Protestants, 46 per cent Catholics, and 18 per cent Jewish. Fifty-eight per cent of parochial students, and 44 per cent of both public and private schools are regular participants.

## On Marriage And Divorce

Eighty-one per cent of students still favor the "traditional marriage contract." (86 per cent Protestant, 81 per cent Catholic, 79 per cent Jewish, 45 per cent "other.")

The majority, 77 per cent, would "seek a divorce if all means of solving the problem failed." This included 79 per cent of the Protestants, 69 per cent of Catholics, 96 per cent of the Jews, and 100 per cent "others."

Premarital sex was held acceptable "under any circumstances where there is mutual consent" by 41 per cent of all high school leaders polled. But only 29 per cent said they actually had participated in sexual intercourse (30 per cent Protestants, 25 per cent Catholics, 17 per cent Jews, 45 per cent "others").

Abortion for an unwanted pregnancy while unmarried was approved by 38 per cent (40 per cent

Protestants, 24 per cent Catholics, 97 per cent Jews, 55 per cent "others").

## On Alcohol And Other Drugs

The survey revealed that 81 per cent of students said drugs could be readily purchased at their schools. However, 92-98 per cent of all students have never used heroin or any other hard drugs and 72 per cent have never used marijuana.

The use of hard drugs was opposed by 93 per cent or more of the students, while 65 per cent opposed the use of marijuana. Legalization of marijuana was supported by 61 per cent, but only 19 per cent said they would use it themselves.

Beer was used "once or twice" by 25 per cent, "several times" by 33 per cent, and "regularly" by 15 per cent. It was "never" used by 25 per cent (including 34 per cent Protestant, 14 per cent Catholic, 13 per cent Jewish). Regular users: 8 per cent Protestant, 22 per cent Catholic, 17 per cent Jewish, 100 per cent "others."

Wine was "never" used by 18 per cent, "once or twice" by 30 per cent, "several times" by 41 per cent, and "regularly" by 10 per cent. "Never" users: 25 per cent Protestant, 10 per cent Catholic, 7 per cent Jewish. "Regular" users: 5 per cent Protestant, 12 per cent Catholic, 34 per cent Jewish, 100 per cent "others."

Hard liquor was "never" used by 34 per cent, "once or twice" by 26 per cent, "several times" by 31 per cent, "regularly" 6 per cent. "Never" users: Protestant 41 per cent, Catholic 23 per cent, Jewish 16 per cent, "others" none. "Regular" users: Protestant 3 per cent, Catholic 9 per cent, Jewish 17 per cent, "others" none.

## Goals of New Zealand 'teens' close to those of parents

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (RNS) — Sixteen-year-olds in New Zealand are surprisingly accepting of the social order handed to them by their parents, according to a Methodist poll.

New Citizen, a Methodist fortnightly, surveyed 100 teenagers, all 16 years of age, in both rural and urban areas.

It found that the major expectation — of 67 per cent — was a "good job" at age 30.

"Stability," "satisfaction" and "success" were the most frequently used words among the young people.

Fifty per cent want to be married by age 30, although 21 per cent mentioned the desire for children.

A single life-style or "living together" outside of marriage attracted fewer than 5 per cent. Twenty-one per cent mentioned financial success as a goal; only 11 per cent cited home ownership.

New Citizen noted a change from earlier generations in the absence of sex differentials in goals. Male and female expectations were strikingly similar, young women being as career-minded as boys.

Parental influences were found to be the strongest force among the teenagers questioned. Schools scored only one vote as the strongest influence. Churches received five per cent.

The 16-year-olds concurred with parents in wanting happiness, respectability and responsibility. They say the churches want them to live "good, clean lives" and to be "tolerant, respectable, stable."

In almost all cases, the young people understood the expectations of churches in terms of moral standards.

One of the few strong feelings noted in the survey was aimed at media advertising. Virtually all of the 100 persons were scornful of advertising's influence.

Slight interest was registered in liberalizing laws on drugs or alcohol.

"All in all, the New Citizen said, "not a picture of radical or dissatisfied youth hungering for change. Instead there is evidence of a strong desire to preserve respect for and continuity with present goals and lifestyles. But there is idealism aplenty, for all that."

## Pages and Ushers for 1976 General Conference Sought

MILWAUKIE, Ore. (UMC) — Procedures for persons desiring to be pages or ushers at the 1976 United Methodist General Conference have been outlined by the Rev. William H. Lavelly, chairman of the ushers and pages committee.

Application forms may be obtained from Mr. Lavelly at 11631 SE Linwood Ave., Milwaukie, Ore. 97222. The General Conference will be held April 27-May 8 in Portland and about 100 pages and ushers will be needed. They will pay their own expenses.

## Solution to delinquency? Group suggests answers

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (RNS) — The "grassroots" period, or the earliest years of childhood, must be the prime target for preventive action in decreasing problems of juvenile delinquency, speakers at the Youth in Crisis conference said here.

The conference, held at First United Methodist Church, was sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association through a grant from the National Council of Juvenile Judges. Cooperating in the conference were several regional organizations and the host church.

Often early detection fails because of a "fault-blame" fear among adults who are afraid they will be blamed for the problem, according to Dr. C. E. Lear, Fort Carson psychiatrist. Thus a tendency to ignore any symptomatic behavior until it becomes a crisis situation is a critical problem.

"Our approach has been wrong," said Isabell Atkins, juvenile probation counselor. Those working with youth must realize that youngsters are acting out their feelings, and that loading up institutions can create still more problems.

"Youth needs security, recognition, and most of all affection," Dr. Martin

Olson, psychologist at the University of Colorado, declared. "Those things cannot be bought."

Father Thomas Woerth, archdiocesan director of family life services, said he felt churches and other agencies dealing with youth "have not plugged into the needs of youth . . . We live in an environment that lacks a sense of belonging, and the speed or fast pace of life determines our behavior."

Dr. Penny Young, of Denver said, "A lot of people are not openly communicating with kids. They are afraid of them and afraid to recognize that their kids have a problem." These people often react with anger instead of asking themselves what the child is trying to say, she said.

Too many parents, confused by all the articles and advice are attempting to do the right thing, "but generally aren't doing anything but being anxious," Jerry Orslund, director of the Youth Treatment Center, said.

The real need, panel members felt, was to help children as early as possible to develop a good self-image and to accept responsibility and to contribute to the life around them.

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# 'Careful judgment' urged in responding to Vietnamese needs

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — "Deliberate concern for careful judgment" must be applied in response to the plight of the Vietnamese people, according to executives of The United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries.

"While we attempt to respond to their (Vietnamese) needs, we are aware of our mere mortality," Dr. J. Harry Haines said in a statement issued here recently. "We dare not play God, yet we feel we must serve humankind where possible."

Dr. Haines, executive of the denomination's relief agency and vice chairman of the National Council of Churches' Church World Service department, noted that indiscriminate evacuation of Vietnamese refugees, particularly children, could be as irresponsible as failure to respond at all to the current chaotic situation in Indochina.

In a letter to United Methodist Women conference officers Ms. Peggy Billings and Ms. Mia Adjali, both of the Christian Social Relations section of the Women's Division, expressed concern that news coverage of the situation in South Vietnam might "distort the situation in two areas of concern" — the situation of people in areas now controlled by the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG-Vietcong), and the situation related to children.

Dr. Haines' statement was issued as calls began to pour in to the United Methodist Committee on Relief office urging the church to bring pressure on the United States government to bring all the Vietnamese orphans to the U.S.

"In light of the long American involvement in Vietnam, we have a responsibility to open the doors of our country to those who feel they would want to leave Vietnam. We must be accountable to these people," Dr. Haines said.

However, he drew a distinction between refugees who, as adults, are better prepared to make such a life-long decision and children, many of whom are infants, who are unable to participate in such a choice.

"Where there are clear-cut cases of orphan children and there is guaranteed placement for them here, The United Methodist Church, through UMCOR, is moving rapidly to meet their needs," Dr. Haines said. "Currently, such efforts involve about 2,000 children who already have been processed for adoption."

"However, many of the Vietnamese children referred to as 'orphans' are not without families. In such cases, our initial efforts must be to reunite these Vietnamese families, to aid in locating the parents of these children. Another concern is that we do not further uproot these young Vietnamese citizens from their Asian culture unnecessarily. Our

(CWS) staff in Saigon is asking Vietnamese families to take one or more refugee children into their homes until the situation is clearer.

"A further consideration for us must be a good assurance that those children brought to our shores will be well cared for," Dr. Haines continued. "To bring thousands of youngsters into the U.S. without the guarantee of a sponsoring family would be irresponsible."

In their letter to United Methodist Women leaders, Ms. Billings and Ms. Adjali echoed similar sentiments expressed by Dr. Haines.

"We should not encourage hasty or emotional responses for prospective

parents who may grow disinterested when the crisis is past, and find themselves unwilling or unable to care for the child, especially if the child is handicapped in some way. Responsible officials have misgivings about flying plane loads of children to the U.S. for whom no parents have been found in advance," the Women's Division executives stated.

The North Vietnamese government has condemned as "criminal" the U.S. efforts to evacuate thousands of Vietnamese children from South Vietnam, and observers experienced in Asian culture note the evacuation of children could be viewed by the Vietnamese as kidnapping.

The Women's Division executive noted that the ecumenical efforts of relief to Vietnam are aimed at aiding refugees in all parts of South Vietnam, whether controlled by the Thieu government or the PRG.

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## 'Dimensions' Packet

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Local churches wanting to know more about the world hunger problem and how they can do something about it can turn to a new United Methodist resource to be issued May 15.

Entitled "Dimensions of Hunger," the new resource packet will seek to interpret Christian perspectives on food, bring the hunger issue into focus, give accurate information for study, and offer guidelines for action.

The "Dimensions" packet is being produced by Discipleship Resources, publishing arm of The United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Preparation of the packet has involved representatives from United Methodist Boards of Discipleship, Church and Society, Global Ministries, and Higher Education and Ministry. The packets may be ordered for \$1.95 from P. O. Box 840, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

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## Taxes are paid, Mrs. O'Hair told

CHICAGO (RNS) — The pastor of one of Chicago's best-known United Methodist churches has refuted atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair's contention that it pays no taxes.

In a recent interview on WBBM-AM Radio, the local CBS affiliate, Mrs. O'Hair had said that Chicago Temple, United Methodist Church, had a 100 per cent tax exemption. She added that the building that houses it, 77 West Washington, also had an exemption thanks to one "wee little chapel (on) the very top floor."

But Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce, the church's pastor, told the Chicago Daily News that the church has always paid taxes. He also reported that the congregation does not own the building or share in its revenues.

The Chicago Methodist Episcopal Church Aid Society, a not-for-profit corporation, owns the 22-story building. According to Dr. Pierce, it uses income from the property to help United Methodist churches in Cook County with building repairs and

other capital improvements.

Elroy Sandquist Jr., secretary of the Society, reported that its real estate taxes in 1973 totaled \$273,147, based on gross rentals of \$1,243,665. Dr. Pierce said the Temple paid \$254,772 in real estate taxes last year.

According to the assessor's office, the building has a 24 per cent exemption, covering those portions used for church purposes. They include a three-story sanctuary at ground level.

Dr. Pierce reported that the Temple has now endowment, and that its 1975 budget of \$254,900 is being raised from members' contributions.

The pastor also challenged Mrs. O'Hair's statements that the church is "very musty" and that nobody ever goes there.

"If she's been there, she knows that's wrong," he said, adding that the chapel is kept in "tip-top shape" and is visited daily by crowds of up to 300 people.

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# Hospital chaplains encouraged to be more bold

by Charley Lerrigo

Resistance Expected

Chaplain And Doctor: Equal Partners

NEW ORLEANS (UMC) — A call for hospital chaplains to shed an "undue moral humility" and assume a greater role in the ethics of medical decision-making was sounded repeatedly at the recent annual meeting of Protestant health and welfare professionals here.

Leading the call for a new kind of chaplain was Dr. Daniel Callahan, a Roman Catholic philosopher who keynoted the meeting of the American Protestant Hospital Association's College of Chaplains. A chaplain is needed, he claimed, "who realizes that his other role is not merely that of counselor or comforter, but also that of ethicist and philosopher."

Dr. Callahan's call was echoed by the Rev. Julian L. Byrd, president of the College of Chaplains. "The game of medicine is being played in our ball park today," he said in his presidential address. "Beginning with conception, perhaps even before, as in the concern for genetic manipulation of life, and ending in death, the issues are value issues. Who should be more a part of that discussion and decision-making than the hospital chaplain?"

The theme was further elaborated in an interview with the Rev. Dr. James B. Nelson, a United Methodist theologian who was the major speaker at the concurrent sessions of the (United Methodist) National Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. Such a new role, he suggested, would require the churches and chaplains to "do their homework . . . to come in not as novices ready to dispense some pious platitudes, but as ones who will earn their right to be heard."

All three men indicated that a more forceful participation by chaplains in the modern medical situation, while an opportunity, would not easily be accepted. There will be resistance, it was noted, from the medical profession, from patients and from among the ranks of the chaplains themselves.

"By and large," observed Dr. Callahan, "Christians tend to be intimidated by contemporary society, tend to feel they are always inevitably behind, that they simply don't know what they have to say any longer."

"When I've asked chaplains why they don't play the kind of role I've suggested here, there's a tendency to display this undue humility. 'Who am I? What do I have to say about these issues?' To which my only response is, 'Would you prefer they be left in the hands of physicians, who have no training whatever in these (moral) matters?'"

Dr. Callahan, director of the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., urged chaplains to become the hospital's "ethical advocate or ethical gadfly, one who may even on occasion have to be the spokesman for patients' interests and rights in hospitals."

While there is a growing body of literature on medical ethics based on classic Judeo-Christian roots, Dr. Callahan asserted, "the major tradition in medicine itself on medical ethics . . . (is) by and large resolutely secular, resolutely pragmatic, resolutely unwilling to ask very fundamental questions about human values." That tradition is changing, he conceded, but needs the input of theologians and philosophers in the process.

The hesitancy of chaplains to fulfill the role called for here was also noted by Dr. Nelson, who is a professor at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in New Brighton, Minn. "In matters of tough medical decisions," he said, "the minister defers unnecessarily to the physician. Any minister who has been in the midst of a hospital call, possibly in very significant conversation with the patient, who finds a doctor walking into the room, typically defers to the physician, saying in effect, 'What I'm doing with the patient is less important than what you are doing.' Somehow or other, we've got to overcome this kind of thing to develop much more a teamwork philosophy of health care."

Mr. Byrd, director of the Institute of Religion and Human Development at the prestigious Texas Medical Center in Houston, admitted that many patients, physicians and chaplains might not agree with his claim. "But the future we have long looked for in hospital chaplaincy is now. The hospital chaplain is an equal partner with the physician in health care today. That's an audacious statement, but I happen to believe it."

The ethical issues involved in transplantation and donors, human experimentation, the quality of life following radical surgery and treatment procedures, the issues of open vs. closed communication between patients and doctors, and abortion — all involve basic ethical considerations, Mr. Byrd noted.

"We dare not ignore the arena of ethics," he concluded, "for if we do, others are certainly going to step in and do the job."



## 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. 27—Sunday ..... John 14:1-6  
Apr. 28 ..... Acts 6:1-4  
Apr. 29 ..... Acts 13:48-52  
Apr. 30 ..... Ezek. 37:11-14  
May 1 ..... Isa. 52:7-9  
May 2 ..... Heb. 12:1-4  
May 3 ..... Rev. 21:1-4  
May 4—Sunday ..... John 14:15-19

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## Chrismon Memorial Cross

The Chrismon Tree at Manila United Methodist Church was made into a cross during Lent and on Easter was decorated with lilies donated by some of the church families as memorials to loved ones and friends. The Rev. Wendell R. Dorman is pastor.

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THE CIRCUIT RIDERS, recently organized musical group at Norphlet United Methodist Church, is available to present informal and inspirational music and testimony at services in other churches of the area. The group features gospel, spiritual and other forms of sacred music. The Rev. Rick Justice is pastor at Norphlet.

THE YOUTH of Central Church, Fayetteville, will attend a Young Christians' Weekend at Silver Dollar City, Branson, Mo., April 26-27. Youth groups from four states will be in attendance.

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## New Covenant Singers Keep Busy Schedule

The New Covenant Singers, youth choir from First Church, Harrison, conducted the April 20 Sunday morning worship service at Alma United Methodist Church. The 40-member singing group, under the direction of Sally Jo Gibson, has appeared in more than 20 different churches in addition to their presentation at North Arkansas Annual Conference last year, and later the summer meeting of the North Arkansas Conference of the Laity at Mt. Sequoyah. The singers have been invited for a return appearance at the laity conference this summer.

Thursday, April 24, 1975

# METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in March as tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect of a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family in notifying them of this remembrance.

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### Thirty-two Member Confirmation Class

This 32-member class at Central Church, Fayetteville, participated in six Sunday evening study sessions prior to their confirmation on Palm Sunday. Dr. Joel Cooper (center, back row), senior minister, and the Rev. Ronald Clark (left of center, back row), associate minister, led the study periods.



### McRae Choir Presents Cantata

The choir at McRae United Methodist Church presented the cantata, Behold the Crucified, for the church's Easter service, under the direction of Jean LaFerney, and with piano accompaniment by Darcy Baxley.



### Interpreters of Sacred Music

The Rhythmic Choir of Grand Avenue Church in Stuttgart rehearses interpretive movements for a portion of the sacred music presented in the church's Easter worship service. The group, which consists of 14 high school students, organized in November under the direction of Mrs. Allan Thomas, and has performed the "Lord's Prayer" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

### Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*The last stanza in the poem "Spring Called Me" by Garnett Ann Schultz captures the season's fascination for most of us . . . "Spring called me from my work today and taught me how to dream, and left me in a happy mood beside a laughing stream. I loved this April morn, the blue skies overhead . . . when springtime called me from my work and bid me play instead."*

### April

The bluest of skies  
A flood of sunlight,  
A soft spring shower  
Then, the rainbow bright.  
That's April.

—by Mabel Charles Sherin  
Conway, Arkansas

### Shh! It Is Spring

Shh! . . . it is Spring . . .  
The good earth  
awakens  
from her slumber . . .  
Can you not hear the warm winds  
whispering  
Nature's secret to the cool waters  
that make their way  
through  
the lush, green meadows?  
Can you not see God's children,  
the flowers,  
lifting their dew-kissed faces  
to the misty sky  
as if to greet the morning light?  
Can you not care for the citizens  
of his umbrellas,  
the birds of God's trees,  
that so joyously sing forth  
their tender hymns  
of gratefulness?  
Surely, you, mankind,  
are aware of these beautiful  
wonders  
of Nature that so quietly  
bring forth  
God's season of birth . . .  
Perhaps you are oblivious  
of Spring,  
and its precious gifts,  
as were the Gentiles  
of His ascension . . .  
Shh! . . . it is Spring . . .  
the good earth  
awakens  
from her slumber . . .  
Now, surely, your heart  
will awaken also . . .

—by Betty Gene Sparks  
Little Rock, Arkansas



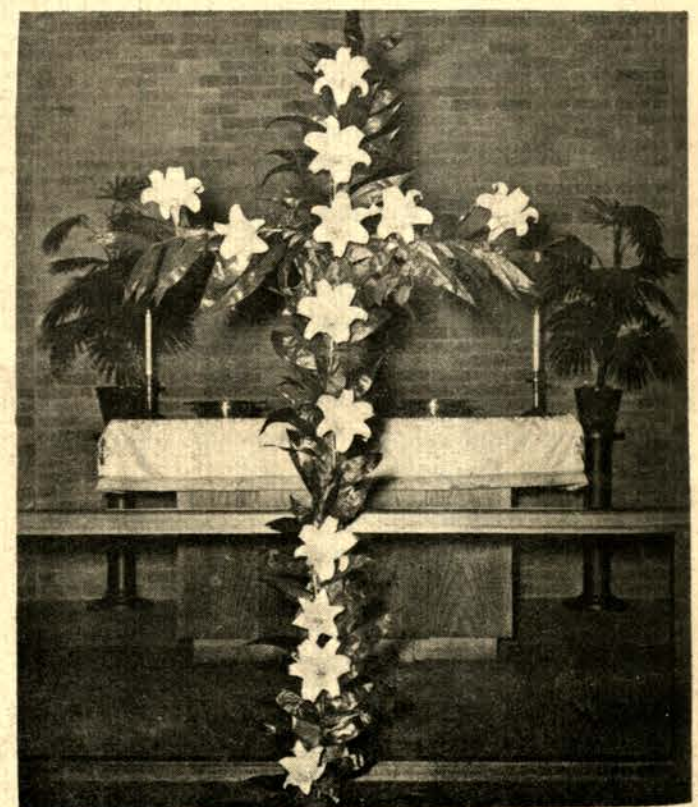
### Caraway Confirmation Class

These young folk were received into full membership at Caraway Church by Pastor James D. Harrison on Palm Sunday.



### Kensett Sunrise Service

Some of the youth and young adults of Kensett United Methodist Church who planned and presented that church's Easter Sunrise Service. The Rev. Keith Goza is pastor.



### Chrismon Cross At Corning

The cross was made from the trunk of the church's Christmon tree and stood barren during the Lenten season. On Easter morning it was covered with Easter lilies symbolizing the resurrection of Christ.