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North Arkansas Conference Lay Delegates

Among lay delegates and reserves to General and Jurisdictional Conference are (from left) Marvin Gaither, Nadine (Mrs. Hugh) Hardin, Pat (Mrs. Wesley) Freemyer, Miss Mildred Osment, Roger Beal, Nobia (Mrs. Howard) Johnson and Homer H. Fulbright. (For complete listing and identification of delegates, see page two.)



Clergy Delegates To 1976 Conferences

Among clergy delegates and reserves to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences (front, left to right) the Rev. Earl B. Carter, Dr. Joel A. Cooper, the Rev. Ben Jordan, the Rev. Wayne Jarvis; others, left to right, Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, the Rev. Fern Cook, the Rev. Victor H. Nixon, the Rev. Floyd Villines, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden and the Rev. Jim Beal. (For complete listing and identification of delegates see page two)

In Conway last week . . .

'Firsts' made N. A. Conference historic session

a report and comment by the editor

Well before the final hymn was sung and the last benediction said, United Methodists of the North Arkansas Conference, meeting last week at Conway in the 140th annual session of that Conference, knew they had been part of a history-making session. For the meeting was just that — a historic one marked by several significant "firsts."

Among these were:

- The adoption, by an almost unanimous vote, of the most far-reaching change in the Conference's organizational structure in 35 years (see story on page three);
- The first time the Conference has elected women to a General Conference (see story on page three);
- The first year the membership of the Conference has exceeded 100,000 — an accomplishment often cited during the session and one agreed to be significant, even if by just the number 12 (current membership: 100,012).

Social Issues Addressed

The session was notable for its attention to social issues. It approved the sponsorship of a goal of 21 Vietnamese refugee families (suggesting three per district) and recommended that the 492 local churches of the Conference encourage their members to fast one day a week (the program to "begin immediately," with Wednesday the suggested day) and send the money saved to such agencies as United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Heifer Project International.

Also adopted was a report by the Commission on Religion and Race which called for greater racial inclusiveness in the church and — among other priorities — encouraged ministries by local churches to "work through local governments and organizations to develop attitudes of openness in racial matters."

In another action related to Black churches, the Conference adopted as an additional Advance Special project a goal of \$20,000 for Black Ministries. Half the funds would go to Mallalieu Center in

Fort Smith with the remainder to be used in Black ministries as determined by the Conference's Board of Missions and Commission on Religion and Race.

Before voting to sponsor the goal of 21 Vietnamese refugee families the Conference heard the Rev. Dean Hancock, Vietnamese-speaking United Methodist minister from Savannah, Ga., on temporary assignment at Fort Chaffee, say that such sponsorship was the greatest need there. Hancock said that many Vietnamese families are experiencing "the psychological trauma" of wondering if sponsors will be found for them.

A former missionary to Vietnam, Hancock told the Conference "if you pass up the opportunity to sponsor a Vietnamese family, you are passing up the rare opportunity of a lifetime." Hancock is on leave from his pastorate at the Inner-city United Methodist Church in

Savannah and is on assignment by the Board of Global Ministries.

In another social concerns-related action the Conference voted unanimously to oppose "any further extension of pari-mutuel betting to any community or organization in Arkansas for any purpose, including the Arkansas Livestock Show Association in Little Rock." It had been reported recently that interests were promoting the extension of legal pari-mutuel betting on quarter-horse and harness racing.

The vote came after the presentation, by the Rev. Edward W. Harris of Little Rock, of a resolution from the executive committee of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc. Harris, executive director of the Foundation, said the Committee had requested the Conference endorse the resolution. The Little Rock Conference, meeting the previous

week in Hot Springs, gave unanimous endorsement to the resolution.

The Money Pinch

The current state of the economy was reflected as the Conference's agencies sought ways to finance ministries for the new year. The Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) recommended that a total asking of \$364,995 be apportioned to the seven Districts, and in turn to the local churches, for its world Service and Conference Benevolence programs (\$199,541 for World Service; \$165,454 for Conference Benevolences).

The CFA, noting "the precarious status of our Conference's benevolent program," called attention to the fact that only \$165,454 is apportioned to the churches to support the Conference Benevolence budget of \$205,568.

"It is at once apparent," the CFA report said, "that we are able to carry these programs only by drawing upon the full resources of our Conference and using the balance (in the accounts) of the Boards and Agencies" as authorized by last year's session. That session approved a plan whereby, on Jan. 1, 1976, all remaining balances in the accounts of the various boards will "revert to the Conference Benevolent funds and be used to meet the needs of boards and agencies on a current basis."

The CFA report said the urgency of this situation is recognized "when inflationary pressures which we cannot escape" are seen, and when the "vision of new programs which we do not wish to neglect" are considered.

Other Actions

In other major actions and emphases the Conference:

- Voted a one-year funding of the Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling and heard the Rev. Glenn Galtere of Jonesboro, a member of the North Georgia Conference, engaged as the counselor, tell of the program;
- Adopted as one of the priorities of the Board of Evangelism the goal of

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Pastoral Care/Counseling Office

The Rev. Glenn Galtere (right), member of North Georgia Conference, has been named counselor in Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling program adopted by Conference on one-year basis. Jim Beal (left), chairperson of the Board of Ministry, introduced Mr. Galtere.



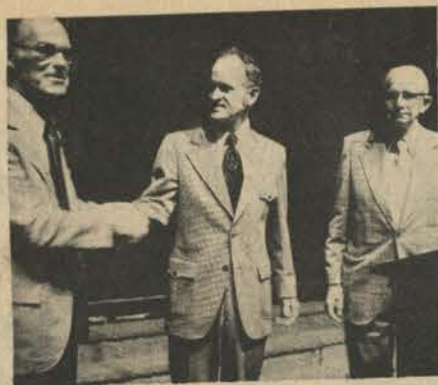
Subject: Vietnamese Refugees

The Rev. Dean Hancock (left), Vietnamese-speaking United Methodist pastor from Savannah, Ga., told conference the need for sponsors of refugees at Fort Chaffee was top priority. On leave from his pastorate, Hancock, a former missionary, is on appointment by Global Ministries Board. Fort Smith District Superintendent Dr. Charles McDonald (right) is coordinating Arkansas United Methodism's refugee relief efforts.



Presiding

Bishop Eugene M. Frank presides at Business session. At right is Conference Secretary James M. Meadors.



Lay Leader Elect Recognized

Bishop Frank (left) congratulates Conference Lay Leader Elect Bob Cheyne of Bella Vista (center) who was presented by Conference Lay Leader Henry Rainwater (right). Cheyne begins his term next Jan. 1.

North Arkansas Conference 'firsts'

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having a new Life Mission in "the key church of every Charge by December, 1977," and approved an emphasis on "clarifying and expanding the understanding of United Methodist doctrine and beliefs";

- Honored, at the Program Dinner, the following churches in Church of the Year awards: Small Town Church of the Year — Bono, first place; Danville, second place. Open Country Church of the Year — Tie between Powell's Chapel (Batesville District) and Pruett's Chapel (Paragould District). Small Town Parsonage of the Year — Berryville. Open Country Parsonage of the Year — Oppelo-Houston Charge.

- Gave support to a Board of Ministry position paper which opposed the ordination of homosexuals, noting "in our judgment the (Social Principles of the Church) make it clear that a self-avowed homosexual cannot be a candidate for ordination in The United Methodist

Church."

In the paper's concluding paragraph the Board stated "As the gospel continues to speak clearly about the sacred worth of persons we would encourage the church to be more understanding and compassionate toward homosexuals than has been the case in the past. We recommend further study and research concerning the issue of human sexuality, and the Board of Ministry is committed to being open to consider the results of such research and study which may yield deeper insights into our understanding of human sexuality."

- After debate and postponement of the matter for one day, the Conference referred back to the Board of Health and Welfare ministries for further study a resolution which would authorize Al-dersgate Retirement Center, Inc., "to continue conversations with other denominational groups concerning the possible development of an ecumenical retirement center."



New Elders

Ordained Elders at the Wednesday evening service were the Rev. Philip Loyce Hathcock (left), pastor at Jasper, and the Rev. Ronald Clark, pastor of St. Paul Parish, Fayetteville District. The service was held at First Church.



New Deacons

Ordained as Deacons Wednesday evening were (back row, from left) the Revs. James Clifton Christopher of Conway, Stephen C. Brizzie of Jonesboro, Philip E. Sims of Warren; MIDDLE ROW: Dennis W. Spence of Fayetteville, Steven A. Newman of York, Nebr., Carroll D. Jackson of Marshall, Forrest Thomas of Charlotte, Warren Blanchard of North Little Rock. FRONT ROW: Herbert Scott of Fordyce, James Mark Lasiter of Pea Ridge, Kurt Wulfekuhler of Paragould, Roger Hook of Pleasant Plains and Mrs. Gladys Kearney of Huntsville.

North Arkansas Conference Delegates

to the
General and Jurisdictional
Conferences of 1976

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Clergy Delegates: Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville; the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor of First Church North Little Rock; Dr. Charles McDonald, superintendent of Paragould District.

Lay Delegates: Miss Mildred Osment, teacher, Jonesboro; Homer H. Fulbright, salesperson, Searcy; Bob Cheyne, public relations, Bella Vista; Nadine (Mrs. Hugh) Hardin, homemaker, Fort Smith.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Clergy Delegates: Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, superintendent of Conway District; the Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First Church, Newport; the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, pastor Rector Church; Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, superintendent of Jonesboro District; the Rev. Floyd

Villines, superintendent of Batesville District.

Lay Delegates: Marvin Gaither, sales representative, Batesville; Gene Brand, banker, Walnut Ridge; Nobia (Mrs. Howard) Johnson, banker, Clinton; Pat (Mrs. Wesley) Freemyer, homemaker, Helena; Dr. M. D. Deneke, physician, West Memphis.

RESERVE DELEGATES TO JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Clergy Delegates: The Rev. Victor H. Nixon, pastor of Berryville Church; the Rev. Miss Fern Cook, pastor of Lavaca Church.

Lay Delegates: Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan, teacher, Fayetteville; Roger Beal, Hendrix College student, Newport; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Brad) Jesson, homemaker, Fort Smith; Henry W. Rainwater, merchant, Walnut Ridge.

The resolution would have granted permission to the Board "to enter into any agreements and mergers necessary" to bring such a center into being.

The Conference instructed the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries to report back on the matter to its November 1 Special Session.

The session was characterized by open and lively debate on a number of issues. There were numerous expressions that it had been a "most significant and 'good' session."

For more information see Daily Proceedings, beginning on page six.



First Order For New History Of Arkansas Methodism

Roland R. Rimmel (left), member of First Church, Little Rock, presents order for first volumes of the new history of Methodism in Arkansas to Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, chairman of the Area committee in charge of the project. Dr. Walter N. Vernon (center), of Nashville, Tenn., is author of the volume, which will be available in May, 1976. A form for advance orders appears below.

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North Arkansas' Quadrennial Conference Elections

The Year of the Women, The Year of the Laity

The election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, a once-every-four-years' occurrence, was a matter of major interest throughout last week's session of the North Arkansas Conference. Sixteen ballots were required before selection of the 24 delegates and reserves was completed. The balloting continued until the Thursday morning session.

First elected of the clergy delegates was Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville. Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro was the first elected of the lay delegates. According to tradition, the first clergy delegate elected heads the Annual Conference's delegation to General Conference. A full list of delegates and reserves may be found on page two.

The elections were history-making in that for the first time, so far as could be readily determined, no previous North Arkansas Conference General Conference delegations have had a woman in their membership. This year two women were elected: Miss Mildred Osment (first elected on the lay delegation) and Nadine (Mrs. Hugh) Hardin of Fort Smith, fourth elected on the lay delegation.

Also noteworthy was the election of one woman minister, the Rev. Miss Fern Cook of Lavaca, and one Black lay person, Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan from Fayetteville.

Makeup of the entire delegation of 24:

GENERAL CONFERENCE: Clergy — Four White males; **Laity** — Two White females, two White males.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE: Clergy — Five White males; **Laity** — Two White females, three White males.

JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE RESERVES: Clergy — One White male, one White female; **Laity** — Two females, one Black, one White; two White males.

Of the total of 24: 7 females, 17 males; one Black, 23 White; 11 clergy, 13 lay (In a Division of the House vote, the clergy voted to have two reserve delegates to Jurisdictional Conference, the laity voted to have four.)

YEAR OF THE WOMEN

The influence of the newly formed Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, organized earlier this year, was strongly felt throughout the session. It was from that commission that the one petition to General Conference, presented to the Annual Conference for endorsement, came. That petition recommended that the national Commission on the Status and Role of Women "be continued with adequate funding." The Conference endorsed the petition.

Asked if the impressive showing by women in receiving votes in the quadrennial elections could be interpreted as a block vote or "power move," the Rev. Dorothy (Mrs. King) Collier, pastor of the Dyer-Newberry Charge, said that she felt that "women could not be receiving such a showing without the cooperation of men." She noted that the majority of lay delegate members of the Conference are men. "It takes a lot of 'men votes' to elect one woman," she said.

Mary Ellen (Mrs. Brad) Jesson, chairperson of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, said that group's interest since its organization had been to get a larger number of women involved in all levels of the church. "But," she said, "that doesn't mean just in Conferences and elections and that sort of thing. That's a minor thing — it just happens that this came first after our organization as a Commission. We're concerned equally with getting local people to appreciate, to understand, to accept women in the ministry." She points out that 54 per cent of the members of United Methodist churches in the North Arkansas Conference are women.

THE INCREASING STRENGTH OF THE LAITY

In his closing remarks to the Conference, Bishop Frank said "Nothing inspires me quite as much as the new realization that the laity are the church; that it does not belong to the bishop, to the district superintendents, to the preachers — that it belongs to the lay people."

Two other remarks made at the conclusion of the session reflected the predominance of the themes of increasing lay participation and the growing influence of women.

One was by the Rev. Jim Beal who said he wanted to remind the Conference of what he considered "a very exciting statistic." He noted that the impact of the additional 59 District delegates-at-large on the annual session was reflected in the first ballot for General Conference delegates. On that ballot, Beal reported, there were 167 lay votes and 137 clergy votes. Beal noted that such a situation — lay votes outnumbering clergy votes — had not existed before and reflected an example the ministers should take note of.

The other remark, reflecting the influence of the women, came in the presentation of the closing Resolution of Appreciation, read by Dr. Charles Casteel. He noted the women's success in the elections and their contribution to the session and said "this time next year we may have to institute a Commission on the Status and Role of Men."

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New plan of organizational structure

First major change in 35 years

— a report and comment by the editor —

The proposed new plan of organizational structure of the North Arkansas Conference consumed much of the attention and time of the delegates at the Conference's annual meeting last week at Hendrix College. Its adoption, by an overwhelming vote, marked the first major change in Conference structures in 35 years.

The significance of the decision before the Conference was reflected in the fact that the proposal was the sole matter of business before the session on Tuesday — the only time in recent memory when an entire day of an Annual Conference session was devoted to one specific item of business. In addition, an explanation of the plan was one of two feature presentations at the Monday evening dinner sponsored by the Board of the Laity.

The plan, which will become effective Jan. 1, 1976, had been under development for 18 months by the Conference's Structure Study Committee (SSC). It had been perfected only after being presented to each of the seven districts on two different occasions by the SSC, and after undergoing four complete revisions.

Tuesday's morning business session was devoted to a detailed presentation of the 34-page document outlining the proposal. The afternoon session was given to hearing suggested changes and making amendments to the plan. SSC Chairperson, the Rev. Charles Ramsay, presided at the committee's presentation. He was assisted by the secretary, the Rev. Wayne Jarvis and by Dr. Ralph Hillis, Cabinet representative to the committee. SSC Vice Chairperson Pat (Mrs. Wesley) Freemyer presented the plan at the Monday evening Board of the Laity dinner.

The plan differs from the current structure in that it centers on a "council" concept. The Conference's various boards, commissions and committees will function under three basic councils, the Council on Ministries, the Council on Lay Life and Work and the Council on

the Professional Ministry. The plan is designed to utilize more fully the Councils on Ministries of the seven Districts.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE — THE HEART OF THE PLAN

In its report the SSC repeatedly emphasized that "the heart" of the new plan was its Conference Committee on Nominations, noting that the makeup of that committee would insure a more representative membership on boards and commissions.

Chairperson Ramsay said that basic to the new concept was a "desire to provide increased involvement by lay persons in key decision-making processes." It was pointed out that membership on past and current boards and committees had been determined "largely by the district superintendents" and that the new plan provided for a more representative procedure.

Under the new structure the Committee on Nominations will submit to the Annual Conference for election nominations for all elective positions on boards, committees, etcetera. The SSC points out that the fact that the Committee on Nominations is composed of an equal number of lay persons and ministers (eight each, plus the bishop who serves as chairperson), makes possible a much more representative and equitable membership on Conference agencies.

Membership of the new Committee on Nominations was determined by two ballots cast during the last hour of the four-day session. The intense interest shown by both lay persons and ministers in nominating members for that committee reflected the feeling that membership on that committee was considered a significant assignment. Because ballots were cast in the closing moments of the session, time did not allow for their being counted. The first announcement

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Prayer Bills

Connecticut and New Hampshire legislation that would permit the Connecticut General Assembly to a bill requiring that or meditation in the public schools did that she would sign the bill only state with such a bill of Representatives appointed to 56, while the Senate cord, the New Hampshire to 5, permitting school the schools and recitation despite the fact that the bill struck down a previous

Campus Life, monthly publication of Youth for Christ International, has been named first place winner in the 1975 Awards of Excellence competition of the Evangelical Press Association.

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A campaign to halt the use of sealskins to bind Bibles has been launched by Concerned Christians for Conservation. The agency charges that seals are being driven to extinction. Arthur Hustwitt, general sales manager of the Bible department for Cambridge University Press, said about 100 sealskin bound copies are sold annually by their firm at \$60 each, while about 500,000 leather bound copies are sold at \$10-\$15 each.

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Austrian Radio in Vienna said in a broadcast that the prominent Soviet Jewish physicist Mark Azbel has been threatened by Soviet Union security police with prosecution unless he halts weekly seminars for Jewish scientists in his Moscow flat. The broadcast reported that the KGB appears to be cracking down more harshly on Jewish intellectual and spiritual life generally.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

News from the Churches

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICES in Cherokee Village United Methodist Church were celebrated with the members of the United Methodist Women participating in all phases of the service. Mrs. Beulah Peck presented the message with Mrs. Florence Pettigrew, president of the UMW, and other ladies leading other portions of the service.

PRESCOTT FIRST AND Mt. Moriah Churches shared in the sponsorship of an Arts and Crafts Festival recently. The event, held at First Church, was attended by a large number of local and area residents. Youth from the sponsoring congregations and the Presbyterian Church sold refreshments to raise money for summer activities.

Academy of Religion At Central Church, Fayetteville

Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, Argentina is presenting a series of five lectures at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, June 10-15. He will preach at both morning worship services on Sunday, June 15, and will speak at the District United Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally later in the day.

Bishop Barbieri serves as episcopal leader of the Methodist Church in Argentina, Uruguay and Bolivia. He holds degrees from Little Southern Methodist University, Brasil, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and Emory University, Atlanta. In 1955 he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southern Methodist University.

The Tuesday through Friday lectures will be presented at 7:30 p.m. and under the general topic, The Religiousness of Jesus, will include the following subjects: His Devotional Life; His Attitudes Toward Religious Institutions; His Human Relations, and His Perspective of Eternity. The topic for the Saturday, June 14th lecture to be presented at 10:30 a.m., will be The Uniqueness of His Religious Personality.

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Vietnamese refugee needs listed

According to Dr. Charles P. McDonald, superintendent of the Fort Smith District and coordinator of Arkansas United Methodist relief efforts for Vietnamese refugees at Fort Chaffee, the "number one top priority" in those efforts is for sponsors (see related information in report on Annual Conference, page one).

Word has just been received that Dr. McDonald's office has been asked by the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Church World Service (CWS) to act as an official office to receive applications for sponsorship. The office will relate to sponsorship inquiries which come from Arkansas and from within a 300 mile radius of Fort Smith. Prior to this designation sponsorship inquiries through United Methodist auspices had to be made through the New York office of UMCOR.

An explanation of sponsorship requirements and procedures, along with an official form for sponsorship requests, will appear in next week's issue of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED

According to Mr. Henry Webb, coordinator of Voluntary Services at Fort Chaffee, items needed include the following:

CLOTHING: Small sizes for persons of all ages. Women's sizes in pre-teens 1, 3, 5 or 7 are most suitable, with slacks, shirts and sweaters preferred over dresses. Clothing in small, slim sizes is most needed for men. Shoes should be small and wide sizes.

READING MATERIAL: Children's books, elementary, junior and senior high level government, history, social science text books and carefully selected periodicals.

RECREATION EQUIPMENT: All kinds of toys and items such as soccer balls, tennis, badminton, ping pong equipment, et cetera.

Items collected by individuals and church groups may be sent to: Vietnamese Refugee Relief, Salvation Army, Fort Chaffee, Arkansas 72901.

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THE PRESCOTT YOUTH SINGERS, under the direction of Mrs. Jim McKinzie, presented "Come Together," a musical experience in worship and love at Prescott First Church recently. The musical was also presented at the Aldersgate Country Fair and at First Presbyterian Church in Prescott.

THE REV. JAMES MAJOR, vice president of Hendrix College, was the guest speaker at First Church, Hot Springs on a recent Sunday morning.

THE REV. JIMMY TEETER, recently graduated from Perkins School of Theology, returned to his home community to preach for morning worship services at Pottsville and Atkins United Methodist Churches on Sunday, May 25th. Mr. Teeter will serve as associate pastor of First Church, Barger, Tex., during the 1975-'76 conference year.

LAY WITNESS MISSION AT ATKINS

Thirty-eight team members from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Tennessee were present to assist with the recent Weekend Lay Witness Mission held at Atkins United Methodist Church. Dr. Compton George of Danville served as coordinator and Mr. Jim Martin as local chairman. Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Conway District superintendent, was among guests who attended. Included in the weekend event were covered dish meals on Friday and Saturday evenings, Saturday morning coffees in homes, a Saturday luncheon at AQ Chicken House attended by 36 men, and a ladies luncheon attended by 40 persons. Youth were entertained at coke parties and at a picnic on Lake Dardanelle. The Friday evening activity involved 150 participants and 130 persons were on hand for the Saturday evening event.

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Literacy Tutors Needed

Although there is literacy work concerned with teaching adult non-readers in several areas of Arkansas, many tutors are still needed to meet the needs of the large number seeking help in learning to read. The Literacy Council of Pulaski County will offer a 10-hour workshop for tutors on June 24 and 25 at the First United Methodist Church, 8th and Center, Little Rock. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., and participants should bring a sack lunch. Although there is no charge for the workshop, materials needed by tutors will cost around \$10. For additional information, call Mrs. Dale Booth, 664-5419.

At the recent regional meeting of the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance (the membership organization of Laubach Literacy, Inc.) three tutor-trainers from Arkansas took a 15-hour workshop on teaching English as a second language, and will now be able to train classes of persons interested in teaching non-English speaking people.

Information for setting up a training session can be secured from the Chairperson of Arkansas Literacy Councils, Mrs. John H. Harp, 3815 Idlewild, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

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THE REV. JOE HALE, director of Cooperative Evangelism for the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, and a native of Camden, Ark. is scheduled to preach for a revival at New Era United Methodist Church, Shongaloo, La., June 15 through 17. In mid-1974, Hale and his wife, Mary, filled a global assignment for International Prayer Fellowship as designated "world ambassadors." He is the author of *God's Moment*, *Christ Matters* and *Design for Evangelism*. The Hales live in Nashville, Tenn.

THE CHRISTIAN EDITION of First Church, Jonesboro, left Wednesday, June 4 for a summer mission trip to Mexico. The group will present concerts in several towns in Texas and Mexico and will spend some time on a work project at Casa Hogar Alegre, a Mexican orphanage.

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Monday, June 2, 3:00 p.m.

OPENING: Singing of hymn "And Are We Yet Alive." Prayer by Bishop Eugene M. Frank. Statement by Bishop Frank: commended Conference for achieving, first time in history of Conference, a membership over 100,000; expressed appreciation for paying World Service in full, being one of leading Conferences in Black College Fund payments, admirable record in Methodist Hospital drive. Encouraged adoption of New Life Mission plan; expressed hope that structure would contribute to "one great supreme purpose" of an Annual Conference — its evangelizing purpose; spoke to General and Jurisdictional Conference elections — send a delegation representative of inclusive church.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Myers Curtis moved agenda be adopted as printed, with discretion of bishop and Conference granted. Carried. Set bar of Conference as lower floor, Staples Auditorium.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: Conference Secretary James M. Meadors announced assistants: Larry Dodgen, Jim McKay, Jim Keith. Noted procedure for registration.

WELCOME: Dr. Roy B. Shilling, president of Hendrix College, brought greetings, introduced faculty and staff persons present.

TELLERS: Tellers for clergy and lay General and Jurisdictional Conference delegate elections announced.

PRIVILEGE: Bishop Frank noted Cokesbury book display; called attention to books of Dr. E. Stanley Jones and reprinted volumes of Dr. Samuel Shoemaker.

BOARD OF MINISTRY: Report No. 1; Chairperson Jim Beal presiding; Wayne Clark, Waymon Hollis reporting. Candidates for Full

Membership presented: Ronald B. Clark, Phillip Loyce Hathcock. Examined by bishop; admitted. Candidate for Associate Membership presented: Raymond Fisher. Examined by bishop; admitted. Candidates for Probationary Membership presented: Warren M. Blanchard, Stephen C. Brizzie (in absentia), James Clifton Christopher, Rex G. Darling (in absentia), Roger B. Hook, James Mark Lasiter, Steven A. Newman, Philip Edwin Sims, Dennis Wayne Spence, Kurt W. Wulfekuhler. Examined by bishop; admitted.

Jim Beal presented Bob Felder, member of Texas Conference; granted privilege of the floor, without vote. Pryor Cruce, chairperson, Committee on Conference Relations, moved passing of character of ministers. Approved.

PRIVILEGE: Bishop Frank presented Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Dr. Bryan Brawner, Miss Aleen Ford.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Myers Curtis, presiding; noted world hunger, tape recording detailing crisis. Presented Bob Felder, Mallalieu pastor; drama presentation by Mallalieu Center representatives.

Mary Ellen Jesson, chairperson Commission on Status and Role of Women, reported; noted International Women's Year; presented pins to Mrs. Frank, district superintendents and wives.

Choir, St. James Church, Fayetteville, sang. Jim Beal reported COM had requested Conference to rescind 1974 action creating Office of Pastoral Care. Revised plan to be presented. COM staff introduced.

Dean Hancock, Vietnamese-speaking UM pastor, spoke on need for sponsors for refugees at Fort Chaffee.

BOARD OF THE LAITY: Chairperson Henry W. Rainwater, reporting; greater cooperation in

laity program. Reported Indian Missionary Conference personnel to be in Paragould District. Gave nominations for 1976 officials. Bob Cheyne, lay leader elect, presented; noted women will be given every opportunity for full participation; cited urgent needs represented by world hunger, Vietnamese refugees. Session adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, June 3, 8:30

WORSHIP: Liturgist, Bob Edwards; Worship leader, Jon Guthrie; Speaker, Mary Ellen Jesson; Organist, Robert McGill; Trumpeter, Carlos Summers. Mrs. Jesson spoke on "The Case for the Middle Class Christian"; we have a choice to be a whole, functioning church, but it won't happen unless we want it to.

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank called Conference to order.

RESOLUTION: Conference Statistician Allan Hilliard presented resolution concerning extension churches; action to come later.

CONCERNING GENERAL, JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE ELECTIONS: Bishop Frank gave instructions on balloting. Will elect four ministers, four lay persons as General Conference delegates, four additional Jurisdictional Conference and four alternates. Head tellers: Andrew M. Hall Jr. (clergy); Mildred Osment (lay).

BALLOT: Clergy ballot No. 1 taken; Lay ballot No. 1 taken.

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Charles Ramsay introduced report, members of committee. Presented rationale for plan; asked that committee not be made to defend plan. Ralph Hillis spoke to plan; Wayne Jarvis reviewed entire plan, receiving questions for clarification. Morning session devoted to study

of plan. Recess ordered at 11:15 a.m. Announcements.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE: Worship leader, James Barton; preacher, Roy Moyers. Other participants: Raymond Dorman, W. M. Womack, R. E. L. Bearden, John Workman. Those memorialized: Ministers — Guy B. (Jiggs) Ames, Elmer Dempsey, Alfred A. Knox, Marvel Candler Bevins. Wives — Mrs. Zella Banks (wife of C. B. Banks), Pauline Troupe (wife of G. G. Troupe). Widows: Edna Campbell (widow of Oliver Campbell), Mary Ellen Cline (widow of Artie L. Cline), Jennie M. Davidson (widow of Thomas H. Wright). Resolution of appreciation for Bishop Paul E. Martin was read.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 3, 2:00

OPENING: Hymn sing led by Elise (Mrs. Robert) Shoemaker.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 1; no election. Clergy ballot No. 1; no election. Second ballots taken.

PERKINS: Dr. Leroy Howe, associate dean, spoke; noted increased enrollment, granting of 15 doctor of ministry degrees.

SCARRITT: Dr. Robert Gentry, field secretary, spoke of growth in program, enrollment.

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Chairperson Charles Ramsay noted heart of new plan was Committee on Nomination; lay persons involved. Wayne Jarvis continued presentation of total report, hearing suggested revisions. Recess.

PRIVILEGE: Bishop Frank recognized Dr. W. T. Ingram, president of Memphis Theological Seminary; an institution of Cumberland Presbyterian Church but has more United Methodist students than Presbyterian. Dr. Ingram addressed conference.

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BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 2; no election. Third ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 2; Joel Cooper elected. Third ballot taken.

STRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Report taken page by page; amendments offered. Report adopted as amended. Conference expressed appreciation to Structure Study Committee for its work.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 3; Mildred Osmont, Homer Fulbright elected. Fourth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 3; no election. Fourth ballot taken. Ballots sealed until 7:30 next morning. Bishop Frank dismissed with prayer.

Tuesday Evening, June 3, 7:30

WORSHIP: Youth Night, Staples Auditorium. Worship leaders: Cindy Henry, Darrel Carr, Diana Gaither. Preacher, Dr. James T. Laney. Music by Le Jubilé Doux (The Happy Meek), youth from Mountain Home First Church. Organist, Robert McGill.

Wednesday, June 4, 8:30 a.m.

WORSHIP: Liturgist, Dick Haltom; worship leader, Elizabeth Buchanan; soloist, Barbara Haltom; organist, Robert McGill; speaker, Lewis Chesser. Subject: "A Hunger for Judgment."

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank opened session, commended spirit of work the previous day.

HISTORY: Dr. Walter N. Vernon, author of new history of Methodism in Arkansas, reported its progress. Bishop Frank encouraged pre-publication (May, 1976) orders.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 4; no election. Fifth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 4; two elections, Earl Carter, Charles McDonald. Fifth ballot taken.

ST. PAUL: Dr. William McElvaney, president, spoke of 17-year history of school; reported 525 graduates, 95 per cent in local church ministry.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Gladys (Mrs. Harold) Womack, president, reported; showed story of years' work by slide picture presentation. Over \$110,000 given to missions.

BOARD OF MINISTRY: Chairperson Jim Beal presented Leonard Byers who gave report in Pre-Conference Digest. Van Hooker moved no interest be charged on loans to students who decide not to enter ministry and who have not repaid loan; motion seconded, failed.

Pryor Cruce, secretary of Committee on Conference Relations, reported following discontinued as Probationary Members with nothing against their character: Jay Frank Holsted, James Ervin Rohman. Withdrawn: Roy Ward Jr. Supernumerary: Leroy Henry (1st year), John D. Jump (4th year). Disability: Aubra Hays, Harvey Hazelwood, Willis LeGrand, Charles W. Lewis, T. B. Parmenter, Lindsey Rolland, William A. Watts, Harold Womack. Superannuate, Full Connection: William Eugene Bain, William Glenn Bruner, Clyde E. Crozier, Oliver W. Logan, Marion J. Pollard, James Clarence Wilcox, Superannuate, Associate Members: Harry Wayne Price, Graham W. Sellars. Superannuate, Lay Pastors: Robert Montgomery. Adopted.

Registrar Wayne Clark presented Report No. 2, list of: those eligible as Full-Time Lay Pastors; Part-Time Lay Pastors; Student Lay Pastors; Probationary Members admitted, continued, discontinued, admitted to Full Connection; elected Deacon; elected Elder; admitted as Associate Members. All names to be recorded in Journal. Adopted.



Lay Men All

Visiting between business sessions are lay men (from left) W. E. "Buddy" Arnold of North Little Rock, an associate lay leader of the Conway District, Jim Lane of North Little Rock, Conway District lay leader, and Marvin L. Gaither of Batesville, Batesville District lay leader.

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Wednesday Afternoon, June 4, 2:00

OPENING: Hymn "Blessed Assurance"; Bishop Frank emphasized need to catch up on agenda, urged cooperation of those presenting reports.

ARKANSAS METHODIST: Vice chairperson of Board of Managers, Dr. Charles Casteel gave report. Presented Editor John Workman; he commended Board and staff, reported new plan of circulation had been well supported, expressed appreciation, noted increase from 17,500 to 30,569 circulation. Reported increase in costs. Paid tribute to the late Dr. Alfred Knox, former editor.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 7; no election. Eighth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 7; no election. Eighth ballot taken. Motion: That names of persons receiving five votes or less on subsequent ballots not be read. Carried.

RESOLUTION: Motion by Mary Ellen (Mrs. Brad) Jesson that Committee on Resolutions express appreciation of Conference for service rendered by Dr. Alfred A. Knox. Carried.

EDUCATION: Chairperson Bill Wilder noted importance of pastor's role as teacher; noted Sunday School growth related to ministers' involvement; nursery program; good visitation program. Secretary Wayne Jarvis presided during report on Higher Education and Campus Ministries. Dr. Roy Shilling, Hendrix president, spoke, noted "vital signs of college are strong, stable;" enrollment 1050. Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, spoke, expressing appreciation for Conference being highest in nation in gifts to Black College Fund. Ralph Whiteway represented Wesley Foundations, spoke. Dr. Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, present others days of Conference, represented by Bishop Frank who urged support of the El Paso school.

David Moose spoke for Youth Ministry, showing slides on Youth Service Fund. Arvill Brannon presented booklet "Report and Resource Book of Education Ministries 1974-76." Lifted up leadership development opportunities. Montie Ray Bell presented for consecration as Director of Music; consecrated by Bishop Frank. Charles Casteel, Ben Jordan nominated to Board of Trustees, Hendrix. Report and nominations approved.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 8; one election, Gene Brand. Ninth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 8; one election, Ben Jordan. Ninth ballot taken.

PRESENTATION: Bishop Frank presented Mrs. Frank to display afghan given her at Ministers' Wives Luncheon; made by wives of Fayetteville District ministers.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Chairperson Charles Ramsay gave Report No. 1. Recommended Conference underwrite one-half cost of publication of new history of Arkansas Methodism. Adopted.

CAMPUS AND CONFERENCES: Chairperson Allan Hilliard presented report; noted study for best use of new camp site, NAWAKE. Report adopted.

EVANGELISM: Chairperson Joel Cooper presided. Using overhead projector gave detailed report on year's work, priorities for 1976. Conference Secretary of Evangelism, Sam Teague, reported on New Life Mission; he will be a National Missioner to Australia in July. Report adopted.

STRUCTURE: Report No. 2 given by Secretary Wayne Jarvis. Adopted. Charles Ramsay moved that procedure in new structure for electing Committee on Nominations to be set asked for one year to allow quicker procedure. Carried.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Bishop Frank asked Ralph Hillis be allowed to take Chair when bishop needed to leave to meet with those to be ordained. Ordered.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 9; no election. Tenth ballot taken.

EQUITABLE SALARY: Chairperson Frank Clemmons reported; adopted.

BALLOT: Clergy ballot No. 9; two elections, Robert E. L. Bearden, Jim Beal. Tenth ballot taken.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Ralph Hillis took Chair in absence of Bishop Frank.

MISSIONS: Chairperson David Conyers presided, noted corrections to be made in Digest report. Myers Curtis spoke on behalf of Advance Specials. Report with corrections adopted.

MT. SEQUOYAH: Superintendent Lee Cate expressed appreciation for support, announced gymnasium completed, told of summer programs.

STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN: Chairperson Mary Ellen Jesson reported; called attention to goals. Secretary Emily Cockrill moved that memorial to General Conference, that the Commission be continued with adequate funding, be attached to report. Memorial and report approved.

MOTION - E.R.A.: Motion by Francis Christie that Conference go on record "giving support to and urging ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment." Adopted.

CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTER-RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS: Chairperson Sam Teague called attention to report, page 20, Digest. Adopted.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Chairperson Von Dell Mooney presided, reported on planned youth trip to New York, Washington. Dick Haltom made correction on Digest report, spoke to world hunger priority; recommended Wednesday of each week as fast day, money saved be sent to UMCOR, Heifer Project, etc. Dr. Mannasmith of Heifer Project International, addressed conference. Von Dell Mooney announced hunger offering at this conference totaled \$461. Report adopted.

MOTION: Charles McDonald moved that goal of resettling 21 Vietnamese refugee families be set. Approved.

EXTENSION: Conference ordered session extended to Health and Welfare report.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 10; one election, Nobie (Mrs. Howard) Johnson. Eleventh ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 10; one election, Wayne Jarvis. Eleventh ballot taken.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Chairperson Dewey Dark presented Henry Hottum, administrator, Methodist Hospital (Memphis); expressed appreciation for support of Golden Anniversary Funds Drive. Reported emergency room to be memorialized in name of this Conference; completion in July. Archie Boyd spoke on behalf of Methodist Nursing Home, Methodist Village, Fort Smith; Home at 100 per cent occupancy; Village, just completed, already 70 per cent filled. Of \$50,000 Conference agreed to raise for furnishing, \$36,000 raised. Superintendent Edwin Keith, Methodist Children's Home, spoke. Supplemented Digest report to include names of trustees. Approved.

Chairperson Dark reported Board did not approve resolution asking that proposed retirement center at Aldersgate be built as joint ecumenical venture. Preferred as project of the two U.M. Conferences of Arkansas; but felt Conference should make decision. Debated. Winfred Polk moved action be deferred until more persons on floor. Ordered. Report, without resolution, approved.

CLOSING: Charles Ramsay dismissed session with prayer.

Wednesday, June 4, Evening Service, 7:30

ORDINATION SERVICE: Held at First Church, Conway. Worship leader, Bishop Frank; Dr. James T. Laney, preacher. Liturgist, Jim Beal. Ministers participating: representatives of Board of Ministry, District Superintendents, one sponsoring Elder for each ordinand, Harold O. Eggenberger. Chancel Choir, brass, from host church, Elise Shoemaker, organist; Harold Thompson, soloist.

Thursday, June 5, 8:30

WORSHIP: Liturgist, Bill Williams; worship leader, J. O. Black; soloist, Freddie Nixon; organist, Robert McGill, speaker, Robert Felder. Subject: "Eternal Dimensions."

BUSINESS SESSION: Bishop Frank called Conference to order.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 11; no election. Twelfth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 11; no election. Twelfth ballot taken.

GREETINGS: Bishop Frank announced letters received from following unable to be present. E. T. Wayland, Eric J. Reaves, Helen Wilson, Oscar Evanson.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION: Edward W. Harris, executive director, Christian Civic Foundation, spoke, offered resolution that Conference "oppose any further extension of parimutuel betting to any community or organization in Arkansas for any purpose, including the Arkansas Livestock Association in Little Rock." Resolution adopted.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS: Aubra Hays reported committee had examined journal of each District, found them in order.

COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL: James R.

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Chaplains Gather

Dr. Edwin S. Jones of Washington, D.C. (center), associate secretary of the Division of Chaplains, addressed the Conference and spoke to chaplains luncheon. From left are chaplains Tom Nation, V. A. Hospitals, Little Rock/North Little Rock; Verlin E. Mikesell, Chaplain, USAF, Ret., associate pastor, Trinity Church, Little Rock; Robert Howerton, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; Paul D. Davis, AF Academy, Colorado Springs; James Wesley Pogue, LRAFB, Jacksonville; Bill Dennis, Buford, S.C.; Larry Dodgen, V.A. Hospital, Fayetteville, and Dr. John E. Reed, U.S. Army, Ret., Clarksville.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

The Sunday School Lesson for June 22, 1975



Is The Bible Relevant?

by WAYNE S. WHITE

ORIENTATION: This is the last of four lessons of this unit on the theme, "The Bible: Divine — Human Book." We have asked how the Bible came to be? What it is like? And why it was written? Now we ask ourselves how the Bible is related to us and our lives.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Psalms 19:7-14; 119:9-11, 105, 130; Matthew 4:1-11.

DEVOTIONAL READING: John 6:32-58; on Jesus, the bread of life feeds the hunger of the spirit; and read or sing the hymn, "Break thou the bread of life." While this hymn is often sung at the Lord's Supper, it was written of the Bible.

PURPOSE: If the Bible is relevant what does it say to us, to all of us, at all times in our lives, and under all circumstances? If the Bible is related to us it must have profound and inescapable meaning for living.

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The Bible As Experience

The experiences of the Bible were first communicated orally, and then written later. Human experiencing of the divine spirit is the basic and abiding truth, often conveyed to us in language and categories that change in time.

Words are like containers. They convey what is put into them. All words need constant re-examination, for time makes changes in ideas, thought forms, and words. Even the word God, or especially the word God, needs to be diligently rethought. The Bible understanding of God is slowly unfolded by faithful people through the centuries. See it grow, and become more universal and spiritual.

After Hosea's pleading for mercy, and the suffering servant concept then the magnificent spirit of Jesus demonstrates the very highest ethical, spiritual and fatherly expression of God.

Abiding Experiences

The language of the past may differ from ours, but it often conveys unchanging truth. We cannot scorn ancient writers for expressing their experiences in the thought forms of their day. How else could they say it? So as we today read the Bible we must look through and beyond language and discover for ourselves the abiding and changeless reality.

Language frameworks of the Bible carry abiding truths in the same way that receptacles carry water to thirsty lips. The vessel may change as times change, but good water is good water whether it is in a gourd, or a tin cup, or

flowing from a refrigerated fountain. Thought forms are the receptacles which may be outdated. But the reality contained may be discarded only at our peril.

For example, the divine presence was once thought to be mediated only by angel messengers. Ordinary people could not survive in the holy presence, and since God could not be expected to make personal visits he sent his messengers, and that is the meaning of the Greek word.

Our forefathers expressed their sense of God's nearness in the framework of angels, while we do not need anything to mediate between us and a direct experience of God. But we can appreciate the reality they wanted to convey. Even if our world is not inhabited by angels it could even now be the dwelling of our heavenly Father.

The Master, for example, did not express his spiritual experience in terms of the ministry of angels. When he speaks of them they are in heaven. He speaks directly to God, is heard and answered and does not need angels to intervene.

Biblical Truth Not Dependent On Scientific Evidence

This is not trying to be scientific about the Bible. Science is a distinct and different area of thought. We are of course indebted for physical necessities, health and comforts of life to the work of science. But the insights of the Bible are not outworn by new knowledge, nor outdated by material progress.

The truths experienced by Biblical writers are not vindicated if consistent with modern science, nor are they discredited by being shown to be inconsistent. While science has answered many questions for us it has raised others. It solved some problems but posed new ones. Dr. W. Cecil Finley of the Methodist Campus Ministry writes, "A group of top scientists at Massachusetts Institute of Technology has met regularly to discuss the likelihood — not merely the possibility — of modern technology ending human life."

The Dynamic Book

A man in a doctor's office was intrigued at the cover of a little book on the waiting room reading table. It bore the letters "T.N.T." When he inquired about the explosive book the doctor said that it was a rebound copy of The New Testament, and the bindery was unable to print the whole name on the cover.

The people of Holland were astonished at the eagerness of the occupying Nazi army to destroy every copy of the Bible. Willem Visser 't Hooft, once president of the World Council of Churches said they took another look

at the Bible and found it to be a powerful, dynamic book.

Longfellow described Christmas worship in the royal court of Sicily. King Robert was angered at the familiar lines from the Magnificat, "bring down the mighty; exalt those of low degree." He growled, "'tis well that such seditious words are sung only by priests and in the Latin tongue" (Poetical Works, p. 243).

Opponents and enemies of the Bible see its power and relevance. Perhaps we should take another look at it.

Life Today Confronts Truth From The Past

Many truths of the Bible are uncomfortably relevant to our accepted way of life. It is disturbing to ask a few questions in the light of the unchanging truths. For instance, what can we do about world hunger? The ancient stewardship principle shows clearly the divine creation of the world, calls for respect for the good earth as entrusted to man, and the truth that sharing may avoid mutual destruction.

George Hill says that an American Christian could possibly eat less meat, for we consume five times the amount of grain that a Nigerian or an Indian eats, because we eat more than we need and use grain inefficiently in the form of meat.

Just as the recession forces us to rethink our production of private transit vehicles, perhaps world hunger could press our consciences to change our food industry and ways of eating. Compassion for the hungry might help us save food. In the long run it might even prevent us from dying of starvation, too. Consider Mrs. Indira Gandhi's recent statement, that Americans use as much fertilizer to keep their lawns green as all India uses to produce food.

Ancient Bible truths call for the responsible use of national power. Nations that arrogate callous and brutal power for colonial dominance will soon crash. They overreach and destroy themselves. Military power is deadly poison both for the soul and body of man. In the third temptation of Jesus (Matt. 4:8-10) he is offered "all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them."

This dazzling temptation has taken over some American officials, not too long ago. When we repeat the familiar phrase, "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," we no longer take for granted that our real god is the God and Father of Jesus Christ. We cannot forget the Cambodian Christmas bombing and other international abuses of our power.

QUESTIONS

What in the Bible is relevant to the way we make money? and spend it? the way we enjoy ourselves? or how to make life meaningful?

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Chandler reported minutes reviewed, in order. Report accepted.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND METHODIST INFORMATION: Chairperson Herschel McClurkin presided, reported work of Commission; presented James Barton who played tape recordings of radio spot announcements.

MOVING DAY: Ralph Hillis, reporting for Cabinet, moved Wednesday, June 11, be designated moving date for pastors. Ordered.

RELIGION AND RACE: Marie Jordan reported for Chairperson Dr. Olin Cook. Noted that a Black person had not been elected to General or Jurisdictional Conference; noted goals of Commission. Report adopted. W. H. Williams of McCabe Church, North Little Rock, asked that liaison person be named to relate to Black churches. Charles McDonald said a meeting with Black pastors planned for this purpose. Harold Scott stated that recommendation of Black persons as candidates for election constituted a political speech. Bishop Frank replied that the problem was that former Southwest Conference members were not well known by name; felt that some way had to be devised to identify them if election to be fair.

RESOLUTION, ALDERSGATE RETIREMENT CENTER: Consideration of resolution before Conference Wednesday afternoon. Bishop Frank stated there was no relationship between Aldersgate Camp and the Board set up for retirement center. Retirement Center to be built on land purchased from Aldersgate. W. E. Arnold moved the adoption of resolution. Wayne Jarvis moved substitute: that Annual Conference receive the recommendation of the Board of Aldersgate Retirement Center, that it be referred to the Conference Board of Health and Welfare for study, and that a specific proposal concerning the Aldersgate retirement center be made to the Nov. 1, 1975 special session of the Annual Conference for consideration. Adopted.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 12; no election. Thirteenth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 12; one election, Ralph Hillis. Thirteenth ballot taken. **NOMINATIONS, CONF. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** Nominations made from floor; 25 lay persons, 25 ministers nominated. Clyde Ford offered motion that action of Wednesday concerning voting on Nominating Committee be suspended and that two ballots be taken, the second being limited to top 12 vote-getters on the first ballot in each category. Approved.

GROUP INSURANCE: Chairperson Allan Hilliard announced increase in premiums this year; expressed appreciation for Mrs. Imogene Knox, insurance treasurer. Max Whitfield spoke concerning insurance for church property. Farris Agency of Conway represents the program.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 13; one election, Pat (Mrs. Wesley) Freemyer. Fourteenth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 13; no election. Fourteenth ballot taken.

WORSHIP: Chairperson Muriel Peters reported, presented Victor Nixon who expressed appreciation for all who helped with services during Conference. Joel Cooper offered appreciation for work done by Victor Nixon in worship services.

MEMOIRS: Chairperson James Barton reported; Secretary Roy Moyers moved that pictures, where available, be included in Journal with obituaries and that copies of Journal be sent to immediate family of deceased.

BISHOPS' WEEK: Bishop Frank called attention to Bishops' Week at Mt. Sequoyah beginning June 23.

TRUSTEES: Chairperson W. Glenn Brunner reported; adopted. Arvill Brannon spoke of need for place to keep deed of Camp Nawake. Myers Curtis moved that safe deposit box be rented; key left in Conference Council office.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 14; no election. Fifteenth ballot taken. Clergy ballot No. 14; no

election. Fifteenth ballot taken.

ENLISTMENT: Secretary Dubois Pettit reported; Vocational Intern Program described. Tony Hilliard, Dee Edwards, Joan Frost would work in program this summer. Reported on summer youth worker training program last spring; follow up meet in early July. Adopted. **STATISTICIAN:** Allan Hilliard reported gain in adult attendance in Church School. Resolution on Extension Churches, introduced Tuesday, reconsidered. Joel Cooper moved that resolution be amended to read: "Whereas a majority of the extension churches in the N. A. Conference are simply discontinued churches with no regular worship services or church schools, therefore be it resolved that all in this category be phased out (Par. 129, 130, 1972 Discipline)." Remainder of entire resolution to be deleted. Adopted.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 15; elected, Dr. M. D. Deneke. Sixteenth ballot taken. A division of the house; adopted that there be four Jurisdictional reserve lay delegates, the four persons receiving highest number of votes be the reserves; that there be two reserves for clergy and that the two receiving highest number of votes be declared the reserve delegates. Joel Cooper moved that Council on Finance and Administration be instructed to provide appropriate expense money for the reserve delegates attending General and Jurisdictional Conferences, two to each order. Question raised about availability of funds. Motion adopted.

Clergy ballot No. 15; elected, Floyd Villines. Sixteenth ballot taken.

TREASURER: Grafton Thomas reported World Service paid in full out of current revenue; reported on three new funds: Pension, Arkansas Methodist, pastors' moving expense. Conference expressed appreciation for treasurer's work.

NOMINATIONS BALLOT: Distribution of ballots for nomination of Committee on Nominations.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Charles Ramsay presiding. Secretary Lloyd Conyers presented report No. 2. Question asked how \$10,000 new apportionment for camp NAWAKE was to be spent. Moving expense fund reduced from \$25,000 to \$17,500. Charles McDonald asked if new \$10,000 apportionment for Camp Nawake to be used solely for it or if district camps could benefit. Bob Edwards explained use of money for study of best use of new Nawake site; Bill Connell stated district camps are district projects.

Lively discussion followed on purchase of cars by District Superintendents and Conference COM directors. Wayne Jarvis asked reason for purchase of cars out of contingency fund. William Connell replied money being paid back monthly to contingency fund from the District Superintendents' fund. Ben Jordan said this use not out of line with previous uses of contingency fund. Adoption of report moved. Jim Beal asked about guidelines for moving expense fund. Charles Ramsay stated that before, fund used next year, more specific recommendation would be made. Adopted.

BALLOT: Lay ballot No. 16; four reserves to Jurisdictional Conference elected: Elizabeth Buchanan, Roger Beal, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Brad) Jenson, Henry Rainwater. Concluded balloting on lay delegates. Clergy ballot No. 16; two reserve delegates to Jurisdictional Conference elected: Victor Nixon, Fern Cook.

NOMINATIONS BALLOT: Gail Anderson moved that ballots valid if they carry one to eight names of either order. Carried.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: Chairperson William Wilder made changes in report; urged pre-publication orders for new history of Methodism in Arkansas.

SPECIAL SESSION: W. E. Arnold invited Nov. 1 special session to Lakewood, North Little Rock. Accepted.

NEXT REGULAR SESSION: Jim Major invited 1976 Conference to Hendrix College. Accepted.

NOMINATIONS: Ralph Hillis presented Cabinet's nominations. Approved; to appear in Journal.



Hendrix President Welcomes Conference

Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix College, welcomes Conference to the campus. He introduced members of Hendrix Faculty and staff who were present.



On Christian Higher Education

Dr. Robert Gentry (left) of Dallas, field representative for Scarritt College and Dr. LeRoy Howe, associate dean of Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., spoke in the interest of their institutions.

MINISTRY: Waymon Hollis moved that John Benham, Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn., be added for list of student lay pastors in seminary. Carried.

PRIVILEGE: Emily Cockrill spoke on behalf of delegates attending Conference for first time; expressed gratitude. Jim Beal spoke of contribution of lay persons to Conference.

BISHOP: Bishop Frank expressed appreciation for laity. Spoke of work of study committee on episcopacy and district superintendency. Noted authority of bishops being eroded; noted history of decline in authority. Appointments more open and done in consultation with pastors and churches. Need for determination of meaning of "consultation."

PRIVILEGE: Willie Lee (Mrs. C. G.) Washington, director of Inter-Faith Community Center, Fort Smith, expressed appreciation for support of center. Francis Christie, recommended more use of overhead projector next year to conserve paper.

RESOLUTIONS: Chairman Charles Casteel read resolution of appreciation for Alfred A. Knox to be spread on Minutes of Conference. Adopted. Resolution of appreciation to all who helped make Conference session a success. Adopted.

MOTION: Jim Beal moved that John Workman,



Philander Smith President

Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, addressed the Conference, expressing appreciation for its leadership in contributions to Black College Fund.



St. Paul Talk

Dr. William McElvaney (right) president of St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, spoke. He is shown with St. Paul alumnus the Rev. David Moose, pastor of Shiloh Church, Paragould.

Myers Curtis, John Thompson, Arvill Brannon, Vina Calhoun count the second ballot for Committee on Nominations in time to be included in next issue of *Arkansas Methodist*. So ordered. **NOMINATIONS BALLOT:** Ballot No. 1 for 12 persons for Conference Committee on Nominations read; to be recorded in Journal. Ballot No. 2 taken for 8 of each order from the 12 of each order receiving highest number of votes in Ballot No. 1.

CLOSING: One verse of "Blessed Assurance" was sung; Fellowship Benediction was said by all.



Banquet For The Retired

At head table at luncheon for retired ministers, ministers wives and widows of ministers at First Church, Conway were (from left) Mrs. George L. McGhehey, Mrs. J. J. Clark, the Rev. J. J. Clark, chairperson of the Fellowship of Retired Servants, the Rev. George L. McGhehey and Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank.



At Laity Dinner

Mr. William Shepherd, lay leader of the Little Rock Conference, was guest speaker at the Board of Laity Dinner on Monday. He spoke on qualifications for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The dinner was held in Hulen Hall.



Mallalieu Center Reports

Ms. Deborah Ferguson of the Mallalieu Community Center portrays Sojourner Truth, Black 19th century crusader for women's rights. The dramatic skit was part of the report of the Council on Ministries and was introduced by the Rev. Robert Felder, Mallalieu pastor.

Thursday, June 12, 1975

Women's Division reaffirms 'belief in freedom of conscience'

Says abortion 'moral, not constitutional' issue

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — The controversy about abortion is predominantly "religious and philosophical" and efforts to "embody one particular moral viewpoint in the United States Constitution does serious 'injury' to the concept of freedom of religion and conscience, says the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

In a resolution adopted during its recent spring meeting in Atlantic City, N.J., the national agency of organized women's work in the denomination reaffirmed its "belief in freedom of conscience" concerning the abortion issue.

"We are concerned about those who have been bitterly attacked for seeking to deal openly with this issue in a spirit of compassion," the document read. "Although we respect the right of other religious individuals and groups to disagree on the matter of abortion, we earnestly make the appeal that our differences be imbued with a spirit of mutual respect."

The division also warned that "pressure among religious groups" could have "damaging effects on the spirit of our ecumenical relationships."

The resolution observed the Women's Division first called for the removal of abortion from the criminal code in 1969, a stance adopted the following year by the church's top law-making assembly, the General Conference. Noting the Supreme Court ruling on abortion in 1973, the resolution acknowledged the division had hoped concerned persons would "turn their attention to seeking to remove conditions in our society which might create a need for abortion, such as faulty contraceptives, lack of education on responsible sexuality, lack of access to family planning services, tragedies such as rape, incest and genetic defects."

Instead, the Women's Division said, "vast amounts of energy, money and time are going into the attempt to use national legislation and even the Constitution to force continuation of pregnancies, no matter what the human or social cost." The division charged that intimidation through legal and social pressures are being brought to bear on physicians and hospitals involved in handling abortion cases.

"The struggle raging over abortion centers largely on religious and philosophical differences rather than on the types of social factors which normally fall within the purview of government. We therefore affirm once more our belief that where there is no religious or moral consensus in our society the attempt to embody one particular moral viewpoint in the United States Constitution does

serious injury to our cherished freedom of religious belief and conscience," the document concluded.

Other Actions

The Women's Division members also voted support for "a broad and general amnesty . . . without qualifications or conditions, to all who are in legal or other jeopardy because of the war in Southeast Asia," noting that such a commitment is required "to obtain genuine reconciliation within our country."

The unconditional amnesty resolution subsequently was adopted by the full Board of Global Ministries as part of its multi-faceted Indochina document.

'Who owns the oceans?', United Methodist Women ask

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — United Methodist women don't own the world's oceans, but they're asking "who does?"

And just back from a high-level world conference of governments seeking to answer the question is Barbara Weaver, an Ohio school teacher who expects to share questions and a lot of information to help those women and others find the needed answer in the context of justice, hunger and economic development.

Ms. Weaver got interested in the topic when she took her world geography class from Ridgeview Junior High School in Columbus to a United Nations seminar in New York, and also through sharing in the United Nations Association in Columbus.

While classes did term papers on the oceans — during last summer's vacation, believe it or not — their teacher took an oceanography course in New York and researched the subject at the UN. They followed it with a city-wide UN symposium for Columbus students last fall.

So Ms. Weaver was prepared when she found the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries was looking for someone with such a background to be an intern in the division's Law of the Sea project. She got encouragement also from her mother, Mary Weaver, a member of the Board of Church and Society, and father, the Rev. Robert Weaver, director of Emmanuel Community Center in Cincinnati.

Beginning a leave of absence from teaching in January, she started on legislative affairs, primarily two bills in Congress related to ocean fishing rules and conservation. The next stop, along with Joyce Hamlin, secretary of legisla-

tion, was Geneva, Switzerland, for the mid-March to mid-May UN Law of the Sea Conference. Accredited as an observer by the World Council of Churches, Ms. Weaver was one of some 40 non-government organization on-lookers.

In other action, the women's agency:

- approved a \$25,000 grant for a "project on World Hunger and the Impact of Agribusiness on U.S. Small Farms" which would include work with conference task forces of United Methodist women directly involved in the operation of independent family farms and two national workshops. Funding for the project will come from the Keller designated gift for work on food-energy problems.

- voted a one-time grant of \$20,000 to be applied toward the \$80,000 deficit of the ecumenical Delta Ministry project.

- commended the United Nations for its Law of the Sea Conference, called for "continuation of the moratorium on

exploitation of the deep seabed until a Law of the Sea treaty is signed," and urged United Methodist Women to become informed on issues involved in the debate on Law of the Sea and "impress upon the U.S. government the issues of equity and justice for the developing nations, particularly the least developed."

- voted continuation of support for the Equal Rights Amendment Support Project through March 1976.

- went on record in support of legislation which would provide such services to children and families as quality child care, support services including health services, in-home tutoring, education for parenthood; include safeguards to ensure services are provided only when requested by parents, and establish administration of such programs through a system of state and local governmental "prime sponsors," educational institutions and other public and private grantees.

- approved plans for an experimental program designed to provide periods of reflection and spiritual renewal of board members and staff with the initial session scheduled this summer.

From Our Readers

'DON'T STOP MY PAPER'

To the Editor:

... Here's my subscription renewal. Don't let my paper stop — I might get fired as a Sunday School teacher without the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Norman E. Goodwin
University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center
Oklahoma City, Okla. 73122

'MILES APART'

To the Editor:

Somehow I have a feeling that we are miles apart in our belief on the best method to maintain the good land in which we live as a stronghold for the followers of Our Blessed Savior.

On your editorial page of May 22 there appeared scathing remarks about the quick action to regain a merchant ship flying our flag in international waters and its 40 crew members that were taken captive by an act of piracy.

In a few days I shall attempt to give you my views on this.

George A. McNeely
McGehee, Ark.

CHURCH TAKES STAND

To the Editor:

After all the discussion concerning the ordination of homosexuals as ministers in the church, the Administrative Board of the Nettleton United Methodist Church of Jonesboro voted unanimously to take a stance in total opposition to a move in this direction by the 1976 General Conference or any other General Conference.

Thank you for letting our voice be heard!

Earl W. Watkins, Chairperson
Administrative Board
Nettleton UM Church
Jonesboro, Ark.

Arkansas Methodist

Handgun ban, aim of coalition

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — "Unregulated access" to guns is a growing problem, according to United Methodist Church policy. To help implement that concern, two church agencies are part of a coalition to encourage membership support for new legislation.

The National Coalition to Ban Handguns (NCBH) is the new grouping of a score of religious, educational, public interest and labor organizations. Its chairperson is the Rev. J. Elliott Corbett, Washington, director of church-government relations of the denomination's Board of Church and Society, and the coalition is headquartered at the

board's building here.

The coalition's stand is that "nothing less than banning handguns provides an adequate solution" to the problem. It is based on the record that handguns are used in a large proportion of the 26,000 gun-caused deaths (murder, suicide and accident) each year in the U.S.

NCBH itself is not a lobbying organization, but its participants can lobby to any extent they are authorized and desire, according to Dr. Corbett, a long-time advocate of firearms responsibility.

The United Methodists' official position, taken by the 1972 General Confer-

ence, endorses "the elimination of private ownership and use of handguns, except in extremely limited instances." It also calls for "the licensing of all gun owners and the registration of all firearms" on the grounds that "it is impossible to protect life and maintain public order when individuals have unregulated access to firearms."

Corbett said private funding is being secured for the coalition's program. Member organizations so far have contributed "seed money," including funds from the UM Board of Church and Society and the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

Board of Discipleship adopts austerity measures

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — In order to avoid a second year deficit, the United Methodist Board of Discipleship has released three professional and 12 support staff individuals from its Discipleship Resources Unit.

Dr. Melvin G. Talbert, General Secretary of the Board, said an analysis of the first four months' income has revealed "serious problems" in the Resources Unit which was formed in March of 1974 "to publish, produce, market, and distribute printed and non-printed sales resources of the Board (except curriculum) and to provide production and dissemination services for the communicating and promotional ministries of the Board."

Dr. Talbert said Dr. Harold Bales, one of the three professional staff persons released from the unit, will probably be placed in another unit of the Board but the other two persons — Robert Yoke and Gordon Haug — will be seeking other employment. He also said that attempts are being made to place some of the support staff in other units "in the normal attrition process." Dr. George Outen heads the Discipleship Resources unit.

Because of the action which Dr. Talbert termed "drastic", some of the services of the Board will be discontinued. These will include **Mandate**, a quarterly newspaper mailed to 254,431 persons, **Sawdust**, an in-house newsletter circulated weekly to the 325 employed and professional staff, and other editorial and communications services.

The Board of Discipleship closed 1974 with a \$737,168 deficit, most of it in The Upper Room and Support Services units.

In a letter to the elected members of the Board, Dr. Talbert announced the appointment of Sulon Ferree as acting

editor of **The Upper Room** until a new editor is elected to succeed Dr. Wilson O. Weldon. Dr. Weldon has been named superintendent of the Charlotte (N.C.) District.

Dr. Talbert also announced that six professional staff members are taking new assignments: Willard Williams will become district superintendent in Buffalo, N.Y., July 1; Lon Speer will become pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Mercedes, Tex., July 1; C. Lin Henderson will become pastor of Ben Hill United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., July 1; George Morris will become pastor of First United Methodist Church, Kenosha, Wisc., September 1; Dr. Weldon will become superintendent of the Charlotte (N.C.) District July 1; and Jo Kimmel will be married August 16 and has resigned effective August 31.

U.M. publications paring costs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Because of increasing production costs and decreasing circulation, three United Methodist educational magazines will be changing their formats and another will be looking for a larger ecumenical audience this September.

The Church School, a 40-page monthly mailed to church school teachers and leaders, will be reduced to 32 pages and will use only a two-color cover. Research is being conducted to help the magazine more effectively meet the needs of the one-pastor churches that do not have paid educational staffs. **The Church School** has a circulation of 24,072.

The Christian Home will have its pages reduced from 48 to 32 but the usual four-color cover will be retained. The monthly magazine has a circulation of 70,186.

An opportunity to visit and see "first hand," ministries of the Navajo Indian, related to The United Methodist Church, is being made available by the South Central Jurisdiction at a very nominal rate.

Date for the tour is August 4-8. Participants will be met at the Albuquerque, New Mexico air terminal and transported by a school bus, made available by the Navajo Methodist Indian Mission School, Farmington, N.M. Dormitory rooms will be available at the School and field trips to various United Methodist centers among the Navajos will be planned for each day. Travel to the various centers will be by school bus. Meals will be served at the school or sack lunches will be prepared for the trips.

Other points of interest will be: Bisti

Community Center; Window Rock, Arizona; McCurdy School, Espanola, New Mexico; Shiprock United Methodist Church, Shiprock, New Mexico; American Indian Center, Albuquerque; Navajo reservation interests; and a sight seeing tour of the interesting Mesa Verde Indian ruins at Mesa Verde, Colo.

The tour will be led by Rev. Fred Yazzie, pastor of the Bisti United Methodist Church, who is a Navajo and a graduate of the Navajo Methodist Mission School.

Cost of the tour including travel, room and board, from Albuquerque air terminal and back to the terminal, will be \$100 per person. Each person will need to include cost of transportation from his/her home to Albuquerque as a part of the total expense.

Interested persons should contact their annual conference council director for further information and registration forms.

ROBERT H. HOLT

Robert H. Holt of St. Charles, Mo., and a native of Jonesboro, Ark., died in a car-motorcycle accident, May 28th. His wife, Patricia Burrow Holt, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Burrow of Stephens, Ark. He is survived also by one son, Robert William Holt of St. Charles, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Holt Sr., and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Hill and Miss Robin Holt, all of Jonesboro.

Holt was born Aug. 24, 1946. He was a graduate of Bay High School, the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, and studied at the University of Oklahoma, Norman Okla. Military service in the U.S. Navy included graduation from Officers' Candidate School, and as a lieutenant he worked in naval communications in Rhode Island and Alaska.

At the time of his death he was a member of Faith United Methodist Church in St. Charles and was assistant head librarian in the city-county library system.

Holt was a great nephew of the late John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tenn., widely known in United States Methodism. His parents have long been active in Bay United Methodist Church in Jonesboro District. His mother has held district offices in the women's organization.

INFOSERV changes to summer schedule

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — INFOSERV, the nation-wide, toll-free telephone information service of the United Methodist Church, is changing its hours for the summer months so the staff can concentrate on refining its information bank, so that more questions can be answered quickly.

INFOSERV hours will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CDT). Newsline/Global, a weekly recorded report from the Board of Global Ministries, can be heard by calling INFOSERV between 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. and on weekends. The INFOSERV number is 800-251-8140.

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.

June 15—Sunday Luke 6:32-37
June 16 Ex. 19:3-7
June 17 Romans 5:8-11
June 18 Luke 7:40-44
June 19 Luke 6:39-42
June 20 Luke 7:36-50
June 21 Matt. 7:21-23
June 22—Sunday Matt. 10:26-31

OTHER DONATIONS DESIGNATED AS MEDICAL CAMP, CAMPERSHIPS, GENERAL BUDGET, AND COUNTRY FAIR

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Mashburn
United Methodist Women, St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin M. Patterson
United Methodist Women, Tuckermam UMC
United Methodist Women, Crossett Builders Sunday School Class, Waldo
Katherine Croom
Mrs. Robert P. Lindsey
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest B. Matkin, Jr.
Smith Booth Class, Pulaski Heights UMC
United Methodist Women, Carlisle First Elizabeth Workman Service Guild
Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Shepherd
Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Frederick
United Methodist Women, Sheridan
Odds and Ends Class, Markham Methodist
Alma Eagle Sunday School Class, First Church
Prescott
Mrs. Frances Wahl
Mrs. Fred P. Blanks
Mrs. J. F. Hudson
Lakeside Methodist Golden Agers
Roundtable Class, St. Lukes UMC, L.R.
Rudd Class, Pulaski Heights UMC, L.R.
Plainview United Methodist Women
Huntington-Avenue United Methodist Women, Jonesboro
Estella Baer -
Gladys Ritchie
Mary B. Newsam
Mr. & Mrs. C. S. Blackburn
Lottie Ko
Nellie Dyer
J. C. Dyson Concrete Work
United Methodist Women, Des Arc UMC
Mrs. Horace McKenzie
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Dodgen
Wesley-Asbury Sunday School Class
Mr. & Mrs. B. C. Few

Aldersgate Gifts

(Continued from last week)

United Methodist Women, Stamps
United Methodist Women, Ashdown
Mrs. J. Mitchell
Ladies-Parkview United Methodist Church, Benton
Friendship Class, Huntington Avenue UMC, Jonesboro
Mrs. Marie T. Harris
Miss Maudalene Patterson
Sardis United Methodist Women, Mabelvale
Levy United Methodist Women
Morning Circle United Methodist Women, First United Methodist, Prescott
First United Methodist Church, N.L.R.
Night Group UMW, First Church, Prescott
Women's Society, Sequoyah Methodist, Fayetteville
Highlander Sunday School Class, Highland UMC, Little Rock
Rev. & Mrs. H. D. Womack
Mrs. Ruby E. Kellogg
United Methodist Women, Amity UMC
Jon Williams
White Hall United Methodist Women, Pine Bluff
Mr. & Mrs. Mackey Yokum
Rosalind S. Abernathy
Mrs. O. T. Ward
The Ambassador Class, First UMC, N.L.R.
Rev. John H. Oliver
Wesleyan Service Guild, Rison
Gertrude Mann
Leon Williamson
Mrs. W. E. Ducker
United Methodist Women, Hartford
Mrs. H. King Wade
Mrs. Verna R. Wilks
Greenbrier United Methodist Women
Mrs. John Page
Dr. & Mrs. D. B. Stough III
United Methodist Women, England
Charles A. Stuck
United Methodist Women, Okolona
Couples Sunday School Class, First UMC, Camden
Mrs. B. L. Phillips

ORGAN BIDS ACCEPTED JUNE 22ND

Fairview United Methodist Church, 2603 Mt. Holly Rd. SW, Camden, Arkansas 71701, will accept sealed bids on a 1952 model "C" Hammond Organ until June 22, 1975.

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Fayetteville Youth Choir Returns From Study Tour

The Chapel Choir of senior high youth of Central Church, Fayetteville, has recently returned from a six-day study-tour, during which they visited St. Louis for two days before continuing on to Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. There they participated in three, two-hour choral technique workshops with Richard D. Hoffland, widely known festival conductor and clinician. The tour included also an

informal rehearsal and concert with the 70-voice senior high choir of Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington, Ill., and a visit on the campuses of Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State Universities. Kenneth Davis, assistant director of music and youth director at Central Church, organized and conducted the tour.

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New Bulletin Board At Gentry

Bulletin board recently dedicated to the memory of Mr. Dale Carpenter, a long-time faithful member of the church at Gentry.

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

Credited to an author unknown is this thought in a verse entitled "What Time Is It?" . . . "What time is it? Time to do well; Time to live better; Give up that grudge; Answer that letter; Speak the kind word to sweeten a sorrow; Do that kind deed you would leave 'til tomorrow."

Too Late

"Come to see me," she said,
"I've wished you would for so long."
I replied, "I've meant to go,
But knew you were not strong
And thought, perhaps you'd rather be
Alone."

A teardrop fell — a twitching hand
Pretended to smooth a seam;
Her anguished heart I hoped to
soothe
But something intervened.
My flowers arrived too late! By her
Unseen.

—by Mary S. Christian
Weiner, Arkansas

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To An Addict

Oh! Lost one,
Could we have spoken one word
have given the human touch
slowed your craving-racing
calmed the fury
that devoured your imagination,
at last?

Oh! Lost one,
you are gone,
in a gloom or murky dawn
we have let you slip away
in a haze
a time-less day.

—by Alma Nutt
Benton, Arkansas

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Crossett Grads Honored

Seven graduating high school seniors were honored with a reception at First Church, Crossett, following a recent Sunday morning worship service. Each graduate was presented a Bible by the Rev. Harold K. Davis, pastor.

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New Staff Member

Miss Kathy Fadick, who has recently completed two years in the Philosophy of Religion program at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, assumed the position of educational and youth director at First Church, Benton on June 1st. Miss Fadick, the daughter of Mrs. Evelyn Fadick of Pine Bluff and a former member and director of activities at Lakeside Church in that city, holds a bachelor of music degree from Henderson State University with a major in voice, and a master of music degree from the University of Colorado in Boulder. She has sung professionally with the Denver Lyric Opera Company and plays the organ and piano. Her duties at First Church will include the direction of children's and youth choirs and handbell choirs.

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Beebe Singers Make Musical Tour

His Power & Light Co., youth singing group of First Church, Beebe, in costume for recent presentation of excerpts from the musical, GODSPELL, in a Sunday evening service at their church. Two days later the group left on a tour through northern Arkansas and southern Missouri, presenting the musical, camping, and visiting Silver Dollar City.

Presentations were made at Central Avenue Church, Batesville; First Church Mountain Home, and Trinity Church, Fayetteville. Instrumental accompaniment for the musical production, under the direction of Bonnie Dark, included piano, bass guitar, guitar, recorder and tambourine.