

'Evangelization of our society' seen as greatest need

Two bishops share thoughts on major issues

an interview by the editor

The following are excerpts from an interview conducted June 25 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, during the annual Bishops' Week. Interviewed were the two preachers for the week, Bishop William R. Cannon of the Atlanta Area and Bishop Edward H. Carroll Sr. of the Boston Area.

Bishop Cannon holds degrees from the University of Georgia and Yale University. He served pastorates in Georgia and was Professor of Church History at Candler School of Theology and was dean of that institution and Emory University at the time of his election to the episcopacy in 1968.

Bishop Carroll, ordained an elder in the Washington (D.C.) Conference, holds degrees from Morgan College, Yale University and Columbia University. He has served as a pastor and a district superintendent and was a delegate to three General Conferences prior to his election to the episcopacy in 1972.

Arkansas Methodist: What do you see as the major issues before the church today?

Bishop William R. Cannon: The thing I see as the greatest issue before the church at large — and it would be bigger than just the Methodist Church — is the whole need for the evangelization of our society.

If you have kept up with **NEWSCOPE** you've noted in

the last four issues how most of the conferences are showing great losses in membership. I was glad to see yours is not, and mine is not. But all over the church at large there is a great drop-off. In one conference in Michigan it was nearly 4000 members! We're losing more than the size of a large annual conference a year. Now you can say statistics are not important, but when statistics represent a human person for whom Christ died, that's very important!

And I think that subsidiary to that is the church's lack of ability to appeal to youth. And if these two things are not corrected soon, we're in a great crisis. And I mean not just the church in crisis, but society — for lack of what the church can give.

You find our denomination has not kept up with the growth in population for the last two decades. But only recently has she actually begun to lose members. But some churches have stayed ahead of the growth in population.

Bishop Edward H. Carroll Sr.: Three other things I see as major issues: the need to develop a greater sense of connectionalism, the whole problem of ministerial leadership, and the appointive system. An illustration of the latter is that in my Area people see the so-called "free churches" choosing their own pastors and they say "If the United Church of Christ can call their pastors, why can't we?"

Concerning membership, how do you account for such large losses?



Bishops E. H. Carroll (left) and W. R. Cannon.

Bishop Cannon: One of the reasons — and I may be wrong in this — is that we have taken our cue from society and have tried to give program in keeping with what secular society's interests are rather than challenging society with the interests of the Kingdom of God.

I'm not sure (Paul) Tillich is right when he says that society determines what the theological issues are and then revelation answers them, gives content to them. That's partly true. But we've operated too much on that

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Conferring On United Methodist Periodicals

Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock visits with leaders of the General Church Periodical Publications Study held recently at First Church, Little Rock. From left are Dr. Ellis L. Larsen, group facilitator, Mrs. Davenport, Project Director Dr. Edwin H. Maynard and Dr. Howard Greenwalt, associate executive secretary of United Methodist Communications.



How Best To Spread The Word?

Shown during a work session on the Methodist Periodicals Study are (from left): Ms. Lydia Saenz of Pasadena, Tex., Ms. Linda Beher of Evanston, Ill., Mrs. Dorothea Green of Indianapolis, Ind., the Rev. William C. Henzlik, Park Ridge, Ill., Bishop Otto Nall of Clearwater, Fla., Ms. Joanne Ward of Oklahoma City, Dr. E. H. Maynard, project director, and Dr. Ellis Larsen, group facilitator, both of Evanston.

National leaders at Little Rock meeting

Methodism's periodicals under study

'Updating a noble tradition'

In the first of three regional "roundtables," some 30 persons from a dozen states came to Arkansas week-before-last to share ideas regarding the future of United Methodist periodical publications.

Coming at the invitation of United Methodist Communications (UMC), the 23 participants — lay persons, pastors, church executives and professional communicators from the church and secular media — were joined by a staff team of eight persons from the Evanston, Ill., office of UMC.

Authorized last March by the General Council on Ministries (GCOM), the General Church Periodical Publications Study was assigned to UMC for implementation. Approval of the project came shortly before it was announced that **United Methodists Today**, the church's general-circulation monthly magazine, and its insert for ministers would be suspended with the June issue because of rising costs and declining circulation.

The roundtables are one of several elements in the study, the objectives of which are to develop a philosophy of communication for the entire church, determine what function periodicals can be expected to perform, evaluate present publications and develop options for future periodicals. Results of the study will be presented to the 1976 General Conference.

The Arkansas roundtable, held June 25-26 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, will be followed by similar

events in Philadelphia (July 9-10) and Los Angeles (July 16-17). Arkansans participating in the Little Rock meet were Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock, a member of Pulaski Heights Church and a leader in Conference and Jurisdictional programs, the Rev. Ed Matthews, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff and chairperson of the Board of Managers of the **Arkansas Methodist**, and the Rev. John S. Workman, editor of the **Arkansas Methodist**.

Facilitator for the Little Rock roundtable was Dr. Ellis L. Larsen, faculty member at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, and special resource person to the UMC staff team during the periodicals study.

A Time For Decision

In an introductory paper, Dr. Edwin H. Maynard of Evanston, editorial director of UMCs' Division of Program and Benevolence Interpretation and director of the study, said "The United Methodist Church stands at a crisis point in its printed communications. Right now is a time for decision. The communications revolution that has swept American society in the past two decades has brought with it the necessity for re-examination."

Maynard said the church "needs to know the place of a general periodical or periodicals in a system dedicated to communicating the Gospel of Jesus

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The Rev. Samuel B. Teague

Bentonville pastor in Australia meet

The Rev. Samuel B. Teague, pastor of First Church, Bentonville, is participating in a New Life Mission to Australia, planned jointly by the Federal Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church of Australasia and the Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. The team of some 30 U.S. missionaries, who left Los Angeles July 1, is under the leadership of Dr. George Morris, director of the Department of Preaching Ministries of the Nashville-based board. They will return to the U.S. July 28.

While in Australia Mr. Teague will participate in two New Life Missions, both in the state of Queensland. The first will be at Jimboomba, a community north of Brisbane and the second will be in the city of Gatton, on the Lockyer Valley Cooperative Parish. His duties

'Seven Vital Concerns' proposed for local churches for 1977-80

DAYTON, Ohio (UMC) — A proposal for "Seven Vital Concerns" for local churches in the 1977-80 quadrennium is in preparation for anticipated submission to the 1976 General Conference.

A document is being processed through the General Council on Ministries (GCOM), which would be the channel to General Conference. The seven concerns are presently titled:

"Deeper Personal Commitment to Christ, Strengthening the Local Church, Full Participation by Lay Persons, Concern for Persons, Values and Ethics in Public and Private Life, Living as Good Stewards in an Age of Scarcity, The Future of Church-Related Institutions."

If the proposal gets final GCOM clearance and is approved by General Conference, local churches would be encouraged to give attention to the "Seven Vital Concerns" in the next quadrennium.

Comprising a document presently titled "The Kingdom in Our Midst," the

will include preaching, leading a Bible study, and presiding at youth forums and adult "chat-back" sessions.

Prior to their being deployed throughout the Australian continent, the team members will participate in several days of orientation at Sidney. Mr. Teague's participation in the mission is being made possible by members of the Bentonville church.

concerns have been approved in principle by GCOM. Detailed spelling out of what each concern involves is yet to be completed. The concerns have been identified by the Interagency Staff Task Force on Planning, an adjunct of GCOM, and routed through the GCOM Section on Planning and Research.

"The Kingdom in Our Midst" presently says in part: "These concerns... may or may not be the most important things a local church should be dealing with in any particular locality. But they are concerns that are widely shared. They are areas of need that every local unit of the Body of Christ should examine carefully."

Among specific issues now listed under various concerns are: "To revitalize the church school; to strengthen ethnic minority churches; to provide methods for ongoing sampling of attitudes of local members...; to develop and provide a needed caring ministry, using the gifts of all persons; to support families as they express their Christian values with integrity; to support, through church structures, the corporate and political decisions that enhance human dignity; to exercise responsible use of scarce resources like land, fertilizer, and water...; to seek to understand the effect and implications of the economic crisis in church-related institutions."

Women, minorities, among '76 delegates

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — The 1976 United Methodist General Conference will have a record number of women delegates, including the first ordained women, the youngest delegates ever, and slightly more ethnic minority representatives than the 1972 session of the world-wide assembly.

At the close of the 73 annual conferences in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, 192 women had been elected delegates, according to reports compiled by United Methodist Communications and NEWSCOPE, the national weekly newsletter of the denomination. Ten of these are ordained.

Yet to be received are reports from some 35 conferences outside the U.S.

The 192 women, including three from non-voting missionary conferences, is 64 more than the total of 128 in the 1972 General Conference. Only four of the 73 conferences failed to elect any women — North Dakota, Northwest Texas, Rio Grande and Yellowstone. The ten clergywomen will be a first for the denomination. Some ten conferences elected women this year when they had not in 1972. At least 12 delegations will be headed by women, compared with only three from the U.S. in 1972.

Of the 925 delegates reported as of June 26, a total of 105 are from ethnic minorities. The 1972 General Conference had about 100 minority delegates from the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Evangelization is greatest need, bishops say

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basis and we're just duplicating so much that's being done in secular society without transforming that society or the people in it.

Bishop Carroll: I would say, too, that we haven't understood the faith we profess — what salvation means, what death means, what coming alive means, and so forth. People are indifferent, really, to spiritual values. They're more concerned about the gross national product! They have lost their spiritual dimension and we're not really communicating with them.

Bishop Cannon: And, too, we're not as convinced ourselves of the meaning of the gospel and the need that people have for it. And if we sound an uncertain note, you can't expect response.

Then I think we've been concerned too much with secular issues and interests than we have with giving to society the gospel itself.

Bishop Carroll: Bishop Cannon mentioned the youth. I find that one of my ministers, who has this new evangelical emphasis, has really gained the youth.

The New Evangelical Emphasis

How do you evaluate the new evangelical emphasis, the charismatic or "Holy Spirit movement," within United Methodism?

Bishop Carroll: I look at all things positively — maybe that's my naivete — because I think there is room for it. We are pluralistic. There may be some elements of truth in all of it so I don't criticize. I can disagree — and I do disagree with some of the literal interpretations in much of the charismatic movement and with the tendency to feel that "we have the word, this is the only way to salvation." But I try to be in dialogue — to disagree but to accept.

Bishop Cannon: I think you can't say blanket-wise about it. It depends on what happens in specific instances and what results from it. I think we need to take a critical approach to it and say "What are your fruits?"

Now if all it is is a "whooper-up" thing and they enjoy speaking in tongues themselves and nobody can understand them, what they say and so on, it may be all right for them. But what does it enable them to do that helps other people?

And I have found in many individual instances that those people are divisive and they'll tear a church up more quickly than they help it. They'll say "Come on to my house, there's nothing going on here," and run the

preacher down and so on.

But if they win people to Jesus Christ and make better people of them, and if they support the church, and if they give others who don't have their particular brand of religious experience an opportunity to make their witness without criticizing them — then it could be a good thing.

But I say judge it by its fruits. I've seen some good things come out of it — Oral Roberts, for example, is doing a lot of good — and you can point to many instances of it.

But on the other hand some people might use it as a substitute for doing something for society. I've seen certain rich people get into it and then save their conscience that they're not doing other things.

What do you say to a congregation which may be struggling with such divisive effects?

Bishop Cannon: I don't know what to say because if they are a negative element in the church, the same sort of church discipline ought to apply to them that applies to any other divisive element.

What can be some positive effects of the whole experience?

Bishop Carroll: It is making us more conscious of the reality of the Holy Spirit.

What will be the final effect upon the church from this experience?

Bishop Cannon: It's hard to judge while you're in the middle of it. That's why our history has to look back and assess. It's very difficult to say.

Bishop Carroll: We must remember one thing: that we are to alleviate hurt. And if we are going to substitute euphoria for real suffering to alleviate hurt, then it can go. We'll have a whole lot of folk in there who just want to be a nice club, you know.

But also, in it all, we must remember that God is God over us all. We can't reject anybody!

Emerging Issues

Do you see concerns which should be before the General Conference but which may not as yet have emerged as issues?

Bishop Cannon: One thing — I think we ought to quit tampering with our structure and polity every time we meet and become concerned with what the mission of the church is — which we're not doing. I wish we could forget all about these housekeeping issues and turn to

basic theology, what the church ought to be doing.

My greatest concern for the church right now is that we get bogged down in little immediate concerns and forget its long-range nature and mission... We get off on some problem or concern that happens to be in vogue at the moment and we forget about our long-range mission — which is the same in the 20th century as it was in the first.

Bishop Carroll: But you're not going to duck, though, the Commission on the Status and Role of Women or the Commission on Religion and Race, for that matter! For they have a point. The women, in a male-dominated society, need to raise consciousness with reference to who women are and their rights and all.

Where do you see The United Methodist Church today in regard to racial inclusiveness?

Bishop Carroll: I believe we're committed to an inclusive church. And yet, people are being bothered by quotas. People are concerned that we have so many Blacks, Hispanics, native-born Americans, Orientals and so forth.

But I find that Blacks in their zeal to seek their identity and integrity are still suspicious of the Whites. And that affects the willingness of a black minister to go to a white church, or a white minister to a black church. And if you are going to have an inclusive church, you've got to be able to appoint ministers.

I feel that the Black experience does have a contribution to make in terms of helping all Christians understand what God meant to a downtrodden race. He gave them identity and raised them above this, you see. This is it. It isn't so much to compensate for that which you have been denied. It is to bring a positive contribution to the enhancement of the church in terms of God-people relationship. It's reliving the Old Testament, I think. So we do have a mission.

"Greatest Reason For Hope"

What is your greatest reason for hope for the church in the future? If you were a pastor of a local congregation, what would you be preaching?

Bishop Carroll: "Jesus Christ and Him crucified!" Because, you see, those are the four mighty acts: incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection and Pentecost. They will solve our identity problem — who we are and whose we are. And they will give us, really, the mandate to be faithful.

Bishop Cannon: I'd preach the resurrection. That's our greatest reason for hope!

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Biblical faith and the Bicentennial Year

One of the most significant contributions of the Judeo-Christian faith to modern civilization has been its gift of "perspective." Out of the Old and New Testaments has come the imperative that current and past societies be judged by something more than purely secular evaluations.

Our Christian and Jewish traditions have provided us with the most "whole" vantage point for measuring ourselves and for being judged by the Eternal. It has been our religious faith which has given us the "long look," enabling us to view our moment in time from the perspective of a longer history — not just humanity's secular history, though that is a vital yardstick, but the longer perspective of "God's history."

Such thoughts are not irrelevant in these days when our Bicentennial Celebration is so much before us. For surely one of the great needs of our day is to view both past and current events from the perspective of our biblical faith.

Consider some of the characteristics of our time which, if we are to make the most positive and hopeful response to them, will require insights from our faith:

- A time in which change and the certainty of more change is one of the few constant, stable realities;
- A time in which historic institutions have been challenged and in which here-to-fore firmly established authority has been questioned and has eroded;
- A time in which the political maps of nations change faster than the history books can record;
- A time of a new economic imperialism, in which the decisions of an economically powerful few control the lives and destinies of economically powerless millions;
- A time in which events seem beyond the control of any human authority.

But what does it do for us to judge and be judged from the perspective of faith? Depending on where we are, it brings us both good news and bad.

It is our religious faith which best reminds us "who we are and whose we are." It will not let us forget, no matter how hard we try, that we have a conscience.

It is our faith that provides us with our sense of direction, letting us know "where North is" so we can tell from which way the wind is blowing.

Our faith helps keep our symbols of progress in proper order: it reminds us that we travel wisest by the compass than by the speedometer. Our faith keeps us from giving way to despair and prevents us from being defeated by our own pride. It reminds us that God's ways are not man's ways.

Our faith is our vital "evaluator" in that it makes us sensitive to man's inhumanity to man and is our best reminder that we can't forgive our own sin. It frightens us with the reality of humanity's occasional madness while it heartens us with a vision of what human beings may become. And it teases us with glimpses of the City of God.

It is because of our faith that we can weep at the suffering of our brothers and sisters, and at our own. And it is our faith that makes it possible of us to laugh together, and alone. It prevents us from taking ourselves too seriously and it forces us to face up to the heavy significance of our role in helping one another.

And — probably most significant of all for our present condition — our faith's gift of long-range perspective opens the door to hope. It enables us to see present events against the larger pattern of God's grace. It directs, and finally brings us, to our only true home.

Our country's Bicentennial Year affords us the opportunity to see the tremendously significant role which biblical faith has played and continues to play in our national life. And, though it is a more secular than religious celebration, the observance can quite properly call us to a renewed devotion to that faith.

A statement by the late noted journalist, Walter Lippmann, though not intended as a commentary on the religious faithful, seems especially appropriate:

"The world will go on somehow, and more crises will follow. It will go on best, however, if among us there are men who have stood apart, who refused to be anxious or too much concerned, who were cool and inquiring, and had their eyes on a longer past and a longer future."

Lightning, From My Cloud

After watching a summer storm at night

If, some day, I live on a cloud
I want to sit up late on summer nights
and watch the lightning dance around the sky.

(I always wanted to do that,
when I lived on earth,
but my porch was no cloud
and I could see just enough
to make my soul thirsty
and my heart hungry.

(And, reluctantly, I would return indoors,
yearning for more of that mysterious,
ever-changing, always teasing lightshow.)

It's not that I want to understand its secrets.
I know, now, that I really don't care so much
about its hows and whats.
I know its whys, and that is enough.

I just want to watch
and marvel
and enjoy.

And, as with my loved ones we take in the show,
I'd like to have some friends over from their cloud
so together we could share our "ooh!"s and "ah!"s
as we watch the moving mountains
boil and bubble and rumble
and flash in silver and purple
and gray and pink
and black and white
and finally grow quiet
and pass on somewhere (I do wonder where),
leaving a vast stillness and peace
across the eternal sky.

Afterwards we could fall asleep
and dream of what we have enjoyed together
and awake in time for the next offering.

Off the Top of the Head

The Unbirthday

Talk about bargains, when I celebrated my birthday last week I discovered that I was a year younger than I thought I was! All year long I had been telling folk that I was 48 when in fact I was only 47.

I can't quite figure out how, when or where the miscalculating began. Seems, though, that it could have been caused by any one of the following factors — or possibly all of them:

- Either 1975 seemed like it was two years long;
- Or I was so eager to get out of '74 that I made such a running exit I landed all the way into '76;
- Or it may have been that '76 looked so imposing that I overstayed a year in '75;
- Or it could have been that somewhere during the past 12 months I crossed the International Birthday Line and didn't even feel it;
- Or it might be that my Mommy and my Daddy are somehow responsible for the whole mixup.

Whatever, it sure does feel good realizing that you're a year younger than you thought you were!

But it's not all joy. My family held a council meet and decided that the only thing to do under the circumstances was not to give me my present and to take back the one they gave me last year.

Oh, well — at least I can look forward to next year. Then I'll be 46!

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'Youth Ministry Team' named

A "Youth Ministry Team" has been established by the Council on Youth Ministry of the Little Rock Conference to better promote the program of youth ministries within the Conference.

Planned at a recent meeting of the Council during Conference Camp at Camp Tanako, the new plan will provide a team of three or four members of the Council who will be available upon invitation to visit any church in the Conference.

In addition to presenting the general

work of the Council and Conference youth programs, the team will give special attention to the Youth Service Fund and the work of the Project Review Committee.

Pastors or workers with youth who would like to schedule a visit by the team may write or call the Youth Ministry Team chairperson, Ken Pearson, 1106 North Fourth Street, McGehee, Ark. 71654 (telephone: 222-3441).

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'Youth Ministries' delegates injured in bus accident

A chartered bus, bringing youth from the Northwest Texas and New Mexico conferences to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly at Fayetteville, was involved in an accident Monday, July 7, in which a number of persons were seriously injured. The accident occurred in Oklahoma, just west of Siloam Springs, Ark.

Contacted at Fayetteville Tuesday morning, Dr. Duane Bruce, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction, stated that six of the 17 persons originally reported injured remain hospitalized, two in critical condition.

Bruce said that five persons, two youths, two ministers, and the bus driver, were at Washington General Hospital in Fayetteville and another youth was in a hospital at Siloam

Spring.

He reported that in critical condition were the bus driver (name not available) and the Rev. Richard Pittman of Lubbock, associate director of the Council on Ministries of the Northwest Texas Conference. He said another minister, the Rev. Wilson Holman, pastor of Epworth Church, Abilene, Tex., was in serious condition.

Bruce said Mt. Sequoyah Assembly had made housing available to parents and relatives of the injured and that the Assembly staff and churches of the area were "doing all they could" to help meet the needs of the injured and their relatives. The youth and adults were enroute to the Jurisdiction Youth Ministry Enterprise in session this week.

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Campus ministry 'healthy' reports show

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Statistical data collected from United Methodist Annual Conferences in 50 states and the District of Columbia shows that the denomination gave nearly \$5 million to campus ministry in 1974, an increase of seven per cent over 1972 and 15 per cent over 1970.

Dr. Eugene A. Ransom, assistant general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry's Section on Campus Ministry, said in spite of increasing financial

pressure in many areas of higher education, United Methodist campus ministry appears healthy.

Total reported giving to campus ministry in 1974 was \$4,937,938. Interpreting the statistics, Dr. Ransom said it is important to note that 40 states and the District of Columbia showed increased support during the last two years. "The increases were not large amounts in one or two places but were widespread," he observed.

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Christ, the spiritual growth of Christian disciples, and the witness of the church in the world." Stating "We have a noble history of periodicals," he said "the door is open" and the time was right "to build on that history in a style appropriate to the last quarter of the 20th century."

Working alternately in small groups and in plenary session the roundtable was marked by an impatience to "get to the point." When most of the first afternoon of the noon-to-noon meeting was spent in discussion of a philosophy of communications, one participant, the Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III of Dallas, editor of *The Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter*, said he felt most of the group had "long ago settled on a Christian philosophy of communications" and that "that's not what we were invited to Little Rock to do." He urged that the roundtable "get to the point," which most participants seemed to agree was consideration of options for the future.

One group suggested the following as possibilities for the future:

1. Boards or agencies should have an option to publish journals necessary to their work so long as such were not a duplication of existing publications.
2. There is a need for a professional journal for ministers.
3. Conference and Area newspapers are existing so they must be a viable option.
4. A national newspaper as a priority.

A participant said, "The Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter is a national newspaper, so you are talking about a second one if you are talking about starting a new one. If a new one were started, it would have to do a better job than TM/UMR is now doing." Mr. Dunnam reported that 28 of the 73 annual conferences and 50 per cent of the ministers receive editions of that publication.

The Rev. Jeff Bowden, a representative of the Board of Discipleship, said that agency, recently formed from several major boards and agencies, had no journal of its own and was dependent upon *The Interpreter* (the church's official program journal) to tell its story.

"If *The Interpreter* should cease," Bowden said, "the Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Church and Society would not be hurt, but (the Board of) Discipleship would be out of business. We depend solely on *The Interpreter*." He stated that his board needed "more than we're getting" in terms of space in *The Interpreter*.

'Let The Gospel Set The Agenda'

The staff team requested representatives of caucuses and ethnic and minority groups to express their specific needs. Ms. Lydia Saenz of Pasadena, Tex., said the biggest concern of minority women is "not being heard. It's just not there for them," she said. "When we're in a meeting and voice our opinions, it's kind of 'Yeah,' and every-



Enjoying Mt. Sequoyah Fellowship

Visiting during Bishops' Week at Mt. Sequoyah are (from left): Dr. Duane Bruce of Oklahoma City, Jurisdiction executive secretary; the Rev. Lee Cate, Assembly superintendent; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, pastor of Winfield Church, Little Rock; Dr. Charles P. McDonald, superintendent of the Fort Smith District, and the Rev. Harold Spence, superintendent of the Fayetteville District.



In Mt. Sequoyah's Clapp Auditorium

Over 300 persons from the 17 annual conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction participated in the Bishops' Week celebration at the Fayetteville assembly grounds June 23-26.

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one goes on."

Ms. Saenz said that members in the local church "are hurting because they feel people at the national level are not listening to their problems. Maybe it's because we don't speak the language of professional communicators. If we don't speak the jargon, we don't get across," she said, and added that "all I see that's happening here is that we're rehashing our in-house problems."

Speaking in the interest of what he called "another minority — the small church," the Rev. Ed Matthews of Pine Bluff said the attitude of such churches is that "we're griping; we're complaining. We want you fellows up in the general boards to know we're out here. You'd better publish some Sunday School literature like we want... You'd better listen to us..."

Dr. George Outen of the Board of Discipleship, responding to a statement by a participant that ethnic minorities' concerns were being better communicated today than ten years ago, said "I'm not sure that is true. Many are simply fighting for survival. We don't always see these kinds of concerns being expressed in our periodicals."

Outen said it was "great to see the church get excited over world hunger and over homosexuality, but that's not really where we are. We think the wrong world is setting the agenda for the church. We'd like to see the gospel set the agenda for the church!"

Among roundtable participants was Bishop Otto T. Nall, retired, of Clearwater, Fla., a former long-time editor of *The Christian Advocate*. In a paper entitled "Methodism and its Church Papers," written for the study and made available at the roundtable, Bishop Nall said "For Methodists, communications have always centered in issues," and noted that the church's papers "have increased or decreased as they ministered or failed to minister to the needs of concerned people."

He added that "the history of our papers indicates that they had better find out what the concerns are and how to minister to the wants and needs that grow out of (those) Christian concerns."

Referring to *United Methodists Today*, he said "the failure in this latest in a long series of efforts to adapt the church press to the times was really a lack of the knack for reading the signs of the times." He said that what was required was "more than a new name (like *United Methodists Today*) or a new format or new technical skills, but rather a fresh interpretation of the old philosophy of Christian communication."

The initial report of the staff team is to be presented to the Joint Committee on Communications Sept. 21-23 with the final report on Dec. 2-5. The General Council on Ministries will then receive the report and determine what shall be presented to the General Conference.

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NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard



Meatless days and fasts would amount to an "agricultural boycott" argued Gilford Steenhoek, a farmer from Pella, Iowa, as he defended the rejection by his denomination of such a proposal. Delegates to the Reformed Church in America's General Synod also voted down a suggestion that Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving be considered fast days in order to save money for anti-hunger programs.

The Rev. Robert E. Larson, national director of Contact Teleministries U.S.A., Inc. said an estimated 600,000 calls were made last year to 68 "help-line" telephone centers in the U.S. by people undergoing problems. The United Presbyterian clergyman said most calls relate to problems of isolation and loneliness, with personal relationships responsible for the second largest category of calls, and problems involving mental and emotional distress drawing the third largest number of appeals. There are now 132 Contact centers around the world.

Mrs. Martha Clayton Jones, 56, of Montclair, N.J., a former missionary to China and Malaya and wife of Dr. Tracey K. Jones Jr., general secretary of the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries, died at her home June 14th following a lengthy illness.

Mildred Black, a white United Methodist missionary, has received Liberia's highest honor for her 36 years of work in education and evangelism. Miss Black, who retires this year, has been named by Liberian President William R. Tolbert Jr., a Baptist minister, as Dame Grand Commander of the Liberian Order of African Redemption. Miss Black said she felt there is definitely need for missionaries in that country "so long as they don't go out with preconceived ideas as to what they're going to do and how to do it."

Former Congressman Brooks Hays, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said "As this nation faces its historic Bicentennial celebration it is time to pledge allegiance to our divine calling as Christians and our divinely inspired ministry as Southern Baptists." Addressing his denomination's Christian Life Commission he said, "... honest patriotism requires disagreement with the government when it is wrong as well as praise for it when it is right ... Government must be respected but never worshipped."

An official set of guidelines for marriages between Roman Catholics and Episcopalians, believed to be the first in the nation, has been approved for a one-year trial in West Virginia by bishops of the respective dioceses.

Varying Christian responses have followed Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley's call for the adoption of socialism and his equation of that system with "Christianity in action." The associate director of Christian Action for Development in the Caribbean, charges that Democratic Socialism has not helped Jamaica and that Western Kingston has become an "unending scene of terror, rape, murder and every other form of human degeneracy." The Rev. Richmond Nelson, outgoing president of the Jamaica Council of Churches, urged the Christian community to take Democratic Socialism seriously and seek to "understand what it teaches, what it intends to practice, and the method by which it seeks to achieve its goals."

Inflation and a general British money shortage are preventing the dispatch of 300,000 Bibles in 32 languages to Africa, according to the general director of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Now in the society's London warehouse or in the production process, they cannot be sent out until next year unless the equivalent of \$588,000 is found.

The Rhode Island state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is considering a federal court challenge of the state's three school districts that assign public school teachers to math and science classes in Roman Catholic schools, according to the chapter's executive director.

The American Indian Movement (AIM), meeting in Farmington, N.M., voted to outlaw the sale of alcohol and drugs on Indian reservations. Alcoholism and drug addiction, AIM said, "are only a symptom of the ... disease of cultural and spiritual ethnicide." It charged that "the institution of the Christian churches have failed in their mission. The continued practice of spiritual and cultural ethnicide must stop. The Christian Church must not be allowed to enslave the minds of our children." AIM said further that it will "organize Indian people to take control of the school systems affecting our children, including public, parochial and Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools."

Jeremiah Wolfe, a Cherokee Indian, has been elected by the Western North Carolina delegation as a lay delegate to the 1976 United Methodist General Conference in Portland, Ore. Most of the Indian members of the 10 million-member denomination are in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, a regional organization that does not yet enjoy full voting rights at General Conferences. Mr. Wolfe is the lay leader of the 145 year-old United Methodist Center on the Cherokee's western North Carolina reservation.

Jeb Stuart Magruder, convicted Watergate conspirator who was released from prison in January, has joined the staff of Young Life, an evangelical youth organization with headquarters in Colorado Springs, as vice president-administrator. Mr. Magruder said he did not experience a dramatic religious "conversion" after Watergate, because he had never "fallen away" from the church. It was rather a "question of slippage."

Ways of simplifying burial practices and a new look at the meaning of the ordained ministry were scheduled for consideration at the 189th annual conference of the Church of the Brethren as it assembled June 24-29 at the Dayton (Ohio) Convention Center.

Pope Paul has urged Roman Catholics to cultivate the habit of fervent, daily prayer, calling it "a duty, a need, a comfort, a hope, and a beauty."



Imprisoned Betsie Reads Bible

Julie Harris who portrays Corrie's sister Betsie in the film version of Corrie ten Boom's book, *The Hiding Place*, reads from the Bible during her imprisonment in a Nazi concentration camp. The film, which tells the story of Miss ten Boom's efforts to assist Jews in escaping capture by the Nazis during World War II, is being produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's World Wide



ten Boom Family Goes To Jail

Pictures and will open around the country in September. In the scene at right four members of the ten Boom family are taken to jail after being arrested in Haarlem, the Netherlands, for aiding Jews. They are, from left: Betsie (Julie Harris), Peter (Paul Henley), Corrie (Jeannette Clift) and their father (Arthur O'Connell). —RNS Photo

News from the churches

A RECENT REVIVAL at Harrell United Methodist Church, Monticello District, featured a different speaker each night. They were: The Rev. Joe Arnold, pastor of Warren First Church; the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul Church, El Dorado; the Rev. Everett Vinson, Monticello District superintendent, and the Rev. Arnold Simpson, pastor of the Fordyce Charge.

RECENT IMPROVEMENTS at Faustina Church, Monticello District, include painting of the exterior and installation of new carpeting in the sanctuary. The carpeting is a memorial to Mr. Jack Dunn and Mrs. Leslie Roark. New altar cloths are a memorial to Mr. R. L. Goodwin Sr.

THE YOUTH of First Church, El Dorado are participants in a mission tour to Houston, July 9-13. The tour schedule, coordinated by Sarah Peterson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Bagley, includes visits to the Astrodome, Larkin Community Center, Casa de Negros (Spanish/American community center), Seamen's Center in the Port of Houston, NASA Space Center, and the Hospital Complex, which includes Methodist, St. Luke's M. D. Andersons, Baylor Medical School and Dental School.

GRACE United Methodist Church, Searcy, held a fellowship supper recently in honor of Greg and Debbie Webb. Mr. Webb has recently received his License to Preach and will be serving the Cedar Grove and Tumbling Shoals Charge. Mrs. Webb is the daughter of the Rev. Lewis Ernest, pastor of Grace Church, and Mrs. Ernest.

VANTREASE UNITED METHODIST Church, El Dorado, recently held its vacation church school. Their service project will be purchasing road signs for the church. The adult Sunday school classes furnished refreshments. Mrs. W. R. Jones was the director.

THE YOUTH of First Church, Malvern, went to DeGray Lake recently for a swimming party and hamburger supper.

MRS. RUTH GRIFFIN of Jonesboro First Church was honored at a recent Sunday morning service on the occasion of her retirement after 22 years' service as coordinator of the Elementary Division of the Church School. She was presented with a gold cross necklace and was honored by contributions in her name to the church organ fund.

Personalia

JONATHAN EDWARD WAYLAND was born June 24 in Minneapolis, Minn., to Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Tatum Wayland Jr. His paternal grandparents are Ewing and Frances Wayland; great-grandparents are Edward and Sue Wayland, all of Mt. Prospect, Ill. The great-great-grandfather was Jonathan Wayland, pioneer Arkansas Methodist preacher.

THE REV. AND MRS. Charlie V. Mashburn of Hot Springs were injured in an automobile accident June 22 near Kingsburg, Calif., while on a vacation trip. Both suffered broken ribs and Mrs. Mashburn a broken collar bone. They have been in the Kingsburg Hospital. Mr. Mashburn is a retired member of the Little Rock Conference.

THE REV. JESSE L. JOHNSON, former Arkansas pastor, has recently been appointed to Airline United Methodist Church in the Houston North District, near the new Houston International Airport. The Johnsons invite their friends in Arkansas to visit them when in the Houston area. The address is Airline United Methodist Church, 165 West Road, Houston, Tex. 77037.

THE REV. FERRIS NORTON, a former member of the Little Rock Conference, is on leave-of-absence from his pastorate in St. Louis due to illness. The Nortons have moved to Dallas where he will receive medical treatment and do post-graduate study at SMU. He expects to return to the Missouri East Conference after a year. The Norton's address is Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Tex. 75222.



Forrest City Ladies Present 'A Fish Story'

Members of the Forrest City UMW organization who recently presented an informative skit on the book of Jonah. Mrs. J. W. Lieblong and Mrs. C. W. Heustess (left to right, at ticket booth) captured the attention of the audience with their portrayals of Jonah and Sargon of Assyria. The ladies in the foreground assisted with other segments of the "Fish Story."

THE ARKADELPHIA District United Methodist Youth recently sponsored a round-robin youth revival with the Rev. Don Eubanks, pastor of Des Arc United Methodist Church, as revival speaker. The Genesis Singers from Sheridan Church were one of the singing groups attending. Services were held at Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, First Church, Arkadelphia and First Church, Malvern.

PATTY SKOOG presented a program of sacred music on the organ at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro recently. Mrs. Skoog, whose husband is director of choral activities at Arkansas State University, is the organist at First Church. Mrs. Skoog has studied at the University of Oklahoma City, North Texas State University and in Stockholm, Sweden.

THE REV. CARR DEE RACOP, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, was a recent guest speaker at First Church, Lonoke. On a recent Sunday evening, Greg Alagood, youth director at First Church, Lonoke, presented a slide program of the Hendrix College Choir tour to Romania, Austria, Italy and Switzerland.

THE YOUTH TOUR CHOIR of First United Methodist Church of Brooksville, Fla., recently presented the musical, "I'm Here! God is Here! Now We Can Start," in First Church, Jacksonville.

THE YOUTH of First Church, Jonesboro, attended a swimming party and picnic at Wayland Spring Camp recently. Following supper a devotional service was held in the outdoor chapel.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH in the Little Rock District will hold its annual homecoming Sunday, July 20, with a song service and "dinner on the ground." All former members of the old Oak Hill Circuit are urged to attend. J. W. Newsam, lay pastor, extends an invitation to the public.

GAIL PAYTON of Hot Springs, who will be a freshman at Hendrix College next fall, has been awarded a United Methodist Scholarship by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Payton, Ms. Payton plans to major in pre-medicine at Hendrix. United Methodist Scholarships are provided by funds received from offerings given through the local churches across the nation on United Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June. About 500 awards are given annually.

MISS JOAN FROST of Marked Tree, summer Vocational Intern at Central Avenue Church in Batesville, preached her first sermon there June 29. Miss Frost, a student at Arkansas State University, is one of three persons serving in the Vocational Intern Program sponsored by the Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations of the North Arkansas Conference.

THE REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL, retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference, preached for the morning and evening services at Rose City Beacon United Methodist Church on a recent Sunday.



Dr. Poe Williams Speaks Where Ministry Began

This year's homecoming at Springtown Church in Fayetteville District featured as guest preacher Dr. Poe Williams who began his ministry at that church 40 years ago while a student at John Brown University. Dr. Williams, now on the Board of Discipleship staff in Nashville, spoke on the subject, Why Men Build Churches. The homecoming celebration, held every five years, attracted a capacity crowd, and included dinner on the grounds, special music, a reading of the church history, and served as a prelude to the centennial celebration to be observed in 1981.

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.

July 13—Sunday Mark 6:7-11
 July 14 Luke 10:38-42
 July 15 Isa. 55:6-9
 July 16 Amos 7:12-15
 July 17 Deut. 30:11-14
 July 18 I Sam. 9:9-13
 July 19 I Sam. 10:5-8
 July 20—Sunday Eph. 4:1-6



Mt. Carmel Church Honors New Pastor

Administrative Board Chairman Cecil Gill of Mt. Carmel Church, Benton, presents new pastor, the Rev. Ralph Wallis Jr. with 12-volume set of Interpreters Bible.

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Information on film service, camping, Bicentennial resources

United Methodist Film Service

The new UNITED METHODIST FILM SERVICE, which began operation June 1, 1975, will provide United Methodists with a central source for purchasing and renting films, produced and owned by United Methodist Communications, the Board of Global Ministries and the Board of Church and Society.

It is expected that resources from other boards and commercial producers will be available soon. In addition, United Methodists can receive counseling and availability information about audiovisuals from other producers.

"For some time film users have been requesting a single ordering point in the church," according to Wilford V. Bane Jr., director of UMC's distribution and utilization department. "When Cokesbury recently made a decision to discontinue their film rental service, we decided to try and provide a film information, sales and rental service for the church which will support the existing annual conference audio-visual libraries," he said. "We are continuing our negotiations with the general boards and other film producers in order to provide United Methodists with a broad selection of resources for their needs."

Persons interested in using this new service should call 615/327-0911 or write UNITED METHODIST FILM SERVICE, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Van Buren UMW hears Vietnamese nuns

United Methodist Women of First Church, Van Buren, were recent hosts to four Vietnamese Catholic nuns who presented a program of vocal music at the June meeting of that organization. Three of the women, young (ages 19, 21 and 23) nuns of the French Carmelite order, were until recently based at Da Lat, South Vietnam. They were accompanied by their superior, Sister Immanuel. Following the musical selections they spoke through an interpreter, Sister Carmen of St. Scholastica Convent in Fort Smith.

In the United States only one month, the women reported that while the scenery of the area reminded them of their homeland, the language barrier proved a difficult adjustment. They are awaiting assignment from their mother house in Cluny, France.

Summer Camping

Both conferences of the Arkansas Area have a fine camping program for children, youth, and adults. Brochures are available which provide general information and the camping schedule. If you need additional information or additional brochures, contact your Council Office.

Bicentennial Resources

All of us are interested in the religious implications of the Bicentennial. Pastors and Lay Members of the Annual Conferences have received a very fine "Catalogue of Bicentennial Resources for Local Churches." The catalogue contains sixteen pages prepared jointly by several general church agencies. It lists resources, costs and provides limited descriptions. In case you missed your copy of the catalogue, you may order from the Commission on Archives and History, P.O. Box 488, Lake Junaluska, N.C. 28745.

Local congregations of The United Methodist Church should plan emphases, studies, and goals that will move not solely to Sunday, July 4, 1976, but from that date toward another great Bicentennial — the Christmas Conference of 1784 — the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Bull Shoals Church Honors New Members

Recent activities at Bull Shoals have included a Sunday evening social hour at which new members (shown above) were honored. Also honored were the Rev. and Mrs. George Cleary on their departure for their new pastorate at Jonesboro. Another recent event, the Sunday School picnic at State Park, was attended by 26 young folk.

Johnson Family Honored At Siloam Springs

The Rev. and Mrs. Merle Allison Johnson and daughters, Marsha and Karla were honored with a reception preceding their departure for the pastorate of First Church, Forrest City. Three hundred members turned out for the event. A hand carved and hand painted Anri Creche from Italy was presented as a parting gift.



New Ministers In Paragould District

Photographed with District Superintendent Ben Jordan (third from left, front row) during annual district picnic for parsonage families were new ministers in the district. Left to right, J. T. Holland, Lon Brewer, Reginald Moore, (Rev. Jordan), Harry Price, Tom Weir, Bill Connell, Mike Orr, Wendell Dorman, and B. W. Stallcup. The afternoon and evening event, held at Wayland Spring Camp, Imboden, included fellowship, swimming, ping pong and a potluck meal.

Ministers' Wives Elect Officers

Members of the Ministers' Wives organization met long enough during the Paragould District picnic to elect officers. From left, Mrs. David Moose, president; Mrs. Roy Poyner, secretary, and Mrs. Mike Orr, vice president.



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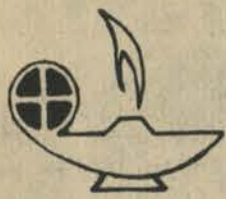


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When The Going Is Hard

by WAYNE S. WHITE

ORIENTATION: A mature person can keep steady. He can accept sunny days of success and achievement without losing perspective. He can keep going when things are difficult. Christian maturity can give poise and peace in stormy days of trial, hardship, loneliness and difficulty.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 10; I Corinthians 2:1-5; II Corinthians 4:7-16.

PURPOSE OF THE LESSON: Some hardships seem necessary to develop the muscular power of the spirit, if we take them as challenges to build on the solid rock and to know how to tap available resources.

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The Storms Of Life

Hard times have a way of strengthening the growing personality. They not only test us but actually deepen our roots, like the storm does a tree. When a greenhouse plant is first planted outdoors it must be braced against the wind but a natural plant which has always been out in the winds, can not only take a wind, but puts down more roots. One kind of mountain pine looks small, but it has a tremendous root system. Without storms it would not have all those roots.

A commentary on the problem of today's lesson is the slogan of a football team: When the going is tough, the tough get going. Were we ever told that it was easy to be a real Christian? Usually we are told that we ought not expect it to be a snap. The best things in life are costly, and the Christian life is above all other things the very finest that life can offer. It is worth all it costs, in endurance, struggle and sacrifice. The motto for training sailors long ago in sailing ships was, "A smooth sea makes a poor sailor." Bible passages and many hymns remind us the pilgrim has a steep climb to the City of Light.

It all began, of course, with Adam and Eve. If they had been content with the life of Paradise (which for us means the pre-natal and first three years of life) and if they had remained contentedly in the Garden, then we would not have had tribulations and all the decisions we have to make. No, nor would we have had any character or spirit. Dr. Pat McGeachy writes in the Adult Leader for this quarter that "the sin of the first Adam at the temptation was not the sin of trying to be like God; it was rather the sin of faithlessness: of refusing to believe that he was already like God; made in his image."

Being a free person, one is free to make the decisions that lead to good things and to difficulties. The price of freedom is to face what comes.

Discipline For Disciples

Christians remember that Jesus carried the cross to his own crucifixion. Whatever carrying the cross means today we have no right to expect a life of ease. The early disciples encountered rough going. Merely to be called a Christian was once as much as your life was worth. Stephen was stoned to death for talking about his faith in Jesus. It is said that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Church. Certainly the death of Stephen worked a change in the heart of Saul of Tarsus who stood nearby. Saul never got away from the death and forgiving prayer of Stephen, and later confronted the Christ.

Strength For Hard Times

Adversity not only tests a person, but summons him to find power to stand it. Inflation, unemployment and depression not only drive people to hard thinking about how the system works and why the poor get poorer, but send people to sources of inner strength. More Christians are studying the Bible, more prayer groups are formed to give inner power for hard times.

Edwin Markham, poet author of "The Man With the Hoe" and many other fine poems, once came through a terrible testing time with new strength. When he was old enough to retire a respected friend enticed him to invest his life's savings in a speculation that failed. Here, at what was to have been the end of his working days, he had to start life all over again, impoverished and betrayed. He had suffered a humiliating defeat, and felt he had been used by a persuasive young man who liked money more than people.

This grand man of great character and insight found that he was growing bitter in his lonely misery. He deeply resented the man who had nearly destroyed him. One evening as he stood at his window in Staten Island overlooking the New York harbor, he suddenly asked himself, "Why should I let anyone sour my life and turn my spirit into bitterness?" He sat down and composed a famous four line poem:

"He drew a circle that shut me out,
Heretic, rebel, and thing to flout;
But love and I had the wit to win.
We drew a circle that took him in."

What Hurts Us?

After self-examination we sometimes see that we not only can control and heal the wounds of life, but that we have actually caused our own suffering. A lonely friend told me he faced his own self-pity after he began to concern himself about the needs of others. He concluded that no one outside you can hurt you unless you let them do so.

If we think another person is hostile, we could change the picture and see him as friendly; then in good grace go to him in kindness. Miracles have happened.

Teachers of little children learn to accept the antagonistic behavior of children as symptoms of what is going on inside them. If they've been punished or humiliated before school their hostility is not directed personally at the teacher. Aggression comes out, either against others, or if against oneself to build for future illness.

Illness, Pain

Good medical checkups, care of a physician, and sometimes surgery are needed. In this we are very thankful for spiritual healing and such prayer groups as Christ Episcopal Church in Little Rock under the fine guidance of Dr. Rufus Womble.

We are shocked to learn that we bring much of our illness and suffering upon ourselves. We make ourselves sick. We do not trust the healing in God's universe, and we do foolish and excessive things to hurt our bodies. The human body is made for wholeness (the same root word was heal, hale and health).

A great doctor once conducted me through a very large hospital. As we walked through the hall he would stop at the door of a large room and describe the ailment, disease or affliction of those in that room. He described some that I had never heard about, even with my years of hospital visitation. Finally, I interrupted and remarked, "My, when you know all the things that could happen to the human body, it's a wonder any of us are well." He smiled and said, "I would say it the other way. When you know how well the body is made, it's a wonder any of us are ever sick."

In this spirit the famous Dr. Richard Cabot would offer this question to his medical students at Harvard: "Gentlemen, would you like to know the cause of every illness?" Then he would say, "It's the wear and tear of the soul upon the body."

Jesus knew the priority of the healing of the spirit, for he would say to those physically healed, "Your faith has made you whole;" or "Go in peace."

When the going gets hard, we can give thanks for its opportunity, and say with Phillips Brooks:

Pray not for easy lives,
Pray to be stronger men;
Pray not for tasks equal to your strength,
Pray for strength equal to your task.
Then the doing of your work
will be no miracle
But you will be a miracle.
Every day you will wonder at yourself,
At the richness of life which has come
to you by the grace of God.

EMC begins independent 'brokerage' for evangelical missionaries

Votes continued support of World Division 'whenever possible'

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — The Evangelical Missions Council, an unofficial caucus of United Methodist evangelicals, has voted unanimously to serve in a brokerage capacity in the placement and support of evangelical missionaries overseas.

Although stating "it is our desire and intention to continue working through the World Division" (the overseas mission unit of the denomination's Board of Global Ministries), the EMC executive committee added "we would not feel ourselves limited to the World Division."

The action came June 18 during a meeting of the EMC 10-member executive committee in Atlanta, Ga. The Rev. Dr. David Seamands, EMC chairman and pastor of First United Methodist Church in Wilmore, Ky., said the committee was aware its action "may be misunderstood" but felt it would "just have to take that risk," an apparent acknowledgement that some persons might view the action as the establishment of a rival mission agency, thereby raising questions of church law in the polity of United Methodist connectionalism.

The EMC, founded in February 1974, has been critical of the church's mission board, charging that its World Division and Education and Cultivation Division place too much emphasis on "social and humanitarian ministries" to the exclusion of an evangelical ministry of personal salvation through Jesus Christ. A series of dialogue meetings was initiated in April 1974 between EMC representatives and board officials, and continued into 1975.

In a prepared statement issued June 19 by Dr. Seamands, the EMC executive committee voted "to

continue working through the World Division whenever and wherever possible in the cause of evangelical mission" through the "continued support of existing work, personnel, projects and recruitment of evangelical personnel for future service."

However, Dr. Seamands explained, the group feels it has a "higher loyalty" to the Great Commission of Christ to his disciples as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . ." As a result, Dr. Seamands said, if EMC feels the World Division is not responding to expressed "bonafide evangelical needs" of world Methodist-affiliated churches overseas, it is prepared to serve a "coordinating and referral" role for those colleague churches.

"We would then be prepared to serve as a coordinating and referral agency to: 1) assist with meeting bonafide requests from world Methodist-affiliated overseas churches for evangelical personnel; 2) provide opportunities for evangelical Christians called into missionary service; and 3) assist local congregations in fulfilling their obedience to the biblical and disciplinary mandates for mission by establishing supportive relationships with evangelical personnel and programs overseas," the statement issued by Dr. Seamands reads.

Dr. Seamands said the action does not establish a competitive mission board. "If the World Division says no to some request, it means we would use existing agencies (such as Wycliffe Bible Translators or other non-denominational mission sending agencies) to aid us in filling such requests." He noted the decision of EMC was to turn first to the World Division before going

outside United Methodist structures.

Board of Global Ministries officials declined to make any immediate response to the action, noting they had received no communication from EMC.

"Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Board president, and I have not heard anything directly from the EMC and therefore we are unable to understand the full implications of this new statement," said Dr. Tracey K. Jones Jr., general secretary of the board.

The EMC statement reiterates the evangelical group's allegation that the board has not complied with its disciplinary (church law) mandate "to discern those places throughout the world where the Word has not been heard or heeded and to witness to its meaning on all six continents through a program of global ministries." While stating "the board takes second place to no Christian agency in its concern for social and humanitarian ministries," the EMC document added the board "does not in its visible stance before the church present an equal concern for direct personal evangelism or a concern for the 2.7 billion unevangelized persons in our world, or an equal concern for church growth."

The EMC executive committee pointed to "some honest movement" toward increased visibility of evangelical emphases in the board's two publications — *New World Outlook*, a mission journal, and *response*, the Women's Division magazine. However, the committee said "imbalance is still awaiting correction," and, "We have not been informed of any plans to present an evangelical stance in mission study materials."

Number of ethnic D.S.s remains same

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — Thirty-seven of United Methodism's some 530 districts in the U.S. will have ethnic minority persons as superintendents this year, the same as a year ago, according to reports as annual conference sessions closed.

All are black except one Asian-American and one Hispanic-American, both in Southern California-Arizona Conference. A second Asian left the superintendency in Wisconsin at the close of his tenure.

Two conferences (Southern New Jersey and Wisconsin) lost their only

ethnic superintendents, and three others (Mississippi, North Mississippi and South Carolina) dropped one each under realignment plans. Gains were registered in five conferences (Baltimore, Eastern Pennsylvania, Western New York, West Ohio and Southern New England).

Reports also indicate a total of 31 ethnic persons serving as staff members in 24 annual conferences, only a slight increase from a year ago. Of these, three are heads of staff, the same as in 1974.

Africa Study-Travel Seminar

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — A study-travel seminar to Africa which includes visits to the assembly of the World Council of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya, and to Angola, Rhodesia, and Ethiopia has been scheduled for Nov. 15-Dec. 7 under the sponsorship of two institutions related to Scarritt College and the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church.

The Centers of Continuing Education and the Women's Center of Scarritt College have joined with the general church agency for the new kind of travel seminar which involves a commitment on the part of participants to study in advance and to interpret their experiences to local churches after the event.

Twenty-five participants including directors of the Board of Global Ministries and a variety of local church persons, including young people, are being recruited for the three-week experience.

The group will be in Nairobi five days and will attend plenaries of the World Council dealing with women's concerns, liberation and development, and African churches. The plan includes visits to the newly independent nation of Angola where participants will hear from church leaders and a stop in Salisbury, Rhode-

sia, where they will learn what it is like for the church to witness in an area of racial tension. In Ethiopia they will view relief work and visit the Radio Voice of the Gospel, the continent's most powerful Christian broadcasting station.

Purposes of the seminar include appreciation and experience of insights from Third World Christians; understanding of the World Council theme "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites;" and knowledge and understanding of the life and mission of the Church in Southern Africa.

Scarritt will award 10 continuing education credits to participants. A limited number of partial scholarships are available to those who demonstrate financial need, especially youth and minority group persons.

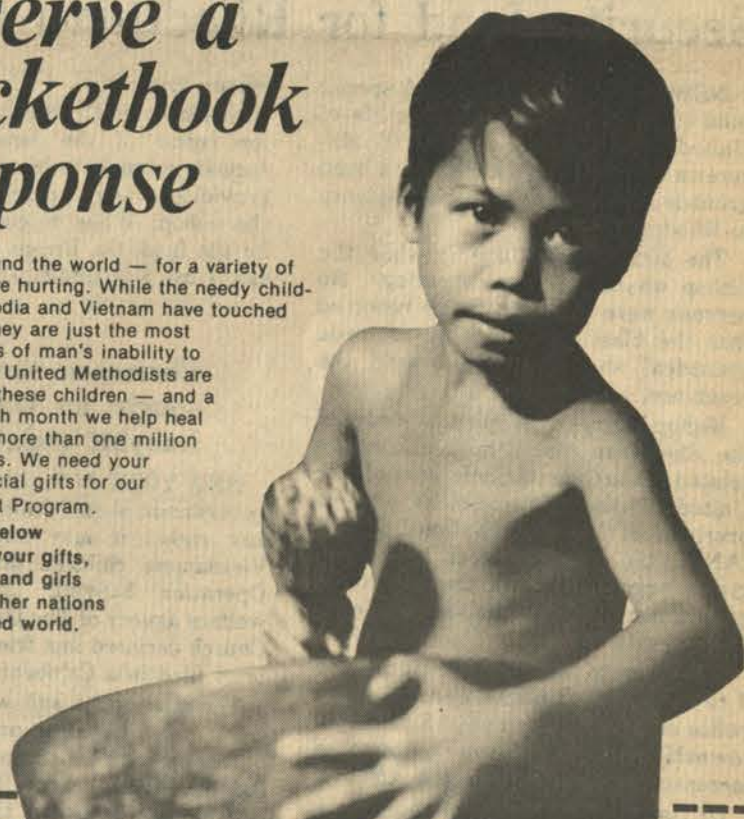
Cost of the trip is approximately \$1,800. Applicants with "mental and physical stability, willingness to learn, and leadership potential" are being sought. Although sponsored by the United Methodist agency and college, qualified applicants from other denominations are invited to participate.

Applications may be obtained from Dr. Robert Reber, Continuing Education Center, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

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'Handgun ban' draws reader response

Ownership of guns 'not a moral issue'

To the Editor:

This letter is a response to the article "Handgun ban, aim of coalition" in the June 12 issue of *Arkansas Methodist*. I am deeply disturbed that The United Methodist Church is active in the anti-gun movement, and I consider the headquartering of the National Coalition to Ban Handguns in church property as nothing less than deplorable and inexcusable.

Guns are not intrinsically evil. It follows, therefore, that laws regulating the ownership and distribution of guns is not a moral issue. The church is perfectly justified in opposing the use of guns for immoral purposes, as in opposing immoral violence in general, but efforts to prohibit ownership of guns by law can not be justified and I refuse to accept the church's stance.

The assertion that "it is impossible to protect life and maintain public order when individuals have unregulated access to firearms" is ridiculous and preposterous on its face. Obviously the author of that statement was ignorant of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Haynes vs. U.S.* (January 1968) in which the court ruled that a felon possessing a firearm illegally could not be prosecuted for failing to register it under the National Firearms Act, since to do so would be an admission of the illegal possession — and forced self-incrimination is a violation of the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

The passage of additional laws to require registration will not alter this basic legal principle, so that any gun registration law will automatically be inapplicable to that class of persons most likely to commit mischief with firearms.

On a practical note, does anyone in the church hierarchy know that a gun registration/licensing computer complex capable of serving the U.S. would be second in size only to the Social Security system, and that the cost of processing each gun owner would be approximately \$100. This means an initial expenditure in excess of \$4 billion, and who knows how much to keep the records updated.

Is the church ready to foot a substantial part of this bill? Does the church believe that gun registration should be given a higher priority than many of our pressing social needs?

The church is moving on a dangerous course, a course that will alienate many of its members, including me.

Charles J. Cremeen
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A REMINDER

Correspondence to the Open Forum and From Our Readers columns is welcomed. Writers are reminded that letters should be brief and bear the name and address of the sender.

'Jesus advised his apostles to arm themselves'

To the Editor:

Through your paper I learn to my amazement that the "official position" of the UMC is that private ownership of handguns should be prohibited by statute.

I could go on at some length giving arguments against this position. For one thing, self-protection, and the possession of the means of self-protection, is a natural and fundamental right of every organism, even the lowliest insect. (To be only partly facetious, if God wanted man to be unarmed, why did He arm the yellow-jacket?)

For another, Jesus specifically advised his apostles to arm themselves on one occasion — the only cash purchase he ever recommended (Luke 22:35-36), and he expressed satisfaction that two of them were already armed. I could of course drag out the old chestnut "guns don't kill people, people kill people," but that's silly; the fact is that there are people who need to be killed — had the Manson gang, for instance, hit some of the households I know (including some Methodists) a lot of innocent people would be alive today.

I could point out the hypocrisy of this "official position" in view of the number of Methodists who own firearms (for the record, I do not own a handgun; the only firearm I have is a shotgun which I bought from my former pastor) or the fact that to my knowledge at least one ordained Methodist minister is a fully-

accredited master of Kung Fu — is it proposed to confiscate his hands and feet?

None of which would be really relevant. The only real issue is my refusal to permit ANYONE to take "official positions" — the matter of ordaining homosexuals, for example, since this involves the awarding of an office within the church. In this matter, however, the UMC has overstepped its perimeters.

Over a decade ago I quietly parted company with the Baptist church in which I was brought up because they saw fit to take an "official position" against the granting of civil rights to racial minorities. I would not belong to an organization that officially adopted a position I considered morally evil, nor which arrogated to itself the right to do my thinking for me. I have not changed my own "official position" on this matter of official positions.

It gives me some pain to do this, but I am taking this means of announcing to the church at large that I no longer wish to be considered a member of The United Methodist Church, and that while I may from time to time attend services I do so purely as a free agent, answering only to my own conscience and not to anybody's official position.

William Sanders
(Address not given)
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Security fund for Rhodesian bishop

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — A special fund to provide security for the life of United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa was announced here after a hand grenade attack on the bishop's residence in Rhodesia.

The attack came June 7, while the bishop was at a church meeting. No persons were hurt, but police reported that the blast from "two Soviet-made grenades" shattered windows in the residence.

Bishop Muzorewa is spiritual leader of the Rhodesian church (organizationally related to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church), as well as president of the African National Council (ANC), the coalition black nationalist group negotiating with the Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Ian Smith for majority rule.

Just prior to the bishop's return June 4 to Rhodesia, 13 blacks were killed by police during a riot in one of Salisbury's townships, and there were reports of increasing tensions within the ANC.

Dr. Isaac Bivens, head of the World Division's Africa Department, Board of Global Ministries declined to speculate who might have bombed the bishop's house, or what the effects of the attack might be on the ANC and its negotiations toward majority rule in Rhodesia.

Dr. Bivens disclosed that some concerned churchmen in the U.S. had been moving quietly before the attack to provide security for Bishop Muzorewa, but that the appeal for security funds would now be a public one. "We would have the same concern if a bishop's residence here in the United States were bombed," he said, stressing that the funds would not be used in direct support of the Rhodesian liberation

movements.

Needed, said Dr. Bivens, were monies for repair of the house, tightening security around the house, and possibly providing a body guard and driver for the bishop. While no goal has been set for the fund, Dr. Bivens said "we could easily use \$30,000-\$40,000."

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Corrective measures sought for Operation Babylift violations

NEW YORK, N.Y. (UMC) — The U.S. government should "admit and rectify" any rights it may have violated of Vietnamese children brought here in Operation Babylift, the health and welfare agency of The United Methodist Church declared in a friend of the court brief filed in a California suit.

The class action suit was filed by the Center for Constitutional Rights and others on behalf of those children in the Babylift whose parents or relatives are still living. It began after volunteers interviewing the incoming children last April discovered some of the so-called "orphans" claimed to have living relatives. The United Methodist agency joined the suit after government lawyers turned down the plaintiffs' original request for safeguards of the children's rights.

The plaintiffs do not seek to block the adoption of those children who are truly orphans, but the plaintiffs and the church agency both advise that case-workers skilled in dealing with children, and preferably persons familiar with Vietnamese language and culture, be involved in the immigration and adoption procedures.

From Our Readers . . .

THE FIG TREE A FITTING WELCOME

To the Editor:

The Bible mentions the fig many times. The expression "under his own vine and fig tree," came to mean a man's home. How fitting it is that a fig tree welcomes many parsonage families to their new homes.

The fig tree at the edge of the garden of the First United Methodist Church parsonage in Charleston was set out by the late Rev. H. Lynn Wade in 1953 when he arrived to serve as pastor. Brother Wade, as he was called, had at one time served as Presiding Elder in the Fort Smith District and as pastor over a wide area of the state. Each time he moved he brought a branch of his fig tree and set it out. Fig trees should be set out in the fall and it worked fine when preachers were moved at that time of the year but it took a man with a green thumb to get a cutting to take root and grow in June.

Since fig trees do not bear fruit for several years after they are planted, Brother Wade seldom got to eat the fruits of his labor. However, he gave many "starts" of fig trees to other pastors and members of his congregation and it is likely that he received gifts of fruit from these trees.

He retired soon after leaving Charleston and he and his wife, Mary Wynn, returned to Augusta to their former home. He was surrounded by fig trees in his own yard and in the yards of his neighbors. The tree he planted in Charleston is now about fifteen feet tall and is loaded with fruit which will ripen

WE'VE SEEN 100,000 BEFORE

To the Editor:

I keep reading in so many places that the membership of the North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church has exceeded 100,000 for the first time in its history. This sounds good, but it is not precisely true.

In 1967 the North Arkansas Conference reported 100,027 members. (See *Journal of 1968*). Then for four report periods we lost members, 2056 to be exact. In 1972 the conference had a net gain of 1320 members, but this included 815 members which we received as a result of the merger with the Southwest Conference (black). In 1973 the net gain was 173, and in 1974 the net gain was 448. This brought our membership to 100,012.

The conference had set as its goal 100,000 members by the end of the quadrennium. Technically we have reached that goal, but only because of the 815 members which we received from the Southwest Conference. So we still have a ways to go to get back to the membership we had in this conference in 1967. A good round figure is 101,000. If we have this membership by the end of 1976, we can say that we are growing and that our membership is higher than it has ever been.

Joel Cooper
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Chairperson, North Ark. Conf.
Board of Evangelism
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in July.

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Arkansas Methodist

Hendrix College graduates, '75

In the May 29th issue of **Arkansas Methodist** we carried the story of the 1975 Hendrix College graduation ceremonies and listed the honor graduates. Due to lack of space in that issue we promised to list all of this year's graduates in a later issue. The names of the 232 students who graduated on May 30 are:

Those receiving bachelor of arts degrees include Greg Alagood, Jan Roseberry Alford, Harry Allen III, Don Armstrong, Greer Baber, Debbie Biniore, Lois Blanks, Robert Bolls, Marcia Petrucelli Brown, Marc Bryan, Jan Burford, Cyndy Campbell, Ingrid Coulthard, Randall Craver, Junius Cross, Randall Davidson, Carl Evans and Kaye Hammett Evans, all of Little Rock.

Ka Sing Fung, Oliver Gatchell III, Samuel James Gitchel, Patricia Papan Guinn, Greer Guinn, Patricia Hamilton, John Paul Harris, Angela Heizman, Billy Henry, William Hovell, Teresa Lee Hughes, Carol Anne Jefferies, Karen Jodry, Robert Lanier Jones, Hal Kemp, Jensi Kessler, Charles Letzig, Toni Lynn Matthews, Mark McCalman, Betty McCoy, Judith Geisler Millard and Roy L. Millard, all of Little Rock.

Paul Owen, Becky Leigh Porter, James Lamar Porter, Laura Spradley, Steven Switzer, Stephen Tate, John A. Tiller, Thomas H. Turner Jr., Seth Ward II, Jane Ann Wells, Gary Lynn Williams, John Sparks Workman Jr. and Pamela Jo Young, all of Little Rock.

Jack Bell, Christine Christie, Tommy Courtway, Sam Davis, Max Fulmer, Lila Havens, Mary Ann Jones, Allen Kimbrough, Kenneth Alan Lancaster, Molsie Ruth Osborne, James Leland Pittman, Roy Edgar Roebuck III, all of Conway.

Susan Kay Brockman, Michael Kirkpatrick, Don McDonald, Michael Miller, John G. Moore, Thomas Poole, David T. Selig, Patricia Shields and W. Branch Stanton, all of Fort Smith.

William C. Bethea, Patricia A. Brown, Carol Casteel, Steve Cheatham, Cynthia L. Glover, Kathryn Hyatt, Steven Lowrey, Stephen Loyd, C. Mac Norton, Jimmy R. Pickering, Jonathan Pote, David Rice, Kathryn Roberts, Robert Smith, George B. Spencer III, H. David Young and Marilyn McGeorge Young, all of Pine Bluff.

Gary W. Bolding, William A. Bradley Jr., Kay Cyphers, William L. Harper, Robert T. Hollingsworth, Joyce Jackson and Elizabeth Ragsdale, all of El Dorado.

Richard Cox, Cecil Cupp, Ronald Goodman, Jane McFarland, James M. Pennington, Jack

Robinson, Daniel Rowe and Jean Watkins, all of Hot Springs.

Bonnie Carter, Robert C. Compton Jr., Cynthia Dodge, Cynthia Goodwin, Richard A. Jones, Patricia L. Phillips and Ricky Wayne Whitfield, all of North Little Rock.

Claire Davis, James Steven Good, Virginia Anne Guthrie, Aletha Anne Rollins, Mary Virginia Smith and Cheryl Ann Snyder, all of Camden.

Randy Auman, Don R. Milburn, Kenneth R. Milburn and Sherry Villines of Harrison; William Althen Eckert III, Nancy E. Schmidt and Kathryn Wilson, all of Magnolia.

Others receiving bachelor of arts degrees were Jacquelyn Sue Akers of Hamburg; William L. Anderson of Ozark; Joyce Baker, James Roy Lefler and Lynn Carol McKnight of Clinton; James Robert Burnett, Johnny M. Colley, Gary Green, Thomas M. Haley and Frank Witt Hughes, all of Texarkana.

Thomas D. Byram of Decatur; Warren Casteel of Batesville; Darlene Chadwick of Booneville; John Clayborne Cooper, Winfield McMurtrey III and Vida Williams of Fayetteville; Joe Cox and Patricia Guinn of Stuttgart; Ann Critz and Mildred Taylor of Osceola; Robert Owen Crossman of Mayflower and James Cunningham and Leigh Ann Riddick of Walnut Ridge.

Cynthia L. Dabney of Marked Tree; Jane McClintock Biggs of Sherwood; Robert G. Bishop and Neal E. Robbins of Dover; E. Doyle Blanton and John H. Roark of Elaine; Elizabeth Jane Davies and David L. Harshfield Jr. of Alexander; Daniel B. Eakin of Perryville; Norma Edmonds of Helena; Allen C. Edmondson of Springdale; Christy Le Etheridge and Edward A. Gresham of Crossett; Duane Fecher of Beebe and G. Michael Finley of Ashdown.

William P. Fiser Jr., Theodore G. Holder and Jeffrey Tate of West Memphis; William H. Freeman and Ellen Hillis Tate of Jonesboro; Jane Ann Garlington of Fordyce; W. Dale Garrett, Mary E. Moores and Charles A. Young of Russellville; Karen G. Grant of Jacksonville; Rolaine Green of Dardanelle; Rebecca Gross of Griffithville; Michael Hughes, Alfred Byron Nimocks III and Virginia Toney of Forrest City.

David Randal Freeland Hundley, Michael C. Mitchell and Len M. Nichols of Star City; Judith Parker of Carlisle; John E. Patterson and Elizabeth Walker of Searcy; Terry S. Payton, Marvin E. Smith and Harold Bruce Wood Jr. of Blytheville; Charles D. Johnson and Marsha R. Moffatt of Monticello; Ann Laux, Marc W. Temple and Robert J. Wilkerson, all of Morrilton.

Heather G. McDonald and Patricia A. Mc-



Mesquite Youths Perform In Arkansas

A 40-member youth group from St. Stephens United Methodist Church, Mesquite, Tex., opened a week-long tour with the performance of "Godspell," at First Church, Des Arc on Friday, June 13th, spending the night with church families. After additional performances of the musical (based on the Gospel of Matthew) in eastern states, the group gave their final performance of the tour for youth attending a Little Rock Conference camp at Tanako near Hot Springs.

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Keown of Rogers; Deborah Miles and Janie Newberry of Arkadelphia; Dana Millar of Roland; Charles E. Peer of Van Buren; James Carl Pruden and Jerrold Earl Pruden and Randal Wright of Hope; John Reed of Clarksville; Nelson Reid of Sheridan; George E. Rook of Lewisville; Sharon Jo Spence of Wynne; Arthur H. Stuenkel of Mountain Home; Stephen H. Tindall of Lake Village; David W. Weatherford of Hickory Ridge; Debra Kay Whitley of Bald Knob and Willie Albert Wilson of Prescott.

Out-of-state graduates include Robert W. Anderson and Claudia Chisholm of Louisville, Ky.; Pamela Barrow and R. Preston Jones of Dallas, Texas; John Mark Bayliss of New Orleans, La.; Deborah Ann Becker of Lubbock,

Texas; David Lee Becton of Bowie, Md.; Charles D. Bush of Incline Village, Nevada; Rosemary Dalesandro of Chester, Mass.; Samuel Biggs of Sierra Vista, Az.; Donald K. Brown of Williams-town, Mass.

Others from out-of-state were Patricia Jane Fuller of Nashville, Tenn.; Albert Marion Hayes III of Springfield, Va.; William Wesley Norton of St. Louis, Mo.; David C. Kinnard of Ballwin, Mo.; Susan N. Kulp of Roanoke, Va.; L. Irene Linderman of San Antonio, Texas; Michael Perdue of Moss Point, Ms.; Richard L. Scott of Monett, Mo.; Peggy West of Morris, Ill., and David J. White of Yucaipa, Calif.

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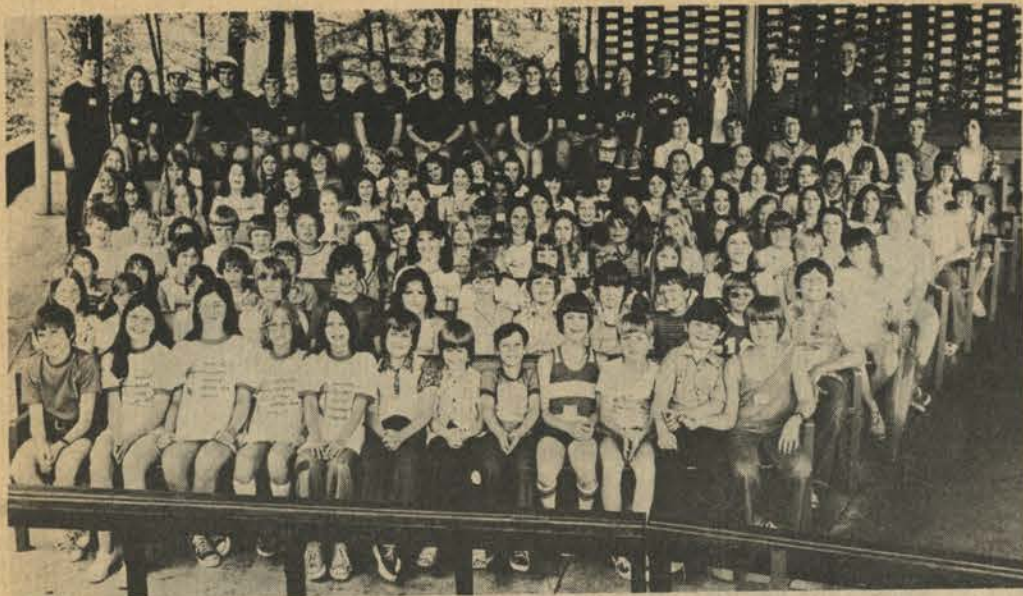
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ELEMENTARY I Choir Camp of the Little Rock Conference, held at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs, was attended by 114 persons. Mr. Felix Thompson (right, rear), director of music at St. James Church, Little Rock, served as director of the camp.



ELEMENTARY II Choir Camp of the Little Rock Conference enrolled 96 persons. Staff members are shown at rear of photo. Mrs. Felix Thompson (fifth from right, second row from back), who works with her husband in the music program at St. James Church, directed the second choir camp.



THE 33 BOYS and girls enrolled at Greer's Chapel United Methodist Church, Magnolia, studied "The Life of Peter." A display of handicrafts and a program were presented on the closing night, followed by an ice cream social.



JASPER United Methodist Church recently hosted this group of 25 senior highs and sponsors from Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, Indiana.



VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL at Warren concluded with a Family Night Potluck and program welcoming Pastor Joe Arnold and family back for another year. Mrs. Dennis Hendrix, coordinator of Children's work, served as director for the school.



"**JESUS TOUCH ME**" was the theme for the Hazen Vacation Bible School, which registered an average daily attendance of 62. On Monday the group marched to city park bearing posters and singing songs relating to the theme. The school closed with a picnic on Friday morning and a program and handicraft display in the evening. The children voted to send their offerings to Aldersgate Camp at Little Rock. Mrs. Marilyn Sims directed the school.

Vacation Church School at Des Arc



SIXTH graders learn about Saul of Tarsus who later became known as the Apostle Paul.



FLEDGLING painters create works of art in kindergarten class.



GOD'S CREATURES— ducklings and baby chicks — joined the boys and girls at VCS.



BABY GOATS were kept in tow by some of the older VCS participants.