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El Dorado church to host conference-wide UMW meeting Women to receive offering for 'World Hunger'

United Methodist Women of the Little Rock Conference will gather at First Church in El Dorado on Saturday, Oct. 11th for their second annual meeting. The all-day event will focus on the theme: "Our Oneness in Mission," with Mrs. C. Jarrett (Mai) Gray, regional director of the Women's Division in the Kansas City area, delivering the keynote address.

Mrs. Gray is with the Public School System at Kansas City, Mo., and will be remembered by many in this area for her work in regional workshops and schools of mission.

Present also, to lead a session on "World Hunger," will be Miss Joan Clark of Dallas, also a regional director of the Women's Division. During the afternoon a special "love offering" will be received to assist in alleviating world hunger. Miss Clark, who has had wide experience in leadership development in women's work, last year conducted a workshop at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The opening 10 a.m. session will be preceded by fifteen minutes of preliminary music by the El Dorado First Church Handbell Choir, in the chapel. Mrs. James Nix of Lonoke, Little Rock Conference president of United Methodist Women, will preside over the day's program.

Dr. Roy I. Bagley, pastor of the host church, Mrs. Beryl Anthony, a member of First Church, El Dorado, and presi-



Mrs. C. Jarrett (Mai) Gray



Mrs. Zenobia Waters



Mrs. James Nix

dent of United Methodist Women of Camden District, and Mrs. Victor Dumas, president of the host organization will extend a welcome to their guests from over the Little Rock Conference.

The morning meeting will open with a devotional period led by Mrs. W. C. Patton of Pine Bluff, conference Mission coordinator of Christian Personhood. Mr. Ray Scroggs of St. Paul Church, El Dorado, will present special music. Conference President Mrs. Nix will lead a business session. Mrs. Hubert Blakley of Benton is conference secretary.

The main program segment of the

morning will include a solo by Mrs. Varnell Norman, wife of the pastor at White Memorial Church in Little Rock, and Mrs. Zenobia Waters of Little Rock, conference vice president, will introduce Mrs. Gray, the principal speaker.

The morning session will be followed by a 12 o'clock luncheon provided by the women of First Church at a cost of \$2. Dr. Charles W. Richards, Camden District superintendent, will deliver the noon blessing.

At 1 p.m. the afternoon session will begin with eleven Interest Groups meeting for a period of discussion. The list of interest areas and leaders are:

International Women's Year, led by Mrs. Charles McNamara of Arkadelphia; **World Hunger**, Miss Joan Clark of Dallas; **In the Middle of Tomorrow**, Mrs. Russell McKinney of Little Rock; **South-east Asia - Christian Presence**, Mrs. J. Robert Prator of Texarkana; **A Nation Under God**, Mrs. Marie Watkins of Little Rock; **1976 General Conference**, Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock; **The Prophets**, by the Rev. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul Church, El Dorado; **Program Resources**, Mrs. Ida Belle

Mitchell of Little Rock; **Program Planning for Local Units**, Mrs. D. E. McCoy of Sheridan; **Bicentennial Celebration - Church**, Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, and a presentation on **Aldersgate Ministries**.

The afternoon service will include special music by Dr. Calvert Johnson, who has recently accepted the position of Minister of Music at First Church, El Dorado. Dr. Johnson was the 1974 featured recitalist at the International Organ Festival in Morelia, Mexico. He has studied at the Toulouse Conservatoire in France and also at the Instituto Americano in Madrid, Spain.

Mrs. Louis Fish of Little Rock,

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Presbyterian pastor to present M. E. Peace lecture series

Dr. John William Lancaster, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex., will deliver the M. E. Peace Lectures at First United Methodist Church in Magnolia, Oct. 6-9. Dr. Lancaster, a native of Dallas, has served pastorates at Bay City and Austin, Tex., prior to his present ministry which began in September of 1961.

The lecturer for the series, established in 1954 by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peace of the Magnolia Church, received his theological training at Union Theological Seminary, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition, he engaged in study at St. Andrews University in Scotland. He is a member of numerous agencies of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Lancaster's morning lectures, on Tuesday through Thursday at 10 a.m., will be based on the Spires edition of "The Pilgrim's Progress." "He will seek to re-dig the moral wells of our spiritual national heritage as seen in the Puritan tradition," according to the Rev. James Robert Scott, pastor.

The 7:30 o'clock evening lectures, Monday through Thursday, will include: Monday - Consider Jesus; Tuesday - Consider Jesus Lest You Drift; Wed-



Dr. John W. Lancaster

nesday - Consider Jesus in the Space Age; Thursday - Consider Jesus at Prayer.

Anthems for the evening services will be sung by the Choir of First Church, with Mr. Hal Sweitzer at the organ for both morning and evening presentations.

The public is invited to attend the lecture series. A nursery will be provided for children under six years of age.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CABINET URGES SUPPORT OF HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

The Little Rock Conference Cabinet has issued a statement in unanimous support of the Conference on the Holy Spirit to be held Nov. 6-8 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

The statement says: "We feel that the textbook and presence of Bishop Mack Stokes will be worth every expenditure in money and time that we will make."

The statement continues, "Others on the program have been carefully selected because they are nationally known and each one of them will make a distinct contribution to the life of our Conference."

We urge each minister to promote this matter among his people."

Speakers' Bureau established at Hendrix College

Hendrix College, in order to provide knowledgeable resource persons for speaking in churches, schools and before civic groups, has developed a Speakers' Bureau composed of members of the faculty and administrative staff. Accordingly, a brochure has been prepared listing the speakers and their topics. The brochure is obtainable on request by writing to Speakers Bureau, c/o Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. 72032.

The brochure includes four general categories under which qualified speakers are listed, along with their respective positions on the staff, and the topics on which they are prepared to speak. These categories include Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Administration.

Also included in the brochure is a Request Form with blanks to be filled out by the organization which wishes to sponsor a speaker from the college. The form gives the organization the opportunity to request a first, second or third choice of speakers, and to indicate whether or not travel expenses will be provided.



Foreman To Have New Church Plant

Some of the officials of the United Methodist Church at Foreman are shown breaking ground for a new church to be built at an estimated cost of \$123,000. Left to right, Pastor Guy J. Downing, Gladilou Ballard, treasurer of Building Committee, Marcell Ballard, vice chairperson of Building Committee, Leon Newman, Administrative Board chairperson, Kelsey Moore, Building Committee chairperson, and Mona Moore, secretary of the committee. (Photo by Billy Bob Pyron)

Hendrix College Parents' Campaign receipts set record

The Hendrix College Parents' Campaign, headed by Robert Miller of Fort Smith, set a record this year with a total amount of \$32,032 received.

The parents of Hendrix students surpassed their goal by more than \$3,000. The campaign has almost doubled its receipts in the three years of its existence.

Students pay only 56 per cent of the cost of their education at Hendrix, and this campaign by the parents provides a portion of the funds needed to meet operating expenses.

Interpreter for student loan program

A program to interpret the loans and scholarship program of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry has been announced in each of the five jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church.

The one-year experimental program is scheduled to begin Oct. 1, according to Dr. Esther E. Edwards, assistant general secretary of the Section of Loans and Scholarships of the Nashville-based agency.

"We want every youth in every church to know about these resources," said Dr. Edwards. "During this time of economic stress in particular we feel we have a word of encouragement for our youth, as well as their parents."

The field representative for the South Central Jurisdiction is Dr. Myron F. Wicke, former general secretary of the Board of Higher Education.

UMW meeting

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conference UMW treasurer, will direct the Pledge Service, assisted by Mrs. James T. Young of Arkadelphia, associate treasurer. A special offering designated for world hunger will be received, and new officers will be installed. The President's Message will be presented by Conference President Lucille Nix, and the day's program will close with a litany of commitment.

A nursery will be provided at the church, located on Hill Street at Center in El Dorado.

The field representatives, Dr. Edwards explained, will welcome invitations from cabinets, district meetings, conference program councils, and conference commissions on higher education. They will be available to explain the procedures for obtaining loans and scholarships, as well as promote Methodist Student Day, the annual offering which helps underwrite the program.

"Our records show that every annual conference got back more money than they raised in the offerings last year," observed Dr. Edwards. "The wisdom of our forefathers in investing funds and using the interest is benefiting us today and a legacy we want to continue for future generations."

Dr. Wicke may be reached at 727 Davidson Rd., Nashville, Tenn. 37205. His phone is 214-352-2924.

Saint Paul Seminary gains 28 per cent in enrollments

Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., has experienced the greatest percentage increase of entering students since the first year of its history in 1959 when the first class entered, according to a recent news release from that mid-western United Methodist seminary. With a 28 per cent increase over the previous year the Registrar has reported a total of 70 new students compared with 53 new students in the fall of 1974.

Enrollment figures indicate 6 transfer students from other Schools of Theology and 64 new first year students who are beginning their theological education.

Total enrollment for 1975 academic year, including the Doctor of Ministry candidates, is 185. Enrollment in the Master of Divinity program (including special students) is 163.

Saint Paul is experiencing a growing number of women students who are preparing for ministry with a total of 27 women students this year, compared with 18 in 1974.

The 10 minority students who are registered include native Americans, Blacks, and students from the Philippines and from India.

Historically, 80 per cent of the students have come from the mid-America region. This year, among the United Methodist students, 89 are from the states of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Seminary to present Slater-Willson Lectures

Dr. Robert N. Bellah, Ford Professor of Sociology and Comparative Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, will present the Slater-Willson Lectures at Saint Paul School of Theology Methodist in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14-15. "Religion and Revolution in America," is the theme for the lectures established by Mrs. J. M. Willson and the late Mr. J. M. Willson of Floydada, Tex., in 1967 to honor Bishop Eugene O. Slater, formerly episcopal leader of the area, now of the Southwest Texas area at San Antonio.

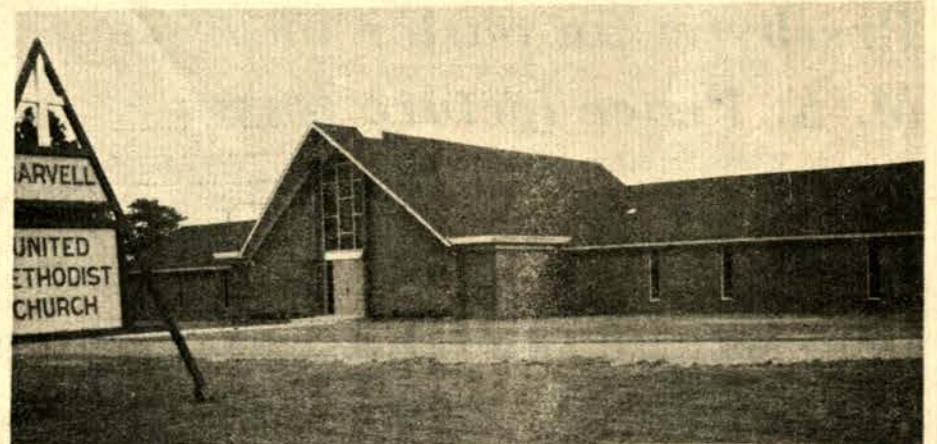
The lectures, scheduled for 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Oct. 14th, and 11 a.m. on Oct. 15th in the Kresge Chapel, "will emphasize the religious background and meaning of the American Revolution, and will examine the continuing importance of the spirit of liberty and justice in the life of religion in America in the present day," according to Dr. Shrum Burton, assistant to the president of the Kansas City seminary.

Dr. Bellah, graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University in 1950, and in 1955 received the doctor of philosophy degree in Sociology and Far Eastern Languages. As a Fulbright scholar, he studied in Tokyo in 1960-61. He has been at the University of California since 1967.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Registrations are coming in rapidly for the Conference on the Holy Spirit to be held Nov. 6-8 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, under sponsorship of the Little Rock Conference. Persons in the Little Rock Conference who desire to register must do so before the Oct. 15th deadline. After that date the event will be opened to persons outside the Little Rock Conference.

— REGISTER NOW —



Four-year old church facility at Marvell.

Marvell Church honors the late Bob Campbell at dedication

The late Bob Campbell, who served as chairman of the building committee and financial secretary during the planning and building program which culminated in the construction four years ago of the Marvell United Methodist Church, was honored posthumously at the Sept. 14th dedication of the debt-free facility.

Dr. Ethan Dodgen, superintendent of Forrest City District when the project began, presented the message of the morning, and the Rev. Elmo Thomason, current superintendent, officiated at the service of dedication and note-burning,

assisted by the Rev. Murphy Spurlock, the pastor.

Mr. Campbell was cited for his faith "plus the financial plan which he presented to show how this goal could be accomplished in a period of less than five years." During this time, the congregation also completed payment for a new parsonage.

The Rev. Lowell Eaton was pastor at the beginning of the expansion program, and the Rev. Roy Moyers was minister when the building was first occupied.



Fayetteville District Conference

Shown are several participants in the Fayetteville District Conference held Thursday, Sept. 18, at the United Methodist Church in Berryville. Left to right, the Rev. Victor Nixon, host pastor; Dr. Myers Curtis, director Conference Council on Ministries; the Rev. Bob Gentry, representing Scarritt College; the Rev. Harold Spence, district superintendent; the Rev. Wayne Clark, pastor of Indian Hills Church in North Little Rock who made a presentation on Nawake (Myers Ranch) Camp.

From the Bottom of the Heart

Our Church School literature

From whence does it come?

From time to time our From Our Readers and Open Forum columns have carried letters and comments on one of the most perennial of topics among some church members: "What is wrong with our Sunday School literature."

The upcoming Christian Education Week offers an appropriate opportunity to make some observations basic to such a concern. And with the theme of the special week being most helpfully treated on pages six and seven of last week's **Arkansas Methodist** by the Councils on Ministries of our two conferences, we here turn our attention to "the literature question."

First off, it is proper that every area of the church's life be open to critical evaluation and change. It must never be otherwise. We need checks and balances, and grassroots criticism is a most valid and vital function. But for it to be credible, such criticism must be enlightened and informed.

Many complaints regarding Church School literature concern its origins, contending that it issues from a "Nashville mind set" and is not representative of diverse points of view within the church. In weighing that criticism it is important to note the process by which all curriculum resources develop. An excellent review of this procedure may be found on page four of this issue in the Council Directors to Local Churches column, a weekly feature prepared on a "take turns" basis by the directors of the Council on Ministries of our two Arkansas Annual Conferences.

We single out one key step in that procedure: the function of the Program-Curriculum Committee of the Board of Discipleship, the body which has general oversight for the planning and production of all Church School resources of The United Methodist Church. This committee is "responsible for describing and approving all projected curriculum plans." In essence, it has the responsibility for decisions that determine the biblical and theological orientation of our Church School literature.

By Disciplinary requirement (Pars. 989-994) the Program-Curriculum Committee is composed of seven lay persons and seven pastors from local churches and seven members at large who are elected because of their particular ability or concern in varied facets of the field of Christian education. The remaining 16 members are key executive and staff persons from program boards of the church. The majority of the voting membership of this 37-member committee are the 21 representatives from local churches. A key staff member recently noted that among the committee's membership are pastors and lay persons who represent evangelical and conservative voices in the church, as well as persons representing a wide range of other viewpoints.

The point is that this key committee is representative of the diversity and pluralism which characterizes present day United Methodism. While none of us may be pleased at all times with the direction of that orientation, it is important that we know that the basic procedure for curriculum development is designed to give a voice to varied points of view.

If this committee does not function in keeping with such a design, it should be called to task. If it does so function, that fact should be noted and appreciated.

An opinion: The United Methodist Church is producing Church School curricula which is of consistent high quality and which is based in sound biblical scholarship and Wesleyan theological tradition. It needs continued critical review from the grassroots. But that review will better serve the church if it is more fully informed of the care with which such materials are developed.

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Editorial Correspondence —

(The editor is in Tanzania, in East Africa, with Heifer Project International's shipment of 140 Holstein milk cows, part of a Dairy Production Assistance Project of the Arkansas-based non-profit organization (see story in last week's issue.) While there and after returning he will be writing stories for newspapers and other journals of a number of HPI-supporting denominations. He left Sept. 21 and will be away approximately two weeks.)

Fourche River Fantasy

Thoughts while waiting on an airplane

He's been in my head and in my heart
since that first day
at Fourche River Ranch
at Perryville, Arkansas.

I don't know his name,
and probably couldn't pronounce it
if I did.

But I see his face.
I see his eyes.
I see his out-stretched hands.

I see beyond his eyes
and through his tears.
And I hear in them
the thundering, reverberating, raging cataracts
of tons of other human tears —
the tears of all who have been hungry,
who have waited
for their cup of milk.

It is time our plane should be leaving.

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Off the Top of the Head

Route 66

ABOARD COW FORCE ONE — Somewhere between New Iberia, La., USA, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania — One of the first things I'm going to ask the driver of the cowplane, when I get done with my chores back here in the feed barn, is Why on earth, when you're flying 140 heifers to Africa, do you go to Gander, Newfoundland and then to Frankfurt, Germany and then to Saudi Arabia and then, finally, to Dar es Salaam in East Africa — which is where you knew all the time you were going in the first place? The cows might like the ride, but personally it would have suited me just dandy if we had taken the direct route, which, as everybody who's ever been to Vilonia knows, is straight from here to there.

But I suspect that all this has something to do with some kind of International Cow Tourist Travel Plan, so who am I to moo over it.

The second thing I'm going to ask the pilot is that he please fly slower and lower. If I'm going to go to Newfoundland and Germany and wherever, I'd like to do a little sightseeing along the way. But the way he's doing it, about all I'll ever see — besides cows — is sky. And I don't have to leave Arkansas to see sufficient of both of those.

There's a whole list of other things I'm going to ask our captain whenever he wakes up from his nap, but right now it's my turn to milk, so I better run and fetch my pail, go get my stool, fasten the seat belt and start pullin'.

More later.

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'Sin'tax problems

ABOARD C.F. ONE — Six hours later — I always wanted to live on a farm and hear the gentle pastoral sounds of the cattle "lowing in the hay," I believe the term is.

But that was before I tried to go to sleep with 140 cows in my bedroom. I've been tossing and turning trying to think of the right words to use in telling you about all this, but I've given up. I could write it up accurate for the secular press; but I don't think we could print it in our church newspaper.

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I shouldn't have asked

ABOARD COW FORCE ONE — Up high — I've just had an answer to my route question. The chief driver tells me that first, we go to Gander, Newfoundland because they have the only runway between Louisiana and the polar ice cap that is long enough to land this big DC "stretch" 8 that I've been nursing over this million-mile cattle drive. And second, that we stop in Frankfurt, Germany because the sausage is good there. And third, that we stop over in Saudi Arabia to change our oil.

The pilot just mumbled something about those answers matching the questions — or something like that.

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summary by Doris Woolard

A quotation from Thomas Paine will serve as a guide for the Oct. 10-12 Navy Sabbath, a part of the Navy's 200th birthday observance. As our nation struggled for freedom 200 years ago, Paine observed that, "Those who expect to reap the blessings from freedom must undergo the fatigues of supporting it."

Following the irregular ordination of four women deacons to the Episcopal priesthood (Sept. 7), Presiding Bishop John M. Allin released a statement declaring the officiating priest's "wilful decision" to proceed with the ordinations, without permission, a defiance of canon law. During the service, Father James Wattley, an official of the Episcopal Church, contended that "many do not believe the conceit of the age should override the order of the Church."

The Very Rev. Samuel Crooks, dean of the cathedral "in the most bomb-scarred, peppered part" of Belfast, told a group of Toronto businessmen: "This is not a religious war, despite most media coverage. The terrorists are outside their Churches entirely. The chaps with the guns wouldn't know where the chapel or church is." He said, "There is no conflict whatever in the Churches themselves; they were never so close in their history as they are today." Dean Crooks said the real problem in Ulster is "how to isolate a loud-mouthed, violent minority." The majority of "decent, God-fearing Roman Catholics and Protestants are coming together in a way never seen before," he said.

Anglican Bishop Eric Treacy of Wakefield, England, wrote in Wakefield Diocesan News, "I do not think that it needs a stewardship campaign to bring home to church people that we have come to the point at which every single worshipper has to accept that giving to their Church is as binding a moral obligation as income tax is a statutory obligation." According to Bishop Treacy, "the days of casual giving are over. No longer do we dig into our pockets and purses for the smallest coin that is respectable."

Religion-affiliated organizations are among 50 national groups co-sponsoring the 25th annual meeting of the National Council on the Aging, Sept. 28-Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C. Spokesmen say that "virtually every aspect of aging in America will be discussed by recognized authorities." The meeting's theme is "Aging in America's Third Century."



Church Women United Director

NEW YORK — Martha Edens, an executive with the National Association for Mental Health for 20 years, is the new general director of Church Women United, an organization of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women. Mrs. Edens, the wife of the Rev. R. Maurice Edens, a United Methodist clergyman, succeeds Margaret Shannon, who retired recently after 10 years in the post. (RNS Photo)

Considering Marriage?

BARRINGTON, R.I. (RNS) — Four questions including, "Is he (she) a Christian?" were suggested to Barrington College students when choosing a marriage partner.

Dr. Harold L. Fickett Jr., new president of Barrington College, said that women should ask themselves, "Does he turn me on? Will he be able to provide for me? Can I respect him as a leader in the home? Is he a Christian?"

Questions for men, Dr. Fickett said, should be, "Does she turn me on? Is she someone I want to provide for? Do I want her as the mother of my children? Is she a Christian?"

A negative response to any of these questions, Dr. Fickett said, in an address before students at convocation ceremonies would be a warning of difficulties ahead.

America's relationship with the Holy Land since colonial days is the focus of a major research effort involving several prominent historians, archivists and librarians. Dr. Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, described the project as "a combination of diplomatic history, Christian interest, cultural background, and Jewish involvement." According to Dr. Davis, "devotion to Zion is not exclusive to any one group in American life. The attachments of Americans to the Holy Land extend into American homes and patterns of faith and education, illuminating the interplay of ideas among diverse religious and cultural elements."

Eleven denominations will share space in Wisconsin's first ecumenically-owned campus religious center at the University of Wisconsin campus in Eau Claire. Dedicated during a 10-day festival, Sept. 16-26, the center includes a 300-seat centrum to be used for a variety of events, including services. Contributing religious bodies include Roman Catholics, American Lutheran, Lutheran Church in America, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Episcopal, American Baptist, United Church of Christ, United Presbyterian and United Methodist. Unitarian-Universalist and Quaker groups also participate as supporting members.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., the nation's largest black denomination, said concerning school busing, "We need to calm ourselves. This can be solved without soldiers and guns." Expressing regret over the "mistakes and errors" of former President Nixon in dealing with Watergate, Dr. Jackson said, "The time is fast approaching when people will need to know as much about presidential advisors as about the man himself."

Dr. Le Thanh Minh Chau, former rector of the University of Hue in South Vietnam, has been appointed to an executive position at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. A spokesman said, "Dr. Chau is one of the outstanding members of the Southeast Asian academic community. He brings a tremendous amount of talent which we can use in the administrative functions of this office."

Forty-five persons of different faith groups met in Berkeley, Calif. earlier this month to discuss "Seeking Community," one of six major topics on the agenda for the November World Council of Churches' Fifth Assembly to be held in Nairobi, Kenya. The event was organized by the United Methodist Church's ecumenical division in cooperation with the Berkeley Interfaith Council, in preparation for the assembly. Dr. Robert L. Turnipseed, United Methodist executive, said, "Out of these conversations has emerged a new awareness that we each face similar global problems and an acknowledgement of our need to relate to each other in new and creative ways."

Council Directors to Local Churches

How United Methodist curriculum resources are developed

1. IDEAS FROM MANY PLACES: Ideas for units of study come from local congregations, members of the Board of Discipleship, representatives from other boards and agencies, and many other places.

2. PROPOSALS FROM IDEAS: Proposals for units in the curriculum plan come through the age-level sections of the Program-Curriculum Committee, where task forces are assigned to write the descriptions.

3. PLANS DEVELOPED BY PROGRAM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: The Program-Curriculum Committee is comprised of 37 voting members, including pastors and lay persons from local churches, and selected consultants and specialists. This committee is responsible for describing and approving all projected curriculum plans.

4. PLANS APPROVED BY DIVISION OF EDUCATION: The Division of Education reviews descriptions of proposed units of study and recommends them to the total membership of the Board of Discipleship for approval.

5. FINAL APPROVAL BY BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP: The Board of Discipleship is comprised of (a) basic membership: twelve persons nominated by the annual conferences and elected by the jurisdictional conferences; (b) at-large membership elected by the board; (c) bishops: five to ten are elected by the Council of Bishops.

6. WRITERS SELECTED FROM ACROSS USA: The editors in the Section of Curriculum Resources are responsible for selecting writers. An effort is to be made to obtain writers with various types of backgrounds from

across the United States.

7. EDITORS AND WRITERS PLAN TOGETHER: The editors and representatives from the Section on Local Church Education meet with writers, often in small groups. The descriptions of units of study approved by the Program-Curriculum Committee are used for developing the outlines for the various units.

8. WRITERS CONTINUE WORK AT HOME: Writers work on manuscripts back in their home states. Communication between editors and writers takes place by phone or through letters during the time the manuscript is being written.

9. FIRST UNITS IN NEW SERIES FIELD TESTED: First units in a new series are tested in a number of United Methodist churches across the country. Revisions are made on the basis of

feedback from users.

10. FINAL CHECK FOR READABILITY AND SIMPLICITY: An editorial team examines the final draft of a manuscript, checking for unity, readability, faithfulness to the approved description, and many other factors.

11. FINAL EDITING COMPLETED: The manuscript goes to the printing plant where galley copy is made. After various stages of proofreading by the editorial team, it is returned for printing.

12. MATERIALS REACH LOCAL CHURCH: Materials are received at local churches and distributed to teachers. Often, curriculum previews or training sessions for teachers are held prior to the beginning of the first session of the quarter.

Publications study team presents options

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Development by the United Methodist Church of a comprehensive system of communications embracing print, direct mail, broadcast, film, audio and mixed media was called for here Sept. 12 by a denominational study team.

"Any decisions for development or funding of any one medium should take into account its relationship to other media in a total system," the report by the eight-member study panel stressed.

"In particular, decisions with reference to printed periodical publications must be related to all of the specialized promotional and interpretive materials and resources in addition to any plans for broadcast communications."

The inquiry was asked for in March by the denomination's General Council on Ministries. At about the same time, it was announced that **United Methodists Today**, the church's only general interest publication with a national circulation, would be terminated with the June issue.

After several intermediate steps, the study is expected to eventuate in specific recommendations to the denomination's 1976 General Conference.

Since development of possible options for a communications program with special reference to a general-circulation periodical was a principal assignment for the study team, four are proposed in the 20-page report.

These include:

- A "multi-level publication edited for the total membership of the United Methodist Church, with inserts for use by self-selected specialized audiences" and issued ten times a year;

- Participation in an interdenominationally produced, monthly journal with approximately one-third of the content especially for United Methodists;

- A small-format publication sent ten times a year to each contributing family unit in all the denomination's 39,000 local churches; and

- No national publication at all, but supplements provided for inclusion in the present network of regional publications.

All the proposals provide for a professional journal for the clergy; continuing, or strengthening, regional publications; encouraging local church newsletters; and providing specialized publications, or inserts, to serve particular segments of a pluralistic church.

Also called for is periodic television and radio programming, and continuance of a national-level news service for both church and public press.

As to finances, "communication is missional," the report says, and "is one of the essential functions of the Christian church."

Noting that "experience has shown"

that "with rare exceptions, it is not possible to produce church magazines and newspapers without various degrees of subsidy," the report asserts that "the expenditure of money to perform communication functions — including the editing and distributing of periodical publications — is a legitimate use of church funds."

Therefore, "it should be the policy of the United Methodist Church to recognize the appropriateness of subsidies for official periodical publications of the general church, to make these subsidies visible, and to provide for fair and systematic allotment of such subsidies."

One proposal for funding is that a specific amount (possibly \$2) of the annual contribution of each United Methodist-member family be used for communications. A part of this amount

would be used for a publication going to each family unit, part for other communications services at the general church level, part for assistance to annual conferences in communications fields, and the remainder to strengthen local parish newsletters.

The document goes first to the Joint Committee on Communications for consideration at its Sept. 21-23 session in Nashville, Tenn. The JCC will, in turn, report to the General Council on Ministries in December, and the GCOM will forward proposals to the General Conference which opens April 27 in Portland, Ore.

Project director for the study was Edwin H. Maynard, editorial director of the JCC's Division of Program and Benevolence Interpretation.

WMC committee discusses evangelism thrust

DAYTON, Ohio (UMC) — Actions looking toward a five-year evangelism thrust, toward conversations with the Lutheran World Federation and toward continued support for restoring Wesley's Chapel in London marked the annual meeting of the World Methodist Council's Executive Committee.

Meeting Aug. 26-28 in Accra, Ghana, the Committee heard several committee reports, including one on the Council's international exchange of preachers program. Executive Committee chairman Bishop Prince A. Taylor Jr., Princeton, N.J., presided at the meeting.

After hearing accounts of progress in the Council's year of evangelism in 1975, reports said, the executive Committee voted to continue some kind of evangelistic thrust in the 1976-81 quinquennium. The recommendation calls for presentation of a proposed program at the 13th World Methodist Conference Aug. 25-31, 1976, in Dublin, Ireland.

Reports noted that the 1975 evangelism emphasis is receiving attention in many countries. "New World Missions"

involving international exchange of evangelists have been held in several lands, and three "Pass It On" booklets written for the evangelism thrust have been translated into various languages.

The Council will begin its second set of international interchurch bilateral conversations when world Methodists sit down with world Lutherans. Reports said that in furtherance of projected dialogue with the Lutheran World Federation, the Council had named its consultants (participants).

A report on the Council's first international bilateral conversations, with the Roman Catholic Church, was presented by Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta, Ga., who heads Methodist participants. He said the group is working toward a report on five years of conversations, to be given to the Council and the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

British members of the Executive Committee told of restoration now in progress on historic Wesley's Chapel, the "mother church" of Methodism, but

said that continued support is essential if work being done on a pay-as-you-go basis is to proceed. The Council urged giving by all member churches and heard that support is worldwide, with gifts from several nations including Ghana, Britain, the U.S., Tonga, Ivory Coast, Australia, Rhodesia, Nigeria, Italy, South Africa and Hong Kong.

The Rev. A. Stanley Leyland of England and the Rev. Russell L. Young Jr., Lake Junaluska, N.C., co-chairmen of the exchange of preachers program reported that during 1971-75 a total of 327 ministers participated, coming from the U.S., Britain, Australia, Ireland, Germany, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), New Zealand and Korea.

The Executive Committee received progress reports on the Dublin Conference, where as many as 2,500 Methodists may assemble. Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit, Mich., chairman of the Program Committee, said plans are moving along.

From Our Readers

"BICENTENNIAL MINUTE" WATCH OUT FOR THEM CHURCH CONFERENCES

To the Editor:

The first Methodist Conference organized in Arkansas was the Arkansas Conference at Batesville in 1836, the same year in which Arkansas Territory was admitted as a state into the Union. Bishop Thomas A. Morris presided.

There were 27 preachers in full connection, seven on trial in their first year and eight were admitted on trial.

The Arkansas Conference bore this name until 1914, when it and the White River Conference, which had been one until 1870, were again united, and it then became known as the North Arkansas, occupying the northern part of Arkansas.

The Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Church, South met at Yellville in the year of 1876, with John C. Keener presiding.

Peter H. Trone, J. L. Keener and W. H. Metheny were admitted; J. M. Haynes, T. R. Nichols and C. W. Myatt were received by transfer.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Yellville Charge was held at the Methodist Camp Ground, south of Yellville, on Sept. 8, 1888 with Presiding Elder P. B. Summers as chairperson; W.

R. Brooksher as secretary. Ten churches reported. J. H. Bradford, preacher in charge.

Four days after the Conference, the Methodist church at Yellville burned to the ground.

This happened 139 years ago. (Taken from history of James A. Anderson.)

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POETRY PANORAMA APPRECIATED

To the Editor:

Please find enclosed a check . . . for the renewing of the **Arkansas Methodist** . . .

I enjoy the paper although twenty-six years has brought about many changes in the roster of pastors now serving and who were serving at the time I came to Louisiana.

Might I add also that one of the highlights for me is the poetry that is included most every week in the paper.

My kindest regards and best wishes to you . . . and the members of your staff.

Fred A. Mead (the Rev.)
521 Fourth Street
Jonesboro, La. 71251

POINTS FROM A PERUSER

To the Editor:

In the absence of my own profundity I am reminded of a quote from the fertile pen of Elbert Hubbard. It seems especially applicable as I peruse the pages of your weekly effort. As an outsider I continue to be impressed by the ongoing bantering between the "institutionalists" and the so-called "pentecostals" or "Good News" element.

Hubbard, who now belongs to the universe, said this about Christianity, which belongs to no one: "There has only been one Christian and he was a Jew. But this was irony. Christ could not be called a Christian. The Christianity that we know is a composite institution, formed by the grafting of Judaism upon paganism, and this hybrid faith, by a series of strange coincidences, took the name of the obscure but noble ascetic of Galilee. Paul was the real founder of Christianity, not Jesus.

"Pauline Judaism and pagan Rome joined hands and we have 'Christianity' with its thousands of variations and modifications, tempered and twisted by custom and desire. At the last, men do what they want to do, or at least what they can, and they name it what they choose."

Valentine P. Warlock
Formerly of Fort Smith,
now of Little Rock

HOW TO DO IT

To the Editor:

Is it possible that the Methodist organization is obsolete in the present age? Is it just spinning its wheels in wasted effort?

When most of the people were illiterate maybe there was merit in a religious system organized and operated by a supervising hierarchy — TODAY IS DIFFERENT. Schooling has taken care of that. MOST OF US CAN READ!

NOW, I'd like to see BIBLE ILLITERACY taken care of by schooling. If all the seminarian, trained clergymen would get into the mainstream and seriously, intensively TEACH the Bible, which is the ONLY WAY TO KNOW GOD'S WILL, where would all the "Committees" and "task forces" planning and planning (never getting around to accomplishing) — and all the booze blubbers, card fiends, etc., — spin their wheels?

It seems a waste of money, time and effort for trained, tapped on the shoulder ministers, to engage themselves in administrative work when that could be done by capable laymen, of which the Methodist brotherhood boasts many.

Johnson W. Warren
Oxana, Tenn.

P.S. Such apathy and indifference as exists in the Methodist pews — Whew! What is the Methodist view of Jesus?? Do they believe in Him?

Going Where God Leads

By JOEL COOPER

Pastor, Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Ark.



Lesson for October 5

UNIT ORIENTATION: In this second unit of the quarter, consisting of three lessons, we shall be looking at the stories of Abram to see if we can find hints which will help us in our pilgrimage of faith. God called Abram; He calls us. What can we learn about Abram's response to God's call that will help us to respond as we ought to God's call?

In the first lesson we are going to examine Abram's response to God's directives to see if we can discover how God might lead us.

In the second lesson we are going to look at the way Abram handled his doubts, hoping to find ways of handling our doubts.

In the third lesson we shall look at that perplexing incident in which Abram seems to be planning the sacrifice of his own son, asking if this incident has anything to say to modern man.

LESSON ORIENTATION: The Unit is entitled, "God's Call: Our Pilgrimage of Faith." This first lesson of the unit deals with the way in which God called to Abraham and the way Abraham answered. What we hope to get from this study is more than Biblical history; we want help for our lives in such matters as:

- (1) how God calls men today;
- (2) how can we know when we are called;
- (3) what we must do when we are called.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:26 through 12:20.

CONCLUSIONS HOPED FOR: (1) That you might get a new working knowledge of Abram going out "by faith;" (2) That you might see the implications of this experience for your own life; (3) That you might adopt this life style of "faithing" as your own life style.

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"... go ..."

The story opens in Ur of Chaldea, an area in southern Babylonia. Terah, the father of Abram, had already started for the land of Canaan with his family. But he stops short of his journey's end at a place called Haran, which would be located in modern Turkey. He had to travel in that direction because he could not cross the great desert which makes up the central part of present-day Saudi-Arabia. Terah died in Haran and Abraham became the head of the family. He, no doubt, had heard about Canaan from his father. Would he continue what his father had started to do?

Now, it is not clear from the story just when Abram's family began to worship the Lord. Terah could very well have been a sun-worshipper, probably was in Chaldea. It may have been in Haran that the family began its worship of the Lord. We do not know when it happened, but by the time Abram became head of the family, it had happened. The Lord was his god. Abram was the first patriarch.

In the first verse of the 12th chapter of Genesis the Lord says to Abram, "Go . . ." The Lord did not say, "Let's talk about some of the possibilities I have in mind for you and yours." No, God said, "Go!" One of the first things Abram learned about this god was this: "He's a god of action; he wants people to 'move it'!"

I could preach a sermon at this point, and will — at least a little sermon. God still wants people to "go," to "move it." God still calls people. He calls them to their work, for one thing. People have generally felt that ministers ought to be called of God into the ministry. I think God calls lay persons into their vocations. His call to them may not be as clear as it was to Abram, but there are ways of knowing where God wants you to work.

For one thing, look for a work you can enjoy, a work you would be willing to do without pay, if you had your living assured.

Two, ask yourself about a particular job, "Is this what God wants me to do with my life?"

Three, look for a work where you can use your abilities to deal with some human need. I have heard it expressed in this way: draw a horizontal line representing the whole gamut of human need, physical, mental, spiritual. Then draw an intersecting vertical line representing your abilities.

Where the line of your abilities crosses the line of human need, there is your calling. Listen and you will hear God say, "Go."

"... to the land that I show you ..."

God did not wait for Abram to ask, "Lord, where do you want me to go?" God anticipated that question and said, "Go . . . to the land that I will show you." Abram may have suspected that Canaan was to be his ultimate destination, because his father, Terah, had that destination in mind. But he couldn't have been sure where God was to lead him. This may have worried Abram a bit, but God was not concerned. God did not and does not reveal the end of our life's journey with him before we get there.

Can you wrap your mind around that? God says, "I'll show you in time, but I am not going to tell you ahead of time. If I describe in too much detail how it is going to be, you would not be moving by faith; you would be moving by knowledge. I want you to learn to trust me." In this incident at Haran we are given a glimpse of God's expectation of those who profess to follow him. He wants us to move out in trust.

Let me try to illustrate the meaning of trust. Can you float in the water? If so, do you remember that it was a little hairy at first to trust your body to the buoyancy of the water? Your friends told you it was possible to relax and let the water sustain you, but it is another matter for you to stretch your own body on the water, to relax, and trust the water to hold you up. But you never learned to float, until you trusted the water.

That is the way it is with our lives. We never really learn to "float," that is, never really learn to "go" for God, until we trust him. Standing around asking questions is not trust. Starting the project is trust.

Sometime ago I was reading the story of Nehemiah and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. You will remember the difficulties that were encountered in the project. At the very beginning of it, Sanballat, the Samaritan governor, accused Nehemiah of rebelling against Artaxerxes. But Nehemiah would not be distracted from his task. He said, "The God of heaven will give us success." Then comes a very stimulating verse: "We, his servants, are making a start with the rebuilding." That is trust — starting and being content for God to reveal to us in his own time the ultimate results. "Go . . . where I show you . . ."

"... I will bless you ..."

Now, after God ordered Abram to "go," he gave him some general words of encouragement. He did not leave the ultimate results of the venture wholly in the dark. God said in essence, "If you will go in faith, I will bless you." Again, God did not name the country into which

Abram was to go, but he did say that he would bless Abram and his ancestors — if Abram would go without question.

Here is the covenant: (1) Abram would move out, as Hebrews says, "without knowing where he was to go." (NEB) (2) God would bless him and his heirs.

This is hope. God always holds out hope to us, but it comes by way of faith. And the hope which God holds out to us is always on God's terms. God defines what it means to be blessed. We can't just decide that we are going to use faith to make our dreams come true. No, God determines what our blessing is to be. Abram did not determine what his blessing would be. That was God's prerogative. But God knows best, and when we set out in faith, content to let God show us where we are to go, he will surely bless us.

"... So Abram went ..."

And that is why Abram is remembered. God said, "Go," and he went. A lesser man might have hesitated: "God, I have my roots down here in Haran. I have lived here since I was a young man. I am seventy-five now. You need a strong young man for this job."

But Abram did not make any kind of excuse or raise any kind of question. He just turned to his servants and said, "Start packing," and he walked away to tell Sarah. Sarah was busy cleaning up the house after all the people attending the funeral had gone home. Abram said, (you understand that I am using my imagination) "Sarah, the Lord has told me to move out of Haran, so start getting ready."

Sarah said, "Wait a minute. I don't want to leave all my friends. And where are we going?" Abram answered: "The Lord didn't say." Sarah said, "That does it. People will think we are crazy, taking off without knowing where we are going."

Abram was unmoved. "Start packing," he said. And she did. Of course, that was before the day of women's liberation! **Packing is faith!**

All of this reminds me of other men of another time and place. A roving teacher was walking one day beside a lake in this country to which God was sending Abram. He was looking for disciples. Seeing some men in a boat, he called out to them, "Come," and they dropped everything and started "following" him. That was the faith that made them disciples.

God said to Abram, "Go," and he went. What a faith! So great a faith it was that two thousand years later the writer of the book of Hebrews lifts up this incident as a prime example of the kind of faith Christians are to have. He says, "It is for their faith that the men of old stand on record."

Then he mentions Abram and says, "By faith Abraham obeyed the call to go out to a land destined for himself and his heir, and left without knowing where he was to go . . . For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Heb. 11:8-10)

What God needs today is men who will go — go to a hungry world with food, go to an ignorant world with knowledge, go to a confused world with directives, go to an enslaved world with freedom, go to a sin-filled world with Christ. We do not have to know what the ultimate outcome will be.

All that we are called on to do is "go."

News from the churches

A CAMDEN DISTRICT workshop for United Methodist Women was held at Fairview Church in Camden on Saturday, Sept. 13 with 108 persons attending. The morning program included a message by District President, Mrs. Oma Lee Anthony and a presentation by Little Rock Conference President, Mrs. James Nix. Host pastor, the Rev. R. O. Beck, led the opening prayer, and Dr. Charles Richards, district superintendent presented the luncheon invocation. The afternoon was devoted to a "feed-back" on the morning session.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of the Camden area met at Fairview United Methodist Church for a program and business meeting which included a meditation by a member of Shiloh Baptist Church entitled, "The Christian Woman's Middle-aged Spread." State CWU President Sister Florence Yuterman and state CWU Historian Hazel Dabney, both of Pine Bluff, participated in the program and the installation of officers.

THE REV. ROBERT M. VAN HOOK II, campus minister at Southern State College, Magnolia, has spoken at a number of churches in the area recently to acquaint the constituencies with the work of Wesley Foundation. Mr. Van Hook has visited Asbury and First Churches in Magnolia, and the United Methodist Churches at Norphlet, Waldo and Stephens.

THE REV. JOE E. LINAM, pastor of First Church, Booneville, was the speaker for a revival held in First Church, Booneville, Sept. 14-18.

MRS. FLORA SCOTT

Mrs. Flora Flossie Scott of Garner, Ark. died Aug. 20th. The funeral service was held Aug. 23rd at Garner United Methodist Church where she had been a dedicated member. The Rev. Everne Hunter officiated. Burial was in the Lebanon Cemetery.

Mrs. Scott, born at Lebanon, a daughter of the late James and Effie Osborne, was married in 1917 to Autlie Preston Scott who died in 1938.

Survivors include five sons, L. A. Scott of Dallas, Tex., Carl Scott of McRae, Herman Scott of Santee, Calif., Rolan Scott of Mayflower and Vernon Scott of Little Rock; four daughters, Mrs. Lillian Dennis of Morning Sun, Mrs. Thelma Walker of Hughesville, Mo., Mrs. Virginia Burson of Flint, Mich. and Mrs. Mildred Howard of Little Rock; a half-brother, Robert Gowan of Garner, 32 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was an active member of the former Women's Society of Christian Service, the Parent Teachers' Association and Home Demonstration Club.

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.

Sept. 28—Sunday Mark 8:31-33
 Sept. 29 Mark 8:34-37
 Sept. 30 Jer. 11:18-20
 Oct. 1 Job 1:18-22
 Oct. 2 Job 2:7-10
 Oct. 3 Job 5:17-20
 Oct. 5 Psalm 11:1-7
 Oct. 5—Sunday Titus 2:2-6

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ANNUAL HOMECOMING at Hackett United Methodist Church, Fort Smith District, will be Sunday, Sept. 28. The Rev. Paul Dubar, pastor, will present the morning worship service. A potluck dinner and afternoon singing by the Sebastian County Singing Convention will be in the afternoon. All former members and friends are invited to attend.

LEXA UNITED METHODIST Church will hold a revival Sunday, Oct. 12 through Thursday, Oct. 16 with the Rev. Tony Holifield, pastor of Nettleton Church, Jonesboro, as evangelist.

MISS DEBBIE BINIORES has joined the staff of First Church, Monticello, as director of Christian Education and Music. She is a graduate of Hendrix College and served on the staff at Winfield Church, Little Rock, before coming to Monticello.

PRAIRIE GROVE CHURCH REPORTS ON SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Special summer events at Prairie Grove Church in Fayetteville District began in June with a salad luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the UMW. More than a hundred women and girls were present. Clothing from local stores was modeled by women of the church.

The next major event, in July, was a chicken dinner for the men and boys of the congregation. The 50 persons attending heard a presentation by Mr. Bill Thurman on the game of golf; Mr. Huland Nations gave pointers on fishing, and Mr. Wayne Cann discussed boating and fishing.

The youth had their evening in August in the form of a "Back to School Party." Guests at the picnic-ice cream social event included children and youth from kindergarten through college.

The next big event, according to United Methodist Women President Doris Sharp, will be the Christmas Luncheon and Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15.

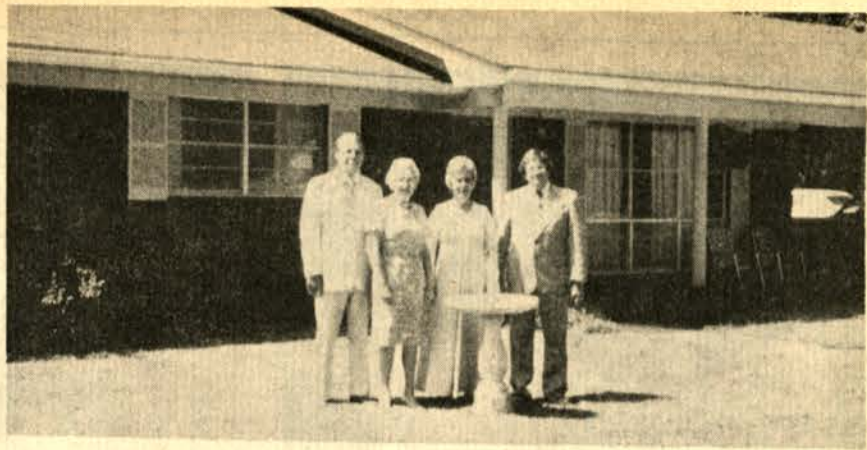
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Personalia

DR. JOHN P. MILES, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, will be principal speaker at the Sept. 20-21 Laymens' Institute Assembly of the St. Joseph, Mo., District. He will speak on the theme The Holy Spirit and the Methodist Tradition. He will also give the Sunday morning sermon at Ashland Church in St. Joseph. In his absence Dr. James W. Workman of Conway, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, will preach at Arkadelphia.

DR. ROY I. BAGLEY, pastor of First Church, El Dorado, returned as guest speaker to Bethany United Methodist Church, Houston, Tex., on Sunday, Sept. 14 as that church celebrated its 25th anniversary. Dr. Bagley was pastor of Bethany Church for five years.

COURTNEY BETH WARREN, infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Warren, was dedicated in baptism at First Church, Morrilton recently, by her great-grandfather, the Rev. I. L. Claud, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, assisted by Dr. Raymond Franks, pastor. Courtney's father is a senior student at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.



New Parsonage At Taylor

Dr. Charles W. Richards, Camden District superintendent, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. John L. Prothro, and the Rev. John Prothro, pastor of Taylor United Methodist Church, stand in front of new parsonage at Taylor. Dr. Richards officiated at the dedication service, after which the Prothro's held open house for the congregations of the Taylor-New Era Charge.

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Jonesboro District Ministers' Wives

Pictured at left are Linda Harrison, hostess, Cheri Bentley, Lonia Taylor, Mildred McKelvey and Ruty Hays, who hosted the recent Liberty Bell Luncheon meeting of the Jonesboro District Ministers' Wives. Bells brought by each of the ladies present are pictured in background. The group voted to send a monetary gift to the Marked Tree Extension Cottage of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home.



Christian Workers' School in Jonesboro

St. Paul Church, Jonesboro, recently hosted a Christian Workers' School for St. Paul and Mt. Carmel Churches. Pictured are: (front row) the Rev. Arvill Brannon, associate director North Arkansas Council on Ministries; Mrs. Walter Lindley, pre-school children; Mrs. Tommy Bryant, Work Area on Education chairperson; Mrs. James Barton, elementary children; (back row) the Rev. Charles Nance, host pastor; Junior Dortch, superintendent of study at St. Paul; Charles Mabry, who taught Work of the Local Church, Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, and the Rev. James T. Randle, youth.



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Women's Day Speaker

Mrs. Daisy M. Cabean retired deaconess, was the guest speaker for the annual Women's Day program held on a recent Sunday morning at Mt. Zion Church in Horatio.

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Fall Banquet Opener For Wesley Foundation Activities

Shown are scenes from the Wesley Foundation Fall Banquet at Southern State College in Magnolia. The meal, held at the beginning of the Fall term, was prepared by ladies of Asbury and First United Methodist Churches. Among the guests were the Rev. Bill

Briant, minister in training at First Church, the Rev. Howard Ritchie, pastor of Asbury Church, and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Raymond Cammack, chairman of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors, and Mrs. Cammack, and Mrs. Robert M. VanHook. Entertain-

ment was provided by Ken Stonecipher and Sherrill Kendall. Miss Karen Brown is president of the Wesley Student Council; the Rev. Robert VanHook is campus minister.



White River Delta Sub-District Elects Officers

AT LEFT: Sub-District officers are Robert Ford of Wynne, chaplain; Beth Mann of Cherry Valley, music director; Neal Blackburn of Wynne, parliamentarian; Kelly Huff of McCrory, reporter; Donna Ellis of Jolly Ellis, secretary; Martha Kittrell of Augusta, vice president, and Mac McKnight of Wynne, president. BELOW LEFT: Council representatives are: Jeff Dangeau of Wynne; Jeanie Wilder of Wynne, Maribeth Graves of McCrory, Bobby Faye Jennings of Augusta, Sheila Owens of Jolly Ellis, Cathy Hare of Cherry Valley, Paige Sikes of Wynne, and Robin Mitchell of McElroy.



Homecoming at Trinity Church, Danville

ABOVE: The Rev. Joe Kennedy, pastor, presides over afternoon program. The Rev. Dee Edwards, summer intern, presided over morning worship, and the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Hot Springs presented the message. ABOVE RIGHT: The Rev. Varnell Norman, pastor of White Memorial Church in Little Rock, delivers the afternoon message. AT RIGHT: Singing group from St. John's Church, Dardanelle, was one of several visiting groups performing. LOWER RIGHT: The Raymond Adams family presents a musical number. Visitors came from Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Oklahoma, California, New York, Michigan and Kentucky. Sister Joann Webster was chairperson for the event.



Paris United Methodists Begin Second Century

Shown at the recent Centennial Celebration of Paris United Methodists are some of the ministers and wives who have served the congregation. Left to right, Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent, who presented the message of the morning, Mrs. G. B. Ames, Mrs. William Hightower and Rev. Hightower, Mrs. Norris Steele, the Rev. Vernon Paysinger, present pastor, and Mrs. Paysinger, and the Rev. Norris Steele. Each minister's family was presented a commemorative keepsake plate with a brief history and picture of the church printed thereon.



THE SON-SHINE SINGERS of First Church, Nashville, presented the musical "Lightshine" in Murfreesboro United Methodist Church recently.

THE YOUTH CHOIR of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, under the direction of Pete Cooper, presented "The Life of Christ in Music" at Asbury Church, Little Rock, at a recent Sunday-at-Six service.

THE UMY of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs joined with the youth of the Hot Springs Presbyterian churches in a "pounding party" for the Vietnamese refugee family in Hot Springs.

FORT SMITH AREA United Methodist Youth attended a recent music and drama program at First Church, Fort Smith, presented by the Covenant Players of California.

THE JOY SINGERS of Winfield Church, Little Rock, recently presented a program at Salem United Methodist Church near Benton.

THE YOUTH of First Church, Texarkana, are smoking turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas and selling Christmas cards for money-raising projects this fall.



Batesville District Youth Council in Session
District officers in Sept. 7th meeting at First Church in Searcy.