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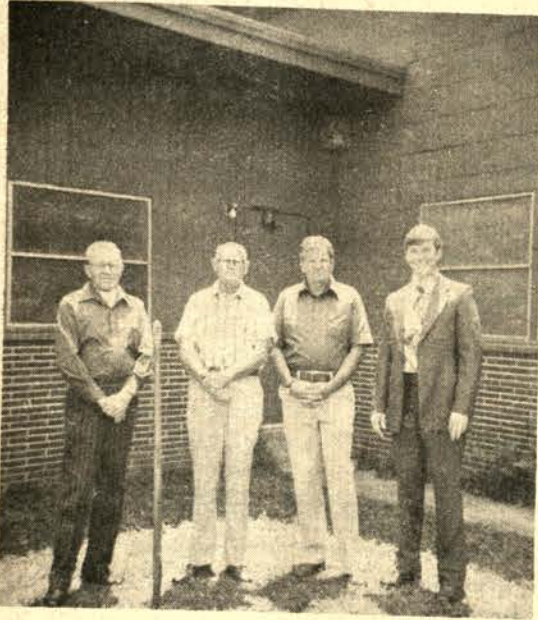


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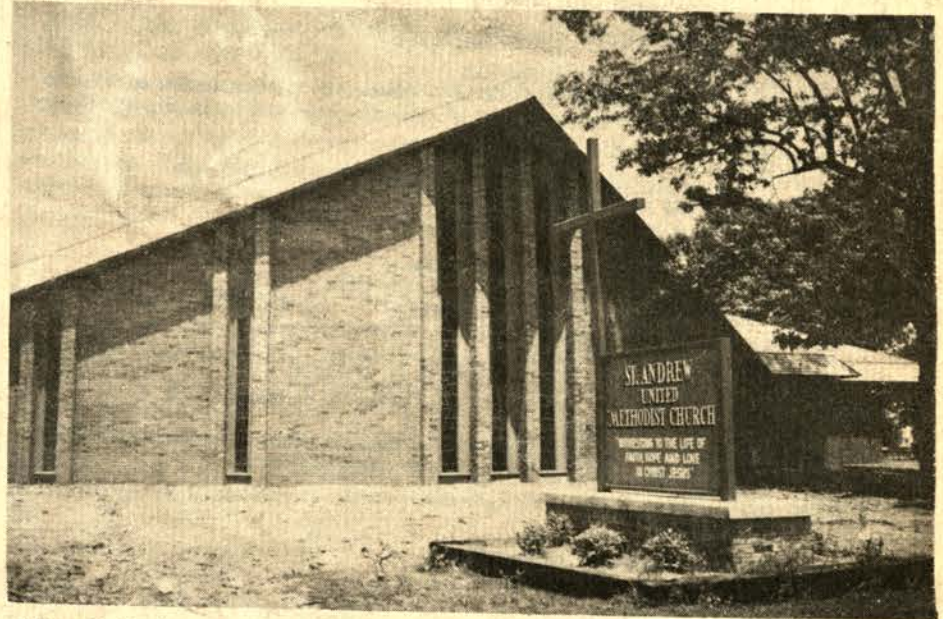
Groundbreakings and Consecrations



Lake City Breaks Ground For Addition

Ground was broken for a new unit at Lake City United Methodist Church at the May 23rd morning worship service. The addition will include classrooms and a fellowship hall. Participants in the ceremony were, left to right, Curtis Ridge Jr., Fred Stotts, both members of the Building Committee; Robert Ridge, Administrative Board chairman and the Rev. David Orr, pastor. (Also taking part were John Comer, a trustee, and Paul Taylor Jr., a member of the Building Committee.)

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New St. Andrew's United Methodist Church sanctuary building at 4600 Baseline Road in Little Rock.

St. Andrew's to consecrate sanctuary Sunday, June 6

The new sanctuary building of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Little Rock, built at a cost of approximately \$300,000 will open next Sunday, June 6, with a Service of Consecration. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent will be present to officiate at the special ceremony during the 10:50 a.m. worship service at the church located at 4600 Baseline Road.

The Rev. Fred H. Haustein, now completing his fourth year as pastor at St. Andrew's, has given leadership to the building project for which construction has been in progress during the past 10 months. Mr. Bill Plegge has served as Building Committee chairman for the last two years.

The sanctuary building includes a choir room, parlor, narthex, sacristy, and storage facility. Special features of

the sanctuary include a cross and spire located just above the chancel area with stained glass in the cupola deflecting light rays downward and into the worship center area. The communion rail contains wood carved depictions of various Biblical events. The seating arrangement is such that no worshipper is more than 40 feet from the central worship area.

All former pastors and members of the church have been invited to participate in the day's celebration which will take the form of an "Old Fashioned Homecoming," with "dinner on the grounds" following morning worship. At 2 p.m. Ed and Wanda Sipe, husband and wife evangelistic musical team, will direct a hymn sing. The church will remain open until 5 p.m. to persons who wish to view the facility.

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Wynne Church Adding Youth Wing

ABOVE: Among those taking part in the May 16 groundbreaking service at First Church, Wynne were, left to right, Helen Brawner; Elsie Fisher; Afton Bradshaw, Pastor-Parish Committee chairman; Leroy Dangeau, Council on Ministries chairman; John Cook, Administrative Board chairman; Bob Fisher, Trustee chairman, and Claude Brawner Jr., a lay leader. Officiating at the ceremony was the Rev. William M. Wilder, pastor. Also participating was Building Committee Chairman Howard Hill. AT LEFT: Choirmaster Linda White receives assistance from daughter Wendy, as young son Steven registers fascination with the project. Construction for the building, which will cost an estimated \$80,000, is now underway.



Fellowship Hall Consecrated At St. John's



Assisting Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent, with the recent consecration service for the new fellowship hall at St. John's Church, Van Buren, were (left to right) Dr. Fred Roebuck, Pastor David Scroggin and song evangelist Bill Kennedy of England, Ark. The hall has seating capacity for 225 persons, a large storage room, concrete ramp for easy access, and a canopy-covered drive-through. Consecrated also was a new piano, for the new building, given as a memorial to the late Paul and Naomi Rapier, and the sound system, a memorial to the late Bob Bossinett, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Gooding.

North Arkansas Annual Conference

Hendrix College, Conway

June 7, 8, 9, 10

AGENDA

Monday, June 7

- 12:00 Noon Luncheon for Cabinet
(Meetings of Boards and Agencies as announced)
- 2:00 p.m. Registration Opens — Snack Shop Area, Hulen Hall
(Meetings of Boards and Agencies as announced)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner — Hendrix College Ballroom — Hulen Hall. Sponsored by the Council on Lay Life and Work (Mr. Bob Cheyne, Chairperson) — for all Conference delegates (Lay and Clergy). Tickets \$3.75. Only 350 tickets available. Tickets available from Conference and District Lay Leaders.
- 7:30 p.m. The Opening Celebration of Worship — First United Methodist Church, Conway.
Holy Communion
Preacher — Dr. William McElvaney, President
St. Paul School of Theology
Kansas City, Missouri

Tuesday, June 8

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Cafeteria, Hulen Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional in Auditorium, Hendrix — Directed by the Commission on Worship
- 9:00 a.m. The Opening of the Conference business sessions — Auditorium, Hendrix College
- Hymn
Prayer
Opening Statement — Call to Order — Bishop Eugene M. Frank
Organization of the Conference
Adoption of Agenda
Selection of Secretarial Staff
Designation of the "Bar of the Conference"
Roll Call by Conference Secretary, Dewey Dark
Welcome to Hendrix — Dr. Roy Shilling
Council on Ministries — Report #1
Board of Ministry — Report #1
Council on Finance and Administration — Report #1
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service — Directed by the Committee on Memoirs and Committee on Worship
- 12:30 Noon Luncheon — Retired Ministers, Wives, Ministers' Widows, Ballroom, Hulen Hall, Hendrix. Sponsored by the Conference Board of Pensions
- 2:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
Structure Committee
Committee on Nominations
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Board of Church and Society
General Welfare
Human Relations
World Peace
Emerging Social Issues
Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Council on Lay Life and Work
- 4:15 p.m. Recess
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner — Hendrix College — Program Dinner. Ballroom, Hulen Hall. Sponsored by all Boards and Agencies of the Conference. Tickets are \$3.75. Only 350 tickets are available. Awards: Town and Country.
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Service. Youth Night — Auditorium, Hendrix
Dr. William McElvaney preaching

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Cafeteria, Hulen Hall
- 7:00 a.m. Lay Pastors' Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional — Directed by the Commission on Worship
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Mt. Sequoyah
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Perkins School of Theology
St. Paul School of Theology
Wesley Foundations
Committee on Camps and Conferences
United Methodist Men
- 10:30 a.m. Recess
- 10:45 a.m. Hymn Sing
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Church and Community Seminar
Health and Welfare
Aldersgate Camp
The Methodist Hospital

The Methodist Nursing Home
The Methodist Village
Missions
Advance Specials
Church Extension, Etc.

- Town and Country
Commission on Equitable Salaries
United Methodist Women
Presentation of Chaplains
Courtesy Committee
- 12:30 Noon Ministers' Wives Luncheon — Hendrix Ballroom, Hulen Hall
Luncheon Honoring Chaplains — Ramada Inn Restaurant
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session
"Report" — General Conference
Christian Civic Foundation
Committee on District Conference Journals
Commission on Religion and Race
Committee on Group Insurance
Committee on Memoirs
Arkansas Methodist Foundation
Mt. Sequoyah
Trustees of the Annual Conference
- 4:30 p.m. Bishop Frank to meet with those to be ordained and spouses.
- 7:30 p.m. Ordination Service
First United Methodist Church, Conway
Dr. William McElvaney — Preaching

Thursday, June 10

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast — Cafeteria, Hulen Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Devotional — Directed by the Commission on Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Business Session
Statistician's Report
Treasurer's Report
Council on Finance and Administration — #3
Commission on Archives and History
Committee on Policy and Review
WHERE SHALL NEXT SESSION OF CONFERENCE BE HELD?
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Any other business of the Conference
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FIRST AID AND NURSE'S STATION

This can be located in the Greene Chapel during the BUSINESS SESSIONS of the Conference.



Dr. Ben Oliphint

Dr. Oliphint, Program Dinner speaker

Dr. Ben Oliphint, senior minister of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, will be the featured speaker for the Program Dinner during the North Arkansas Annual Conference session. A native of Hemphill, Tex., Dr. Oliphint is a graduate of Centenary College, SMU, Duke University and Union Theological Seminary. He earned the Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh.

Prior to assuming his present pastorate in 1972 he was pastor of University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Other pastorates served in the Louisiana Conference were First

Church, Alexandria, St. Paul's, Monroe, and St. Luke's, New Orleans. He has spoken widely on college and university campuses and is the author of numerous articles in church periodicals.

The dinner, sponsored by the Conference's program boards and agencies, will be Tuesday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m. in Hendrix' Hulen Ballroom. The annual Town and Country Awards will be presented during the dinner meeting. Tickets are available from District superintendents, chairpersons of boards, the Council office, or at the registration desk on Monday, June 7.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE RETIREES DINNER

The Retirees Dinner, given annually by the Little Rock Conference Board of Pensions at the time of Annual Conference, is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

All retired ministers, retired ministers' wives, and widows of ministers are invited.

The Board of Pensions business meeting will be held at the Downtowner Inn in the Crown Room, 135 Central Avenue, at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday.

From the Bottom of the Heart

Holy Smoke ?

Tobacco and the minister: Some long thoughts on moral leadership

We are long overdue, in our opinion, in giving attention to an issue which deserves serious thought in our two Annual Conferences: the use of tobacco by ministers.

We submit that the issue is a legitimately serious one for more reasons than might at first be expected. We contend that by such use our ministers are damaging their pastoral influence with children and with many youth and adults, are compromising their prophetic office, are defaulting in an important area of moral example and leadership, and are unwittingly contributing to a loss of confidence in the ministry in general — all circumstances which reflect unfavorably upon the Church.

Those are serious contentions, deliberately made, and they call for supporting comment.

It is a part of the problem that in this liberated age any discussion of "the smoking issue" from the standpoint of morality (if not of health) is dismissed by many as being either totally passé or as a non issue. Others dismiss it because they feel that the subject is the pet peeve of persons whose opinions are intellectually unacceptable because they are based upon an understanding of the Christian faith as a morality system only, missing its central message of grace.

In any event, it is a sad commentary upon the Church that about the only prophetic voice being raised today in regard to tobacco is that of the American Cancer Society. If Christian ministers accept the biblical teaching that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, it would seem — knowing what we now do about the health hazards of smoking — that the continued use of tobacco would be difficult to defend and that silence on the issue constitutes a moral sellout.

But the reality is that a fair hearing on the smoking issue is frustrated by the fact that a considerable number of our leading ministers — district superintendents and pastors — are among those who use tobacco. Their involvement silences them on this issue. And as long as this remains the case, and it appears that the number of tobacco users among the leadership in our two Annual Conferences is increasing, we can conclude that we won't be hearing many prophetic words on this issue from this group — which rightfully ought to be expected to give moral leadership in every area, including personal habits.

Although many would insist that the issue is relatively inconsequential, it has dimensions larger than the tobacco question alone. Whether we like it or not, and whether it is "fair" or not, and whether or not it reflects a double standard, we suspect that many perceptive laypersons — including children and youth — consider the use of tobacco by ministers as "just one more evidence" that the world's morality is all messed up and even, that it must be true, as they have heard, that the Church has watered down its message to conform to the world.

This, it could be said, is a lot to lay to one small leaf. But such is the frail nature of moral credibility — and we say that's the way it ought to be.

The DISCIPLINE Calls For A 'Higher Standard'

The legislation on this issue by the General Conference of 1968 may have been one turning point which saw increasing numbers of ministers using tobacco. If that is the case, the action of these ministers reflects either a basic misunderstanding or a flagrant disregard of the spirit of that legislation.

In removing the specific injunction requiring a ministerial candidate to abstain from tobacco and alcoholic beverages, the Conference sought "to elevate the standards (emphasis ours) by calling for a more thoroughgoing moral commitment by the candidate and for a more careful and thorough examination of candidates by district committees and Boards of the Ministry" (The Book of Discipline, 1968, 1972, Par. 318).

Other statements from **The Discipline** are relevant: "The legislation in no way implies that the use of tobacco is a morally indifferent question. In the light of the developing evidence against the use of tobacco, the burden of proof would be upon any user to show that his use of it is consistent with the ideals of excellence of mind, purity of body, and responsible social behavior" (**The Discipline**, 1968, Par. 318). (The last phrase above was amended in 1972 to read: "... is consistent with the highest ideals of the Christian life.")

The statement continues: "Therefore, the changes here do not relax the

traditional view concerning the use of tobacco and beverage alcohol by ministers in The United Methodist Church. Rather they call for higher standards of self-discipline and habit formation in all personal and social relationships. They call for dimensions of moral commitment that go far beyond any specific practices which might be listed" (The Discipline, 1968, 1972, Par. 318).

These statements were retained by the General Conference of 1976, just recently concluded.

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What is the significance of these Disciplinary statements in light of the contentions we have made above?

What we see happening today is that as ministerial candidates are challenged to "higher standards of self-discipline and habit formation," they are, in increasing instances, receiving that charge from pastors and district superintendents who use tobacco. What these leaders are implying by their example is that they have satisfied themselves that such use "is consistent with the highest ideals of the Christian life." It is that implication which we respectfully challenge.

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To the degree that the use of tobacco concerns personal and private habits only, it can be said to be an individual matter. But to the degree that it concerns the quality of ministerial leadership and example, and the moral credibility of the ministry, the issue is one which affects the whole church, and is, therefore, a vitally important one.

If the issue makes us uncomfortable, perhaps it should. If it embarrasses us, perhaps it ought to. But whatever, we submit that it is an issue which in good faith we can no longer ignore. Our smoke signals are being read. They ought to be.

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Off the Top of the Head

Have it your way

I was working in my study at home the other morning when the telephone rang and a young lady's voice came on rapid fire: "This is the such-and-such hamburger service" (so fast I didn't catch the name) "and we're confirming your order for 23 hamburgers."

Me (after a long silence): "Huh?"

She: "This is the such-and-such hamburger service and we're confirming your order for 23 hamburgers!"

Me (still confused but with growing interest): "Would you come again with that, please — just one more time?"

She (with some "one more time" inflections): "This is the such-and-such hamburger service and we're... Say, this IS the Arkansas Psychiatric Clinic, isn't it?"

Me (with a giggle): "Not at the moment it isn't — but if this keeps up, it could happen at any time..." and I went on to tell her that she had reached a private residence.

She (with a gigglier giggle): "Ooohhh — tee, hee, hee, hee. I'm sorry, sir!"

Me: "Don't worry about it — I enjoyed it. Goodbye."

She (giggle still working): "Ooohhh — tee, hee, hee, hee. Goodbye, sir. Thank you, sir. Goodbye, sir. Tee, hee, hee, hee."

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Now — even the mere thought of just one hamburger is enough to break my concentration while writing editorials and stuff, to say nothing of narrowly missing 23 (!) of those beauties. That was more than I was up to, so I found it rather difficult to get back to the task at hand.

As I was replaying the little episode in my head, and came to the "Arkansas Psychiatric Clinic" part, a light went on and it dawned on me that that is where my very own personal Sunday School teacher hangs out! (He says he works there.) "Hot dog," I thought (or "Hot hamburger!"), "I'll have some fun."

I looked up the clinic's phone number — just to be sure no one was playing a joke on me — and found that sure enough there was just one digit difference between their number and ours. So I concluded that Such and Such Hamburger Service had really made an honest mistake tee, hee, hee, hee.

So, wanting to be of help to anyone — especially my Sunday School teacher — who was waiting impatiently for 23 hamburgers which wouldn't arrive unless I made my life-saving phone call, I rang up the clinic, but found that my doctor friend was working (taking orders maybe?). So I cleared up the whole matter with the nice lady on the phone.

She said she was delighted to get the call (more giggling) because she had wondered what was taking the Such & Such Bunch so long to deliver the burgers. We both giggled some more and went back to our respective typewriters and lived happily ever after.

All this was a few days ago, but I still find myself wondering about those hamburgers. Why 23 burgers for one clinic? Could it have anything to do with some sort of new therapy or something? Some new rehabilitation theory perhaps? Possibly a prescription?

Whatever, it's enough to convince me to take all my business over there from now on. Even if I don't get 23 hamburgers I can at least get some tutoring on my Sunday School lessons.

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Conference on Holy Spirit at Jonesboro, June 17-20

Nearly 1500 persons are expected to attend the third United Methodist Conference on the Holy Spirit at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, June 17-20. Theme of the event, sponsored by the host church and the Council of Evangelism of the South Central Jurisdiction, will be "The Holy Spirit Working to Make Disciples."

Among principal speakers will be Dr. James Kennedy, pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Professor Robert Coleman, professor of evangelism at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank are among other speakers and group leaders. In addition to platform messages, the conference will feature seven workshops and numerous talk-it-over groups.

Special music will be provided by two groups, New Life, from Memphis, and The Christian Edition, a group of youth from the host church. Mrs. Lee Ritchie of Arlington, Tex., will lead congregational singing.

To date, persons from 14 states have

Personalia

DR. ROY B. SHILLING JR., president of Hendrix College, has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the Executive Board of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. Hendrix College is accredited by the North Central Association.

THE REV. THOMAS E. FRANK, a probationary member of the Missouri East Conference who is working toward his Ph.D. degree at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., is one of five ministerial students selected to receive a Dempster Graduate Fellowship award. Mr. Frank, the son of Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank holds the A.B. degree from Harvard and the master of divinity degree from Candler. Named for John Dempster, 19th Century Methodist preacher who helped found three United Methodist seminaries, the fellowships are awarded annually by United Methodism's Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Daily Bible Readings

- June 3—Sunday Psalm 30:1-12
- June 7 Psalm 40:1-10
- June 8 Psalm 48:1-14
- June 9 Psalm 61:1-8
- June 10 Psalm 107:1-9
- June 11 Psalm 126:1-6
- June 12 Psalm 146:1-10
- June 13—Sunday Ezek. 3:16-21

registered for the event. Registration fees are \$10 per person, \$15 per couple and \$3 per youth. Detailed information on the conference agenda, housing and registration may be obtained by writing the host pastor, the Rev. Worth Gibson, First United Methodist Church, Main at Matthews, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.

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HENDRIX COMMENCEMENT

Hendrix College will hold its 92nd baccalaureate and graduation services at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 4, on the patio of the Olin C. Bailey Library.

Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix, will address the 232 seniors who will receive bachelor of arts degrees.

Jonathan C. Perry of Malvern will be graduated with high honors.

Eight other seniors will be graduated with honors. They are Donna J. Bohannan of Fort Smith, Charles Lamar Campbell of Little Rock, Michael T. Crimmins and Stephen Albert Lachowsky of Conway, Kathryn Lynn Duncan of Hot Springs, Jeannie Anne Keck of Eureka Springs, Celia Carol Robinson of Dumas and William Paul Tuberville of Magnolia.

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Second Arkansas Ashram to be held at Mt. Sequoyah

The second annual Arkansas Christian Ashram will be held June 26-July 1 at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville. A "cooperative quest for a deeper spiritual growth," the Ashram is patterned after a movement founded by the late missionary-evangelist, Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

Resource leaders for the event are Dr. J. T. Seamonds, professor of Christian Missions, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., Dr. Francis Christie, Willis H. Holmes Distinguished Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Hendrix College, and the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, superintendent of the Paragould district. The Rev. C. Waymon Hollis, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Corning, is the Ashram director.

The Ashram committee reports that the event is an opportunity for persons to "find reaffirmation of earlier experiences of God's presence or perhaps new promptings, new meanings within present experiences." Singles, couples and families are invited.

Detailed information and registration forms may be secured from Mr. Robert E. Miller, Registrar, 2301 S. 40th St., Fort Smith, Ark. 72901.

Members of the Arkansas Ashram committee are Mr. Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Robert E. Shannon, Dr. Charles P. McDonald, Ruth Williams, Paul Bankhead, Dr. Harold Eggensperger, Mary Ellen Jesson, Nancy Shilling, the Revs. Jerry Canada, Robert Felder, Arvis Lawson and Victor E. Green.

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'Joyful Noise' in Arkansas for concerts

The Joyful Noise Folk Choir, Dance Ensemble and Bell Choir, consisting of 66 youth from Manchester United Methodist Church, Manchester, Mo., will be in Arkansas for special appearances June 11-13. The group will appear at Aldersgate, Inc., at 8 p.m. Friday, June 11, where they will give a concert for the Aldersgate Board of Directors. Youth groups from United Methodist Churches in the Little Rock area are invited to attend.

Saturday concerts by the group will be given at Presbyterian Village and the



Rev. Frank Jones

Benton Church announces Bible study on 'Prophets'

The Rev. Frank Jones, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Brookfield, Mo., will lead a Bible study on 'The Prophets' at First Church, Benton on the nights of June 6, 7 and 8. The study is a part of the church's Bicentennial observance.

Jones, who has served in his present pastorate for nine years, is a graduate of Hendrix College and for nine years was a member of the North Arkansas Conference serving pastorates at Eureka Springs, Van Buren and the Wesley Foundation at Fayetteville. Prior to his present pastorate he was Wesley Foundation campus minister at Southwest Missouri State University for six years. He has had wide experience as a teacher of Bible courses and has indicated a strong belief that the prophets have a definite message for our nation today.

The Rev. Clint Atchley, pastor at First Church, and the congregation extend an invitation to all interested persons to attend the informal sessions which will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall at 7:30 each evening.

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Methodist Children's Home. The group will appear at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, June 13, and at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, that evening.

Among the ten adults accompanying the group on this, its fourth tour, are the Rev. Terry Barber, one of the pastors of the Manchester Church, Mrs. Connie Hays, Mrs. Mary Buddemeyer, and Mrs. Jeannie Wesley, directors of the various groups.

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NOTICE TO MINISTERS OF NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

All ordained elders and deacons are asked to bring their robes and red stoles to Annual Conference for the Ordination Service, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, First United Methodist Church, where they will join in the processional and recessional hymns, and sit as a body behind the ordinands. Participants will gather and robe in the church basement approximately 30 minutes prior to the service. Robes will be provided for those who do not bring one.



Council Office Adds Video-taping Equipment

The Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries now has video-taping equipment available for use throughout the conference. A number of pre-recorded tapes are available for use in the churches of the conference. The color camera and recorder are available by special arrangement. Shown above is one of the camera operators, Russ Racop, video-taping the recent Bible Conference Lecture at First Church, Little Rock. The speaker was Dr. W. J. A. Power and this tape is available for use throughout the Conference.

NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

Dr. Thelma Davidson Adair of New York City, newly-elected moderator of the 2.7 million-member United Presbyterian Church told a press conference, "Social action may get all the headlines, but belief in Jesus Christ as your personal savior is the base where you start. Then you move toward social action."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, famed founder of the Missionaries of Charity who has had hundreds of India's sick and starving die in her arms, has commented on a different and more serious kind of poverty in the U.S. Addressing an audience estimated at nearly 4,000 in Tulsa, she said, "The greatest poverty in the U.S. is that you have so much you lose that intimate touch with God." "Spiritual poverty," she added, "is so much more difficult to relieve." Currently on a tour of the states, Mother Teresa urged her audience to "serve Christ in the disguise of the poor, and begin by loving your own family and your neighbors."

A major split over exorcism in the upper levels of leading British Churches has been reported from London. The Methodist Church, through a group under the guidance of the denomination's Faith and Order and Healing and Pastoral Ministry committees has given qualified support for belief in demon spirits by outlining the way ministers should help those thought to be possessed. However, the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) has said bluntly, "There is no place for exorcism in the Church of Scotland. Exorcism does more harm than good."

Nine Soviet dissidents have formed an organization to monitor Soviet compliance with the 1975 Helsinki declaration on human rights, according to a report out of Moscow. The USSR was one of the signatories to the document that affirmed respect for "fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief," and provided for greater human contacts and exchanges of information and culture across national borders.

Dr. Alan Walker, an Australian Methodist minister and president and founder of Life Line International, told the organization's fourth international convention, "The most common human problems are anxiety, depression and loneliness. Millions of people cannot cope with the pressures and pace of the mass society." He said, "There is great need to see what is the relationship between professionalism and the Holy Spirit, between the techniques of psychiatry and social work and the guidance and strength which comes from the presence of God."

Protestant and Roman Catholic communications agencies and 79 individual church communicators have joined in petitioning the Federal Communications Commission to require that all television stations provide program time to non-profit community organizations to serve the public interest. The petition urged that a new type of program, called "Community Service," be added to program definitions for commercial television stations.

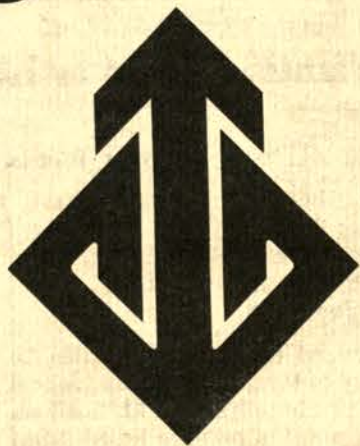
The Rev. Kenneth J. Deere of Muskogee, Okla., a member of the Creek Tribe, is the first Native American elected to serve on the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. On Sept. 1 he will begin work in Washington, D.C., as an associate executive secretary of the agency. His wife, Joann, is president of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference's United Methodist Women unit.

A National Day of Prayer for Peace in Rhodesia, called by the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith, attracted only "small numbers of Africans (blacks)," but according to Salisbury Radio "a large percentage of those attending (services) were teenagers and young people."

In a dramatic move toward church unity, the annual Assembly of the United Reformed Church in England has endorsed by an overwhelming majority, a resolution saying it should consider whether the time is ripe for an approach to the Methodist Church with a view toward union. The Rev. A. Raymond George and Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, top officials in the Methodist conference, issued a statement in which they said if such a URC approach is made "it will receive the most careful consideration." More than 100 joint URC/Methodist churches are already operating in England and Wales.

Student Day, a tradition which began in June of 1872, will be observed in United Methodist churches across the nation on Sunday, June 13. As in the beginning, an offering will be received to help students meet the costs of their college education. Today, in Nashville, both a loan fund and scholarship program are administered for the denomination by an office of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The four percent interest rate charged to students who borrow from the fund has served to underwrite its administration as well as the scholarship program established in 1945. Today's loans range typically from \$700 to \$1,000 a year and are repaid within six years after graduation.

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STUDENT DAY



Kamp Kaetzell Trustees Meet

The annual meeting of Trustees of Kamp Kaetzell, in the North Arkansas Conference, and the Batesville District Camp Committee was held at Clinton on May 14. Left to right, those attending were: (seated) Harould Scott, Joe Pierce, Jim Wiseman, Batesville District Superintendent Floyd G. Villines; (standing) Allan Hilliard, Howard Johnson, Dois Kennedy, H. H. Fulbright, Wayne Jarvis, Charles Mabry, Lewis Ernest and Jerry Pulliam.

From Our Readers . . .

THE BUSINESS AND 'NO BUSINESS' OF THE CHURCH

To the Editor:

In some ways the General Conference was disappointing. That the church is experiencing difficulties is nothing new. The urge to remedy situations is normal but solutions put forward by an imperfect body in a sense of urgency are not always satisfactory and are a reflection of the depth of the spiritual state of the protagonists.

Some of the propositions should never have been brought up; others are none of the church's business. Homosexuality is condemned by the Bible so we already have a stand on that. Sympathy for those who want to improve is good but they do not want to improve, they want to be accepted as they are. Their practices we cannot condone.

The recommending of registration of firearms is a point not clearly thought out by a class of ministers whose knowledge of firearms is limited, and is none of the church's business. No criminal would register his firearms and I believe it has been ruled that it would amount to self incrimination . . . The problem is people, not guns. The church does not realize that there are distinct classes of people and our leaders want to forgive the unforgiveable — those who do not intend to change. Jesus did not have the time or patience to forgive everyone. "If they will not hear you," he said to the disciples, "shake the dust from your feet and leave that city."

The disposal of the Panama Canal is another area in which the church has no business. The Communists would only use the Canal to hijack the world. Perhaps we should buy all of the little state of Panama. Such proposals make one wonder what element is infiltrating the top echelons of our organizations and what their aim is.

To feed the hungry is good but no temporary solution will do. If you feed deprived people by gifts and they build health and stamina will they not produce more mouths to feed? Why not improve our system and readjust some conceptions of participation and ownership of the goods put here on earth for man's

use? Does not everyone have a right to life? The controlling element decides who will work and how many shall not, and if all people cannot become a part of the system of production and distribution there will always be trouble. What is the difference in allowing them to work, even at reduced wages for all if we have to feed them anyway with tax money, our money?

Our goal and (the) principal teaching of Jesus is the kingdom of heaven — a concept not understood: A good life of peace with the aim of building higher and even higher our beings to the point of becoming spiritual and leading a glorious existence here on earth for which we pray each Sunday in the Lord's prayer.

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'GOOD NEWS'

To the Editor:

Are you concerned for Biblical Christianity in The United Methodist Church? Do you believe in: The inspiration of the Bible? The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ? Christ's death as atonement for sin? The physical resurrection of Christ? Christ's literal return? If so, we invite you to actively participate in the formation of a statewide **Good News Renewal Group**.

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The Church Organizes

By DR. WILLIAM C. GENTRY
Professor, Henderson State University
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Scriptures: Acts 6:1-6; Romans 16:1-6;
Ephesians 4:11-16; I Timothy 3:1-13

The Organization of the Early Church

Jesus did not leave his disciples many helpful directions concerning the organization of the church. In fact the word "church" appears only twice in his remembered teachings and these occur only in Matthew's Gospel. One of these references has received a great deal of attention by the later church.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock (Greek *petra*) I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:18-19).

This passage constitutes one of the main bases for the claims of papal authority in the Roman Catholic Church. But, as Kenneth Scott Latourette remarks, "Whatever else this passage may mean, it does not so much as hint that there was to be a series of successors to whom Peter was to have authority to transmit the 'power of the keys'" (A History of Christianity, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1953, 112-113). The notion of apostolic succession through Peter, at least as regards the serious matter of "binding" and "loosing" in heaven, is not to be derived unambiguously from these verses.

Jesus did pray on the night that he was betrayed that his disciples might be one as he and the Father were one, and that all who believe in him should be one. This indicates a desire on Jesus' part that his followers form a close and enduring fellowship. But it does not indicate what sort of organization that fellowship should take. Jesus chose twelve disciples and this may imply that he wanted to preserve a community which paralleled the division of ancient Israel into twelve tribes. But this, too, is not of much help to the later church in its efforts to develop an organizational structure and patterns of leadership.

It was not long after Jesus' death that a church arose among his followers. It took a variety of visible forms. It was, in contradiction to Jesus' expressed wishes, quite divided. Within a short time after Jesus' prayer for the unity of his followers they were quarreling about who among them should have precedence over the others. We know that in the first generation of the church there were factions following the leadership of various designated leaders, Paul, Apollos, Peter, and Christ.

Two things are clear. One, there was much controversy in the early church regarding leadership and life-style, and two, no central administrative structure developed for many years to tie the numerous units of the church together.

Before the end of the first century, however, a basic leadership classification was developed which has endured with modifications until the present. We read of the offices of **bishop** and **deacon**. The bishop was also designated elder or presbyter (both English words come from the same Greek word). The office of elder or

presbyter in the church was probably suggested by the office of elder in the synagogue. And the office was likely occupied initially by some of the earliest recruits of the Apostles themselves.

It is clear that elders were those who had length of tenure and depth of experience in the church. Elders who assumed the chief pastoral duties in churches also came to be called bishops. In several churches in the first century there appear to have been more than one bishop. But it was more usual practice to recognize one bishop in each church.

We know that in the first generation of the church in Jerusalem, James the brother of Jesus, was regarded as its head, although the title of bishop was not used until somewhat later. It is also clear that the church at Jerusalem had elders. The writer of the first and second epistles of John calls himself "the elder" and indicates that he holds a position of acknowledged authority.

Early in the second century the pattern of organization within the church began to solidify. Each church seems to have had at least one bishop, and some bishops, such as Ignatius of Antioch, appear to have assumed authority over more than one local church. Ignatius declared that the bishop represents God and that the presbyters are the "sanhedrin" of God, the assembly of apostles. The bishop or someone specifically designated by the bishop, Ignatius says, has the authority to administer the sacrament of the Eucharist. "Ignatius held that it was not lawful to baptize or to celebrate a love-feast without the bishop. He declared that he who honors the bishop shall be honored by God" (Latourette, 117).

The office of the deacon was the other primary ministerial office in the early church. It is derived from the designation of the seven persons whose duty it was to make an equitable distribution of goods from the common storehouse (Acts 6:1-6). Remember that it is likely that the early Christians practiced a form of communalism of foodstuffs, clothing, and other necessities. At least the widows and orphans were to be cared for from a common storehouse.

The initial role of the deacon was to serve the common table. But it developed into that of an assistant to the elder or bishop. It seems possible to draw the conclusion from I Timothy 3:11 that women as well as men served in the office of deacon. However, that verse may be interpreted as referring to the wives of deacons rather than to females who served as deaconesses. Paul unmistakably refers to a deaconess, Phoebe of the church at Cenchreae, in Romans 16:1.

Virtues of Church Leaders

In one of the pastoral epistles traditionally thought of as a letter from Paul to his friend and traveling companion Timothy we read of the virtues which should characterize church leaders. Bishops, the writer says, ought to be above reproach regarding their marital fidelity and the use of alcohol. In other matters pertaining to personal disposition, bishops should be "temperate, sensible, dignified, hospitable, . . . gentle, not quarrelsome, and no lover of money" (I Timothy 3:2 and 3). Certainly they should demonstrate the ability to manage their family affairs before assuming the administration of the church.

With respect to other vocational or ministerial capacities, bishops ought to be "apt teachers" and learned in Christian doctrine. This latter expectation seems to be the point of the writer's concern that the bishop not be a recent convert, but rather should be someone with considerable experience in the life of the church. One of the chief functions of the early bishops was to deal with disputes regarding doctrine. A recent convert could not be expected to have either the theological expertise or the personal grace to make responsible decisions concerning orthodoxy and heterodoxy.

Deacons should manifest the same personal virtues as do bishops (verses 8-10). They should be "serious, not double-tongued" (hypocritical or deceitful), and "they must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience." Women (who serve as deaconesses?) should avoid slander and be "faithful in all things" (verse 11).

The church has always expected the highest quality of personal life and the strongest of vocational gifts of those who serve in its clerical offices.

Other Leaders in the Church

The entirety of church leadership is not to be made up, of course, only of bishops and deacons. There must be others, some not ordained clergy, who comprise the leadership of the church. The writer of Ephesians speaks of the different sorts of "gifts" or powers which the Spirit confers on church leaders (Ephesians 4:11-16). Some among them are to be **apostles**. The closest current approximation to that office is that of the missionary who carries the Gospel to people who are not specifically aware of the love of God in Christ.

Others are to receive the power to be **prophets**. A prophet is not someone with occult power to foretell the future. Nor does the prophet have to be a preacher who conveys the judgment of God upon sinners from the pulpit.

The prophet can very well be someone who studies scientifically the directions in which our contemporary life-styles are carrying us. Rachel Carson and Paul Ehrlich are representatives of a group of present-day prophets who are making clear to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see that the life-styles of Americans are leading us to ecological disasters. The contemporary prophet is telling us that the society in which we live is in rapid transition and that we must change our attitudes and conduct radically to preserve genuine human values.

Some Christians are empowered to be **evangelists**. The conventional role of the evangelist is to preach to the unconverted or the half-hearted. This is effectively done by many ordained ministers through the traditional medium of the sermon. But we live in an age of revolution in electronic communication. And the church needs to become far more effective in its use of television and film as media of evangelism.

Pastors and teachers from the backbone of leadership in local churches. Their work continues to be vital. They "feed" church members the spiritual nourishment without which growth in faith is not possible.

The gifts are many; the Spirit which unites these callings into the mission of the Christian Church is One.

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Council Directors to Local Churches

Since the initial contact with you concerning the Continental Walk, plans made have been revised and revised again.

The Walk reaches Oklahoma City mid-week, June 17th. Because of that, many people who intended to participate in the car caravan on the weekend, would have been unable to join the caravan. We decided that there were just too few people able to participate to warrant having the car caravan portion of our plans.

The second plan was to have Lovejoy's film "Nuclear War" during the week of June 13th. So far these people and dates are booked for the film:

Sr. Mary Ann Knaebel, Little Rock — June 13

Public Forum: 'Nuclear Power Plants — Asset or Liability'

Dr. Eugene Cocoran, Conway — June 14

Rosemary Adams, Fayetteville — June 15

Sr. Cheryl Nesbitt, Fort Smith — June 16

If anyone else is interested in sponsoring the film in your city we need to hear from you immediately. Most importantly, Arkansas Humanities Program has granted us \$2,500 for a public forum entitled "Nuclear Power Plants: Asset or Liability." Much to our joy and amazement we were able to get Bob Pollard from the Union of Concerned Scientists as one of the main speakers. The person presenting the opposite side is Dr. Linn Draper, nuclear physicist from the University of Texas, Austin.

Do come and bring all your friends. That is:

Nuclear Power Plants: Asset or Liability, Hendrix Auditorium, Conway, Arkansas, Time: 8:00 p.m., June 14th.

"A Federal engineer responsible for the safety of the nuclear power plant at Indian Point, 30 miles north of New York City has resigned because he considers the plant unsafe. The Federal engineer, Robert D. Pollard, who was employed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a project manager at Indian Point, said that the plant's unit No. 2, the only one in operation, was poorly designed. Mr. Pollard also said that the commission routinely licensed reactors despite un-

resolved safety questions because of a desire to put power plants into service as quickly as possible."

—from New York Times, 2/15/76

TOPIC: NUCLEAR POWER: asset or liability
SPEAKERS: Robert Pollard and Dr. Linn Draper
LOCATION: Hendrix Auditorium — Conway, Arkansas
DATE: June 14, 1976 (Flag Day)
Funded by: Arkansas Humanities Program
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CONTACT: Conference Council on Ministries Office for Further Information

From the Churches

WHITE HALL United Methodists will observe Appreciation Sunday on June 6 as they gather in their old sanctuary, prior to moving into the new one. The event, planned by the church's Evangelism Committee, will be an occasion for expressing appreciation, love and loyalty to the old sanctuary which has served the congregation for many years. Former pastors and members are invited to share in this — one of the last services to be held in the building. Mr. Jimmy McDaniel is Evangelism chairman; the Rev. Dale L. Diffie is pastor.

MR. BOB CHEYNE, lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, was the featured speaker for the Paragould District Methodist Men's Fish Fry held at Wayland Springs Camp on Tuesday, May 25.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of Decatur Church elected and installed the following new officers at their May meeting: President, John Celley; Vice President, Arnold Shafer, and Secretary-Treasurer, Dan Fayles.

FIRST CHURCH, Harrison, designated May 16 as Senior Citizens' Sunday. Retired members of the congregation performed the following services during morning worship: Mr. Otis Horn, teacher of the Men's Bible Class, presented the prayer; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Andrews served as acolytes; the Ernest Browns presented an accordion and guitar duet; Mrs. Gladys Marler, president of Boone County Retired Teachers' Association, led the responsive reading, and Mr. Robert Peters, a retiree from California, gave his personal witness; Pastor John M. McCormack delivered the message based on the scripture, "Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over." The oldest person present was 100-year-old Mrs. Julia Pierce. At the close of the service 18 persons were received into membership — 10 on profession of faith, one a retired man.

Personalia

JULIE BETH PROTHRO, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. David Prothro of First United Methodist Church, Hazen, was baptized on May 16th. The officiating minister was Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent, who also delivered the message for morning worship.

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TIGERT United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, recently honored Arkadelphia District Superintendent, Dr. George W. Martin and Mrs. Martin with a Fellowship Supper and presented them a silver tray from the church. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is pastor at Tigert.

DRESS REHEARSAL

Little Rock District Parsonettes are reminded to take their costumes to the rehearsal to be held at 7 p.m., June 10, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 6401 West 32nd St., Little Rock.

GILLETT United Methodist Women, dressed in early American costumes, held their May meeting in the old log pioneer home at the Arkansas Post County Museum for a Bicentennial program with a heritage theme.

TRINITY CHURCH, Little Rock, celebrated its 18th anniversary on Heritage Sunday and recognized its charter members. Baptized at the morning worship service were the infant sons of two of Trinity's charter members, Leif Allen Douglas, son of Don and Beverly Douglas (now of Walnut Ridge), and Mitchell Bailey, son of Tom and Becky Bridges Bailey. The mothers of the two infants are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Bridges, also among the 58 original charter members, and still active at Trinity.

THE MUSICAL "I Love America" will be presented at First United Methodist Church, Sunday evening, June 27 by the combined youth choir of Gurdon. Jerry Don Childers of Beech Street Baptist will direct, and Mrs. Bill Kirby of First United Methodist will serve as organist.

Parsonage Open House

Greeting guests as they arrive for the recent open house at the new First United Methodist Church parsonage at #6 DeSoto Circle in North Little Rock are the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Carter, pastor and wife (at right). Also on hand to help host the event were their children, Bonnie, Steve and Nan. The five-bedroom house contains almost 3,000 square feet and includes living room, dining room, kitchen, den, study and three bathrooms. BELOW RIGHT: Members of the Wesleyan Group serve refreshments to some of the 240 persons who toured the new residence during the course of the afternoon.



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Investment For The Future

The Covenant Singers (at right) of First Church, Stuttgart, recently presented a check for \$519 to their church's Building Fund. The gift represented money they had earned by serving an "American Meal" to the congregation. Following the meal the group presented the junior musical, "I Like the Sound of America." The singers are directed by Mrs. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Bert Dial.



A Call To Minister

Thomas Mitchell Federonis (second from right) of the Lavaca United Methodist Church has, in a recent Charge Conference, been recommended for the License to Preach. A 1975 graduate of Lavaca High School, he has completed a semester at Westark College where he made the Dean's List. He is currently enrolled in the work study program at the College of the Ozarks in preparation for fall classes. Shown with him are the Rev. Leroy Craig, his pastor, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estes A. Cole.



Western Hills Church Honors Grads

Shown are some of the graduating high school seniors of Western Hills Church in Little Rock, who were honored by a breakfast in the parsonage home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Robertson.



Seniors Dine At Cajun's Wharf

Graduating seniors of First Church, North Little Rock, who were honored for their achievement with a dinner at Cajun's Wharf restaurant in Little Rock. The event was provided by their church and gifts were presented by United Methodist Women of First Church. Seated at right (left to right) are the Rev. Dee Edwards, youth director, the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor, and Bill Bradley, their Sunday School teacher.



One Candle From Many

The Easter Candle in foreground measuring 43 inches in circumference and 11 inches in height was formed from candles presented by the members of First Church, Stuttgart. Its flame helped to illuminate the altar area of the sanctuary during the Easter service.



Charge Planning Retreat

Adults of New Bethel-Des Arc Churches engage in evaluation and planning at recent Sunday retreat in an area on the banks of the White River. The planning session was preceded by an "old style camp meeting" service with the Greenwood Family Singers leading the music, and the Rev. Don Eubanks preaching. The service was followed with a fellowship meal. During the afternoon planning period children of the two congregations engaged in recreational activities.

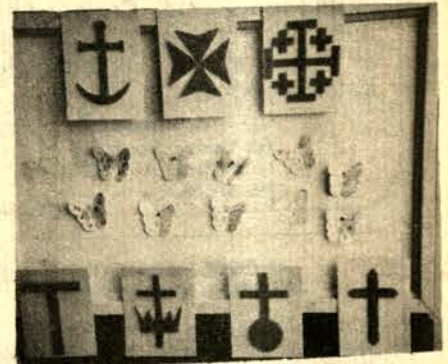


Bicentennial Certificates Presented

ABOVE: Hall Memorial United Methodist Church honored with Bicentennial Certificates those members who had perfect attendance records for the month of April. The Rev. J. W. Hogan (at rear) made the presentations to those persons shown standing at the front of the sanctuary.

Symbols For Children's Sermons

RIGHT: Crucifixion and resurrection symbols have been used in recent weeks for the 'Children's Sermons' at Shiloh Church (Paragould). After brief explanations by Pastor David Moose, the children return to their seats with paper, crayolas, and copies of *Good News For Modern Man* to do their own "sermonizing."



Marysville-Silver Hill UMY's In Mission

Twenty-one youth and five counselors of Marysville and Silver Hill Churches, including the pastor, the Rev. Robert W. Johnson, traveled to Lake of the Ozarks at Osage Beach, Mo., for a work camp. During the six-day excursion they painted a building at an ecumenical camp.



Lake City VCS

RIGHT: Children and staff of Lake City Church prepare to enter the sanctuary for graduation exercises at the conclusion of a five-day vacation church school.



God And Country Award Received

David Shewmaker, shown with parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shewmaker during recent Sunday worship service at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould, receives the God and Country Award from the Rev. J. Leon Wilson, pastor, and Scoutmaster Ken Flynn.