



BISHOP AND MRS. EUGENE M. FRANK visit at head table with program emcee Bob Cheyne of Bentonville. Over 250 persons attended the event honoring the Franks.

Bishop and Mrs. Frank honored

Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank were guests of honor at an appreciation dinner given July 20 on the occasion of their retirement. Some 250 persons, district superintendents, General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates, area officers, representatives of the 13 districts, and their wives or husbands attended. The occasion marked Bishop Frank's retirement after 46 years in the ministry, 26 as a pastor and 20 in the episcopacy. Bishop Frank has served as resident bishop of the Arkansas Area

since his assignment here in 1972 following 16 years as episcopal leader in the Missouri Area.

In appreciation of their service to United Methodism in Arkansas, the Franks were presented a new car. The presentation of the keys was made jointly by the lay leaders of the two Arkansas Area annual conferences, Mr. Bob Cheyne of Bentonville, of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mrs. William M. Shepherd of Little Rock, of the Little Rock Conference. Mr. Cheyne served as

emcee for the occasion, held at the Camelot Inn in Little Rock.

Messages of appreciation for the Franks were given in behalf of the two conferences. Speaking for the laity of the Little Rock Conference were Mrs. James E. (Lucille) Nix of Lonoke, conference United Methodist Women's president, and Mr. Shepherd. Speaking on behalf of the laity of the North Arkansas Conference were Mrs. Harold D. (Gladys) Womack of North Little Rock, conference UMW president, and Mr.

Cheyne.

Four ministers spoke on behalf of the clergy, expressing gratitude for the Frank's ministry. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr. of Blytheville and Dr. Joel A. Cooper of Fayetteville represented the North Arkansas Conference and the Rev. Everett M. Vinson of Crossett and Dr. John P. Miles of Little Rock spoke for the Little Rock Conference.

Bishop Frank was presented a plaque

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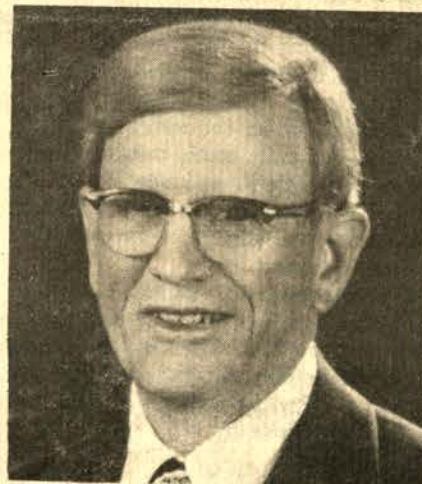
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Mr. Bill Mann



Dr. Walter N. Vernon



Dr. Albea Godbold



Dr. Roy B. Shilling

Lay Men's Assembly at Tanako, Aug. 14-15

"Our Methodist Heritage" will be the theme of the annual Lay Men's Assembly of the Little Rock Conference, to be held Aug. 14-15 at Camp Tanako. Dr. Albea Godbold of Lake Junaluska, N.C., retired, a former member of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences and executive secretary emeritus of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, will be the featured speaker.

Among other leaders will be Dr. Walter N. Vernon of Nashville, Tenn., author of the recently published *Methodism in Arkansas, 1816-1976*, Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix College, and Mr. Bill Mann of Dallas, who will lead the singing and provide special music for the two-day event. Dr. Shilling will give the message at the opening session at 2 p.m., Saturday, and Dr. Vernon will speak at the 10:45 worship service on Sunday. Accompanist for the sessions will be Mr. David Beckius of Little Rock.

Sharing in the leadership of the ses-

sions will be Mr. William M. Shepherd of Little Rock, Conference lay leader and chairman of the Conference Board of Lay Men, and the following, who are lay leaders of their respective districts and chairmen of their District Board of Lay Men: Mr. Richard Meredith of Crossett, Monticello District; Mr. E. C. Cobb of Ashdown, Hope District; Mr. Dale Booth of Little Rock, Little Rock District, and Mr. Frank H. Thompson of El Dorado, Camden District.

The Rev. Elmo Thomason of Little Rock, director of the Conference Council on Ministries, will administer the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper at the Communion Service on Sunday at 6 a.m.

Dr. Godbold will give three messages, at 2 and 7 p.m., Saturday, and at 8:30 a.m., Sunday. The titles of his addresses are *Methodist Beginnings*, *Methodism Grows Up*, and *Our Methodist Heritage*.

At the time of his retirement in 1968, Dr. Godbold was serving as executive secretary of what is now the Commission on Archives and History. Previous

appointments have included the superintendency of the St. Louis District for five years, and pastor for 16 years of St. John's Church in St. Louis. His pastorates in Arkansas were First Church, Conway, and First Church, El Dorado. He also served pastorates in North Carolina and Tennessee. A native of Mississippi, he received his education at SMU, Yale and Duke Universities. He holds the B.A., M.A., B.D., and Ph.D. degrees and the honorary D.D. degree.

Dr. Vernon, a native of Texas, is a retired executive of the former Board of Education, with which, in conjunction with the Methodist Publishing House, he was associated for 34 years. He earned three degrees at SMU and was a pastor for ten years in Dallas. He is a member of the North Texas Conference.

Dr. Shilling, president of Hendrix since 1969, is a native of Enville, Okla. He came to Hendrix from the post of

executive vice president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex. He is a graduate of McMurry College and SMU and received the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University. Other positions he has filled have been assistant to the president of Tennessee Wesleyan College, research associate at Indiana University and director of planning and research at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Registration for the assembly will begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 14. Interested lay men may get a descriptive brochure on the assembly, with registration form, from their pastor. Cost of the event, including three meals, housing, ground fee and insurance, is \$9, to be paid at Camp Tanako upon registration. It is suggested that participants bring toilet articles, towel, sheets, pillow, raincoat, flashlight, Bible, and a light cover.

The first session will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. The assembly will adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, following lunch.

UMW Legislative Training Event

A Legislative Training Event, sponsored by United Methodist Women of the North Arkansas Conference, will be held Sept. 10-11 at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville. The event is designed "to form a theological base for legislative participation for United Methodist Women and to educate women on how to effect legislative change."

Ms. Thelma Stevens of Nashville, Tenn., former assistant general secretary of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, will be the keynote speaker for the session.

Approximately five other persons, each with legislative experience, will be among resource leaders. Ms. Stevens, who retired in 1968, will speak on the subject Theological Basis for Action. Workshops will be offered on The Legislative Process, Local Campaigns and You, and How to Influence Legislation.

Donna (Mrs. Bill) Williams of Trumann, chairperson of Christian Social Involvement, reports that enrollment for the two-day session will be limited to 70 persons, with the hope of having ten from each district. She reports that delegates should be persons with leadership ability who have not had legislative

training. They need not be district officers. "We hope," says Mrs. Williams, "each district will include one young woman between ages 18 and 21 and one person from an ethnic group." Persons interested in attending should contact their district UMW president.

Scholarships in the amount of \$25 are available for five persons from each district, as selected by the district president. For those meeting their own expenses, the cost, involving two meals at the meeting, room, travel and meals during travel, will be approximately \$25. Pre-registration should be received before Aug. 21. Send registration and \$10 fee to: Ms. Cathy Rohrseib, Rt. 1, Box 71, Poplar Grove, Ark. 72374.

Registration at the event will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, with the opening dinner at 6:30 p.m. Adjournment will be at noon Saturday. Planning committee members are Ann (Mrs. Bill) Barling of North Little Rock, chairperson, Marie (Mrs. Ben) Jordan of Paragould, Avis (Mrs. Don) Moore of Mountain Home, Ms. Cathy Rohrseib of Poplar Grove, and Willie (Mrs. C.G.) Washington of Ft. Smith.

Missionaries consider present, future issues

FAIRFIELD, Conn. (UMC) — Human rights, the future of mission and the use of missionaries in intelligence-gathering drew the attention of United Methodist missionaries during a Conference and Consultation here, sponsored by the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

Expressing profound "concern about the increasing evidence of the violation of human rights around the world," conference participants — including 94 missionaries, as well as board members and staff — singled out Chile, the Republic of Korea, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and South Africa for particular criticism. And in the cases of Chile and South Korea, the names of persons known to have been detained or imprisoned were listed. "In Chile, mass arrests continue . . . In the Republic of Korea a number of persons, including some Christian leaders, have been arrested or detained in the past few months . . . In Zimbabwe and South

Africa current laws vindicate extreme violations of human rights in the name of law and order," stated the resolution.

The conference called upon "the United States government and the members of The United Methodist Church to join us in protesting these human rights violations," and voted to send copies of the resolution to appropriate persons in Congress, the State Department and the governments of the four countries cited in the document. The group further requested the World Division "enable some persons to be present" at the next meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to voice the concerns expressed in the statement.

The Missionary Consultation, a delegated body which makes recommendations to the World Division concerning missionary affairs, took strong exception to the use of missionaries in intelligence-gathering efforts by U.S. agencies.

Arkansans named to general agencies

Sixteen Arkansans were among 103 persons from the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction elected at the recent Jurisdictional Conference in Lincoln, Neb., to membership on boards and agencies of the general church.

Named to the following agencies were:

General Council on Ministries: Dr. George W. Martin of Hot Springs and Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro.

Board of Church and Society: Marie (Mrs. Ben) Jordan of Paragould.

Board of Discipleship: Dr. Joel A. Cooper of Fayetteville and Miss Karen Brown of Magnolia.

Division of Higher Education and Ministry: Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr. of Conway and Mrs. Walter B. Hazzard of Little Rock.

Board of Global Ministries: Thomas P. Williams of Little Rock.

Nominees for Women's Division and Board of Global Ministries: Nadine (Mrs. Hugh) Hardin of Fort Smith and Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson of Pine Bluff.

Board of Pensions: Sidney L. Good of Pine Bluff.

Commission on Religion and Race: Dr. James Huskins of Siloam Springs.

National Council of Churches: Dr. Negail Riley of Albany, New York (member of Little Rock Conference) and Walter Davidson (alternate) of North Little Rock.

Commission on the Status and Role of Women: Mrs. Euba Winton of Fort Smith.

Board of Managers, United Methodist Communications: Bob Cheyne of Bentonville.

"We condemn all overt and covert use of missionaries by any U.S. intelligence-gathering unit, here or abroad, and we condemn the action of any missionary who knowingly gives information to agents of such units," read the statement approved by the group. Although it was the second time a group of United Methodist missionaries had spoken to the issue, the consultation action was the strongest since the Board of Global Ministries officials issued a statement



Dr. Leland Clegg

Dr. Clegg named pastor emeritus

Dr. Leland Clegg of Magnolia, retired minister of the Little Rock Conference, has been named pastor emeritus of First Church in that city, a church where he once served as pastor. The title was given by the church's Administrative Board, which also designated Sunday, July 18, as Leland Clegg Day.

Dr. Clegg has served as a member of the Little Rock, North Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma Conferences. Among pastorates he has held have been First Church, Minden, La., Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, and First Church, Muskogee. He served as superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, executive director of the Oklahoma Conference Council, and superintendent of the Oklahoma City District, from which appointment he retired in 1946. He has served as pastor of the Emerson Church for the past seven years.

Present as honored guests at the July 18th observance were members of Dr. Clegg's family, members of the Leland Clegg Sunday School Class, and friends. The Rev. James Robert Scott is senior pastor of Magnolia's First Church.

saying missionaries knowingly cooperating with the Central Intelligence Agency faced dismissal.

Applications welcomed for new office

A statement from the Joint Committee

Grafton Thomas, area treasurer, is retiring Feb. 7, 1977, after fourteen years of service in this capacity. During the time he has been treasurer much progress has been made in the procedures of the office, such as the computerizing of the local church remittances and, within the last year, placing the General Ledger on the computer. His retirement necessitates securing a replacement.

By the action of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, the position has been enlarged to The Office of Stewardship and Finance, and calls for the employment of a Director of Stewardship and Finance. The Office will include the following:

1. Keeping of the Financial records and accounts of the two Conferences.
2. Providing financial services for agencies in the Conference requesting such services under contractual agreements.
3. Maintaining good public relations with agencies and local churches.

4. Developing and promoting a program of Stewardship cultivation in both Conferences.

5. Promoting the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas.

6. The director of Stewardship and Finance will be responsible for promoting and directing all phases of the office under the guidance of the two Councils on Finance and Administration, following the guidelines of the job analysis approved by the two Councils and the Annual Conferences.

Persons interested in the position may secure applications in the Area Treasurer's Office, 715 Center Street, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. All applications must be in the hands of the Joint Committee on the Office of Stewardship and Finance no later than Sept. 30, 1976.

The Joint Committee on the Office of Stewardship and Finance
C. Ray Hozendorf, Chairman
Clint Burleson, Secretary



THREE ARKANSANS attended the ninth annual Church Music Summer School held recently at Perkins School of Theology, Dallas. From left are Kenneth R. Davis of Central Church, Fayetteville, Avis F. Moore of First Church, Mountain Home, David A. Glaze of First Church, Camden, and Jane Marshall of Dallas, director of the two-week school. The event gives training in worship, theology, hymnology, music theory, choral conducting, vocal techniques, organ and repertoire. Thirty-seven persons attended.

New rituals offered for . . .

Naming, dying, footwashing, divorcing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Rituals for footwashing, naming, dying, and divorcing are included in a new 128-page book to be released in October by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship.

Entitled *Ritual in a New Day: An Invitation*, the book will also include a section on "endings and beginnings" with attention to such diverse occasions as the blessing of a new home, installation of a new pastor, sending a family to a different congregation, and the disbanding of a church school class.

The book has been created as a part of the Alternate Rituals Project of the Section on Worship of the Board of Discipleship. Heading a task force on the "Cultural Context of Ritual" which produced the new resource is the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, assistant general secretary of the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Divisions of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The intent of the project, according to Ms. Powers, is not to replace existing rituals and orders of worship but to provide alternatives that are more contemporary and ecumenical than those now available.

People in any culture have their own rituals ranging from Thanksgiving dinner at Grandmother's to puberty rites, but Ms. Powers believes that the church has not incorporated these meaningful events into the life of the community of believers.

"The church should pick up significant experiences in the lives of its people," she said. "Rituals shape our being and are a way of declaring who we are and what we are about."

Just as earlier cultures had rituals for puberty, Ms. Powers said today a modern version of the same ritual might be giving a youngster keys to the car for the first time.

Concerned that persons may misunderstand the ritual on divorcing if they do not read the new book, Ms. Powers is quick to emphasize that the task force is

neither condoning nor condemning divorce but is recognizing the reality of it in today's world.

"We affirm the sanctity of marriage," she declares, "but the church must respond with gifts of pastoral care to people who are hurting. Rituals are not alien to pastoral care. The church should play a clear role in broken marriages just as it does when a person dies. The funeral ritual is important and recognized as an ending of a time and a giving of thanks by the survivors as they step out into the future."

There is a parallel, she believes, between the death of a person and the death of a relationship. "In both cases the survivors can step out into an uncertain future with the support of the church."

In an introduction to the new book, the task force says rituals can provide ways for the Christian community to insert healing into the difficult and wrenching experience of divorce. "The church which stood beside such persons when the marriage covenant was formed is often noticeably silent and absent when the covenant is severed."

On Footwashing, Naming, Dying

The five-member task force says its interest in the ritual of footwashing is "born of the ancient and contemporary cultural need to cut through the barriers of rank and status that divide persons into master and servant, slave and free, black and white, male and female."

Concerning the ritual of naming, the task force members say they have been stimulated by growing awareness of the "shaping power" of a name. "Frequently a very dramatic happening in the Judeo-Christian past, in our current culture the act of naming has often been diminished in power by the off-handed way in which it takes place," the book says.

Ritual for use with persons who are dying has been explored in response to an increasing awareness with

which many persons are today facing their own deaths and the more adequate and forthright preparation for death that persons now make.

"The search here is for appropriate and redemptive ways in helping a dying person complete life and faithfully embrace inevitable death," the authors say.

The interest in exploring rituals of endings and beginnings was prompted by the high degree of mobility experienced by many persons in today's society, according to the introduction. "Not only do many persons and families frequently move from place to place, but the relationships and covenants even of those who remain in one place are constantly shifting."

Following the introductory chapter on the meaning of ritual, each subsequent chapter includes interpretive statements and samples of services actually used in local situations.

The rituals are not meant to be official rituals of The United Methodist Church and are not to be confused with sacraments, Ms. Powers warns.

The task force is considering a future series which may include chapters on healing, anointing, anniversaries, corporate compacts, and personal covenants. Even exorcism is being discussed.

"All of us recognize that there are 'powers and principalities' over which we often have no control," Ms. Powers explains. "Sometimes we are overwhelmed. When we say exorcism we don't mean deliverance from personal devils or fallen angels but deliverance from demonic forces in our society, unexplained evil, or situations beyond control or influence."

Chairperson of the entire Alternate Rituals Project is Perkins School of Theology professor H. Grady Hardin, Dallas, Tex. Chairperson of the Board's Section on Worship has been the Rev. Eugene C. Holmes, a pastor from Hartsville, S.C. The new book may be ordered from Cokesbury (Item #364590) for \$3.75.

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The Editor's Pulpit

And Then There Was Mars

A summer collage on Joy and Wonder and Rebirth and Hope

*They've written poems about thunder
and about clouds
and about summer evenings
and sunrises
and about children's laughter
and a son's tears
and a father's crying
and about a mother's strength.*

*And songs have been sung about love
and about life
and about dying and being born
and about losing and winning
and suffering and joy
and good and evil
and about everything
and about nothing.*

*They've painted pictures of kittens
and courthouses
and tall ships at sea
and wild horses
and angry mobs
and starving children
and the rich and the poor
and the passionate and the uncaring.*

*And they've made stories about hot days
and cool nights
and about the wind
and the pine trees
and about the eagle and the moon
and the stars.*

And now about Mars.

*I thought they had told and sung and painted
and written of everything that stirs and moves
and thrills and hurts
and joys me so.*

And now there is Mars.

*So again I may make my music
and do my poems
and tell my tales
and paint my pictures.*

*And I know that I must sail the seas
and walk the mountains
and do my own dance upon summer clouds
and lift every stone upon my hill.*

*And I will sit in my treehouse
and watch the turkey buzzards soar.*

*And I'll look off toward Mars,
and smile.*

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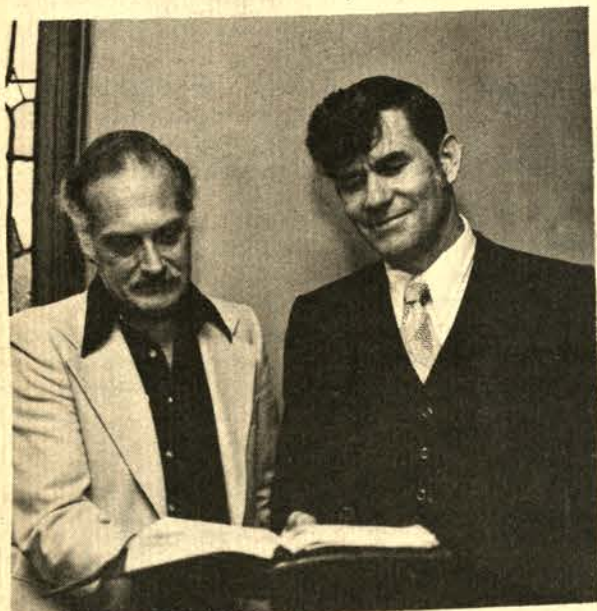
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AMONG some 40 ministers attending the recent Conference on the Holy Spirit at First Church, Jonesboro, were (left to right) Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, Conway District superintendent; Bishop Eugene Frank, the Rev. Worth Gibson, host pastor, the Rev. Owen Roseberry, pastor of Georgian Hills United Methodist Church in Memphis, and Dr. Harold Eggersperger, pastor of First Church, Conway. Ministers represented several denominations in Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.



TWO KEY participants at the Conference were Dr. Roberto Escamilla (center) of United Methodism's General Board of Discipleship staff, and the Rev. Tommy Tyson (right), a conference evangelist from North Carolina, with Mr. Gibson. Dr. Escamilla led a workshop on "Sharing Your Faith." Mr. Tyson conducted one of the high points of the conference, a service of prayer and praise.



GUY CHARLES (left) liberated from homosexuality and the founder-director of "Liberation," a Bible-centered outreach ministry, testified in a workshop session to his liberation by Jesus Christ some four years ago. Dr. Robert Coleman (right), professor of evangelism at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., preached and led a workshop session.



MRS. EUGENE M. FRANK, leads a workshop on "Prayer Life and Christian Experience." More than 1,200 people from throughout the Southern States attended the conference.

The Franks honored

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on behalf of the 185,000 United Methodists of Arkansas expressing appreciation for his ministry. The presentation was made by Dr. Myers B. Curtis of North Little Rock and the Rev. Alf A. Eason of Hope, representing the Councils on Ministries of the two conferences. Mr. Tom McDonald of Jonesboro, a professional photographer and member of that city's First United Methodist Church, presented the Franks with a photo portrait of Bishop Frank.

In presenting the keys to the new car, an Oldsmobile Delta Royale 88, Mr. Cheyne stated that the automobile was awaiting the Franks in the parking garage of the inn, and expressed the hope that when they drove it they would think of the United Methodists of Arkansas. In a statement of appreciation, Bishop Frank said his present car had "just turned over 131,000 miles" and that he had to take it to the garage that morning for service.

Speaking of their four years in Arkansas, Bishop Frank said, "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for what you've done for us. You opened up our lives in ways they never would have opened before. You made it possible for us to grow in the Lord, and our prayer life has deepened beyond our widest expectations. Our hope for the Church has been widened and extended. We have a hope now for the Church that we never had before, and all of it is due to the devotion and the way you people have served the Lord while we have been in your midst." The bishop said, "I just can't tell you what this evening means to us. I want you to know how we love you all and how much we are going

to miss being around here and how we covet your prayers for the future. We thank God for you and we thank God for the chance we've had to be in Arkansas."

Saying that she disliked farewells and that they were hard for her, Mrs. Frank told the group, "I don't find words adequate to say thank you for such an overwhelming gift." In a further statement she said, "There really isn't any way to tell you what it has meant to us 'northerners' to come and live among you in Arkansas and to be received in the loving way that you have received us. I hope that you can realize some measure of what I mean when I say that your dedication to the Church, the depth of your faith and the open, loving and friendly way in which you live here is truly something special. And it's something which we feel is of God. And we are so blessed to have known this kind of experience. Nothing can ever take it out of our lives."

In other features of the dinner a message was read from Bishop Don W. Holter, just retired from the Nebraska Area, and special music was given by two youth from First Church, Little Rock. Giving vocal solos were Lisa Hayden and Bryn Wood. They were accompanied by Mr. Bill Fuller, director of youth ministries at the church.

In September Bishop and Mrs. Frank will move to Decatur, Ga., where Bishop Frank will assume duties as bishop in residence at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. During the summer months the Franks will be at their retirement home in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

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Obituaries

DR. ALFRED H. HATHCOCK

Dr. Alfred Hiram Hathcock, a physician at Batesville for 16 years and prior to that at Fayetteville, died June 28. He was 71. He was a member of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church and had been active in Methodist work before moving to Batesville in 1958. He retired in 1974.

He was a member of the Missouri, Arkansas, Washington County and American Medical Societies and a diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Academy of General Practice and a senior fellow of the Southwestern Surgical Congress.

He was a board member of the White River Medical Center at Batesville and the Sheltered Workshop for handicapped children and had served on the board of Fayetteville City Hospital. He was a native of Lincoln (Washington County) and was a veteran of World War II, serving as a major in the Army Medical Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Barnett Hathcock; two sons, Dr. Alfred Barnett Hathcock of Fort Smith and Charles Nelson Hathcock of Batesville; a brother, Dr. Preston L. Hathcock of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Weddington Sr. of New Orleans, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was June 30 at First United Methodist Church, Batesville, with the Rev. Dois Kennedy, pastor, the Rev. Phillip Hathcock, pastor of the Jasper United Methodist Church, Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, superintendent of the Conway District, and Dr. James W. Workman of Conway, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, officiating.

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MRS. L. K. MCKINNEY

Mrs. L. K. (Violet Estelle) McKinney

of El Dorado, long-time Methodist and Sunday School teacher for over 50 years in First United Methodist Church, died July 7. She was 104. She had attended church regularly for 70 years.

A resident of El Dorado since 1900, Mrs. McKinney was born July 26, 1872 in Sardis, Miss., the daughter of Col. G. W. Dyer and Narcissa Hudson Dyer. She had served as a teacher in the El Dorado public schools and was a member of the Berean Sunday School Class, the Self Culture Club and the Centennial Garden Club. She had frequently been recognized as one of El Dorado's eldest mothers.

She is survived by a son, Alfred Lee McKinney of El Dorado; a grandson, David D. McKinney of El Dorado, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Joel Schnur of Falls Church, Va.

Funeral service was July 9 with Dr. Roy I. Bagley and the Rev. Ralph Mann officiating. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery.

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JOHN VERNON SMITH

Mr. John Vernon Smith of Route 1, Mountain Pine, died July 2 at age 64. He was an active member of Gum Springs United Methodist Church. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Charlie V. Mashburn of Hot Springs, who had been his pastor for three years.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mrs. Erna Dove Smith; one son, Marvin Eric Smith of Mountain Pine; two daughters, Johnnie Mae Crumpton of Mountain Valley, and Nellie Jean Crumpton of Hot Springs; one brother, Dale Smith of Mountain Pine; three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Phillips, Hot Springs, Mrs. Eunice Caldwell, Mountain Pine, Mrs. Evelyn Meredith of Hot Springs, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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From Our Readers . . .

NO SERMONS ON THIS SIN?

To the Editor:

I have read the letters in the *Arkansas Methodist* pertaining to the item you published regarding SMOKING. I can see how this might effect the thinking of many, but in your July 15, 1976 issue, I note one minister who smokes and wrote about it giving his views which I agree with very much. In the medical profession it says that smoking may damage one's health, but nowhere in the Bible can I find where it says that smoking is a sin.

However, Christ tells us that it is a sin to commit adultery, and if you would publish an item regarding this sin you may have a few letters in response to it as well, but perhaps not very many as too many people seem to be living for the sex angle, and some not reading the Bible or hearing about it from the pulpit, have no idea it is a sin which is made plain in many places in God's Word . . .

Although I know you do not want letters of this type for your FROM OUR READERS column, yet this message seems to always escape sermons and talks these days, so it may please God for you to use it as some readers could benefit from it.

Mrs. R. O. (Crystal) Illyes
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Lawrenceville, Ill. 62439

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MORE SMOKE?

To the Editor:

In the *Arkansas Methodist* I have read that it is time for us to speak out on this or that issue. Personally I believe that it is time for ministers to stop running all over the country cutting down the church and other ministers, and stop worrying about everybody's business and start taking care of their own church

to which they have been appointed to serve.

Joe Van Cleve
First United Methodist Church
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Augusta, Ark. 72006

P.S.: Some preachers who censor tobacco-smoking preachers are creating more smoke by traveling all over the state taking care of everyone's business but their own.

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ON GOD'S GIFT OF BACK ROADS

To the Editor:

The *Arkansas Methodist* finds its way east across the Mississippi River and to our house each week, thanks to the fact that my parents, the Rev. and Mrs. James R. Sewell, retired, keep up the annual subscription. It is always a welcome traveller as we enjoy keeping up with the "home folks."

I wanted to comment on your editorial in the July 15 edition entitled, "Time Takes a Holiday."

Hooray for you and Chuck and not just for finishing a 54-mile bike ride but also for starting it in the first place! I affirm that what you did was a real ministry to each other and an appropriate response to God's gifts of back roads, wheels and parenting. Your writing about it is also a real ministry to those of us who read it. Hopefully many will follow your example and claim some of their time for a holiday or holy-day or sabbath or however it's to be expressed.

Joy and peace to you and to all of the brothers and sisters.

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NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

A study conducted by Dr. William McCready of the National Opinion Research Center and funded by the Henry Luce Foundation concludes that "the majority (56 percent) of Americans remain optimistic or at least hopeful when faced with the prospect of death in the family or their own death." That figure represents the sum of the two "religious" reactions and those with a "secular-optimistic" world view which "pays little attention to the veil aspects of tragedy, but which makes no reference to God in its optimism," Dr. McCready said.

Dr. Colin Morris, newly elected President of the British Methodist Conference, said during induction ceremonies, "It was never our founder's intention we go it alone. But equally he set his face against compromising the truth in the interest of unity." Dr. Morris, 47 and the son of a miner, was minister of the famous Wesley Chapel, the "mother church of Methodism," in the heart of London from 1969 to 1973, when he was appointed general secretary of the Church's Overseas Division.

Interreligious experts from 14 countries joined some 50 Israelis in Jerusalem in the first conference of the International Council of Christians and Jews ever held in the Holy Land.

A ritual for divorcing is included in a book of "alternate rituals" to be released in October by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. Other rituals contained in the 128-page volume, entitled *Ritual in a New Day*, include An Invitation, and such observances as footwashing, naming, and dying. The Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, who headed the task force that produced the new resource said, "The Church should play a clear role in broken marriages just as it does when a person dies."

A half-million dollars in unexpected receipts from the World Service fund has been allocated to ethnic minority local church development by the executive committee of United Methodism's Board of Global Ministries. Ethnic minority local church development is one of the denomination's missional priorities voted by the General Conference earlier this year in Portland, Ore.

Religious liberty in Communist-ruled Laos is being gradually — but unrelentingly — eliminated, according to a Vatican Radio report. Every form of religious instruction has been excluded from school programs since last September, and all foreign missionaries have been expelled from the country.

The Rev. William Bruce, an official of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian), told the General Assembly meeting in Edinburgh that alcohol was the "scourge of Scotland," and called for a curb on the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages. He said alcohol abuse figured importantly in child abuse and wife beating incidents, divorce, suicide and accidents.

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There are many areas in the church where lay people are needed and are being used extensively in pulpit work. However, men, women and youth should not train as lay speakers in the belief that all trained lay speakers in all areas will be used in pulpit work. BUT the opportunities in the total church for stewardship of the spoken word are limited ONLY by your vision and dedica-

tion. HOW LIMITED IS YOUR DEDICATION? HOW WIDE IS YOUR VISION?

The North Arkansas Conference Council on Lay Life and Work has designated Mr. Jim Lane, 8 Sierra Court, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118 (501-753-7124) as the Conference Coordinator of Lay Speaking Schools and Workshops. The Rev. Arvill Brannon, 715 Center St., Little Rock, Ark. 72201, is the Conference Council on Ministries contact staff person on Lay Speakers' Training.

Lay Speakers' Training Courses may be conducted in the local church or on sub-district or district levels.

If your District Council on Ministries or local church Council on Ministries wants further information and assistance in coordinating a lay speakers' training experience, please contact either of the persons named above. They will go into your area and meet with your local course leaders to discuss scheduling, course material, course requirements, lesson outlines, etc.

The Conference Council on Lay Life and Work has budgeted \$100 for each District in the North Arkansas Conference for Lay Speaking Schools and Workshops. Give them an opportunity to be with you — and share this witness with you.

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Evangelical Experiences

By WILLIAM C. GENTRY
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Scriptures: Acts 8:4-19; 10:1-48; 15:8-20;
Romans 8:1-9a; 1 John 3:1-3.

Cornelius' Conversion

Luke regarded the conversion of Cornelius as such a significant event that he reported it twice. First in Acts 10 he gives a strict narration of which happened, and then in Acts 11:11-18 he describes Peter's account of the occurrence to the churchmen at Jerusalem. The event is important in part because Cornelius was reportedly the first uncircumcised Gentile to be converted to Christianity.

Cornelius was a Roman officer stationed in Caesarea, the Roman capital of Palestine. He was already a "God-fearer," that is, a Gentile who believed the Old Testament to be a genuine revelation of God and who attended the synagogue. Luke says that Cornelius received a revelation which directed him to send for Peter to explain to him the new Faith.

Peter responded and witnessed to the saving acts of God in Jesus Christ. Peter declared that God shows no "partiality," that is, God is as concerned about the salvation of the Gentiles as of the Jews. He proceeded to tell Cornelius about Jesus' ministry and that after he was crucified, God raised him from the dead. Jesus had appeared to Peter and the other disciples after his resurrection and commanded them to preach to all people that he (Jesus) was the one "ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead" (Acts 10:41-42).

Hearing these words Cornelius experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit and determined to be baptized along with his whole household.

Evangelical Experiences

Cornelius shared an evangelical experience with countless other Christians. Not all of these experiences have been alike, by all means, but most persons who either have come into the Christian Faith from outside or have been reared in the Faith have known such experiences. Also many, if not all, of the momentous developments in church history have been marked by the experiences of key persons who were converted to a new life in Jesus Christ. The experience of Paul on the Damascus road is an example quickly called to mind. After his conversion Paul became, of course, the most effective missionary-theologian of the early church.

Augustine of Hippo in North Africa experienced the saving grace of God in a dramatic fashion and began his theological work which would be most meaningful to later Christians. Augustine, the son of a Christian mother, had studied all the philosophies of the ancient world. He was a man with a strong sexual drive and other worldly passions. He had tried to find relief from the intellectual uncertainty and moral guilt which he felt in Manichaeism and Neoplatonism.

Neoplatonism brought some measure of intellectual satisfaction because it taught an ethical monotheism and the absolute sovereignty of the one God. But neither its mysticism nor Manichaeism's explanation of the world as torn between forces of Good and Evil, gave Augustine the experiential comfort which he sought. "My heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee," he would write later.

Then, standing in a garden one day weeping because of his uncertainty, Augustine heard a voice from beyond the garden wall say, "Take up and read." On a bench nearby lay a copy of Paul's letter to the Romans. There Augustine read,

"Let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, nor in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:13-14)

Augustine knew the comfort he had long sought.

Martin Luther (see the lesson for July 25) and John Wesley both found in Paul's witness to justification by faith the inspiration they had looked for fruitlessly elsewhere. Wesley described his experience in these terms familiar to all Methodists:

"In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed." (The Journal of John Wesley, May 24, 1738; quoted in Adult Leader, p. 65.)

John Wesley considered the experience of justification to be the beginning, not the end, of a person's life in Christ. To keep one's Christian experience and devotion fresh and meaningful, Wesley proposed a discipline including careful Bible study, regular worship, and participation in "class meetings," in which Methodists would share their experiences, needs, and problems.

The United Methodist Church has always been an evangelical church. That is, it has emphasized religious experience as critical to bringing unconverted persons into Christian fellowship and to maintaining the vitality of the spiritual life of the church's members. But The United Methodist Church has not been interested exclusively in fostering personal evangelical experiences. It has rather tried to balance its stress upon personal experience with an equal emphasis on practical service to human beings in need and on systematic theological understanding.

Responsible Methodists have been aware that to allow any one of these three emphases to become predominant, so that concern about the other two is diminished, is to fail to fulfill Methodism's historic commission.

In our day there are many United Methodists who believe that not enough attention is being paid to the importance of evangelical experience in the life of our church. The growing popularity of lay witness missions and the increasing demand placed on ministers to become more evangelistic in their preaching are but two signs of this recent concern.

Evangelical Experience in the Church Today

There is little doubt that The United Methodist Church today should devote itself to making the sort of powerful witness to God in Jesus Christ that will evoke genuine evangelical experiences in those who receive the church's witness. But Methodist Christians, especially in Arkansas, also should not lose sight of the need to give equal emphasis to the other two dimensions of the church's mission: service and theological understanding. Dr. Walter N. Vernon, author of the new volume on METHODISM IN ARKANSAS, 1816-1976, noted in an interview that he discerns two weaknesses in Arkansas Methodism.

"One weakness would be a rather slow recognition of the social dimensions of the gospel. . . . Another weakness — and this, too, could be said about the Church in many states — is that there is not as thorough a grounding in basic theology as we would perhaps like to have." (The Arkansas Methodist, May 27, 1976, p. 4)

That is, while we Arkansas Methodists need to keep working at doing effective evangelical work, aimed at

achieving genuine conversions of people outside and inside the church, we need to give at least equal attention to the work of social service and disciplined theological study.

There are at least two important things we need to keep in mind about evangelical experiences. First, the word evangelical comes from the word "evangel," which means "bearer of good news," the good news of the Gospel. This good news is that God has liberated us from those powers which threaten us most fearfully: sin, death, and the requirement to try to make ourselves righteous.

We have a responsibility to tell everybody who will listen, in language which they can understand, that their lives are really worth living well, fully, and happily, because Grace abounds. This message of the church will have to take new and radically different forms as the audiences change. Many of these new forms and much of the language of contemporary evangelism will of necessity be quite unconventional and non-traditional, if, that is, the good news is to be effectively communicated.

One of the problems with our evangelistic efforts is our inability or unwillingness to break out of the bonds of traditional language and conventional methods. There are certainly risks involved in such venture-someness, but the risks involved in sticking with the traditional forms of evangelism are equally grave. For much of the traditional language of the Bible and the church simply does not speak to many of us where we live nor serve to lift off of us the real burdens we have today.

The second thing to keep in mind is that "experience" is one of the cheapest commodities on today's market. This is true in two senses. First, we are being called to "buy" or try all sorts of new experiences today. There are daring new avenues open to a liberated, richer, and more satisfying sexual experience. There is "transcendental meditation" for the athlete, housewife, businessman, student, which offers relief of tension and greater concentration on the tasks which must be done. Then there are the pills, liquids, exercises, and gimmicks available for the "expansion of consciousness." And there is psychedelic music; and on and on and on. Ours is a generation saturated and, often now, sated with new experiences. Ours is an experienced-obsessed age. The Christian Church should be aware of this craze.

Experience is cheap in a second, more profound sense. One can let himself or herself experience almost anything very easily. We know a lot today about the mechanics of human experience and how to produce it through the work of psychologists, image-makers, and public relations experts. It is not difficult to learn how to make oneself or someone else feel almost anything.

The easiest of all the things we do in the church is to "get carried away" by emotional preaching, singing, and witnessing. But loving service and theological understanding are much more difficult and demanding. It is so much easier to try to fulfill one's religious calling by "getting high on Jesus" than to devote the necessary time, effort, and resources to these other disciplines.

This is not intended to be a denial of the importance of evangelical experience. When a person really hears the good news of God's saving acts in Jesus Christ, he experiences conversion. He is literally turned around. He certainly experiences this conversion, but more than emotionally.

He is turned around in every aspect of his life: emotionally, relationally, and intellectually. Evangelical experience, rightly understood, refers not merely to ecstatic emotions but to all parts of a person's consciousness and conduct.

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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.

Aug. 1—Sunday Gen. 1:1-25
Aug. 2 Gen. 1:26-31
Aug. 3 Job 38:1-18
Aug. 4 Psalm 19:1-6
Aug. 5 Psalm 65:1-13
Aug. 6 Psalm 104:1-35
Aug. 7 Isa. 40:12-24
Aug. 8—Sunday Psalm 24:1-10

CHICAGO (RNS) — How many members of the "Tate family" attend your church?

Oh, yes, you must have some — whether your congregation numbers 20 or 2,000. As the Rev. Lincoln Eng, rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Beaverton, Ore., has pointed out, every parish has a "Tate family."

A description of the Tates originally appeared in the parish bulletin of St. Bartholomew's. It was reprinted

Any 'Tates' in your Church?

in Advance, the monthly magazine of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago:

"There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything in the church. Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. And sister Agi Tate stirs up trouble whenever possible. Her brother Irri Tate helps her do so, too. And whenever new projects are suggested, brother Hesi Tate and sister Vege Tate pour cold water on the proposals.

"Then there is sister Imi Tate who

tries to have the church mimic everybody else. When the church budget is announced, everybody tends to quake if brother Devas Tate stands up in the meeting. And brother Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

"But not all members of the family are bad, for brother Facili Tate is quite helpful. A delightful member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. And the pastor is always delighted by brother Cogi Tate and his twin brother Medi Tate.

From the Churches

DR. R. E. L. BEARDEN, Conway District superintendent, will preach for the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Pride Valley Church near Little Rock this Sunday, Aug. 1. Assisted by Pastor Kirvin Hale, he will officiate at the dedication of the Pearl Stout Memorial Organ. Mrs. John (Lu) Jones, the church's organist, will be at the console of the organ presented to the church by the late Mrs. Curtis Stout, widely known in professional and community music circles as an accomplished musician. Dr. Bearden served as Mrs. Stout's pastor at First Church, Little Rock, where she was a long-time active member. Mrs. Allen R. Rozzell is chairperson for the Worship Work Area in charge of arrangements for the special service at Pride Valley Church.

GRADY CHURCH will hold special services Aug. 1 celebrating the history of their church. At the 10:45 service the pastor, the Rev. Charles T. Settle, will give a short history of The United Methodist Church and Mrs. H. R. Wood Jr. will review the history of the local congregation. Those attending will sign a document commemorating the occasion. The document will be placed in a time capsule to be opened in the year 2076. At 4 p.m. a potluck picnic will be held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dreher Sr., to be concluded by a worship service. All are invited.

INDIAN HILLS CHURCH, North Little Rock, will host the Central Arkansas unit of Church Women United when they meet July 30 at 10 a.m. Mrs. J. B. Dalrymple will review the book Profiles From Hawaii. Admission is \$1, with proceeds to go to the unit's Special Ministries Project.

IN ADDITION to the 30 persons listed in the July 1 issue of *Arkansas Methodist* as attending the 13th World Methodist Conference in Dublin, Ireland, Aug. 25-31, the following will also be official delegates: Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, Dr. George Ivey, superintendent of the Fort Smith District, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Polk of Corning, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carr of Newport.

FIRST CHURCH, West Memphis, recently sponsored a four-hour Saturday evening Church Fair to provide income for the church's bus fund. Featured were craft offerings including silk flowers, painted shirts, macramé items, appliqued pillows and Christmas decorations, home baked goodies, plants, kid games, a moon walk and pony rides, and antiques and "junktiques."

FIRST CHURCH, Mena, hosted an ecumenically sponsored showing of the film entitled, "The Occult," which depicts the prevalence of Satan-worship groups in the U.S. today. Hal Lindsay, author of several recent best-seller books, is featured as interviewer and commentator in the film.

THE SAINT JOE AND EVERTON churches on the Saint Paul Parish, Fayetteville District, have held revival meetings recently. The Rev. John McCormack, Harrison First Church pastor, was the evangelist at the St. Joe Church the week of July 18 and the Rev. Ron Clark, pastor of St. Paul Parish, is preacher for the services being held this week. Host pastor is the Rev. Leslie Beck.

PARSONAGE FAMILIES of the Jonesboro District met July 8 at the Monette Church for the annual summer picnic. "The Ringing of the Liberty Bell" was the theme of the occasion. Suzanne (Mrs. Worth) Gibson led the program, highlighted by the ringing of the church's bell by Dr. Ralph Hillis, district superintendent. Other highlights of the occasion were the bursting of a Liberty Bell-shaped pinata, homemade ice cream and recreation. Hosts were the Rev. and Mrs. David Bentley and family of the Monette-Black Oak Charge.

JONESBORO DISTRICT PARSONETTES have elected the following officers for 1976-77: Margaret (Mrs. Raymond) Dorman, president; Sara (Mrs. Tony) Holifield, vice president; Hazel (Mrs. Floyd) Villines, secretary-treasurer; Cherie (Mrs. David B.) Bentley, reporter; Ruth (Mrs. Maurice) Lanier, scrapbook and yearbook chairperson, and Era Lee (Mrs. Ralph) Hillis, executive committee member.

Family Counselor To Lecture At Camden Church

St. Mark Church, Camden, will hold a Family Life Week Aug. 9-12 with the Rev. Robert A. Williams of Dallas, a marriage and family counselor, as guest lecturer.

Lectures will be held Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m., with additional programs for youth and children. Titles of Mr. Williams' lectures will be The Father: Priest and Leader in the Home, The Mother: Originator and Moulder of



Forrest City United Methodist Women Hold 'Day Under 33'

First Church, Forrest City, was the site of a "Day Under 33" designed to inform young women on the structure and organization of United Methodist Women. District UMW president Mrs. Wesley Freemyer (right photo, center) of Helena welcomed guests and presented the theme of the day, "Choose Your Own Apple — Dare to Explore." Discussion leaders were Mrs. Carl Geisler (left) of Brinkley and Mrs. Charles Sibley (right) of Helena. Mrs. Carlos Smith (center photo) of Memphis gave the inspirational message

on the theme "The Giving Tree." Refreshments, provided by the Forrest Hills Church, were served as the guests arrived. In photo at left Mrs. Horace Powell (right), president of the Forrest City UMW, serves Mrs. Terre Rodgers (foreground). Mrs. Jim Henry led group singing. Planning committee members were Rachael Fullwood, Pat Freemyer, Jane Glass, Linda Birch and Vicki Hall. Forty-eight women attended the event.

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THE CONWAY DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL of United Methodist Churches sponsored the recent appearance at First Church, Russellville, of a new musical group called "Pilgrimage." Under the direction of Lee Feris, Barry Weiss and Jim Newton, all of whom hold degrees from Perkins School of Theology and have had several years of teaching experience on the secondary level, the musicians combine their talents to produce folk, country, soft rock and progressive country styles. Pilgrimage utilizes guitars, harmonica, bass and vocal music to reflect the understanding that life is both sacred and secular.

MT. ZION CHURCH in Horatio observed its 109th anniversary with special services on July 4. Guest speakers included Magistrate Darrell F. Brown of the Panama Canal Zone and Mr. J. W. Smith of Wellington, Kans., both former residents of the community. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Snowie Coulter Brown in acknowledgement of her 37 years as a teacher and community leader. Mrs. Bonnie Cox was chairperson of the event.

Personalia

MISS MARY JANE PIERCE of Batesville, a graduate student in Christian Education at Scarritt College, was recently awarded a \$2,000 John Q. Schisler scholarship through the Office of Scholarships and Loans of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Miss Pierce, one of six United Methodist women in the U.S. to receive such an award, was previously employed as a youth director at Beebe United Methodist Church. She holds degrees from Arkansas College in Batesville and from Memphis State. She has worked as a secretary in the Evangelism department and will be a student assistant in the Christian Education department at Scarritt during the 1976-77 academic year. Miss Pierce, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greenway Pierce of Batesville, will also serve as student representative to the faculty.

FIRST CHURCH, Hot Springs, recently honored their new pastors, Dr. George W. Martin and the Rev. Gerald F. Myers and their families with a "Welcoming Pounding." Ben Burton and Geary Scott shared the master of ceremonies responsibilities for the event.

THE REV. E. EDWARD WARREN and family were honored with a "pounding" at a recent pot-luck supper at the Waldo Church. Mr. Warren was recently appointed as the new pastor of the Waldo-Willisville Charge in the Camden District.

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RANDALL MCKINNON, an 11th grader at Mount Holly High School and a member of the Marysville Church, served as guest speaker at that church on a recent Sunday when the pastor, the Rev. Robert Johnson, was on vacation. The speaker's sister, Ronda, was the pianist, and his father, Mr. Morris McKinnon, conducted the service.

KAREN BROWN, a member of the Marysville Church and a senior at Southern State University in Magnolia, was named at the recent Jurisdictional Conference as one of 15 young adults to the General Board of Discipleship.

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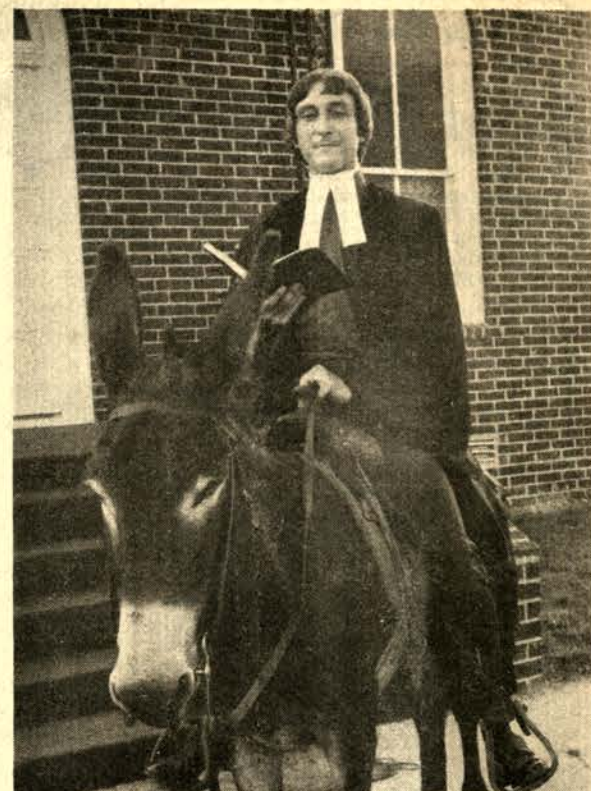


Bicentennial Pageant at Harrisburg

First Church, Harrisburg, climaxed Vacation Church School with a Bicentennial Pageant on a recent Sunday morning. Each child was costumed to represent a certain period of

history. Mrs. Arnold Cooper directed and narrated the program. Mrs. Larry Reddmann and Mrs. W. C. Mills Jr. were church school directors.

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The Rev. Tom Barnett, Circuit Rider

The Rev. Tom Barnett, pastor, is shown as he arrived for the Bicentennial worship service at Branch United Methodist Church, Fort Smith District. "Religion and the Revolution" was the theme of the circuit rider's sermon, excerpts of which came from a 1750 sermon by Jonathan Mayhew. The July 4th service was followed by dinner.

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Bicentennial Cake

These second graders at First Church, Conway, decorated a cake for the Bicentennial celebration at their church. They are: (seated) Terri Boyd and Dina Teague; (standing) Margaret Henry, Charles Coleman and Angie Boyette. Warfield and Viki Teague are Sunday school teachers.

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84-Year-Old Bell

The Rev. Don Nolley, pastor, is shown in front of Sheridan United Methodist Church with 84-year-old bell that rang in celebration of the Bicentennial. The bell, which will have a special place in the new church, has been housed by the three sanctuaries of the Sheridan church during the last century.

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Heritage Sunday

The Rev. David Prothro, pastor of Hazen United Methodist Church, attired as the Rev. John Wesley, as he greeted Mrs. Kate Hazen Reid on Heritage Sunday, June 27. Many of the congregation came in period costumes. A basket lunch followed the worship service.

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Additional Bicentennial celebrations will be featured in next week's Arkansas Methodist.



Month-long Celebration at St. Andrew, Little Rock

St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, held special worship services during July in honor of the Bicentennial. A birthday celebration was held July 4th with special prayers, litanies and a choral reading. A "Colonial Order of Worship, 1771" was featured July 11 with the Rev. Fred Haustein (right) presenting an abridged version of John Wesley's sermon on "Christian Perfection." Mr. Bo Blackwood was dressed as the "tithing man." The July 18 observance featured "Camp Meeting Worship" and the final Sunday in the series featured a contemporary worship service.

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All-Day Celebration at Grand Avenue, Hot Springs

The horse-drawn surrey (at left) led a procession of antique cars to the Bicentennial worship service at Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs. The pastor, the Rev. Norris Steele and the Rev. Alfred Doss, associate pastor, rode in the surrey with the owner, Hiram Smith, and Tracey Kuyper, granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Doss. Following the worship service, an old fashioned dinner on the ground was served to the congregation. At right are Jane Neff and the Rev. Norris Steele. The Grand Avenue Singers and the Golden Harvest Singers performed during the afternoon.



Churchwide Picnic

First Church, Blytheville, celebrated the Bicentennial with a churchwide picnic following the worship service. Pictured above are some of the picnickers in front of the fellowship hall. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr. is pastor.

