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'Christian by conviction, Methodist with pride'

In his address at the Oct. 29 convocation at Hendrix College, Dr. Edward Lester, attorney and chairman of the college's Board of Trustees, made extended remarks about the institution's nature, purpose and function. Portions of those remarks are printed here.

"May we never forget that Hendrix College was conceived and has existed and finds its being as an agency, and I hope the strong right arm, of the Methodist Church."

"In the past generation — perhaps because of the acids of modernity — many institutions of our type have found a church affiliation to be an intolerable burden that has gladly been shed. They exist as pseudo-public, eleemosynary institutions, ruled by independent boards, safe and sound above the waves of denominational and religious storms, undergirded by fat endowments and a loyal alumni, paying only lip service to their denominational heritage. I would submit that they have left the faith of their fathers.

"This may be the wave of the future and only weak institutions will survive as denominational islands. But it is not our path. We are Christian by conviction, Methodist with pride. Right or wrong, the thesis we have nailed to the door is that Jesus Christ is the center of our being, that he lived and died to bring a more abundant life, and that an institution of higher learning with this type of center — and I emphasize with this type of center — is one, if not the most, important agency for fulfilling his great commission.

"Let me hastily add that we will never require as a condition of graduation the intensive study of the sermons of Rev. Isham Lafayette Burrow (founder of Hendrix' predecessor institution); that a person's denominational affiliation will never be a consideration in faculty appoint-

ment; that we will never inquire, much less make requirements, with respect to a student's personal beliefs before we admit him to study with our faculty. Our faculty and students are asked only to seek the truth, free and unfettered — let the search lead where it will. Ours is the tradition that the Christian faith has nothing to fear and all to gain from an unrestricted and unstructured search for truth . . .

"In the broad sense, the education Hendrix offers is what value judgments (one should apply) during a lifetime of assimilating knowledge . . . We place importance on being able to distinguish what is 'non-sense' . . .

"In a hopelessly complex and complicated world, where the options of conduct and lifestyles are almost limitless, to prepare a person to make those judgments in such a way that he or she will maintain their self-esteem and find fulfillment and a more abundant life, is very, very difficult.

"Because the task is so difficult, we make no warranties. Our sole representations are that we will try; that we will learn and grow together. A person with a broad, general, liberal education in a world crowded with experts may be a modern dinosaur, but we don't think so. And the record of our clan doesn't sustain (such a contention) . . .

"Our goal and purpose and the reason for our being will not change. We are an arm of the Church with a commission to help bring (to the people) whose lives the institution touches, a more abundant serving life, a deep personal fulfillment, and through this, Christian joy.

"To the extent that we are successful, the institution — through the lives and influence of its graduates — can change the world. We make few modest claims in this tribe."

Council of Churches assembly to focus on world hunger

The 21st Annual Assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches will be held Nov. 16 at First United Methodist Church in Hope. The one-day event will focus on Christian responsibility in a hungry world, using as its theme, "How Are We to Buy Bread So That These People May Eat?", a quotation from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John.

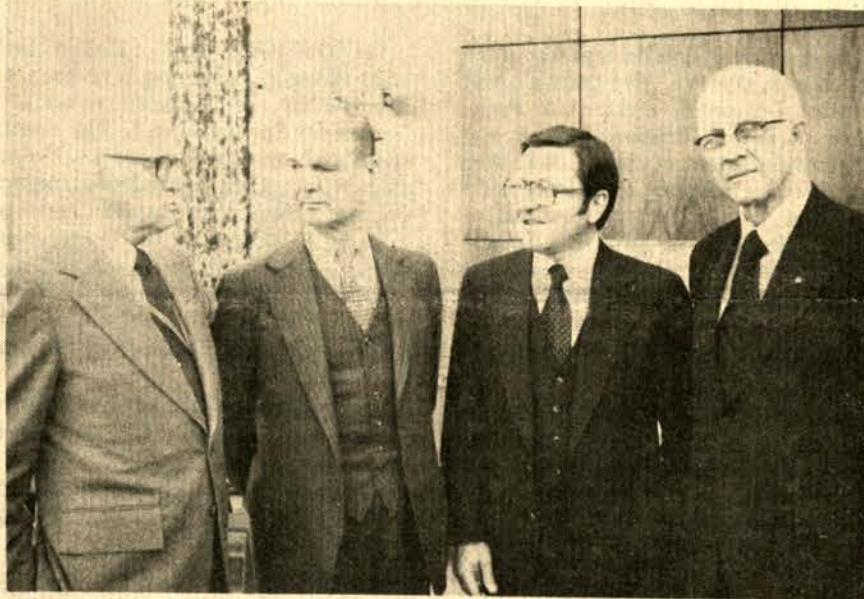
Keynote speaker for the session will be the Rev. Jerry Bedford of Little Rock, director of development for Heifer Project International. He will speak at 11 a.m. on the subject "The Dimensions of World Hunger." A member of the Presbytery of Arkansas (Union), Mr. Bedford was a missionary in Kenya, East Africa, prior to his association with Heifer Project. He is a native of Michigan.

A major feature of the afternoon ses-

sion will be a panel presentation on "Practical Considerations in Sharing Loaves." Panel members and their topics will be State Senator William Hargrove of Stuttgart, "Political concerns at the state level"; Mr. Ronald Bailey of Stuttgart, an executive with Producers' Rice Mills, Inc., "International considerations involved in food supply"; Mr. Bedford, "Theological issues to be met"; and Mr. Leland DuVall of Little Rock, farm and financial editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*, "Observations of a journalist." Panel moderator will be the Rev. Ray Saathoff of Stuttgart, pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church and a member of World Hunger Education and Action Together (WHEAT).

Among other program participants

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Past, present Hendrix leaders share platform

Hendrix College's two living former presidents, Dr. Marshall T. Steel (left) and Dr. Matt Locke Ellis (right) are shown with current Hendrix President Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr. (second from right) and Hendrix Board Chairman, Dr. Edward Lester, following the Oct. 29 centennial convocation. Dr. Lester, principal speaker at the event, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the college.

Hendrix marks centennial with pledge to future

Honoring the past and acknowledging responsibility to the future was the theme of the day as Hendrix College held special ceremonies Oct. 29 marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of its predecessor institution, Central Collegiate Institute. More than 800 persons attended the "One Hundred Years of Hendrix History" convocation held on the college's campus in Conway. The event signaled the beginning of an eight-year "Centennial Era" to celebrate the founding, in 1876 by the Rev. Isham L. Burrow, of Central Collegiate Institute in Altus, Ark., and its purchase in 1884 by what is now The United Methodist Church.

The Centennial Era observance will feature a \$17.5 million fund-raising campaign to enable the college "to reach full maturity as a nationally ranked, church-related, small undergraduate college." Hendrix officials report that the "Continuity and Renewal" campaign "symbolizes our pride in Hendrix' rich heritage of service and leadership over the past 100 years and our belief that a continuing commitment to that tradition will enable Hendrix to serve each new generation."

Last Friday's convocation, held in Staples Auditorium, was followed by a viewing of Hendrix memorabilia in Bailey Library and by a luncheon in Hulén Hall.

Principal speaker at the convocation was Hendrix Board of Trustees Chairman Edward Lester, prominent Little Rock attorney. As a part of the ceremonies Mr. Lester was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Hendrix President Roy B. Shilling Jr., assisted by Dr. John R. Merrill, the college's vice president and dean.

Among platform dignitaries were Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, Dr. Matt Locke Ellis and Dr. Marshall T. Steel, the two living former presidents of Hendrix, and the members of the college's Board of Trustees.

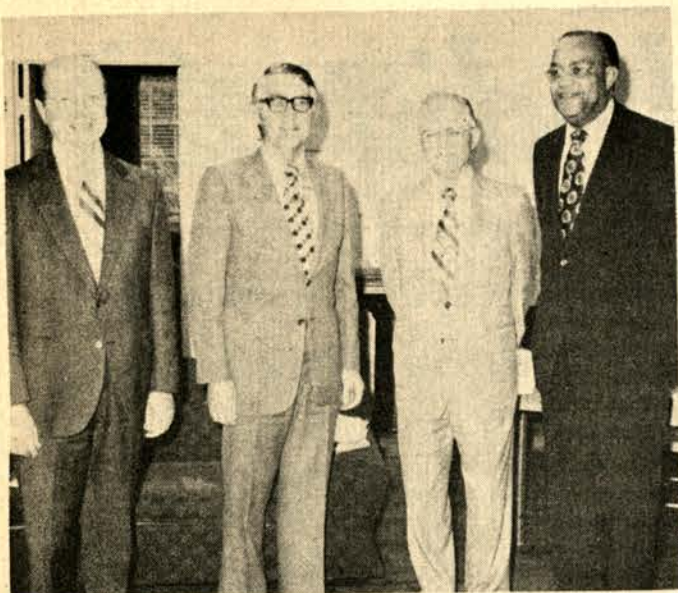
Bishop Hicks, in a brief greeting to the convocation, paid tribute to the college for its past contributions and emphasized the role that higher education has as a part of the church's responsibility. He said that institutions such as Hendrix have a "significant and unique mission" in society. "Our total society," he said, "needs the kind of balance and the kind of ingredient that can only be provided by the sensitivity, by the closeness to both the human and the divine, that a school of this kind provides."

In his address, Dr. Lester likened the convocation to "a gathering of the clan" and noted that a common bond uniting Hendrix graduates and students was that they

were all taught by the same professors. He said rather than being a "closed stream," the "Hendrix clan" had been "constantly fed by new springs, men and women taught by others, who enrich the main stream by their varied experiences."

Dr. Lester said that Hendrix' greatness lay in its being "a thing unto itself." He said that while a student at Hendrix he had heard the institution referred to as "the Harvard of the South," and that such references struck him "even then as a little pretentious." "I do not," he said, "want Hendrix to be 'the Harvard of the South' or 'the Louvain of North America' or 'the Oxford on the Arkansas.' Hendrix College is a thing unto itself," he said, "and will find its true greatness as a 'pathfinder' in its own environment and circumstances . . ."

Speaking of the college's purpose, Dr. Lester said "May we never forget that Hendrix College was conceived and has existed and finds its being . . . as an agency of the Methodist Church." Noting that numerous church-related colleges had recently given up their denominational ties, he said that Hendrix, by contrast, was "Christian by conviction (and) Methodist with pride." "Our goals and purposes and reason for being," he said, "will not change."



Bishop Hicks to head Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Committee

Arkansas United Methodism's new episcopal leader, Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks (second from left), was elected during the Oct. 18-19 meeting of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly's Board of Trustees, to serve as president of the Executive Committee for the new quadrennium. Elected to serve with Bishop Hicks were the following jurisdictional officers: Left to right — Dr. James Hares of Dallas, second vice president; Dr. Owen Gragg of Tulsa, secretary, and Bishop Ernest T. Dixon Jr. of Topeka, Kans., first vice president. PHOTO, above



right: The Rev. Harold H. Spence (right), superintendent of Fayetteville District was elected a member-at-large of the Executive Committee for South Central Jurisdiction's Mt. Sequoyah Assembly at Fayetteville. Shown with him, left to right, are fellow members-at-large, Mr. Charles W. Hight of Coffeyville, Kans., and the Rev. Herman A. Lehwald of Festus, Mo. The Rev. N. Lee Cate is superintendent of the assembly.



Dr. W. J. A. Power

Old Testament Scholar to present Lectures at Huntington Avenue

Dr. W. J. A. Power, professor of Old Testament at Perkins School of Theology, will present a lecture series at Huntington Avenue Church, at Jonesboro this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, on the theme of "Biblical Truth and Modern Man."

Dr. Power, who holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto, has studied at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem and the Carl Jung Institute in Zurich and conducted archaeological surveys in Amman, Jordan in 1967-68. An ordained priest in The Episcopal Church, he was voted Outstanding Professor by students and faculty of Perkins in 1971.

The series will include the following: A lecture on "The Problem of Biblical Study," on Friday at 7:30 p.m., with a reception to follow. The Saturday morning lecture on "The Nature of the Human Problem" will be presented at 10:30 a.m., with a noontime Dutch Treat luncheon to follow at Ramada Inn. The concluding presentation on "God's Grace and the Human Predicament," is scheduled for 2 p.m. An informal reception and discussion will follow at Wesley Foundation headquarters at Arkansas State University campus. Dr. Power will preach for Sunday morning worship at Huntington Avenue on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Victor H. Nixon, pastor, and the congregation, extend an invitation to all persons in the area to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Participants in event for older adults request repeat

The "Third Age" — persons from 65 to 100-plus years — are one of our nation's greatest resources. Their knowledge, skill and experience need to be shared for the enrichment of others. They should strive to remain flexible, seek opportunities to continue the learning process, and, if necessary, pursue new lifestyles that are satisfying and helpful in living more creatively.

Such were some of the conclusions reached as more than 200 older adults from 12 annual conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction met at Mt. Sequoyah Oct. 11-14 for an enterprise called "The Best is Yet to Be." The first venture of its type in the eight-state jurisdiction, the event was hailed as a great success and participants went on record as enthusiastically requesting a similar program for the fall of 1977. Among the participants from 12 annual conferences were 25 from the North Arkansas Conference and 11 from the Little Rock Conference.

The event was directed by Dr. Rosalie J. Lawson of Fayetteville, coordinator of the Washington County Council on Aging.

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will be the Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of the host church, who will give the welcome; the Rev. Lester M. Bickford of Paris, pastor of First Christian Church and first vice president of the Council, who will give the opening devotional message, and the Rev. Dean Sudman of Little Rock, pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, who will preside at the installation of new division and department chairmen. Mr. Floyd Sexton of Texarkana is current president of the Council.

Registration for the assembly will begin at 8:30 a.m. Denominational caucuses will be held at 9:30 a.m. The first assembly session will begin at 10 o'clock, with adjournment scheduled for 3:15 p.m. The session will be attended by official representatives of member-churches and visiting representatives and observers. All interested persons are invited. Registrations are encouraged by Nov. 9, and are to be sent to: Arkansas Council of Churches, P.O. Box 6011, Little Rock, Ark. 72216. Fees (\$1 for registration, \$2.50 for luncheon) may accompany registration or may be paid at the host church on the day of the event.

'Great Hour of Singing,' Sunday, Nov. 7

Six "One Great Hour of United Methodist Singing" programs have been announced for the North Arkansas Conference for Sunday, Nov. 7. The events, sponsored by the Conference's Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians, will celebrate Methodism's musical heritage.

To be held in six of the Conference's seven districts, the programs will feature congregational singing of traditional hymns and will provide for special anthems by adult choirs from the local districts.

The events are scheduled as follows: **Batesville District** — First Church, Searcy, 7 p.m.

Conway District — (To be announced.)

Fayetteville District — First Church, Harrison, 7 p.m.

Fort Smith District — First Church, Fort Smith, 5 p.m.

Jonesboro District — Huntington Avenue Church, 4:30 p.m.

Paragould District — Walnut Ridge Church, 2:30 p.m.

District coordinators for the events are Mr. Monty R. Bell, Batesville District; Mr. Len D. Bobo, Conway District; Mrs. Sally Jo Gibson, Fayetteville Dis-

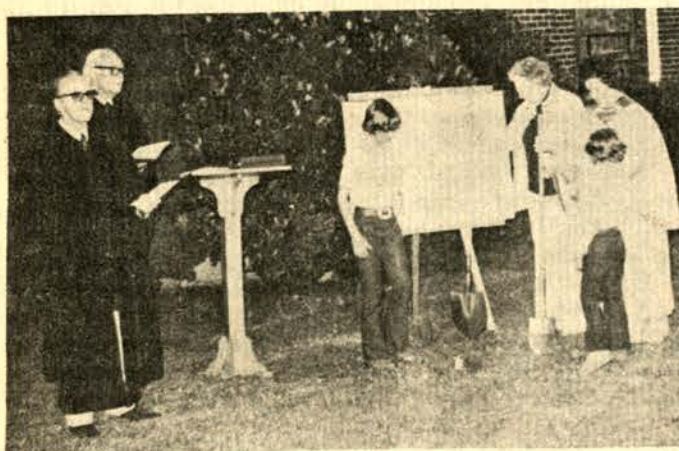
trict; Miss Shelia Combs, Fort Smith District; Mrs. Jane Steinegger, Jonesboro District, and Mrs. Sue Brand, Paragould District. The sponsors urge United Methodists throughout the Conference to attend the session in their area.

Among other events recently sponsored by the North Arkansas Conference unit of FUMM have been a Summer Choir Camp for children and a Music Workshop in the North Little Rock area.

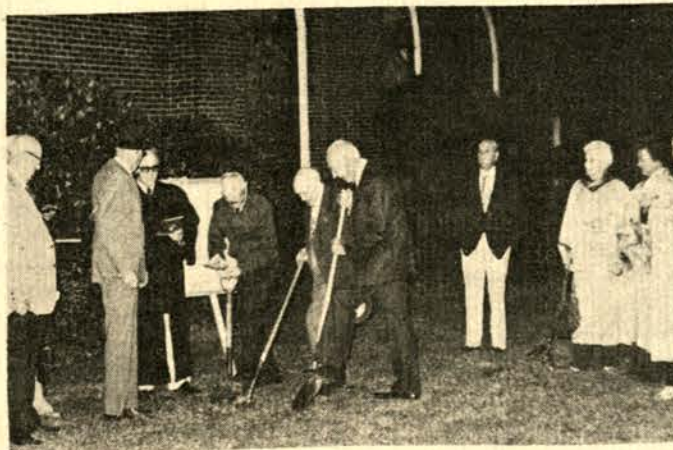
Mr. Monty R. Bell of Searcy, chairman of the organization, reports that its major purposes are to encourage fellowship among those interested in church music, to support the concept that "church music personnel are first of all churchmen . . . interested in continuous and expanded training, both musically and spiritually," to promote high standards in church music, and to "cooperate in acknowledgement of the United Methodist heritage as a singing church."

Other officers of the group are Mrs. Shelia Combs of Fort Smith, vice chairman, and Mr. Jerry Ridgeway of Cabot, secretary-treasurer.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Education Building at McGehee



RECENT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES at First Church, McGehee were led by (left to right) the Rev. Virgil C. Bell, pastor, and the Rev. Alf A. Eason, Monticello District superintendent, assisted by fourth generation members of the family of Mrs. Verna Thomas, shown with her daughter and grandsons. (Mrs. Thomas composed the poem "Cross In My Pocket," which has been widely used in churches of the area.)



OFFICIALS of First Church, McGehee, who participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for a new education building scheduled for completion in the summer of 1977 included, left to right, Harold Dyer, Virgil Biggs, Pastor Bell, C. C. Hornor, Lester Warrick Sr., Taylor Prewitt Jr. and Building Committee Chairman Robert Adcock. The structure will contain 17 classrooms, church offices, fellowship hall, kitchen and a chapel.

Capital punishment debated by attorney, theologian

LAKELAND, Fla. (UMC) — Will the reinstatement of capital punishment reduce homicides in the United States?

Florida Attorney General Robert L. Shevin believes it will, but Dr. L. Harold DeWolf, a United Methodist theologian, disagrees. They were among participants in a Symposium on Criminal Justice held Oct. 12 at Florida Southern College.

Shevin stressed that the number of homicides "jumped dramatically" to about 22,500 annually between 1965 and 1975 during the Supreme Court's ban on capital punishment compared to an annual average of between 7,000 and 9,000 during the 1930-65 span. "The absence of capital punishment was a major factor in this increase," he said.

Shevin also said that he had talked to many of Florida's "death row" inmates, and each of them expressed a great fear of the electric chair.

"Actually, the idea that the death penalty decreases the number of murders is only an airy theory which the facts of the real world do not support," Dr. DeWolf said. The death penalty is not an effective general deterrent, he added, because "criminal homicide is an act involving violent passion."

The easy availability of handguns is a chief reason for the increase in the nation's crime rate, Dr. DeWolf said. "If we really want to reduce murders, we must see that the federal government bans handguns except for security forces," he said. He also blamed television's daily fare of programs of violence.

Dr. DeWolf, a former Boston University professor and later dean of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., is visiting professor of sociology at Florida Southern. He is the author of two recent books, "Crime and Justice in America" and "What Americans Ought to Do About Crime," published by Harper and Row.

"It is ironic that today in a country supposedly somewhat Christian, there is quite a fervor for the death penalty," Dr. DeWolf said, pointing out that capital punishment itself is the killing of a human being.

Social breakdown is major factor

All of the symposium participants agreed that "a breakdown in the social order" is a major contributing

factor in the crime rate.

Factors cited included deterioration of family life, material greed, alcohol, narcotics, and public apathy evidenced by a "what's the use, or why get involved?" attitude.

"These factors are some of the roots of the crime problem that we must attack, and at the same time increase the criminal's risk of getting caught," said Quillian S. Yancey, Lakeland attorney who was recently appointed interim sheriff of Polk County by Florida Governor Reubin Askew.

Yancey, a United Methodist and former state legislator, said community organizations of concerned citizens who are trained in techniques of observing and reporting suspicious evidences of possible criminal behavior can be helpful to the police. More youth programs sponsored by churches and civic groups would reduce the number of "pot parties" and neighborhood gangs, he said.

"Christians have a moral obligation to be good citizens and actively engage in efforts to control crime at all levels," Yancey said.

The Editor's Pulpit

Inflation's impact hits home

An update on our financial condition

It appears that for the first time in our 95-year history, to our knowledge, the **Arkansas Methodist** will have to interrupt its regular weekly publication schedule because of a lack of sufficient funds. Since 1882 this newspaper has come into Methodist homes in Arkansas 50 times a year — weekly except the weeks of July 4 and December 25. Unless adequate funds become available immediately, we will have to omit two other issues before the end of this calendar year.

The situation is one which plagues most publications across our country: rising costs, primarily in postage and printing. In the last four years our mailing costs have increased nearly 400 percent and printing costs have risen over 30 percent. Since July of this year alone, postal rates have increased 29 percent, printing costs 12 percent, and address correction rates 100 percent. And, while we are delighted that under the new plan of financing and distributing the paper, adopted in January, 1975, its circulation has almost doubled (from 17,400 to 33,300), our postage and printing costs have risen proportionately.

All of the above factors combined have caused our expenses to exceed our anticipated income by approximately \$15,000 for the year. In order to enable us to meet these unusually severe increases, both annual conferences, at their regular sessions last year, granted the paper emergency funds of \$6,000 each. That \$12,000, applied to the \$15,000 deficit, leaves us with an anticipated shortfall of \$3,000 — about the amount we would stand to receive if all of our local churches were to pay their apportionments in full.

To keep the matter in perspective it is important to understand that the local churches of our two conferences have given encouraging support to the new plan

whereby the paper is financed by apportionments to those churches. Under this plan, every United Methodist in Arkansas who desires to receive the paper does so.

Under the first year of the new plan the local churches in one conference paid over 98 percent of their apportioned amounts and those in the other paid over 96 percent of their apportionments. That, we say, is a commendable response!

In addition, the two annual conferences and their respective Councils on Finance and Administration have been greatly supportive of the paper as it has faced these difficult financial straits — as indicated by the emergency grants mentioned above and by their continuing counsel with our Board of Managers.

The situation as it now appears is that our only option in avoiding deficit financing at the end of this year — based on the 97 percent return on last year's apportionments — is to omit publication of two issues.

Your paper is grateful for the support which our local churches have given to the new plan — a plan which we believe is of great benefit in bringing the news of our church each week to growing numbers of United Methodists. We pledge to give our continuing best efforts in providing for you the finest possible publication for the money available.

On life together in the faith

The **Arkansas Methodist** suffered a painful loss early this week in the death of one of its most faithful friends and servants, Mr. D. C. Raiford of Little Rock. For the past 29 years, "D. C.," a service technician for Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation, had given faithful maintenance attention to equipment in our office. His professional skills will be keenly missed.

But our relationship with D. C. was more than a business one, for his wife, Jane, is our paper's circulation manager. Having served this publication for almost 16 years, Jane is the longest-tenured member of our current staff.

Up to the very week of his recent hospitalization, D. C. continued to give frequent and personal attention to our machines. His passing is a double loss to our office family and is a vivid reminder to us of some of the qualities of life together in the faith: that in Jesus Christ we are all "family"; that as we benefit from each other's gifts, we also share in each other's joys and sorrows, and that we all are beneficiaries of God's grace — a grace which provides for us now, and forever.

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BENEFACTRESS Mrs. Gordon Young (left) and violinist Arvi Rebassoo of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, with Dr. George Mulacek, chairman of the Hendrix music department, seated at the piano.

Hendrix alumna presents gift for string program

Mrs. Gordon E. Young of Little Rock, a 1929 graduate of Hendrix College, has presented to her alma mater a gift of \$2,250 to assist in the continuation of string instruction in the school's music department. Now in its fourth year, the string instrument program at Hendrix and several other Arkansas schools is sponsored by the Arkansas Orchestra Society.

Each school year a member of the symphony's string section conducts classes in various string instruments one day a week at Hendrix. The instructor this year, Arvi Rebassoo, is a graduate of the University of Iowa and holds a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music in New York.

"I have been thrilled over the string program at Hendrix," said Mrs. Young. "In the first year of the program there were seven students, then 15 in the second year and 22 last year."

Mrs. Young is a former president of the Arkansas Orchestra Society and is an honorary lifetime member of the organization.

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United Methodist Men to organize in Conway District

"United Methodist Men of the Conway District" will be officially organized at a meeting to be held Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. at First Church, Conway. Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks will be principal speaker at the event.

In addition to officers being named for the new district organization, new officials will be elected for the district's three subdistrict men's units: the Northside, Tri-County and Arkansas Valley Subdistricts.

Mr. W. E. (Buddy) Arnold of North Little Rock, Conway District director of United Methodist Men, will preside at the meeting.

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Personalia

DR. JOEL A. COOPER, pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church. The action came as the Board met in Nashville recently to organize for the 1977-80 quadrennium.

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Paragould District Holds Rally

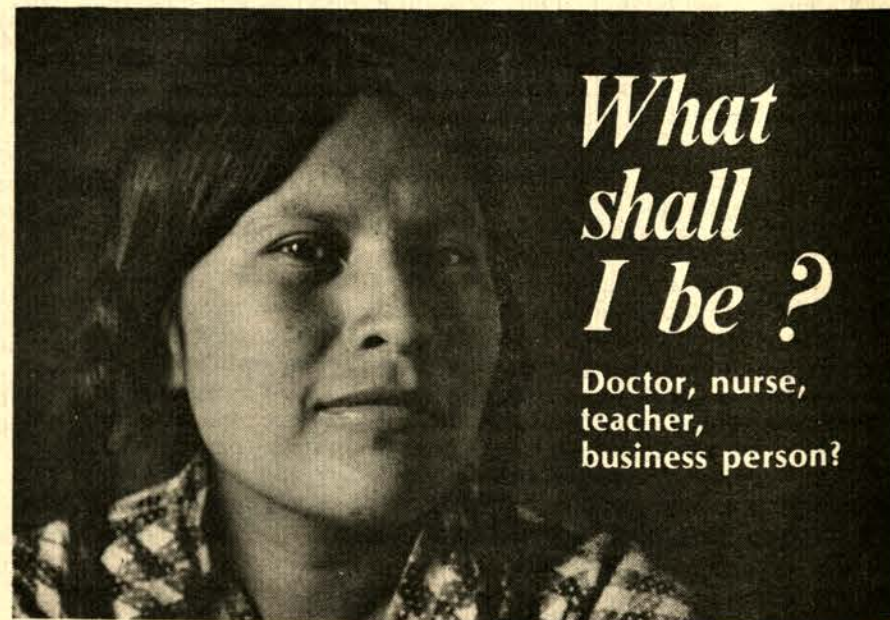
Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks (second from right) was the key speaker for a Paragould District Rally of laity and clergy on Sunday evening, Oct. 17 at First Church, Paragould. Other participants in the service of worship included, left to right, the Rev. Leon Wilson, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould, District Superintendent Ben F. Jordan, and the Rev. Reginald Moore, pastor of Emory Chapel Church in Newport. The district churches honored Bishop and Mrs. Hicks with a reception following the service.



Marianna Methodist Men Give Five Heifers

Responding to a project of Forrest City District Methodist Men, the unit at First Church, Marianna, has presented five heifers to Heifer Project International. Shown (left to right) are Wilson Kell, president of the Methodist Men's group, Dr. Jack Bates of Heifer Project, who transported the animals to Fourche River Ranch to await shipment to an area of need, and David Gerrard, a member of one of the donor families. The heifers were donated by W. H. Gerrard, Herman Hall and John Jacks. Earlier, three animals were presented by Lon Mann of the Marianna organization, and other members contributed \$125 toward the project. The Rev. Dewey Dark is pastor of the church.

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'Where are United Methodism's prophets?' reader asks

To the Editor:

In the Oct. 14 edition of the *Arkansas Methodist* you mentioned Bishop Crutchfield's statement about the African Central Conference adopting life-tenured episcopacy.

See Sept. 3, 1976 edition of *Newscope* for a more complete/accurate account on page three entitled, "Six Bishops Elected For Terms in Africa Conference."

One notices right away those Bishops elected (finally) to life terms are those who have spent years serving and much suffering for their prophetic voices. They, even in one's limited knowledge of their being on the "cutting edge," are — and have been — peace-seeking revolutionaries.

Could the minority report (term) on the episcopacy have been presented to General Conference in hopes of producing more prophetic voices from the episcopacy? Could General Conference have rejected this calling for election for term because it is safer for the Church to maintain the status quo? Was General Conference wise in rejecting term episcopacy? Is there a way to help make a secure place for prophets?

How many Bishop Muzorewas or Emilio de Carvalhos do we have in the

U.S. United Methodist Church? Couldn't you count on one hand the prophetic, those on the "cutting edge"? How many, too, do you know that choose to use their high office as a place to lash out at those who have differing views — those who do not see the gospel as hiding behind the security of the status quo?

Where and when will the Church have more elected leaders in the prophetic role and liberators of the oppressed?

Perhaps one (meaning Me!) has grasped the wrong idea of the gospel. Isn't it radical to follow Jesus the Christ? Isn't it radical to love and work for peace in a nation where military sending and spending far exceeds combined programs for humanity in education, food and peace?

In *The Urgent Now*, Bishop Armstrong states: "The word 'radical' frightens people. Yet it means 'fundamental' . . . It refers to bedrock basics. Radicalism needs to be reconsidered, for it calls us — by definition — to the roots of our faith. Christian radicalism involves radical surrender."

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Two Licensed to Preach

Darrell R. Kersey (left) and Reginald E. Moore (right) were granted the License to Preach during the recent Paragould District Conference. Mr. Kersey completed studies required in preparation for the License to Preach prior to the North Arkansas Conference session in June and was then assigned to the Maynard Parish. Mr. Moore completed his work since conference and was recently assigned to the pastorate of Emory Chapel Church in Newport. The Rev. Ben Jordan, district superintendent, is shown presenting License to Preach certificates to the two men.

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From Our Readers

UNICEF AT WORK IN BRAZIL

To the Editor:

"If a man is rich and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against his brother, how can he claim he has love for God in his heart? My children! Our love should not be just words and talk; it

must be true love, which shows itself in action" (1 John 3:17,18).

This passage was made real to me at the Pledge Service of the Little Rock Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting, the entire program of which was very inspiring.

I would like to lift it up to you to encourage you to give through the channels of UNICEF if you have authorized "trick-or-treaters" soliciting funds or if you are asked to buy their charming international cards.

The contact I've had in Bolivia with UNICEF is through one of the graduates of our School of Nursing. As a nurse in the Ministry of Public Health, she directs a course to upgrade the knowledge and skills of rural medical workers. A selected number is able to study through scholarships provided by UNICEF funds.

Helen B. Wilson
Missionary to Bolivia
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NOTE: Miss Wilson's letter arrived too late for inclusion in pre-Halloween *Arkansas Methodist*.

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'NO' TO WINE INVESTMENT

To the Editor:

I am unalterably opposed to Methodist stock remaining in Coca Cola Company after merger with Taylor Wines: the world is in worse shape than I think it is, if there are no legitimate opportunities available for investment.

Investing church money is necessary, but let's see to it that the Methodist Church promotes nothing potentially harmful to humanity. This is part of basic Christianity.

This letter is dedicated to the memory of a friend who died recently, a victim of intoxicants.

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A REMEMBRANCE

To the Editor:

We are thoroughly enjoying your excellent weekly newspaper. We understand expenses keep mounting so you have difficulty balancing your budget, as everyone else has, too. So we enclose a small contribution . . .

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'Leaders' lax in church attendance survey reveals

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — While 42 percent of Americans in general say they attend religious services at least once a week, only 29 percent of the members of eight leadership groups do so.

Though 36 percent of the leaders say they never or almost never attend only 22 percent of the general population gives the same response.

Those were among findings of a survey sponsored by The Washington Post and the Harvard University Center for International Affairs.

There were differences among the leadership groups; farm leaders are the most likely to be weekly attenders (half say they are), youth leaders least likely (12 percent).

Sixty-one percent of feminist leaders, the report stated, say they never attend or almost never attend religious services.

At the other end of the non-attendance spectrum, only one in 10 black leaders reports attending worship never or almost never.

To some extent, the Post reported, the attendance variations come because compared to Christians, Jews are much less likely to go to worship services frequently. However, the newspaper added, variations in attendance patterns still show up when the different proportions of Jews in the leadership groups are compensated for.

Among other findings:

- One in three farm leaders report never or almost never attending worship services.
- 42 percent of black leaders say they attend at least once a week, second highest in the sample.
- 14 percent of feminist leaders say they attend at least weekly, second lowest in the sample.

The Post and Harvard surveyed a cross section of 1521 Americans in conducting the poll.

NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

Father Robert F. Brungs, a Jesuit futurologist, addressing some 3,000 Roman Catholic teachers, warned that American culture is attacking the family structure so successfully that government agencies might soon view the family as a "disvalue" and something to be tightly regulated. Referring to communes, "swinging" singles and homosexual relationships, Father Brungs said contemporary society is well into the second stage of the attack "by its glorification of alternative styles of living." He said church leaders and thinkers should be frightened by the trend.

William R. Wakefield, mission board secretary for Southern Baptists in Southeast Asia, has received a report from the denomination's missionaries in Thailand indicating relief that the military takeover of the Thai government has ended a period of turmoil. The report, received a day after the Oct. 6 military coup, said "Stability and calm now reign over the city and country as far as we can determine." Some 60 Baptist missionaries are assigned to Thailand.

Father Charles Repole, O.F.M., a veteran prison chaplain in the New York correctional system, asserts that penal institutions are generally failing to rehabilitate and reform the offender. He said, "My strongest and most vehement criticism is that God is left out of the picture and framework of our prison system. For too long religion has taken a back seat. For too long religion has been overlooked, neglected and at times opposed."

A table grace proposed for an eye-opening breakfast by the United Church Observer, a Canadian publication, reads: "Oh Lord, make us not like the porridge, dull and stodgy. Make us like the cornflakes, crisp and snappy, and ready to serve."

In terms of buying power per person, giving by 42 U.S. denominations declined about 1.2 percent from 1974 to 1975, according to statistics just released by the Commission on Stewardship of the National Council of Churches. Among the denominations which submitted figures for the survey, the 500,000-member Seventh-day Adventist church contributed the highest per capita (\$517.99) and spent the highest percentage of contributions for benevolences, 71.9 percent. United Methodists, with 9.9 million members contributed \$101.41 per capita, according to the figures.

Other statistics in the NCC report indicate that Americans in 1974 spent \$11.7 billion on religious and welfare activities, compared with \$166.4 billion on food, \$76.4 billion on clothing, accessories and jewelry, \$22.9 billion on alcohol, \$13.8 billion on tobacco, and \$13.4 billion on personal care.

Dr. Timothy L. Smith, professor of American religious history at Johns Hopkins University, addressing the Baptist General Conference in Hartford, Conn., said, "All those (colleges) who do not teach the Christian faith are less than liberal-arts colleges, because the very learning which we call liberal learning was born and nurtured in the very heart of the Christian witness across the centuries, and nobody, until the 20th Century in its madness, thought that merely by teaching young people you could make them good."

Dr. David Stowe, an executive of the United Church of Christ Board for World Ministries, preaching at the opening session of the board's annual meeting, mentioned in particular "the free flow of information, freedom of press and speech, and . . . freedom of preaching in all its forms." He said Christians have a responsibility to help create truthful communication systems throughout the world. He cited South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, and India as countries whose governments impose media censorship, and spoke of 11 Latin American and most African countries where dissent is controlled.

By DR. FRANCIS CHRISTIE
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The Reconciled Life

Scripture: Romans 12

This lesson is the first of three in the third unit of lessons for the months of September, October, and November. The lessons for the quarter are under the general topic, "The Message of Reconciliation." The previous two units have dealt with "The Freedom of the Christian" and "The Meaning of Reconciliation." This unit of three lessons, again taken mostly from Romans, is "The Life of the Reconciled." Basically the unit focuses on human behavior, more specifically on the behavior of Christians.

In most of the writings of Paul we find, towards the end, "so what?" sections. That is, assuming that what Paul has said up to this point in the letter is true, what are we going to do about it? What are the results? There is at least a possibility that most of us are long on intentions and short in results.

A Real Dilemma

Throughout Galatians and Romans Paul urged his readers toward self-confidence and self-acceptance. He pled with them to accept freedom and to remain free. He warned against being taken in by others. These are difficult lessons to learn.

Now comes a problem. Once he has learned, or begun to learn, the lessons or skills of confidence and acceptance, temptation rears its ugly head. One is tempted to be proud of his or her achievements and of the new freedoms one has gained. Yet, as most of us would agree, **pride** is at or right near the top of the list of identifiable sins.

Pride in our reconciliation might, then, lead to separation from others. Elitism is a constant temptation, and nowhere is it a more persistent temptation than among religious people. How can we be appreciative of what we have without separating ourselves from those who do not have it? Many would say that this is our most persistent dilemma as Christians. At times we are even proud that we are humble.

This is what Paul was addressing in Romans 12:3, when he wrote, "For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think . . ." J. B. Phillips, in *The New Testament in Modern English*, translates this, "As your spiritual teacher I give this piece of advice to each one of

you. Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance . . ." This probably gets very close to Paul's original meaning.

The Advice Continues

Romans 12:3 is completed with the words, "... but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him." Again we turn to Phillips' wording. "... but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all." I suggest a slightly different paraphrase which, I think, remains faithful to the intent of the sentence. "... but try to be certain that you maintain a realistic appraisal of yourself in the light of what you have come to know of how the grace of God operates." One of the first steps in the continuation of the adventure of reconciliation is a realistic view of one's self. Most of periodically need some help from others in maintaining this, and all of us could do a better job of it than we usually do.

The Context

Essential to any appraisal is a proper context. Romans 12:4-8 suggests that the context is the reconciled community, the church, the Body of Christ. "For as in one body we have many members, all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another . . ." There is a word in this sentence that often is overlooked or ignored. It is **function**, and it could be the key word.

A realistic appraisal of one's self within a given community probably starts with the discovery of what one's most useful or appropriate function within that community is or should be. What is the most appropriate function I, at this point in my life and development, can perform in this community? Note that the question does not say, "What function can I perform better than any other person could perform it?" This latter question leads to pride. The former question leads to careful inventory — in other words, realistic appraisal of myself rather than comparison with others.

One further observation is offered in this context. Most of us will grow and develop in our functional capabilities. Thus, today's appropriate function may be replaced tomorrow with another and more appropriate one. Careful functional evaluation need not mean retarded development or frozen capability.

Qualities of the Reconciled Community — The Evidence

There is a "folk-type" song frequently used in worship services, especially in youth groups. A line runs, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. They will know we are Christians by our love." We have talked a little about inventories. Now, let us address the problem of evidence. What is the evidence of a reconciled community, and of reconciled individuals within such a community. (Remember Paul's reminder that we are not only members of the body of Christ, but of one another.)

Romans 12:9-18 is a classic statement, ranking alongside such other passages as the Sermon on the Mount and the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. J. B. Phillips is at his best in his translation of this passage. "Let us have no imitation Christian love. Let us have a genuine break with evil and a real devotion to good. Let us have real warm affection for one another . . . and a willingness to let the other man have the credit. Let us not allow slackness to spoil our work . . . When trials come, endure them patiently; steadfastly maintain the habit of prayer . . . And as for those who try to make your life a misery, bless them. Don't curse, bless. Share the happiness of those who are happy, and the sorrow of those who are sad. Live in harmony with one another. Don't become snobbish . . . Don't become set in your own opinions . . ." These are some of the evidences of the reconciled life.

The Final Test

Courses in schools frequently conclude with what we call final examinations. The final test suggested here is neither an examination as such nor final in the sense of last. It is final in the sense that it is the ultimate test of the degree to which we have been reconciled to God and our fellows. It is contained in the memory selection: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21).

After I have made a realistic appraisal of myself and my most appropriate functions, after I have acknowledged the evidence for the reconciled life, I still face one test. Am I able to overcome the temptation to protect my own ego by taking revenge on others? Can I really practice what Paul urged and work toward the positive goal of overcoming evil with good? This "final test" comes every day to every person who attempts to discover and to practice the reconciled life.

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News of United Methodism

Churches May Be Asked To Vote on Basic C.O.C.U. Agreements

DAYTON, Ohio (UMC) — The Consultation on Church Union, including the United Methodist Church as one of its nine participants, will convene its 13th Plenary here November 3-6 and the 90 delegates will consider sending out for the first time some basic agreements for denominational vote.

Major agenda items will be a revised document on faith, worship, sacraments and Ministry developed by a commission headed by Prof. John Deschner of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology. The delegates here will decide whether to send this document to the churches for acceptance as a theological basis for union.

Bishop Jesse R. DeWitt of Sun Prairie, Wisc., will head the United Methodist delegation to the sessions at the Bergamo Center.

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Family TV Series in '77

"Six American Families," a television series produced by a group of denominations including the United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. is scheduled to be telecast early in 1977.

Hunger Education Grants Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — World hunger grants totaling \$300,000 will be available from the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry here during fiscal year 1977-78.

As a part of the world hunger mission priority emphasis of the denomination, the board will make grants in three areas to institutions, groups or persons in higher education: Higher education and U.S. policies, attitudes and behaviors impinging on world hunger; higher education and better production and distribution of food; and stimulation of world hunger action/research by academic communities.

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'Learned Clergy' Urged by Educator

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Most Christians are largely "illiterate" in their faith in a time when clergy and laity need to be "well-educated, highly sensitive, spiritually alive, and committed to action in the Christian way," a theological educator told two United Methodist program boards here.

"Most Christians know little of their own religious tradition and seldom read the Scriptures," Dean Sallie TeSelle of Vanderbilt Divinity School said in the

annual Wilson Lecture to the boards of Discipleship and Higher Education and Ministry. Dean TeSelle, a United Methodist, stressed that the times demand a "learned clergy . . . able to lead and to enable others in reading the signs of the time through the Spirit."

The theological educator called for the development of a "Christian sensibility" which she said means the "discernment or awareness at emotional, imaginal, intellectual and ethical levels of how the Christian story — the good news that God is with us — is the reality in which we live and have our being."

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Telephone Prayer Ministry Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — A new prayer ministry involving a call-in telephone center and at least 500 interdenominational intercessory prayer groups is being developed here by The Upper Room.

According to the Rev. Danny E. Morris, director of the program, the 500 prayer groups are now being organized and early in January an initial "First Friday" meeting will be held here to develop resources for the prayer groups. On April 1, the prayer center in The Upper Room will be opened to receive personal prayer requests by mail or phone and telephone will be used to

forward the requests to designated prayer fellowships.

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Japanese Women Bring Thanks

DAYTON, Ohio (UMC) — From United Methodist Women to Japan with love; from Japan to United Methodist Women with appreciation.

That in brief is the two-way street of mission that resulted from a gift of \$20,000 in 1969 to help provide a home for retired women pastors and other Christian workers in Japan. The appreciation came in person from two leading Japanese Christian women who are part of an eight-member team of missionaries from Japan preaching, witnessing and engaging in dialog with United Methodists in four districts of the West Ohio Conference during October.

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West African Men to Meet

James H. Snead Jr., a director in the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's unit on United Methodist Men, will be a guest speaker at a man's convocation in Sierra Leone Nov. 12-14. Men from across Western Africa are being invited to the convocation in Sierra Leone where there are 168 United Methodist congregations with a total membership of 12,000.

News from the Churches

BISHOP KENNETH W. HICKS will be the speaker on Homecoming Sunday, Nov. 21, at Vantrease Church in El Dorado. A potluck luncheon and program will follow the 10:50 a.m. service. Memorabilia relating to the church's history will be on display. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, pastor, and the congregation issue an invitation to all former members, pastors and friends to attend, and suggest that persons needing motel reservations drop a note to the church so appropriate arrangements can be made.

DR. AND MRS. ETHAN DODGEN of Siloam Springs recently hosted a potluck luncheon meeting for retired United Methodist ministers, wives and widows of Fayetteville District. Twenty of the 56 retirees of the district were present. During a business session the group heard a report on the recent Adult Convocation on "Agism" held at Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Kenneth Spore and Mrs. Ed Kaetzell were elected to be chairman and secretary of the District Retiree's group. The next meeting will be at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Whiddon in Springdale on March 25.

PRIDE VALLEY CHURCH, near Little Rock, in a continuing series of Bicentennial events, heard the Rev. Fred Arnold, the church's first pastor, last Sunday in a 5 p.m. service. Bob Bradford, a member of the church, presented a history of the small white frame structure in which the congregation worships. Mr. Arnold is currently pastor of Asbury Church in Little Rock.



Dr. James B. Argue

Forrest City District UMW to meet Saturday

"Joy to the World — a Look at Missions," will be the theme of the Fall District Meeting of Forrest City District United Methodist Women this Saturday, Nov. 6, at First Church, Marianna. Dr. James B. Argue of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock will be the afternoon speaker.

Speakers during the morning program which will begin at 10 a.m. will be Jerry Bedford, director of development with the Heifer Project International; Mrs. Emily Cockrill of Wynne, a member of the Board of Global Ministries Task Force on Education and Cultivation for the North Arkansas Conference, and Mrs. Carlos Smith of Memphis, Tenn., who has served as a United Methodist missionary.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Persons attending will provide their own sack lunches and the host church will furnish drinks and dessert. A nursery will be provided.

Individuals involved in planning the event have included Mrs. Wesley Freemyer, Mrs. Wayne Holder, Mrs. Jimmie Spotts, Mrs. James Young, Mrs. Beulah Collins, Mrs. William P. Wallis, Mrs. Charles Harris, Mrs. Floyd Jones Jr. and Mrs. Andy Hall.

Thursday, November 4, 1976

FIRST CHURCH, PARAGOULD, honored Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth W. Hicks at a recent Saturday evening dinner. Bishop Hicks presented the sermon for morning worship on the Sunday following.

Personalia

The Rev. James A. Barton, pastor of Rosewood Church, West Memphis is at home recuperating from recent back surgery at Methodist Hospital. He expects to return to his pulpit after several weeks. Correspondence may be sent to 2500 N. Woodlawn, West Memphis, Ark. 72301.

MRS. GAIL HUSS, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe W. Hunter of Gurdon, is the recent recipient of a plaque from the Arkansas Post Girl Scout Council for Outstanding Service as a field advisor and director of Girl Scout Camp Taloha at Pine Bluff. The council includes 15 counties in southeast Arkansas. Mrs. Huss has recently relinquished the directorship in order to return to school and pursue the study of nursing.



New Cherokee Village Parsonage Dedicated

Dedication ceremonies and an "open house" marked the recent completion of the first permanent parsonage for Cherokee Village United Methodist Church. Shown at left is the architect and the builders. Others in photo, left to right, are Mrs. Florence Pettigrew, president of United Methodist Women; the parsonage family — Rob Poyner, Mrs. Poyner and the Rev. Roy E. Poyner; Mrs. John A. Cooper, chairman of the Parsonage Committee, and Col. Claude Shaver, chairman of Trustees.

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A FALL BAZAAR sponsored by United Methodist Women of Mabelvale United Methodist Church will be held in the church's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A large selection of handmade items will be available.

Fayetteville District UMW to meet at First Church, Harrison

The focus of the fourth annual meeting of Fayetteville District United Methodist Women will be on the theme, "As We Are, So Is Our World," when they meet this Saturday, Nov. 6 at First Church, Harrison. Registration will open at 9 a.m., and the program is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. with adjournment at 3 p.m.

Dr. Donald F. Ebright, former executive of Meals for Millions, a former missionary, and first president of Alaska Methodist University, now a resident of Jasper, will make a presentation on World Hunger.

The following interest groups will be

Daily Bible Readings

Nov. 7—Sunday Luke 2:40-52
Nov. 8 Matt. 5:38-48
Nov. 9 I Cor. 3:1-15
Nov. 10 Eph. 4:1-16
Nov. 11 Phil. 1:1-11
Nov. 12 II Peter 1:1-8
Nov. 13 II Peter 3:9-18
Nov. 14—Sunday John 8:31-36

led by district officers and others: Presidents and Secretaries — Mrs. Karen Chambers and Mrs. Emma Sue Hanna; Vice presidents and Secretaries of Program Resources — Mrs. Doris McConnell and Mrs. Alice Frickle; Treasurers — Mrs. Ora Couch and Mrs. Minerva Morgan; Christian Personhood and Status and Role of Women — Mrs. June Westphal and Mrs. Ann Teague.

Other interest groups will include: Christian Social Involvement and Supportive Community — Mrs. Jeanette Weaver and Mrs. Joyce Tucker; Christian Global Concerns — Dr. Rosalie Lawson, Studies: "The Nations of Southern Africa," — Mrs. Dexter Brown and Mrs. Margaret Christie; "Peoples and Systems" — Mrs. Emma Sue Hanna; "The Gospel of Mark" — Dr. Rosalie Lawson; Membership and Nominating Committees — Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson, Mrs. Mary Lawrence and Mrs. Sue Woods.

Persons attending are requested to take sack lunches. Drinks will be provided by the ladies of the host church.

The afternoon business session will include a Memorial Service, the presentation of Special Memberships, the Pledge Service, the presentation of the 1977 budget, and the election and installation of officers. The Rev. Miss Fern Cook, pastor at Green Forest, will conduct the closing Communion Service, with the New Covenant Singers of the host church leading in a musical presentation.

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People and Events



PATCHWORK QUILTS FOR METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME — Mrs. Clarence Irwin of the Cherokee Village UMW is shown with one of eight twin-sized quilts she has handmade for Cottage Three at the Children's Home in Little Rock. When Mrs. Irwin completes two more of the quilts, each of the 10 beds in the cottage will be gaily and warmly equipped with her handiwork. The village UMW continues to remember the girls in Cottage Three with gifts when birthdays, Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day occur. The biblically-based philosophy that "It is more blessed to give than to receive," has motivated the UMW to accomplish numerous giving projects this year. Since January, the group has given \$450 to the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, \$300 to UMCOR for Guatemala earthquake relief; \$300 for tornado relief at Cabot, \$200 to Aldersgate, helped send a youth on a summer mission to Mexico, and assisted with a project for senior citizens at Hardy. In addition they have contributed thousands of dollars toward the building and furnishing of their church's new parsonage.



AT LEFT: Mrs. Robert Shannon (center), Paragould District president, shown with Mrs. Harold L. Pettigrew (left), Cherokee Village UMW president, and Mrs. John A. Cooper Sr., bazaar chairman, during October salad luncheon meeting which featured a musical program entitled "Our Christian Faith."



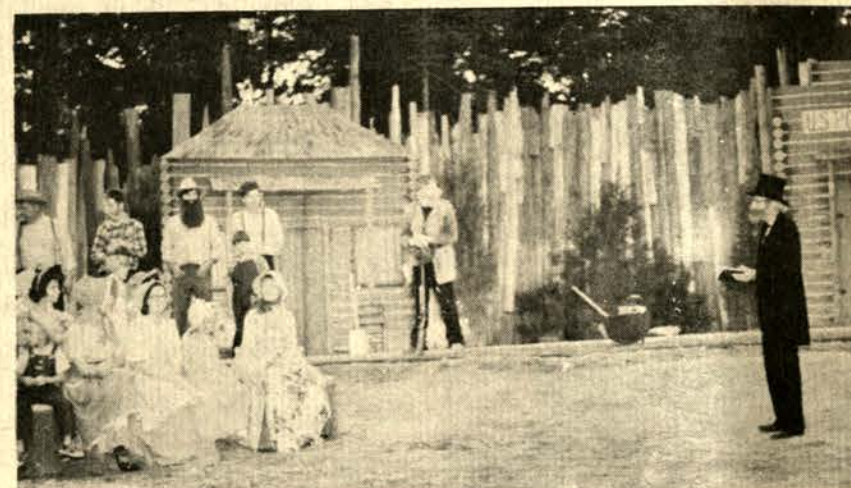
CORRECTION — Last week we inadvertently misidentified the host pastor and wife for the Batesville District reception held at First Church, Batesville, to honor Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth W. Hicks (at right in photo). We identified the couple at left as the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Dark. They are, in reality, the Rev. and Mrs. Dois Kennedy.



BATESVILLE DISTRICT UMW OFFICERS FOR 1977 — The above persons were elected and installed by Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks at the Oct. 14 district meeting at Asbury Church in Batesville.



LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE GROUP PLANS MINISTRIES: During the recent South Central Jurisdictional "My Job" training event for Council on Ministries leaders at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, the above persons were among those who met for a "brain-storming" session to consider new ideas of ministry. BACK ROW (left to right): Mrs. Elmo Thomason, the Rev. Elmo Thomason, conference COM director, Dr. Charles Richards, the Revs. Howard Williams, James Brown, Bill Elliott, Mike Campbell, J. Robert Scott. SEATED (left to right): Trebie Shaw, Marie Tucker, Mary Seaton.



HISTORY OF ELI LINDSEY CHURCH DRAMATIZED — Persons of various faiths were participants in the Bicentennial production of the Mother of Counties Pageant presented in an amphitheater setting between Imboden and Black Rock in Paragould District. The Rev. Maurice Kemp, present pastor of Eli Lindsey Church, portrayed the role of the Rev. Eli Lindsey, early pastor of the church, founded at Jessup in 1815.



ECUMENICAL FAMILY — Mrs. Nellie Schieffler, a charter member of the West Helena United Methodist Church, has the distinction of seeing two grandsons ordained into the ministry this year. The first was Father Robert F. Slesinski (left), who was ordained July 18 at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Bridgeport, Conn. On Oct. 10, a second grandson, Bruce A. Buchanan (right), was ordained by the Presbytery of New York City at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island, New York. The photo was made on the occasion of the latter event.

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