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The Man Who Stopped to Pray

By Bishop Marshall R. Reed

NEARLY everyone has seen "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Due to an unfortunate and unanticipated circumstance he stayed much longer than he expected. All of this was to the frustration of the family that he visited but to the amusement of those who saw the play.

Some of us have also seen the man who came to call. By an appointment he had asked for a minute, but in reality he took thirty. He did not break his leg, but the conversation broke over into many unexpected areas and consumed too much of each man's time. It is so easy to sit and talk when everything is pleasant.

Many come because they have problems that they want to discuss. Some of these problems are personal, others are professional, and still others are just problems. It is well that there is someone to whom they feel free to go, and someone who is willing to listen to their situations. No one should ever underestimate the importance of his service in listening to the needs of others.

Here is the record of a call that was different. A friend of many years ago was in the city with his wife and dropped in to see the Bishop. For five minutes we talked about some common interests of the years long passed. Our hearts were warmed as we talked of these things. Noting the high pile of correspondence on my desk before me he played the perfect caller by insisting they must be on their way.

This was not the end but the beginning of my story. As he arose he said it was his custom to offer a prayer with the friends upon

whom he calls. We joined hands and he offered a beautiful and earnest prayer for God's blessing upon the Bishop and his work. Then he was on his way. Thank you, my friend of years ago. You are the only man who has ever stopped to pray with me.

Let it be said again that here is something that is different. Some men call to criticize, and others call

Prayer for Peace

Several weeks ago an appeal was made on this page for prayers for peace.

During the intervening period a prayer for peace by some Michigan Methodist has been presented in the center section of this page each week.

We are thankful to those who have thus led in thoughtful praying. This has been a helpful ministry.

This weekly publication of a prayer for peace will be suspended for a while, but this announcement is not a signal for any of our people to cease to pray for peace. We should continue to pray daily, for peace.—Marshall R. Reed.

to praise. Some come to inquire why certain things are done as they are, and others to say that they are glad they have been done that way. Some come seeking assistance in difficult situations, and others come offering any assistance they may give. Some come asking consideration for themselves, and others seeking consideration for someone else. Here was a man who stopped to pray.

This friend has spent forty years in the ministry, and he knew that a bishop needs to be upheld by the prayers of his friends. He knew

that in that pile of correspondence there would be questions to be faced, upon which Divine Guidance would be essential. He knew that two conferences were near at hand, where decisions would have to be made affecting many men and their families as well as churches. He knew that there would be much traveling to be done, with issues to be confronted that require more than ordinary strength. My friend was not responding to a blind impulse when he prayed, but rather to an intelligent understanding of need for help.

There was an appropriateness about this prayer that made it effective. Presumably we should always be in the attitude of prayer, but that does not mean we should always be praying. There is a time to pray and a time to work. Not everyone who visits the Bishop's office should offer a prayer before he leaves. Most of those who call should not. It was appropriate in this case in that a man who had called on his friend wanted to leave him the best gift of which he knew. Like asking God to let His peace rest upon the house we visit, he asked God to give His blessing to the Bishop and his office.

What is the best gift a man can make a friend? If my visitor had given me his photograph, it would soon have been consigned to a box that contains scores of other pictures. If he had given me an article to read, it too would have been buried soon in a stack with other articles. If he had given me some curio picked up somewhere in his travels, it would have been viewed with interest for a while and then become a plaything for the grandchildren. When he made his beautiful prayer he gave me a new sense of strength for that day and a fragrant memory that will never be forgotten.

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"No great advance has ever been made in science, politics, or religion, without controversy." Lyman Beecher

EXPRESSED EDITORIALY

By John E. Marvin, Editor

The Detroit Conference

We have just returned from the Detroit Annual Conference sessions at Albion and are about to take off for the Michigan Conference sessions at Bay View which will be reported, the Lord willing, in another part of this issue. While the Detroit Conference's business is fresh in our mind we would make the following observations concerning it.

The abbreviated four-day sessions were successful. Beginning at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday and closing at 3:15 P.M. on Friday, the sessions were, more accurately, only three full days in length. There appeared to be no evidence that the delegates were hurried at any time. Debates proceeded with leisure. So far as we could discern no important matter was sacrificed for lack of time. Principal credit for the abbreviated session's success should go to the presiding officer, Bishop Marshall R. Reed. Credit should go also to those making reports who reduced their oral remarks to a minimum. This was possible because all reports were printed and in the hands of the delegates before the sessions convened—another matter which greatly facilitated the business.

The abbreviated conference did, however, give rise to an objection by the laymen of St. Paul's Church, Highland Park, which requested the Conference to meet next year over the week-end so that laymen would have a chance to attend. The matter is to be taken under advisement by the program committee.

This is an objection which has merit but also presents difficulties. If a Conference is held over the week-end, ministers are not able to return to their churches for Sunday. This is an extravagant waste of ministerial manpower on a day of the week when the opportunities to do Kingdom work are most available. There are only 52 Sundays in the year and it seems too bad to have several ministers away from their churches and out of their pulpits on that day. No alert business would allow its managers to be absent on the busiest business day of the week. Can the church afford to be less businesslike?

It is true also that Saturday sessions are notorious for their poor ministerial attendance despite all efforts to make them otherwise. Young people have a faculty for getting married on week-ends in June and this alone necessitates the absence of many ministers. Perhaps there is no absolutely satisfying an-

swer to this problem. Either way it is settled it will not be agreeable to ministers or laymen. It would seem that laymen might be selected from the local churches, or laywomen, who could attend at least on Friday. If it means loss of work, the churches might remunerate the laymen at a flat rate for such loss. It may be that an annual meeting of just the laymen, such as that held this spring in Lansing, will more adequately meet the need for a lay voice in Area affairs than even the annual conference, although such a meeting should in no way supplant lay representation at those sessions. It's a subject upon which the *Advocate* welcomes discussion in these columns.

This was a dollar-conscious conference. More debates had to do with this subject than any other. A spiritual life mission for 1954 and a Stewardship crusade were approved unanimously without the slightest ripple of objection. The Social Service report dealing with highly controversial local and world issues was passed with very little debate and practically unanimously. But when it came to supporting a \$450,000 church extension campaign and determining the amount of minimum salary to be given the ministers, a great deal of debate ensued—the most lively of the whole conference.

It is not entirely to the credit of the conference that this was so. Certainly in a time of social upheaval those issues ought to have been more thoroughly discussed. Likewise a spiritual life mission should have been thrashed over for its own sake as well as a stewardship campaign. Has the church, like the secular world, become too pocket-book conscious? Are we more concerned about material things than spiritual things? One looking in from the outside could easily assume that we are. It appears to have been a case of "these things ye should have done but these things ye should not have left undone."

A church extension campaign of \$450,000 was approved and a committee is to be set up to conduct it with help coming from the national board of missions. The proposal to conduct this campaign came as something of a surprise but it should have been no surprise that such a campaign is long overdue. The church extension problem is one of the most critical facing Methodism. The national board of missions simply has not the money for meeting the situation. Realizing this, the General Conference left the matter to the annual conferences. Other conferences already have set similar goals. The same week the Ohio Conference approved a similar

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campaign for \$1,127,380 and the North East Ohio Conference is expected to approve one for \$459,500. It is the plan to have the \$450,000 as a revolving fund to be loaned for building purposes and repaid to be loaned again. Only projects for which there are no funds available from any other source will be granted loans from this fund. It is understandable that some churches, now in the midst of building programs and straining their financial resources, look upon this effort with some apprehension. Yet there are always some churches in building programs. To have postponed this effort for that reason would have meant postponing it forever. The campaign was approved by a large majority and we believe when Detroit Conference Methodists are made aware of the urgent specific needs for church extension, they will see that the amount is raised in full. Nothing could demonstrate the strength of our connectionalism or vindicate its philosophy any better than to make this campaign completely successful.

Not the least important achievement was the making of the appointments at least twenty-four hours before adjournment. Credit for this of course should go to the Bishop and his cabinet who are charged specifically with the responsibility of making the pastoral appointments. Bishop Reed frankly admitted that six of the appointments were not as he had hoped they would be. Considering the several hundred he had to make, that is not a bad batting average.

The reports on social issues were the strongest and best formulated of any in recent years. Since they were given special treatment in these pages before conference, it is hardly necessary to mention them again except to say that a strong, vigorous defense was made for Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, and Congressman Donald Jackson was asked to apologize for his unfair remarks made on the floor of the House concerning the Bishop. So far as we know, no newspapers carried mention of this action although some were forwarded copies of the report, which means if you want to know what your church is doing, read your *Advocate*.

On Burning Books

President Eisenhower used a lot of just good sound American sense when he declared in a speech at Hanover, N.H., that it was futile and silly to burn books that contained ideas we don't like. He challenged the graduates at Dartmouth not to be book burners and said, "Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go into your library and read every book."

These words came on the heels of a book-removal campaign of overseas libraries inspired by Senator

McCarthy. While the President did not mention Wisconsin's gift to the Senate by name, it easily could be imagined that he was thinking of the Senator.

Book burning never has destroyed ideas we don't like. Ideas can no more be killed by burning than by shooting. A prerequisite to killing an idea is knowing about it. If Americans only knew Communism better, they would be better able to destroy it. And that goes for Fascism and a host of other objectionable isms. The President's discerning remarks are in line with our democratic American traditions. It's refreshing and encouraging to have the chief executive make such utterances at a time when so much is being done to change the democratic pattern of American life.

Blackmail

There is only one way to deal with blackmail and that is not to fall for it. This is easier said than done when the lives of your children are at stake. We refer to the case of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Georgescu. These parents of Romanian origin recently became naturalized. They came to this country on business, leaving their children behind. Then the Communists took over in Romania and they decided to stay here and send for the children. They were promised the children would be allowed to come to this country if money were sent for the trip. This was done and the boys were on their way when they were taken off their train and put in a camp where they apparently still remain.

Behind this detention was a diabolical plot to get the parents to spy on their newly-adopted country. A Communist Romanian emissary proposed this as a means of getting their children over here. The strongest kind of appeals were made to the parents including a photograph of one of the children on which was written these words: "Dear Daddy, please do all you can to help us."

Instead of falling for this blackmail Mr. and Mrs. Georgescu reported the matter to the U.S. authorities who took prompt action to see that the Communist emissary was deported. This took great courage on their part. They have no idea whether they will ever see their children and no idea of what may happen to them. Torn between two loyalties, one for their children and one for their new country, they were confronted with a terrific decision. What would you have done under similar circumstances? Had they gone along with the Communist plan, however, there is no certainly they would have gotten their children and they would have been traitors to the United States. It was a difficult decision but they made it the right way and in so doing have set an example to others who may face similar choices.

Michigan Conference Highlights

PETOSKEY First Methodist Church and the Bay View Association effectively combined their efforts last week to make the 118th session of the Michigan Annual Conference a memorable event. Sunshiny days and cool breezes from Little Traverse Bay provided ideal weather conditions for which the area is famous. Although the sanctuary of the Petoskey church had been condemned as unsafe, it was possible to serve meals in its dining rooms. All business sessions, however, were held in the Bay View Auditorium with Bishop Marshall R. Reed the presiding officer. What follows is a running chronological account of the business and inspirational sessions which began on June 18 and concluded last Sunday afternoon, June 21.

Men's Breakfast

Something new in Michigan Conference history was a laymen's breakfast the opening morning. Following the breakfast, served in the First Christian Church dining room, a dozen different people having something to do with various agencies and organizations made brief statements after which the men asked questions. Bishop Reed, his assistant, Dr. Glenn M. Frye, and the district superintendents were present as well as the lay members of the conference. Elmer Ormiston, conference lay leader, expressed the opinion that it was a very helpful session and predicted that it would become increasingly valuable through the years in helping to introduce laymen to the business of the conference and its organizational procedure.

Opening Session

The Conference officially opened at 10:00 A. M. According to a long-established tradition it began with a Memorial Service with Ralph Dean, chairman of the committee on memorials, presiding. Mr. Ross Stoakes, Jr. was at the organ; Stanley Thayer offered prayer; and Conference Secretary Harold Kin-

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ney read the names of those who had died during the year as follows:

Members of the Conference: Edward A. Armstrong, Frederick M. Clough, William H. Irwin, Luther B. Kenyon, Herbert G. Ozanne, Howard D. Skinner, John Wesley Stanton and Alfred A. Stephens.

Approved Supplies: Scott F. Bartholomew and A. L. Wagley.

Wives and Widows: Mrs. Edwin H. Boldrey, Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mrs. Robert D. Freeman, Mrs. Abram Jagers, Mrs. Alex T. Luther, Mrs. Leslie J. Nevins, Mrs. Joseph Peschmann, Mrs. Joshua O. Randall, Mrs. John R. Scott, Mrs. Frank M. Taylor, Mrs. William A. Taylor, and Mrs. Victor W. Thrall.

As each name was read Mr. Dean placed a rose in a vase provided for the purpose. This beautiful bouquet of roses graced the platform throughout the entire conference, symbolic of the spiritual presence of those who had departed. Wilmer Moyer sang "There Is No Death" and George A. Mooers delivered the memorial address.

Immediately following the Memorial Service the Holy Communion was served in charge of Bishop Reed assisted by the district superintendents, Host Pastor Harold Jayne, and Bishop Raymond J. Wade, president of the Bay View Association. An appropriate altar and communion rail were erected on the stage. The service proceeded in orderly fashion under the direction of the ushers.

The conference was organized and the various officers approved for the balance of the quadrennium: Secretary, Harold Kinney; treasurer, J. Lawrence Ward; statistician, Howard McDonald.

The noonday luncheon was served to a capacity crowd in the First Methodist Church, Petoskey, and promptly at 2:00 o'clock the conference convened to continue its business. Floyd J. Fitch was confirmed as conference auditor for the balance of the quadrennium on recommendation of L. Geo. Beacock.

The roll call of all ministerial members was read by districts, every superintendent reading the names of those on his district. Numerous excuses were presented for those men unable to attend, in many cases owing to sickness or for other good reasons. Greetings and excuses were received from Erling Edvardson, A. R. Elliott, Carl Strange, M. E. Bowen, S. W. Large, August H. Coors; Keith Whittern, who is in Alaska; Kearney Kirkby and King B. Beach. Wesley Oldt, who is in a Chicago hospital, was

reported in serious condition as a result of an automobile accident. He was sent special greetings.

Transfers

Bishop Reed announced as transfers into the conference the following: Jack Clayton, James Whitehurst, Paul Morrison, Morris F. Howell and Donald Walker. Transferred out of the conference were: Leon E. Dayringer, Robert Cox, Samuel Stout, Clare M. Ingham, Richard E. Atherton, John H. Peatling, Jr., Charles W. Lovell, Janis Laupmanis and Wm. L. Greer.

Representing the ministerial association of Petoskey, Rev. Lloyd Brasure, Presbyterian minister, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates. Since he was not an official of the city, he told Bishop Reed he could not give him the key to the city and as a Presbyterian he couldn't give him the keys to heaven, but he did express a cordial welcome. During the period the Methodist church building is condemned the congregation has been using Mr. Brasure's church for services.

District Superintendents' Report

Comparable in some respects to the President's State of the Union Message, is the District Superintendents' report which does much to set the tone of the conference and raise the sights of those present. It was read by Superintendent Clark Phillips and commended at the outset the administration of Bishop Reed and expressed gratitude that he and Mrs. Reed were re-assigned to the Detroit Area by the Jurisdictional Conference last summer.

Much of the criticism that is made of the increasing apportionments would not exist if our constituency was properly informed about the financial needs and program of the conference. The report pointed out that Methodist giving per capita is \$29.63 for all phases of church work and the total apportionments for all causes for the past year amounts to only 1.6¢ per member per day. Even with the camp improvement program added, it amounts to only 2c per member per day.

The report expressed the urgent need for the construction of 13 new churches immediately and calls for a new strategy consisting of at least two steps. The first would change the psychology of the well-established city church so that it would assist other churches in the locality in getting started. Special praise was given the churches of Muskegon, Lansing and Kalamazoo for establishing city missionary projects. The second step consists of financial assistance by the entire conference. It is the unanimous conviction of the joint cabinets of the Area that funds should be

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raised for church extension at the earliest possible moment.

The report commended Dr. Glenn M. Frye for his untiring efforts as assistant to Bishop Reed.

While there are many laymen who are serving their churches nobly, it is still a fact that the spiritual blood count of too large a percentage is dangerously low. In giving emphasis to evangelism the report indicated that the greatest need was not only to win new converts but to persuade present members to live in such a way as to commend the church to those not affiliated with it. If education is to have its rightful place in the church, the pastor will have to be responsible for it. It commended our Methodist educational materials and believes that those churches not now using such materials would do so if they thoroughly understood their aims and goals.

Howard Smith was commended for his able leadership as executive secretary of the Board of Education. He is just completing his first year in that capacity.

A sobering fact which the church must consider is the shortage of trained ministers. The report intimated that many more would enter the ministry if they were simply asked to by ministers or other interested people.

As Superintendent Phillips closed his report he indicated that the church is being criticized these days by some who are not attempting to do anything about improving it and that no one has the right to criticize unless he is doing all he can to right what he thinks is wrong.

Indian Names

As a pleasant interlude Bishop Reed suggested that Russell King tell of the new names some of the members of the cabinet were given at a dinner the previous evening. The editor cannot guarantee their spelling but a few were as follows: The Bishop was Big Chief Marshall; Mrs. Reed, She-who-runs-the-Bish; Winston Stone was Cooking-on-Stone; and Wm. H. Helrigel, He-who-has-been scalped. Others were named similarly.

Advocate Report

The *Advocate* editor gave his report as he had at the Detroit Conference the previous week. On motion of Spencer Owens the editor was voted the privilege of the conference floor without right to vote. This courtesy has been extended for many years and is deeply appreciated by the editor. Principal news in the report has to do with the increase in the regular subscription price next fall to \$3.00 from \$2.50. All other subscription plans, including the every-member-home plan, will remain at \$2.00. After completing his report the editor disseminated the news, up to that moment not known by most of the conference, that Bishop Reed had delivered the baccalaureate at Northwestern University the previous Sunday and had been given the honorary degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

Going Strong

Bishop Wade was introduced and appeared to be very much his old self. *Advocate* readers will recall that he spent 113 days in the hospital last year. He related something about his experiences and commended the Southern ministers who visited him during his hospital sojourn which took place in the South. As president of Bay View he invited the conference to return some other time and told briefly about the Bay View program for the new season now beginning.

Donald C. Turbin was announced transferred to the Detroit Conference.

Floyd Sloop presided at the afternoon lecture, "The Present Crisis," which was delivered by Dr. Charles M. McConnell, professor of rural theology at Boston University School of Theology.

The educational dinner was held at the evening dinner hour, following which the first bishop to be elected from the Michigan Conference, Bishop D. Stanley Coors, delivered the address, "The Church and Our World Today." Stanford S. Closson presided.

After his address a reception for him and Mrs. Coors, Bishop and Mrs. Reed and Bishop and Mrs. Wade was held in First Methodist Church Petoskey.

Friday

Morning devotions began at 8:30 A. M. in charge of Gerald Jacobs. Bishop Reed gave the devotional address, followed by the regular business session. A letter from a Methodist pastor at Sarasota, Florida, credits Alfred Way with regular attendance at that church. Bishop Reed relinquished his presiding position to Bishop Coors and presented the Conference Cane to Bishop Coors for his father August Coors, retired and oldest member of the conference. August Coors was unable to be present owing to declining health.

Spencer Owens moved that the social service report be advanced from Saturday afternoon to Friday afternoon when he said more conference members are likely to be present.

Evangelism

Raymond Norton presided while the Board of Evangelism made its report.

Warren Brown did most of the reporting but was assisted by Wm. H. Helrigel who said that the year's evangelistic mission was successful because of the spirit behind it. Glenn Frye was commended for his assistance. Robert Jongeward is to attend the Philadelphia Convocation later this month. A continuing evangelistic program for the new year was approved, including a Christian Witness Mission for youth, August 30 to Sept. 6; a spiritual life emphasis in every district meeting in 1953; cooperation with the spiritual life camps; united observance of World-wide Communion Sunday; cooperation in Laymen's Day Sunday, October 18; similar cooperation with the National Family Life Conference in Cleveland in 1954; the development of prayer groups; and the local exchange of ministers in preaching missions.

A Spiritual Life Mission in cooperation with the Detroit Conference for the fall of '54 was held over for later discussion. This was done when Hoover Rupert expressed a fear that there were likely to be too many emphases made in the fall of '54 producing a probable conflict.

The sum of \$761 was left over from the United Evangelistic Mission as the Michigan Conference's share. It is to be used to assist in the United Spiritual Life Mission when it is conducted.

Corporate Session

Clark S. Wheeler presented a resolution making Bishop Coors an honorary member of the Michigan Conference. It was unanimously approved. William Helrigel, vice-president of the corporate conference, presided briefly while Wm. C. Perdue, the president, made a report indicating the Conference Claimants fund and Accepted Supplies fund amounted to \$750,000. This represents a capital gain of \$3,352. Earnings are probably at a peak for the present economic cycle which means that additional income will have to come from sources other than interest and dividends. Sometime ago a bequest of the late Hannah Long consisting of certain property in Wayne, Michigan, had been designated to be used for the creation of some philanthropic institution. After consultation with the trustees of the Detroit Conference it was decided

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New District Superintendents



Two new district superintendents were appointed at the Michigan Conference, Rev. Maurice McKean (left) who becomes the new Grand Rapids District superintendent, and Rev. Richard C. Miles who becomes superintendent of the Kalamazoo District. They served Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, and The Methodist Church at Hillsdale, respectively, prior to their new appointments.



NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Because Methodism's success is in direct proportion to the success of each local church, the **ADVOCATE** welcomes news of your church's achievements.

GRAND RAPIDS FIRST held a dedicatory service Sunday evening, May 24, for a new pipe organ. Mr. Carl E. Sennema, organist and minister of music, played the organ prelude and the ministers, Dr. Lester A. Kilpatrick and Rev. Don Scranton conducted the dedication. Mr. Robert G. Noehren, official organist and head of the organ department of the University of Michigan, assisted by the Chorus Choir, presented an organ recital after the dedicatory service.

ITHACA honored 12 seniors at a family night supper in the church basement on May 20. Mrs. Ralph Preshaw, secretary of Student Work for the Woman's Society, had charge of arrangements for the evening and Mrs. Gaylord Husted provided the decorations. Members of the Mary-Martha Circle were in charge of the supper and served as hosts. The program was furnished by the Senior Choir with a short message to the seniors being given by the pastor, Rev. Don A. Winegar. Members of the Senior Class present at the dinner were: Phyllis Cumming, Roberta Arnold, Phyllis Crawford, Wanda Braman, Barbara Kench, Gladys Davis, Barbara MacLaren, Carol Harrington, Lionel Bower, Gerald Bovee and Robert Anderson. Henry Passenger, a graduate of last year, who has been taking post-graduate work, was also a guest of honor.

DIMONDALE held its 50th anniversary and rededication service on Sunday, May 24. Rev. H. V. Wade of Lansing was the speaker of the morning. After a cooperative dinner at 1:30, Rev. Arlo Vandlen, pastor, called the afternoon meeting to order. Mr. Vandlen baptized seven and received nine into membership. Rev. Wilson Tennant of Holt, a former pastor, gave the rededication message. Mrs. Nellie Holmes read a history of the church which was organized by Rev. L. T. Hutt in 1869 with eight members. The annual expenses were \$479; benevolences \$42. The church was struck by lightning and burned June 24, 1901. New ground was bought and the present church erected and completed Sept. 10, 1902. The dedication took place on Sept. 14, 1902, with Rev. C. L. Ellis of Marcellus preaching. There are four living charter members and all were present for the rededication.

Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parmelee. Under the leadership of Mr. Vandlen a new heating plant has been installed, a new coal room built, electric organ purchased, new rest rooms added, and the entire auditorium refinished. Many former members helped make the occasion a happy and spiritual day.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SANCTUARY

A REJOICING congregation broke ground at the conclusion of the morning worship service on Sunday, May 17, for a sanctuary addition at Temple Methodist Church, Muskegon Heights. As the congregation prepared to move out-of-doors for the ceremony, Mrs. Richard Moore sang "Bless This Church" and William Hislop, building committee chairman, stated that today we are completing what this congregation began 80 years ago in the erection of the present church building.

One line of march was led by Mr. and Mrs. William Hislop, the other by Mr. and Mrs. William Meier, Sr. At the ground-breaking site—the approximate entryway to the new sanctuary—the first shovel of dirt was turned by William Meier, Sr., the one trustee still living in the city who directed the erection of the present building. Then the wives of other members of that board turned the dirt: Mrs. W. L. Tenny and Mrs. Lillian Votaw. Mr. O. G. Prettyman turned over a shovel of dirt for S. R. Parsons and L. L. Tyler; and Mathew Morton for his father, Henry E. Morton, and also Irving D. Luke, the remaining members of the 1923-24 board of trustees. For the congregation itself, Mrs. Eva Hile and Mrs. Florence Cruse enlarged the foundation footing; both are long-time members. Howard Field, chairman of the present board of trustees, turned the next shovelful. On invitation for any others present to step up and participate, Miss Madelene Cruse represented the Chancel Choir and Jerry Wayne Johnson, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, the children of the church. The ceremonies concluded with

the prayer and benediction by the pastor, Rev. Harold R. Kinney.

Construction work is underway on the new sanctuary which will seat 553 persons and cost approximately \$131,000. By a vote of the quarterly conference and congregation, construction of a two-story parlor unit at the rear of the sanctuary is deferred for two or three years until the sanctuary is built and financed.

1953 Albion College Commencement

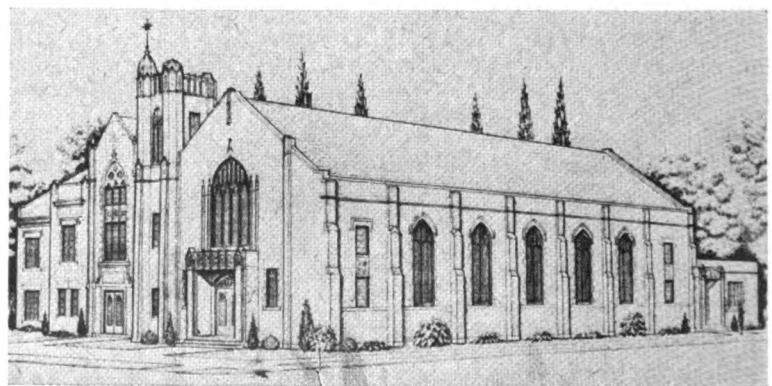
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"DANIEL WEBSTER on a calm moonlight night is said to have confided to his college chums at Dartmouth that 'Ambition was the essence of his soul.' He further observed that 'Ambition in one form or another puts us all on a level with great rulers.' Be that as it may, he did become the great constitutional lawyer of the middle period of the last century, but his victories in statecraft and diplomacy were never on a par with his ever soaring ambitions!"

So stated Commencement speaker Dr. LeRoy E. Kimball, vice chancellor of New York University, 1910 Albion graduate and trustee of the college, as he addressed the graduates of 1953 and the large audience of faculty, trustees and friends in the Kresge gymnasium on June 8.

"Years later," he continued, "there also went to Dartmouth . . . another young man who became the first head of the fair institution which graces these campus acres today." The man was, of course, Charles Franklin Stockwell, first of a succession of able, often inspired administrators of Albion College who helped to bring it to the high eminence in education which it commands today.

High moment of the morning was the conferring of 191 bachelor of arts degrees and two master of arts degrees by President Whitehouse, assisted by Dean Emil Leffler, and the pledge of loyalty by the Class of 1953. Also noteworthy was the appreciation given to President Whitehouse in recognition of his 25 years of service to Albion as teacher, dean and



New Sanctuary of Temple Methodist Church, Muskegon Heights.

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president by Dr. Howard C. Lawrence, president of the board of trustees.

The morning's program included in addition prayers by Bishop Marshall R. Reed, Albion graduate of 1914 and Dr. William Clyde Donald, graduate of 1917; perfectly rendered compositions of Brahms, Holst and Rowland, sung by the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Professor David L. Strickler; and processional and recessional organ music, with Dr. F. Dudley Vernor, 1911 graduate, at the manuals. For the first

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What They Write

Comment for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer, which the editor reserves the right to print. What appears here does not necessarily represent the Advocate's point of view.

Warns Liberals

To the Editor:

It would be so nice to some of us if you could see both sides of an issue once in a while. We hate very much to see you continually giving comfort to the Lefties, although we know you are very sincere and do not intend it that way. Long observation has taught us that altogether too frequently devout and enthusiastic workers in our churches, trying to be "Liberals," become blind to the real dangers to our country, and sometimes really give aid to those trying to destroy us.

Your "Hate McCarthy Campaign" and your editorials and use of some silly illustrations regarding the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law are examples, as well as your constant criticism of committees trying to ferret out the commies. Of course they make mistakes and always will; and some of our own good folks may get hurt—they always do in any war. But why not see and fight the big enemy, instead of looking for the gnat in the other fellow's eye?—Fred M. Greenstreet, Brutus.

Likes Hymn Series

To the Editor:

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Rev. Herbert F. Hausser for his excellent series on "Our Heritage of Christian Hymns." Surely after reading such, we all should be better equipped to "sing unto the Lord." With most of our churches well furnished with fine musical instruments, we ought to sing out praises unto the Lord from the depths of our hearts even though we are not all trained singers.

Let us no more sing the great hymns as "funeral dirges" but let us sing them with spontaneity of praise and inspiration making melody in our hearts unto Him "who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."—Hazel G. McKay, Port Huron.

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Bay City Fremont Avenue's Confirmation Class



This Confirmation Class at Fremont Avenue Methodist Church, Bay City, received personal instruction from the pastor, Rev. Gordon M. Wood, from the first Sunday in January to Sunday, April 12. The parents of each child were with them at the altar and each Confirmant received a gift from the church for his faithfulness. At the recent Fourth Quarterly Conference the pastor was invited back for his eighth year with an increase in salary. All departments of the church had an excellent year with substantial balances in their treasuries as the new year opens June 1.

Adrian Trustees Confer Degree on Dr. Harrison, Name Acting President

WHEN the Trustees of Adrian College met in annual session June 6, they accepted "with deep regret and genuine appreciation," the resignation of President Samuel J. Harrison, effective September 1, 1953. Dr. Harrison was given a leave of absence, beginning July 1 at which time Vice President E. H. Babbitt becomes acting president.

The committee authorized to secure

a new president is Claude H. Stevens, trustee president, chairman; Bishop Marshall R. Reed; Van M. Darsey, vice-chairman of the trustees; and Herbert Twining, Ann Arbor.

At the 108th Commencement on June 7 when 32 graduates heard Dr. Willfred Mauck, State Department, Washington, the Degree of Doctor of Divinity was given by special vote of the trustees, to Dr. Harrison. The citation read: SAMUEL JAMES HARRISON, born in Michigan, trained for the ministry and education in Methodist schools, a genuine pioneer, Christian missionary always, recognized leader in church affairs, educator and for thirteen years the guiding spirit, creative builder, and beloved president of Adrian College.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was also bestowed upon Rev. Harold E. Bremer, executive secretary of the Detroit Conference, Board of Education. Born in Iowa and trained at Iowa Wesleyan, Garrett, at Northwestern University and Ohio State University, Dr. Bremer was Wesleyan Foundation director at Ohio State from 1939-42. For several years prior to accepting his present position in 1948, he was a national leader in Methodist Youth work.

The Degree of Doctor of Divinity was also given to Rev. Robert E. Howe, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pittsburgh. Dr. Howe is a native of New Jersey and has served churches in New Jersey and Massachusetts, prior to his appointment in 1951 to Methodism's largest church in the steel city.



Dr. Bremer

Michigan Conference Appointments

APPPOINTMENTS made by Bishop Reed at the Michigan Conference last week and announced at the closing service of the conference on Sunday are listed below. New appointments have been set in bold face.

ALBION-LANSING DISTRICT

William H. Helrigel, Superintendent
307 Burr Oak St., Albion

Albion—John Tennant
Allen—Charles Farrell
 Athens—Edward L. Klein
 Bath—Weldon Johnson
 Battle Creek:
 First—Robert Jongeward
 Maple—Floyd Cramer
 Upton—Everett Love
 Urandale—Lester Bailey
Washington Hts.—John E. Cermak
 Circuit—Rollin Reynolds
Bellevue—Harold E. Homer
 Bronson—Allen Bradley
 Camden—Thomas Peters
 Center Eaton—Gerald Salisbury
Charlotte—Claud Satterlee
Coldwater—Keith Avery
 Concord—Gordon Arnold
 Hanover—Horton—Jack Short
 Delta Circuit—Miente Schuurmans
 Dimondale—Arlo Vandlen
 Eaton Rapids—Ralph Witmer
 Frontier—Cambria—Keith Bovee
 Girard—Donald Bodley
Grand Ledge—Richard Wearne
Hillsdale—Winston Stone
 Holt—Wilson Tennant
 Homer—Merle Benson
 Jackson:

Moore Street—Kendall Cowing
 Calvary—Thomas Pollard
 First—Hoover Rupert; J. Marion DeVinney and Charles S. Loney, assistants
 Greenwood Avenue—Douglas Smith
 Haven—George Elliott
 Vandercook Lake—Charles Swan
 Jerome-Somerset Center—Larry Smith
 Jonesville—Neil Bintz
 Lansing:

Central—Paul Morrison, James Whitehurst
Bethel—William Harrall
 Faith Haven—Russell Waldron
 First—William Blanding
 Grace—Walter Creason
 Main—Scott MacDonald
 Michigan Avenue—Eaden Davis
 Mt. Hope—Warran Brown; R. A. Potts, assistant
Potter Park—Harold Jacobs
 Seymour Avenue—Myren Clement
 People's—C. Brandt Taft; Brabner Smith, assistant

Leslie—Earl Carpenter
 Litchfield—Bruce Lawason
Marengo-Lyon Lake—Donald Strobe
 Marshall—Howard Lyman
 Mason—Raymond Norton
 Mulliken—John F. Sorenson
 North Adams—James Carey
 Okemos—David Evans
 Ossco—Donald Strohl
 Parma—Robert Dobbs
 Potterville—Carlton Benson
 Quincy—Gordon Showers
 Reading—Floyd Zerbe
 Robbins—Grovenburg—Floyd Wallace
 Sonoma Parish—Sidney Short
 Springport—Outer Parish—Paul Mergener; Lambert McClintic, assistant
Sunfield—Robert Carson
 Union City—Lynn Chapel
 Vermontville—Marcus Taber

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT

Clark H. Phillips, Superintendent
304 Maple St., Big Rapids

Alma—Charles Hahn
 Ashley—Bannister—Laverne Steele
 Ashton—Harley Lane
 Barryton—Richard Adkins
 Beaverton—Larry Grubaugh
 Big Rapids:
 First—James Bowker
 Circuit—Blucher Swem
 Blanchard—Leon Andrews
 Breckenridge—Dale Ward
 Carson City—James Birdsall
 Clare—Leslie J. Nevins
 Coleman—Loyal Thornton
 Coral—Cecil H. Bacon
 Crystal Valley—Hubert Bengtson
 Edmore—Leonard Yarlott
 East Osceola Circuit—Wm. Payne
 Ewart—Wm. E. Beckett

Fenwick Circuit—Mrs. Blanche Neller
 Fremont—Albert Butterfield
 Gladwin—John R. Scott
 Gladwin Circuit—Frank E. Gardner
 Greenville—Verner Kilgren
 Hart—Clair Snell
 Hesperia—W. A. Horn
 Holton—Harold Cox
Hope-Edenville—Ronald Knapp
Howard City—Lyle Chapman
 Ithaca—Donald Winegar
 Lakeview—Ernest MacDonald
 Leaton—Louis R. Carroll
Leroy—Donald J. Walker
Marion—Earl Stine
Mears—Edson Vane
Middleton—Joel Burdin
 Morley—Frederick Smith
 Mt. Pleasant:
 First—C. W. Mackenzie
 Indian Mission—James Peters
 Community—Bernard Randolph
 Newaygo—William Martin
 North Star—John H. King
 Pentwater—George Chaffee
 Perrinton—Pompeii—Earl F. Lindsay
 Reed City—Walter S. Easton
 Remus—John W. Bullock
 Riverdale—Claude Dicks
 Rosebush—Howard Moore
Sand Lake—Gerald Walsh
 Sanford—Averill—A. H. Keesler
 Shelby—Darwin Salisbury
 Shepherd—Harold Taber
 Sowers—Donald Brown
 St. Louis—Harold Kirchenbauer
 Stanwood—Dale Brown
Wheeler—Jack Baumgart
 White Cloud—John L. Francis
 Winn—Donald Good

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Maurice D. McKean, Superintendent
335 Rosewood Ave., S. E., Grand Rapids 6

Alto—Howard F. McDonald
Banfield—Rollie Poe
 Belding—Lester Clough
 Byron Center—James Kavanah
 Caledonia—Victor Niles
 Casnovia—Lewis Boynton
 Cedar Springs—Howard H. Fuller
 Coopersville—J. Lawrence Ward
 Courtland Circuit—Joseph Tuma
Delton—Martin McEntarfer
 DeWitt—B. F. Wade
Eagle—Earl Prosser
Elsie—Thomas W. Marshall
Emanuel—Ray V. Birdsall
 Freeport—Wm. Noordyk
 Grand Haven—Carl B. Strange
 Grand Rapids:
 Burton Heights—W. Ray Prescott
 Epworth—Grant L. Jordan
 First—L. A. Kilpatrick; Don Scranton, assistant
Oakdale—Lloyd Phillips
 Plainfield Avenue—LeRoy M. Whitney
 St. Paul's—Wm. Meadows
 Second Street—Dwight M. Kitch
 South—Ralph M. Dean; Wm. Chapman, assistant
Trinity—Paul Albery; Kenneth Barringer, assistant
 Valley Avenue—Stanley Thayer
 Grandville—Gaylord D. Howell
Gunnisonville—Ray V. Birdsall
 Hastings—Leon W. Manning
Hastings Circuit—Royal Satterlee
 Hickory Corners—Victor E. Jones
 Holland—John O. Hagans
Hubbardson—Paul Richards
 Ionia—Heath Goodwin
 Ionia Circuit—Henry Ball
 Kent City—Arthur Buge
 Lake Odessa—Paul Robinson
 Lowell—Philip R. Glotfelty, Jr.
 Lyons—George F. Bolitho
 Maple Rapids—C. Earl Champlin
Marne—Russell Gray
 Middleville—M. L. Brokaw
 Montague—Wm. E. Brown
 Muskegon:

Central—George A. Mooers
 Lakeside—Floyd J. Fitch
 Wolf Lake—Kenneth Lindland
 Wood Avenue—John H. Hall
 Muskegon Heights—Harold R. Kinney
 Nashville—Arthur Howell
 Nunica—Hartwell Gosney
 North Muskegon—Russell R. Hoover
 Ovid (United)—Robert C. Smith
Portland—Park H. Newcombe
 Rockford—E. Wm. Wiltse
 St. Johns—Emeral E. Price
 St. Johns Circuit—Cornelius Oldenburg
 Saranac (United)—Glenn McCarty
 Saugatuck—Paul E. Hinkamp
 Shepardsville—Robert C. Smith
 Snow—Sid Baarda
 South Wyoming—Wm. Simpson
 Sparta—Clarence W. Hutchens

Wacousta—Robert M. Waggoner
 Whitehall—Harold Arman
 Woodland—Raiph M. Tweedy

GRAND TRAVERSE DISTRICT

Russell R. King, Superintendent
850 Washington St., Traverse City

Alden—Charles Dunbar
 Bear Lake—Lester Priest
 Bellaire—James Thomas
 Boyne City—Forest Mohr
 Brethren—Kenneth Snow
 Cadillac:
 First—Philip Carpenter
People's—Leona Winegarden
 Circuit—William Hunt
 Charlevoix—Lloyd Schloop
 East Jordan—Robert Moore
Eak Rapids—John Alexander
 Empire—To be supplied
 File Lake—Eduard Eidens
 Frankfort—Louis Ellinger
 Friesland—Olive Knapp
 Harbor Springs—Floyd McCarty
Harrietta—George Tennant
 Inland—Philip Jaquish
 Indian Mission—Amos Kahgee
 Kalkaska (Federated)—James Matthews
 Kingsley—Clayton Zuse
 Lake Ann—Charles Lewis
 Lake City—Cecil Scott
 Levering—Leon Shaffer
 Ludington:
 First—Emil Runkel
 Bethany—Gerald Jacobs
 Mackinac City—Loren Reed
 Mancelona—LeRoy Hoover
 Manistee—Stanford Closson; Iver Slaatte, assistant
 Manton—E. T. Smith
 Mesick—John Miller
 Moorestown—Margaret Nash
 Northport—To be supplied
 Ogdensburg—E. W. Tink
 Petoskey—Harold Jayne
 Scottville—Wirth Tennant
 Traverse City—
 Ashbury—Alvin Doten
 Central—Donn Doten

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT

Richard D. Miles, Superintendent
915 Lay Blvd., Kalamazoo

Allegan—Wm. R. Short
Augusta—Spencer B. Owens
 Bangor—John W. Cermak
 Benton Harbor—Stanley Buck
 Berrien Springs—Wm. Y. Pohly
 Bloomingdale—Frank Cozadd
 Bradley—Fred Sprague
 Buchanan—Wesley C. Oldt
Burnips—Lawrence V. Runyon
 Burr Oak—Lyman Howard
Cassopolis—James A. Rogers
 Centerville—J. Bruce Brown
 Climax—Donald Cozadd
 Coloma—Royal J. Synwolt
 Colon—Morris Howell
 Constantine—Wm. L. Stone
Decatur—Charles Fry
 Dowagiac—Theodore H. Bennink
 Edwardsburg—Paul Patterson
 Edwards Corners—Harmony Chapel—Henry Houseman
 Fennville—Garth D. Smith
 Fulton—Leonard J. Washmuth
 Galesburg—George F. Wingard
 Galien—David L. Crawford
 Ganges—Henry Alexander
 Glenn and Casco—To Be Supplied
Gobles—Ralph Pratt
 Hartford—Albert Mandigo
Hopkins—Everett Shotwell
 Kalamazoo:
 East Main—Don Warmouth
 First—Thomas Pryor; George Hartman, assistant
 Milwood—Richard H. Beckett
 Oakwood—Theron Jenne
 Parchment—O. Laverne Merritt
 Sumpson—Paul Schanzlin
 Stockbridge—E. Lenton Sutcliffe
Sunny Side and Wilson Memorial—Alfred Halsted
Lacota—Duane Pifer
 Lawrence—Milford E. Bowen
 Lawton—Zach Clayton
 Marcellus—Wm. E. Timms
 Martin—Robert G. Geiger
 Mendon—Elvin Finkbeiner
Morris Chapel—Ellis Lyman
 New Buffalo—Harold Clarke
 Newberg—Ernest F. Miller
 Niles—L. George Beacock
 New Richmond—Jesse Winns
 Oronoko—C. V. Bigler
 Oshkemo—Wm. J. Torrey
 Otsego—Henry Liddicoat
 Paw Paw—Marcel B. Elliott
Plainwell—Robert Willoughby
 Portage—Thomas Rice
Schoolcraft and Flowerfield—Mrs. Clara Gibbs
 Salem—Lewis Church
Scotts—Donald Cozadd

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Silver Creek—Frank Flagg
 South Haven—Hilding Kilgren
 Stevensville—H. H. Patterson
 Sturgis—Byron A. Hahn
 St. Joseph—R. Ray Gillham
 Three Oaks—Don C. Turkin
 Three Rivers:
 First—Keith Hayes
 Ninth St.—Dorr Garrett
 Trowbridge—Viola Norman
 Vicksburg—George P. Stanford
 Watervliet—Emerson Minor
 Wayland—Ralph M. Dean
 White Pigeon—Don Sailor
 Daley Union Protestant—Dale Scott
 Twelve Corners—Harold Filbrandt
 Yorkville—George A. Osborne

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Warren E. Brown, Conference Secretary of Evangelism.
 Donald G. Carpenter, Chaplain Methodist Children's Home, Detroit.
 Floyd N. Drake, Superintendent of M. J. Clark Memorial Home.
 Glenn M. Frye, Assistant to the Bishop.
 Howard A. Smith, Executive Secretary, Michigan Conference Board of Education.
 Alfred T. Halsted, Field Representative, Methodist Ministers Reserve Pension Fund of Michigan Conference.
 Leslie J. Nevins, Conference Missionary Secretary.
 W. C. Perdew, Superintendent of Bronson Methodist Hospital.
 Harold Kirchenbauer, Secretary of Town and Country Work.
 Edmond H. Babbitt, Vice President of Adrian College.
 Amos Bogart, Executive Secretary, Good Will Industries, Jackson.
 Thomas Carter, Professor in Albion College.
 John L. Cheek, Professor in Albion College.
 Wayne H. Fleenor, Director of Public Relations, Albion College.
 Homer O. Hendrickson, Professor in Albion College.
 Charles F. Kraft, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Garrett Biblical Institute.
 William W. Whitehouse, President of Albion College.
 Keith Whittorn, Missionary to Alaska.
 Clyde E. Smith, Missionary to Hawaii.
 Harold A. Bedient, Professor in Purdue University.
 Edgar C. Prettyman, Superintendent of Michigan Temperance Foundation.
 Charles L. Swan, Professor of Sociology, Albion College.
 Norman Middaugh, Missionary to Alaska.
 Kearney Kirkby, Character Research Project, Schenectady, N. Y.
 Richard D. Leonard, Professor of Religion, Detroit Institute of Technology.
 William Pyles, Special Hospital Service, State Research Hospital, Galesburg, Illinois.

CHAPLAINS

George J. Cameron, Chaplain, U. S. Army, Albion Q.C., Ramey Air Force Base, APO 845, % Postmaster, New York, N.Y.
 Kermit Meier, Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Muskegon Central, M A G 13, Navy #990, % F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif.
 Robert M. Trenery, Chaplain, U.S. Army, Casnovia Q.C., 4th Sq. Bn. Corps, APO 903, San Francisco, Calif.

LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Bruce Bowman, Thomas Brereton, Bruce Charles, William Des Autels, Robert Florian, Albert Frevvert, George Grettenberger, Wayne Groat, William Hoffman, Willis B. Hunting, Robert Rahn, Clifton Spaine, and Douglas Wingeier.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Lillian Ellis, Superintendent of Grand Rapids Community House; Katherine Stroven, Retired; and Leona Winegarden, Cadillac, Peoples' Church.

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that this bequest could be satisfactorily disposed of by giving it to the Methodist Children's Home Society, which was done.

Treasurer Floyd N. Drake presented two checks for Conference Claims totaling \$27,848 and for distribution to the Supplies of \$18,023. Trustees re-elected were Luther Brokaw, Wm. C. Perdew, Wm. H. Helrigel and E. Quick. W. Ray Prescott was elected to fill out the term of D. Stanley Coors who resigned when he became Bishop.

Abandoned church property which was

disposed of, their funds to be used on the district where the property was located, included the Bloomfield church on the Manton charge; Sherwood church on the Albion-Lansing District; a piece of land in Norwood township, Charlevoix County, which was sold to the State Highway Department; and a lot in Burlington on which a Methodist church once stood.

Some discussion centered on the disposition of the Okemos Methodist Church property. For many years this property has been used by a Federated Church including Methodists. It has been kept up by this church, but technically still belongs to the Michigan Conference. It was recommended that the church be deeded to the Michigan Conference by the trustees and that the Michigan Conference in turn deed it to the Okemos Community Church which plans a \$250,000 building program. The church agrees to accept a Methodist pastoral appointment and to pro rate ministerial support in accord with Methodist polity. Several spoke in favor of the suggestion, including a lay man and lay woman from the Okemos church and the pastor, David Evans. Only one voice was raised against the idea and the motion carried almost unanimously.

Board of Education

Thomas M. Pryor, chairman of the Board of Education, presided during the giving of the board's report. President W. W. Whitehouse of Albion College spoke on behalf of that institution and was followed by President S. J. Harrison of Adrian College who reported for that institution. A motion commending him for his outstanding service to the college was approved unanimously. Edmond H. Babbitt, acting president of Adrian College, was introduced.

O. Lavern Merritt announced the Laboratory School at Albion College of which he is dean.

The big emphasis this year throughout both conferences is the Educational Advance program. The previous week a similar program was approved by the Detroit Conference. Speaking in favor of the Advance and pledging the cooperation of various organizations were Mrs. William Somerton, new president of the Conference Woman's Society; Elmer Ormiston, Conference Lay Leader; and Raymond Norton for the Board of Evangelism. Bishop Coors, who was formerly chairman of the board, gave a brief inspirational message of encouragement for the success of the program.

Howard Smith, executive secretary, explained the various steps to be taken in the Advance, including such things as self-evaluation and fellowship visitation. The board's presentation concluded with Hoover Rupert stating that there was a need for the Advance and that we must be concerned about it and committed to its execution. He said only one-fourth of the youth in America are reached by any religious organization.

Woman's Society

Owing to the fact that Mrs. R. M. Willingham, former president of the Con-

ference Woman's Society, had to resign at the request of her doctor, Mrs. William Somerton was elected to take her place. She presented the report for that organization, which had been prepared by Mrs. Willingham. It revealed that there are 424 societies with four new societies organized this year. There are also 49 Wesleyan Service Guilds. It was regretted, however, that there are still 31 churches in which no Woman's Societies exist and the hope was expressed that this number would be reduced. The total membership of the Woman's Society and Service Guild is 28,496. The Society promotes many projects of various kinds, both at home and abroad.

Check Presented

The largest check ever presented by the Publishing House to the ministers' retirement fund was given by Mr. O. L. Oelke, manager of the Detroit Branch. It totaled \$5,357. Versile Bentley revealed that the Methodist Foundation has a principal total of \$241,469. This organization holds funds for various institutions and is a repository for funds which may be given to it for any institution or church. Charles Nyman was announced as the new president taking the place of W. C. Dean who retired. Other officers included Howard Baldwin, vice-president; Thomas Peck, vice-president; and Charles Clark, treasurer.

The retired ministers' annual luncheon was held at the Home Lodge, Petoskey, at the noon hour.

Peace and Social Action

Richard Beckett presented the peace report which called for continuing support of the United Nations and international arbitration. It criticized those who voted to undermine the UN's effectiveness and declared that no other single organization is doing so much to bring peace. 4-H Clubs, Rotary, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and similar organizations were commended for their sponsorship of good will ambassadors to the average citizens of other lands.

A resolution not included in the report, which was approved, supported the Eisenhower program for universal disarmament and the money so saved to be spent for lifting the standards of underprivileged nations. A reference to Senator Taft as a "reactionary" was deleted. Otherwise the report was accepted exactly as presented.

The social service report was read by David Evans and was approved with only a few changes. A reference to the lunatic fringe of religion was deleted on the suggestion of Clark Phillips. The report expressed definite opposition to Communism and Communists. It was not opposed to the investigation of Communists and subversive groups but instructed that it be done by American democratic methods. It declared that no American should be condemned as a "fellow traveler," "pink" or "follower" without opportunity to defend himself. It also condemned guilt by association. Strong confidence was expressed in Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

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Michigan Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service

Mrs. Warren E. Sargent, Editor, 901 West South St., Kalamazoo

AS THE church goes, so the United States, and as this country goes so will the world, for America is the last and best hope of the world." With this scarlet thread of prophecy Dr. Carl Winters, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Park, Illinois, began his address at the thirteenth annual conference at Central Methodist Church, Muskegon, on May 21. "Tidings from our Evangelists" brought messages from three of our missionaries, home on furlough or on retirement from the foreign field, Lucy Beach (India), Treva Overholt (Peru) and Mary Jean Tennant (Portuguese East Africa.)

News Bulletins from the Annual Meeting:

The first two presidents of Michigan Conference WSCS, Mrs. Orson Munn and Mrs. L. H. Grettenberger, were present throughout the day's sessions. The third president, Mrs. R. M. Willingham is retiring from the office at the beginning of this new year and is succeeded by Mrs. William Somerton of Lansing.

Mrs. V. V. Moulton, president of the Board of Olney Rest Cottage at Epworth Heights for vacationing missionaries, deaconesses and paid church workers, reported that no damage was done by the waves of Lake Michigan since the spring season of 1952.

Miss Mary O'Bryant (406 Linden Ave., Albion) is the newly-elected secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference.

Special memberships (1952-1953) in the conference were 64 Adult Life, 12 Baby, 4 Memorial and 1 Honorary with \$1960 sent to the Division, reported Mrs. A. R. Parker, Historian.

Mrs. Robert Walker, president of the Grand Rapids District, accepted for the coming year as a recognition of membership gains.

There were 66 Study Classes receiving Jurisdiction recognition in 1952-1953 with the quality of work on a high level.—Mrs. F. L. Bull, secretary of Missionary Education.

The next issue of "Highlights" with Institute findings and brief district and conference news will be mailed August 1. Subsequent mailings in 1953 and '54 will be October 25, January 25 and March 25. The subscription is 25¢ a year for bundle mailings to one address or 40¢ mailed to individual addresses. The subscription list is growing comments Mrs. Harold Spieler, chairman of the Advisory committee.

The Charter of Racial Policies presented by Mrs. Lynn Clark, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations, was adopted unanimously with a standing vote.

The president of the Grand Rapids Community House, Mrs. Russell Stillwell, and the chairman of the building committee, Mrs. L. H. Grettenberger, gave the conference the happy news that a lot 70 by 202 has been purchased for a new Community House with a small six-room house at the rear of the lot. It is now being used for boys' and girls' club work. The immediate need is for a new building, which is in the planning, to be used for other activities of the Community House. Miss Lillian Ellis, deaconess in charge of the work and her assistant, Miss Worrell, a retiring deaconess were introduced. Cards, simulating a brick wall, with twenty-five blocks at 25 cents and partial blocks for ten or fifteen cents were available from Mrs. Grettenberger.

Salted cashew nuts brought from Africa by Mary Jean Tennant were served at one of the dinners in the dining room at Central Church during the two days of meetings.

Thirty-seven women from several of the Methodist churches in Lansing came to the annual meeting in a chartered bus. It left Lansing at 7:15 a.m.

The five district promotion secretaries write enthusiastically of their Spring 1953 meetings.

Albion-Lansing: Five conference officers, Mesdames Somerton, Tennant, Munk, Wright and Klopfenstein; two North Central Jurisdiction officers, Mrs. A. T. Loberg and Mrs. J. M. DeVinney; and three missionaries, Lucy Beach, Lila Corbett and Mary Jean Tennant provided an excellent background for the May 8th meeting at Jackson First. Dr.



Our Preacher Advocates

When in distress, in supreme need,
God helps us by releasing the reserves of wisdom, strength, resourcefulness, and sheer endurance within. He helps by inspiring others to come to our aid. He helps us by strengthening our faith so that we are "more than conquerors" — the faith that we are surrounded by a never-failing Divine Love.

and Mrs. William Helrigel were present from the parsonage of the district superintendent. Registration 457 with 58 societies represented.—Mrs. Lloyd Shroyer.

Big Rapids District: The friendly atmosphere prevailing throughout the Spring meeting held in Mount Pleasant was a noticeable feature. The offering was given to Mary Jean Tennant to apply on a tape recorder Mrs. F. L. Bull's, (conference secretary of Missionary Education) talk was one of the noteworthy features of the day. Registration 360, representing 56 societies.—Mrs. Earl Poindexter.

Grand Rapids District: A dramatization, devoutly and impressively given by nine women of Trinity Church, Grand Rapids, entitled "The Challenge of the Cross" added much to the day's program. The meeting was held at Trinity Church with a registration of 325 and 49 societies represented.—Mrs. Richmond Babbitt.

Grand Traverse District: The outstanding surprise of the day was the way-beyond-expectation attendance at the Spring meeting in Charlevoix. Mrs. Clifford Johnson, district president, created a beautiful gray, gold and blue felt banner to be awarded on attendance and mileage basis at district meetings. Freesoil won custody of the banner for this year by having five members out of 27 travel 142 miles to attend. Mrs. Henry Kidder, district treasurer, reported that only four out of 62 societies neglected to turn in pledges to the district. "Beneath His Cross," a beautiful ending to a perfect day, was presented by twelve officers holding white placards with black crosses. After giving the meaning of the various kinds of crosses they went down into the audience, formed a chain so that all joined in handclaps for the closing solo. Registration 230 with 6 guests, 11 district officers and one conference officer, Mrs. Fred Passenger, promotion secretary.—Mrs. Harold Jayne.

Kalamazoo District: The hospitable church women and the friendly ministrations of the host pastor and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Byron Hahn, of the Sturgis church made this April 30 meeting a memorable one . . . Dr. Richard Wearne who leaves the District Superintendency this month was presented with a leather bound Hymnal by his district family. A piece of playground equipment for Crystal Springs Camp Ground Association was authorized and the annual WSCS day at Crystal Springs was announced as July 30 . . . Mrs. Warren Carrington, retiring secretary of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild was presented with an Adult Life Membership as a recognition of her services on the conference and the district level.

Attendance 600. — 53 societies represented.—Mrs. Charles Steepleton.

MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Sky Sketches Of South America

By Glenn and Margaret Frye

X. THE AMAZING RURAL WORK- NEW IMPERIAL

WE ALMOST lost our suitcase on the way to New Imperial. Rev. Mr. Crawford took us to the depot at Temuco and a redcap grabbed the large bags. The Concepcion train stood on the track between us and our train. Mr. Crawford started up over the steps of one of its cars, we following. Just as he got off on the other side, this train separated from the next coach and we were being pulled into the yards. He called that the coach would be right back on the next track beside him and the redcap stood looking after us. As we backed in again I saw him disappear with our luggage in the Concepcion train. When we told Mr. Crawford he went after the bags, returning with just one. Both of us went back, with each train likely to pull out momentarily, and returned with the missing one. There sat Margaret with all the baggage except her own case and without husband or tickets. Fortunately we got together again.

Dr. Dennis Murphy met us and we were delighted with the buildings of the New Imperial work with the exception of the school kitchen and mess hall. Dr. Leipens' home and the clinic, Dr. Murphy's bungalow, the new Duncan school building and the other missionary house, now used for a girls' dormitory, are in good condition and nicely painted.

The fireplace glowed through the large living room window of the Murphy's cottage, we had a good dinner prepared by slender Mrs. Murphy and fine fellowship with the family, Arturo, David and Johnnie.

Before breakfast I went to the Duncan School dining room and conducted morning devotions for the fifty-nine students (mostly Indians) and teachers. Later we went over the twenty-three acres and visited the school. The former frame building burned a year ago and this earthquake-proof structure was built, with the aid of lumber from El Vergel Farm, for \$4000 by the careful oversight of Rev. and Mrs. Russell Sargent. Nearly one-half of the downstairs is a social and assembly room, the other half, class rooms. Upstairs is the boys' dormitory where they sleep on Chilean beds, either a straw mattress or sheep pelts on board slats. The principal and assistant have a room partitioned off at one corner. The nineteen girls live in a four-room bungalow meant for a residence of a teacher.

This school offers a standard of work comparable with our fourth, fifth and sixth grades. According to government regulation, students study a subject one

hour a week for two years, thus almost all the courses are in progress all of the time. Some of the prescribed subjects are penmanship, drawing, Spanish, mathematics, music, civics, horticulture, bees and rabbits, animal husbandry, mechanics, carpentry. The girls must take additional work in basket-making, cooking, canning, sewing, weaving, baking and other domestic arts. Boys are assigned outdoor work when not in class, under the leadership of the son of one of the Indian chiefs, also a graduate of El Vergel. The principal is twenty-three years of age, from a strong Roman Catholic family, and is now a devoted evangelical, interested in the education of the Mapuchi Indians. All of the teachers of Duncan are attending high school at night in New Imperial, preparing for entrance into the University.

The work of Duncan School must be seen in the light of the rapidly growing rural program. Like the schools on the Loncoche circuit, these twenty-five schools serving the Indian population are conducted by the church which, in many instances, advances money to the teachers until the tuition or subvention money comes from the government at the close of the school year. In each of these schools Sunday school and church services are held. The students who show promise come to the Duncan School, up to its limited capacity. Those who want to continue, go to the agricultural school or girls' training school at El Vergel Farm. When we consider that hundreds of thousands of Chilean children have no schools, and that these Indian centers are communities that offer

neither religious nor educational training, this growing rural work takes on real significance. Duncan School is strategic and important.

The kindly Murphys dressed me in a flannel shirt and overalls, and I set forth with Mr. Murphy and Joel Balboa in the jeep, pulling a trailer with the electric generator to make current for the motion pictures. The Indians were gathering when we pulled up before the Trapico Lefuman School. We set up the folding organ and the children gathered round to sing. After a story we went to the ruca of the teacher's brother for dinner.

A ruca is a high gabled, thatched hut, sometimes boarded up three or four feet from the ground, with an opening at each gabled end for ventilation and egress of smoke. An Indian boy held the towel and poured water out of earthen jugs for us to wash. Just inside the door a small table was set with a white cloth. A girl with a long switch stood by to keep away the cats, dogs and chickens. The first course was a bowl of chicken broth with potato and thigh of the fowl. Next the bowl was half filled with mashed potato and onions with gravy added. Savory bread, baked in the coals, with honey and a dessert of sweet coffee completed the meal.

As we ate I had opportunity to look around. All cooking is done on an open fire in the middle of the earthen floor, with kettles hung from a pole suspended from the roof. A large-sized coffee grinder prepared their flour and cereal

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Eisenhower Gets Bible from Clergymen



AP photo

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Eisenhower is shown here holding a desk Bible which he received from members of the Washington Ministerial Union and Ministerial Alliance during a call by the capital city clergymen at the White House. The President told the clergymen that he liked "militant preachers and chaplains." In the front row, left to right, are Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, Methodist pastor and president of the Ministerial Union, Gen. Eisenhower, Dr. L. R. Elson, president of the Washington Federation of Churches, and Bishop Jonah of the Russian Orthodox Church.

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DR. WEATHERHEAD WILLING TO BE REORDAINED BY ANGLICAN BISHOP

LONDON—(RNS)—Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, prominent British Free churchman, preaching in St. Paul's Cathedral, said he was willing to be reordained by an Anglican bishop "if such action would contribute to the reunion of the worldwide Church."

Dr. Weatherhead's declaration came in the midst of a campaign conducted by The Church Times, Anglo-Catholic weekly published here, against the practice of permitting persons not episcopally ordained to preach in Church of England pulpits.

"I should not regard such reordination as a repudiation of my previous ministry," said Dr. Weatherhead who is a Methodist, "but as dedication to a wider ministry of the future."

His announcement was not expected to be considered satisfactory by Anglicans, however, because he added:

"Reordination by a bishop could add nothing for a sincere young man once admitted to the ministry."

Dr. Weatherhead, pastor of the bombed Congregational City Temple currently worshipping in the Marylebone Presbyterian church, appears prepared to go further than other more official Free Church leaders.

The Methodist Recorder, which consistently reflects the official Methodist attitude has praised the rejection of the episcopacy voiced by other Free Church leaders.

News from the Churches

RAVENNA closed a successful year which climaxed in the dedication of its new organ and the burning of the mortgage on Sunday, May 17. The new organ was made possible by the choir members. Among those taking part in the ceremonies was Gaylon Sullivan who started the new building fund with a dime the Sunday after the church burned on April 9, 1947. The first Sunday of each month a collection was taken to apply on the debt and with the WSCS members playing an active part,

BULLETIN

REV. LAWRENCE WORTH, pastor of the Van Born Methodist Church, died Monday morning, June 15, in Ford Hospital Detroit. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 17.

MRS. GORDON M. WOOD wife of Rev. Gordon M. Wood, pastor at Fremont Avenue, Bay City, died early Sunday morning, June 21, following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the Fremont Avenue Church at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 23.

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the \$40,000 church is free of debt. The first Sunday collection is now being put aside for new pews. Rev. A. R. Elliott a former pastor, preached at the morning service and in the afternoon Rev. John H. Hall of Wood Avenue Church, Muskegon, was guest speaker. Introduced during the celebration was Mrs. Martha Harris, 91, better known as Aunt Martha, oldest living charter member of the Ravenna church which was founded in 1872 and built with timbers from her father's woods. Other older members introduced were Mrs. Gertrude Hough of Clark Memorial Home, Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Celia Letson of Wayland. Mrs. Ben Wunsch gave the church history from the day it was organized to the present. Seven members of the high school graduating class were presented with Bibles at the morning service on June 7 by the pastor, Rev. J. Lawrence Ward, from the WSCS. They were Ralph Rogers, Jr., Jay Kerr, Ivan Huddleston, Norman Burns, Vernon Maycroft, Douglas Munger, and Patricia Wright. Mr. Ward preceded the presentation with a brief address to the graduates. He also complimented Melvin Thompson, 1952 International Farm Youth Exchange representative to Turkey, on winning the trip. Rev. and Mrs. Ward were invited to return for their 8th year. Mr. Ward recently performed his 300th baptism since serving the Ravenna-Coopersville Charge.

DETROIT STRATHMOOR had a class of 25 women who made an extensive study of the continent of Africa, under the direction of Mrs. Elmer Field, district secretary of missionary education and service. Members of the class were missionary chairmen of each circle and interested members of the WSCS. Various members conducted a devotional period and arranged an impressive worship center at each session. The class first studied the geographical aspect of Africa, followed by the natural resources, the people, native villages and tribal customs. A great deal of knowledge of Africa's problems in personalized form was gained from Leslie C. Sayre's book, "Africans on Safari" and the visual approach was widened by the movie, "Sumo, a Boy of Africa," and material prepared by S. Franklin Mack, "This Is Africa." Mrs. Don Carpenter, who was born in Tunda in the Belgian Congo and lived there until 1945 when she came to the United States for higher education, gave first-hand information on that section of Africa, the missionary project for this year. A new station in Kindu is to be opened soon and Mrs. Carpenter informed the group that it takes only \$5.00 to send a girl to the station for a year. Mrs. W. C. Dixey, secretary of missionary education and service, was chairman for a luncheon when the tables were decorated with miniature African villages and African momentos were displayed. After the luncheon a movie, "Challenge of Africa" climaxed the study. As evidence of their interest and love for the "other fellow"

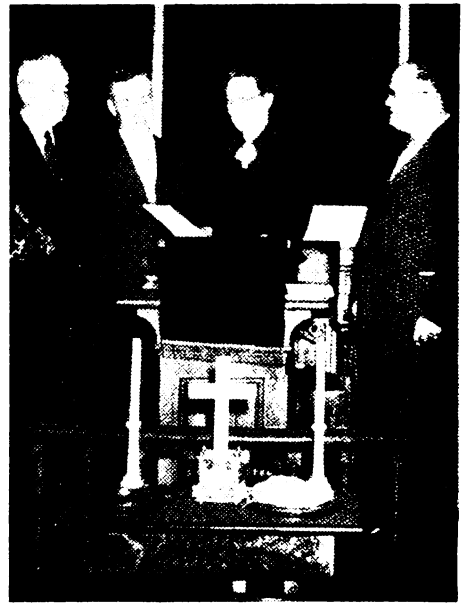
Strathmoor WSCS sent a gift to the Belgian Congo which will enable 45 girls to attend school next year. The loyalty and interest of the study class was also manifest by a 94% attendance and jurisdictional credit was given to the church.

Lennon Holds Dedication

LENNON Methodist Church held dedicatory and homecoming services on Sunday, June 7. Dr. Wm. O. Moulton, superintendent of the Flint District, conducted the dedication and gave the morning message. Items dedicated were a new Hammond organ, organ light, new aisle rug runners, lighted cross, a new reredos and curtains, and a new church parlor with furnishings, including wall to wall carpeting laid at a cost of nearly \$1,000. The reredos and curtains of red plush, lighted cross and aisle rug runners were given in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Baldwin by their daughter, Mrs. Nina Haffner. Also the pulpit scarf, communion table scarf and organ scarf.

What was formerly a gym was remodeled into a church parlor with acoustical tile ceiling and beautiful lighting. Rich rose and gray color on the walls, wall to wall carpet, floor and table lamps, pictures and mirrors, and other furnishings have transformed it into a very attractive church parlor.

The work was done by men and women of the church in 17 Monday nights,



Among those participating in a dedicatory service in the Lennon Methodist Church on June 7 were, left to right: Dr. William O. Moulton, district superintendent; Mr. Ulysses Dieck, chairman of the trustees; Mrs. Howard Ganssley, chairman of the parlor committee; and Rev. Frank J. Greer, pastor.

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under the direction, leadership and inspiration of Mrs. Gerald Alderman, president of the WSCS. Not only did this effort help to provide a lovely new parlor but it brought the group into closer union and fellowship.

Dr. Hugh Townley, pastor at Saginaw Ames, gave the message at the afternoon homecoming service, which was attended by about as many visitors and former members as present members. Former pastors who were present were Rev. A. C. Thompson, Rev. Dwight A. Lawson, and their wives and families. Rev. Frank J. Greer is the present pastor.

A new asphalt tile floor has been placed on the floor of the auditorium, which has also been redecorated, and an entire new roof has been put on the building. An outside paint job is being contemplated for the summer or early fall.

The parsonage boasts a new electric, 50-gallon, hot water tank and a new electric cook stove.

This church of 110 members has done more than \$30,000 of business in three years, with a per member per week average of giving of \$1.80; and has disbursed nearly \$11,000 this conference year. This includes only the active membership.

Adrian Dean Accepts Position at Scarritt

DR. E. BRUCE WILSON, Dean of Adrian College, has accepted the Chairmanship of the Department of Religious Education at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, effective September first.

Dr. Wilson has been professor of religion at Adrian for the last six years, and dean of the college since 1948. In conjunction with his duties as dean he has taught the courses in religious education, served as work coordinator, veteran's counselor and chapel chairman. He has just completed a second term as secretary-treasurer of the Michigan College Association; and his name has recently appeared in volumes of "Who's Who in the Clergy, Methodism and the Mid-West."

Dr. Wilson came to Michigan from New England where he had directed the work of Wesley Foundations on the campuses of Dartmouth, Amherst and the University of Massachusetts as the pastor of college congregations. He has also served Methodist churches in Colorado, Wyoming, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He holds degrees from the University of Oklahoma, Boston University and Iliff School of Theology on the campus of Denver University. Both his educational background and his experience make his peculiarly fitted for his new position.

The Wilson family includes his wife, Beth, a former teacher of music and languages; a son, Winston, who is finish-



Dean Wilson

ing his junior year in the local high school; and a daughter, Betty Dee, who will go into the ninth grade next year. They expect to move August 15, following the summer session.

Michigan Conference

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for his prophetic leadership in insisting upon the preservation of civil liberties and in attacking the irresponsible methods of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Point Four came in for special commendation as did the American Standard Version of the Bible.

A separate resolution defending Bishop Oxnham asked the House Un-American Activities Committee to apologize to him for its unprincipled attack and to retract in full the slurs made upon his character. The special resolution was read by Layman Wessell Shears. Lester Kilpatrick raised the question as to whether such a resolution would do Bishop Oxnham any good and Scott MacDonald felt it would be misunderstood. Lenton Sutcliffe, however, felt that it needed to be said. The final vote approved the resolution by a large majority.

Spencer Owens moved that the social service report become the order of the day some time Friday afternoon in future conferences. His motion carried.

Blue Cross Insurance

For some time Blue Cross hospital Insurance has been conducted on a district basis. After many questions were asked of a representative of Blue Cross it was finally decided to operate the plan among the ministers on a conference-wide basis. A similar decision was made the previous week in the Detroit Conference which is 85% insured under this provision.

Finance

Chairman of the World Service and Finance Commission, George Beacock, gave a lengthy statement of the recommendations of the commission for the new year. Quite a bit of consideration was given to a recommendation calling for payment of the salary of the pastor who moves for the portion of June (up to and including the conference Sunday) which he serves.

The various boards and institutions of the conference are to receive a total of

\$70,000 during the next conference year. District Superintendents were accorded a \$400 increase in salary bringing it to \$5,400. In addition they have a travel allowance of \$1,500 and administration allowance of \$300. In paying for the moving expenses of superintendents it was decided they would be treated exactly in the same way as the ministers, which calls for the entire conference to pay on the expenses and not only the particular district or districts involved.

Rally Day offering was set at 20¢ per enrolled member in the Sunday school, not including those enrolled in nursery and home departments.

A contribution to the work of the Board of Lay Activities was recommended at 2¢ per active member. A campaign of \$300,000 for church extension was recommended to be submitted to the fourth quarterly conferences. The campaign is to be carried on through the conference years of 1954-55 and 1955-56.

Gordon Wheeler, P.K. and Grand Rapids attorney, explained certain technical changes that were made in the policy governing the handling of the moving expense fund. There is now established a very specific code governing the handling of these funds.

The conference apportionment for the Michigan State Council of Churches was continued at \$3,000, although a previous recommendation had been made to reduce it to \$2,500.

Kalamazoo Next Year

An invitation to hold the conference at First Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, next year was extended by its pastor, Thomas M. Pryor. He was supported by Wm. C. Perdew, superintendent of Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo, and Layman Thomas Peck. The invitation was accepted.

An offering totaling \$564 was collected to aid Methodists in the Flint tornado disaster area. A check for \$150 came from Battle Creek First Church and another for \$145 from the Woman's Society of the same church.

Louis Ellinger chairmaned the afternoon lecture hour at which time Dr. Charles M. McConnell delivered the second of his stimulating addresses.

The Rural Fellowship banquet was held in the Boyne City High School cafeteria at the dinner hour and Professor McConnell delivered another address at that time. Officers elected were: George Stanford, president; Dale Griffin, vice-president; Harold Taber, secretary; Ralph Tweedy, treasurer; Marcius Taber, membership secretary; Clark Phillips, cabinet representative. District Chairmen: Paul Mergener, Albion-Lansing; Donald Wineger, Big Rapids; Paul Robinson, Grand Rapids; Forrest Mohr, Grand Traverse; and Donald Sailor, Kalamazoo.

Phillip Carpenter chairmaned the evening worship at which time Dr.

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From CAPITOL HILL

By Jacob S. Payton

MAKING THE BEST OF IT

Never has another war in which Americans have fought faced such an inglorious conclusion as does the Korean War. Here in Washington the silence of government officials seems to indicate that the less said the better. Certainly there is no cause for boasting, for the reason that there has been no victory. There will be no dancing in the streets when the anticipated armistice is announced. As in football, so in war a goal line must be crossed to register triumph. The Korean struggle has closed with the ball on the 55 yard line. Gen. MacArthur's saying "There is no substitute for victory in war," already is being recalled with painful reality.

Strange how even before one war is finished, Washington prepares for another. Many of those old temporary buildings erected during World Wars I and II still clutter up the Nation's Capital. Not even the Pentagon with its 3,670,000 square feet of space, has warranted the demolition of those hot, dingy and unsightly buildings. Hated by Washingtonians as is none of the other gods, Mars continues to keep Washington busy.

MILITARY BUDGET STEALS THE SHOW

For evidence of this one need go no farther than Capitol Hill. At times the true status is pretty thoroughly hidden by that greatest expanse of camouflage known to Washington, the budget. Take the controversy between Defense Secretary, Charles E. Wilson and Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, retiring Chief of Staff of the Air Force, before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee. What was said in that room on Capitol

Hill commanded almost as much attention as the proceedings in that tent at Panmunjom. Preparation for defense in 1954 and after vied in importance with an armistice ending a three-year war. Gen. Vandenberg's warning that to withhold funds now would delay the 143 wings with a resultant "second best Air Force," and Secretary Wilson's claim that unexpended funds available for that branch of the service plus the \$11,700,000,000 now proposed would enable us "to continue to have the best Air Force" sound confusing. What we are emphasizing here is that as one war ebbs to its bloody and indecisive close, Congress is so fearful of a worse one to follow that military security continues to be of chief concern.

At this stage of the Korean proceedings members of Congress are reluctant to express themselves. However, there is considerable sympathy for Syngman Rhee for whose country the past three years speak tragedy, the present bitter disappointment and the future only prospects of division and discord. For Americans it is already being made plain that an armistice and the end of the Korean occupation are two very different things. Remembered is that World War II slogan, "Home for Christmas" with its disastrous results.

That there will be no hasty demobilization is seen first in the prolonged task of the Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission. Americans must stand by while it carries out the terms of the disposition of prisoners of war. And Secretary of Defense Wilson's words to Congress that American servicemen should not count on catching the first boat or plane home, as well as the Army's draft call for 23,000 men in August, do not indicate an immediate long last farewell to Korea.

Naturally the brightest spot in this otherwise drab Korean situation will be an end to the death toll of 24,163 Americans at this writing. And the return home of those 2453 American prisoners of war will fill the land with gladness. Two administrations, the United Nations, the Top Brass and various and sundry other agencies and chiefs have received a pretty thorough shellacing from Congress. But it withholds no word of praise from the men in the ranks who clung to the Korean hilltops or went aloft to tangle with the Migs, or were "in peril of the sea." In America's unheroic days, they remain heroes still.

FLOOR LEADER'S PACE REDUCED

Among persons on Capitol Hill whose services could least be spared in such a time as this is Senator Taft. His announcement that upon advice of his physicians he must curtail his activities as Senate Majority Leader because of a hip ailment, was received with genuine

regret by members on both sides of the aisle. He will not relinquish the post, but has designated Sen. William F. Knowland to substitute for him on the floor.

Senator Taft began his senatorial career with unusual advantages. During his late teens his home was the White House. There during his father's occupancy he got first-hand insight into government procedure and familiarized himself with the Washington scene. When he returned as a Senator in 1939 he knew the ropes. His supply of brains, patience, courage, industry, independence and integrity leads those who disagree with him to respect him. Fortunately those are qualities that can be carried around on crutches.

DISCOVERED POWER IN A "LOST" LAW

Monday, June 8, 1953, will be regarded as another milestone along the path to non-segregation. For on that date the Supreme Court ruled that an 80-year old "lost" law of the District of Columbia was valid. It requires that proprietors of "any licensed restaurant, eating house, barroom, sample room, ice cream saloon or soda fountain room" must serve "any well behaved and respectable person."

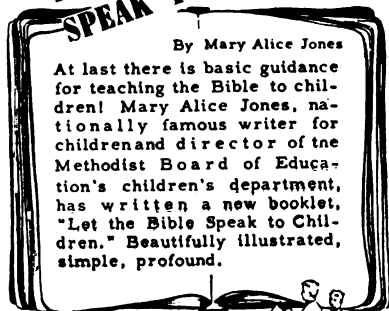
From its founding the Federal City increased as a favorite site for the auctioneer's block until 1850 when the slave trade was abolished in the District. In the June 2, 1851 issue of *The New Era*, a Washington Abolitionist paper, appeared the first installment of a serial, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe. So gradual and so slow have been the steps toward the elimination of racial discrimination in Washington that progress is hardly noticeable until some pen or court with power in its dictum removes another barrier. District officials immediately issued orders for enforcement of the latest ruling of the Supreme Court Proprietors of places involved and the public in general have accepted without protest this interpretation of the "lost" law. Members of the Supreme Court from the Deep South have shown that they harbor as little race prejudice as do the Yankees on the bench. It was not ever thus.

Stockwell Book Running As Free Press Serial

THE Detroit Free Press is running in serial form the new book by Methodist missionary, Olin Stockwell entitled "With God in Red China". Dr. Stockwell was one of the principal speakers at the Detroit Annual Conference sessions in Albion. He was a prisoner of the Chinese Communists for 23 months, much of the time being spent in solitary confinement. The book tells of his experiences and ranks high in the field of Christian literature. It is reminiscent of the prison writings of St. Paul and is expected to have a wide sale.

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Albion Commencement

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time in the memory of older graduates no honorary degrees were conferred at the Commencement exercises.

The Commencement weekend had begun on Saturday morning with heavy downpours of rain which, however, did not spoil a good attendance at the Alumni Annual Meeting in the North Hall auditorium, when the election of J. Clifford Smith of Albion and the re-election of James R. Sebastian of Grand Rapids to the Board of Trustees of the college was announced as well as the election of Eugene N. Houck, 1929 graduate, State American Legion commander, to the presidency of the Alumni Association.

Nor did the inclement weather deter alumni and seniors, over 300 strong, from sharing the delightful Alumni Luncheon in Baldwin Hall. During the program the Albion College orchestra under the skilled baton of Dr. Conway Peters played several spirited selections; the Senior Class was presented to retiring Alumni President J. Clifford Smith by Dean Leffler; the class gift of \$100 for library books was presented by Senior President James L. Richardson; the 50th and 25th year classes were recognized with special certificates of the occasion, as well as 90-year-old Miss Emma L. Crittenden, who had flown to Albion from her residence in New York; the 1953 winning Delta Tau Delta quartet sang; and four retiring "Stalwarts" were recognized by both President Whitehouse and Susanna Wesley Hall Queen Jean Tomion, '53, of Fowlerville, who on behalf of the Albion College Alumni Association presented each of the four with a bouquet of a dozen and a half red roses.

Those honored were Dr. David L. Randall, retiring head of the chemistry department; Dr. Louis Upton Rowland, retiring head of the music department; Dr. Walter A. Terpenning, retiring head of the department of economics and business administration; and Miss Mary R. Parsons, retiring director of food service.

In the evening festive reunion dinners and gatherings were enjoyed by four groups in various parts of Baldwin Hall, namely the Class of 1898, celebrating its 55th anniversary; the Class of 1913, its 40th; the classes of 1918-21; and the Class of 1928, its 25th anniversary.

Blue skies, golden sunshine and cool breezes brought a capacity audience to the First Methodist Church of the city of Albion for Sunday's baccalaureate service, with the morning's message given by President W. W. Whitehouse. Using Hebrews 11 and 12,1, as his point of Biblical departure, Dr. Whitehouse reiterated frequently the injunction of Paul, "Therefore, let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

Prayers were offered in the morning service by Dr. William Henry Helrigel, 1923 Albion graduate and superintendent of the Albion-Lansing district; and Dr. John W. Tennant, minister of the First Methodist Church of Albion; responsive reading was led by Dr. Wayne H. Fleenor, Albion graduate of 1924, director of public relations at the college; and organ music was played by Miss Nellie Field, Albion graduate of 1915.

Long remembered will be the lilting bell-toned notes of Marilyn Chisholm, gifted soprano soloist of the 1953 class as she led Albion's choir in Mendelssohn's famous anthem "Hear My Prayer" — a performance of surpassing beauty.

Sky Sketches

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from whole grain. Beds were simply skins and blankets piled on small board platforms around the walls. Field implements, as ploughs and scythes, were stored near the entrance, along with saddles and harness. A small wooden cabinet was the cupboard for dishes and linens. Smoke from the fires of years had blackened the straw and poles into glistening ebony. Projections of soot drew out protruding straws from the ceiling.

As we visited, one of the young women of the family stood behind a blanket by her bed and changed her clothes. Two little girls and a boy ate their meal at a low table near the fire. Later all were happy to have me take flash pictures of their home. I have regretted that I did not take a picture of the hen's nest. There was no place to lay my hat but on the division board between two nests hung on the wall of the ruca. While we ate a hen entered and wanted to get into that nest. Our host noticed as she hopped up she knocked my Stetson into the nest and settled down on it. He rose and kindly rescued my much-needed head covering.

Some two dozen men and women and twice as many children were waiting for us at the school. The women with their

colorful shawls, silver jewelry and long black braided hair sat in front, the men and girls behind them, while the boys stood at the back. Balboa exhibited and explained the new type of clover that was rebuilding worn out soil. Many questions were asked. Then the generator was started and Walt Disney films showed how the germs from polluted drinking water brought malaria, and how flies and lice from unsanitary habits carried diseases. I told a Bible story, Dr. Murphy interpreting.

We went home and consumed a pie before setting out to the next school, about eight miles distant. Seventy-two were registered in the day classes, with a swarming Sunday school and congregation. The teacher and local preacher is a woman who lives in the school building with her sister. The place was crowded for our service (lighted by four candles) and after much singing, they left about 10:00 o'clock. Balboa had gone further to meet some of the farmers. We waited an hour and a half, warming ourselves by the open charcoal brazier. Finally, when he did not return, we began to walk without flashlights or coats in the frosty midnight air. Many dogs frightened us with their baying as they leaped to the edge of the road, but came no further. They were cowards and we were glad of it. For the next two hours we strode along, the heavens bright with stars and the Southern Cross high above. We thought it quite an experience, but those two young women teachers in that school walk this three times a week all through the winter to attend the night sessions of the New Imperial High School.

The next evening I ate dinner with seven young teacher-local preachers at a restaurant, all zealous evangelicals, planning on advanced education and lives of service to Christ and His church.

The Albion-Lansing and Kalamazoo Districts have set a goal of \$5000 and \$2500 respectively for the Duncan School. With careful oversight missionaries plan to erect a new concrete water-tower, install an adequate and dependable power pump (they are forever out of water now with just a windmill), build toilets and showers for students at the rear of the main building, erect an ell to house for the principal and his family, new class rooms downstairs and dormitory space for the girls on the second floor. The Chile Conference will assist in this venture, leaders assured me. Dr. Leipens, a Latvian Medical Doctor, served nearly three thousand rural patients in his clinic last year. His wife is performing a valuable ministry with her amazing vegetable and flower gardens.

The entire program at New Imperial is one of the most important projects we have seen, strategic as it is to the rapidly developing rural work among the Mapuchi Indian population.

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George A. Buttrick of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, spoke on "The Christian Motive."

Saturday

First order of business was the report of the Board of Conference Claimants in charge of Lester A. Kilpatrick, chairman. It was announced that the annuity rate for the new year would be \$35.00 per year of service for conference members and \$25.00 per year of service for retired supplies. The conference is now carrying a load of 4500 years of service. Kenneth W. Thompson of the Chicago Board of Pensions office was introduced and spoke briefly concerning the over-all pension picture. He said a study commission on pensions was considering what a minimum pension for all ministers should be. He said an increase of from 2% to 3% of a minister's salary to the reserve pension fund would virtually add one and one-half times more pension than that produced by the 2%.

Chaplains

Those in the regular chaplaincy at present are Kermit Meier, George J. Cameron, Robert M. Trenery and Richard E. Atherton. The latter was transferred out of the conference at this session. Those in the reserve chaplaincy are Ralph M. Dean, Harold A. Kirchenbauer, Thomas Pollard and David Evans, Jr.

Bishop Wade announced that Bay View has assets of over a million dollars and that those interested in knowing something about the history and traditions of Bay View may do so by reading a book written by Clark S. Wheeler.

Minimum Salary

Minimum salaries for ministers was described in detail by Wm. E. Beckett who made recommendations to the effect that the minimum salary would be the same as last year. About 70 men are on minimum support. Certain changes were recommended and approved after some discussion and a little debate. The original idea of the minimum salary was to help churches that were unable to pay an adequate salary and it was intended to be received only by conference members and accepted supplies. In more recent years students have also come in for a share of it. One of the proposed changes, therefore, would limit minimum support only to married men living on a charge and intending to devote their life to the ministry. Students, however, now receiving minimum salary are not to be affected by the change. Another innovation specified that only ministers who are loyal to The Methodist Church and its program will be recipients of the minimum fund. Wilson Tennant moved an amendment that before a man is disqualified for minimum support on this basis, a majority of the

cabinet should approve the disqualification motion to lay the amendment on the table. Carried.

Another change requires that if a pastor or his spouse earns in employment other than the ministry more than \$500 in a year, it shall be deducted from their minimum support. While Mr. Beckett recommended this requirement he did not approve it in principle and said he was sorry the district superintendents felt this was a necessary change. However, after Clark Phillips made an appeal for it, and an amendment to eliminate reference to a minister's spouse was voted down, the original motion finally carried.

On motion of Philip Glotfelty one committee on social problems was approved instead of two. The new committee is really the committee authorized by the last General Conference on social and economic relations. Approved also is a board on world peace which is in line with the new General Conference legislation.

Conference Relations

The committee on conference relations, headed by Lenton Sutcliffe, announced that those retiring because they had reached the age limit of 72 were as follows: Royal G. Hall, E. T. Smith, Arthur W. Nagler, Wm. M. Simpson, Ray V. Birdsall and Joseph Tuma. One was retired because of disability. He was Frucis Timbers. Mr. Timbers was a refugee minister who came to this country some time ago. He had been a Methodist pastor and district superintendent in Europe. He expressed gratitude for the fine treatment he had received in this country where he has had to work under many handicaps. Bishop Wade commended the conference on its fine treatment of Mr. Timbers. The others who were retired spoke briefly expressing their joy in having been members of the conference and having an opportunity to serve. Those continuing in the supernumerary relation were Charles Dobbertin, Mikelis Svarcs and Lambert McClintic. Gale Gregg was located at his own request. Victor Jones was placed in the supernumerary relation as of the time of Methodist Unification. This gave him years of service from 1919 to 1928. He was restored to the effective relation as of the date of the conference. He is now serving at Hickory Corners. LeRoy Lightfoot, member of the Bombay Conference, was granted honorary retirement.

Others transferring in, announced by Bishop Reed, were Charles S. Loney and Kenneth Barringer.

New Ministers

In order to meet the constantly increasing demand for more ministers, every year the conference takes in new ministers on trial and ordains other ministers who have met the ministerial qualifications. Claud Satterlee, chairman of the ministerial training committee, called for a report of his com-

mittee which was made by James E. Bowker as follows:

Received on Trial: George R. Grettengerger, Donald F. Strohl, Edward L. Klein, Donald Elwyn Bodley, Russel Ross Hoover and Henry Clay Alexander.

Ordained Deacons: Lyle Stanley Chapman, Thomas Frederick Brereton, Wayne Albert Groat, David Lewis Crawford, Donald P. Sailor, Charles Earl Fry, Royal Claud Satterlee, Albert Willis Frevert, Kendall Woodward Cowing, Robert Bruce Florian, William James Torrey, William Frederick Hofman (to be ordained by Ky. Conference), and Lyman Ellis.

Ordained Elders: Earl J. Stine, Floyd W. McCarty, Cecil Hulbert Scott, Harold A. Clarke, Jr., Carlton Arthur Benson, Ralph Clarence Pratt and Floyd Henry Zerbe.

Received into Full Membership: Wayne Groat, Robert Dobbs, David Crawford, Douglas Smith, Neil Bintz, Paul Patterson, Zack Clayton, Ralph Pratt, Floyd Zerbe and Foster Holt.

The morning session closed with a service of recognition and reception. This recognized the men who were retiring and received those who were entering on trial. A traditional candlelight service was held at which time a retiring member, in this case Arthur W. Nagler, presented the candle to Floyd H. Zerbe. It was symbolic of the on-going ministry of the church. Service buttons were presented to those retiring by Bishop Reed who also addressed the entering class.

Wives Meet

The ministers' wives' luncheon was held at the Harbor Springs Methodist church and a supply pastors' luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church. At the ministers' wives' luncheon Mrs. Wade offered the invocation; group singing was led by Mrs. Howard Moore and a memorial service was conducted by Mrs. James Bowker and Mrs. Clark Phillips. Master David Dunbar sang a solo. Mrs. Glenn M. Frye gave some of the highlights of her trip to South America. The following were elected new officers: Mrs. Paul Albery, president; Mrs. Paul Robinson, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Thomas M. Pryor, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. James Birdsall, secretary; Mrs. Harold Kirchenbauer, treasurer. An offering was taken to be sent to Nome, Alaska.

Hospital and Homes

William Blanding presided during the report on our hospital and homes. Wm. C. Perdew who is serving his 10th year as superintendent of Bronson Hospital, gave a review of the year's activity of that great institution. He said at one time they had 272 patients in the hospital, which was the highest on record. The death rate at the hospital was 2.6% which was unusually low and no mother has died during the year giving child birth. A new course is being introduced at the hospital for nurses. It is a one year course at the end of which a license in practical bedside nursing is granted.

Clark Memorial Home came in for review by its superintendent, Floyd N. Drake. This institution has also undergone recent improvements and expansion. The new chapel is being greatly enjoyed by the residents whose number reached 200 for the first time. Ninety-five per cent of them are long-time members of Methodist churches in the

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Michigan Conference. Twelve retired ministers have been in the family during the year and 11 widows of ministers, besides five deaconesses, four missionaries, two mothers of pastors, and one grandmother of a pastor. Since its beginning in 1906, 995 persons have been admitted. About one-third of the Home family are unable to pay the full cost of their care and are given assistance from the free fund. The average age of the residents is 89 years. One member is 99 years old. Some idea of the financial responsibility of running a Home may be gathered from its monthly operational cost of \$16,000.

Superintendent Wm. I. Lacy of the Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit, indicated that 271 children were under the care of the Society; 109 of these came into care for the first time this year. Of these 53 came from maternity homes, most of them children of unwed mothers. The largest number of children in the Home, aside from those born outside of marriage, come from broken homes. Thirty-six children were returned to their parent or parents after living in the Village or a foster boarding home. A total of 53 children were placed in adoptive homes. No children are allowed to be adopted in homes where alcohol is served.

As the final business session came to a close the number of conference members radically decreased so that perhaps not over a fourth were actually present. The weather was warm even for Bay View and the conference became restless and anxious to conclude its business, this led to various reports being accepted without reading. One of these was the report of the nominating committee which had been circulated in printed form by Luther Brokaw. The conference auditor, F. J. Fitch, reported that all books were in proper order.

Camp commission chairman, Robert C. Smith reported that \$46,228 had been raised for camps. This represented 66% of the total goal, which he said was not enough. This is the first time we have attempted to do anything in a financial way as a conference for our camps he said and urged that the balance be raised.

Three constitutional amendments referred to the conference by the General Conference were approved. They had to do with giving a Provisional Conference the same representation at the General Conference as an Annual Conference. Another amendment provided for the implementation of this. The third amendment makes it possible for bishops of the Central Conferences to have membership in the Council of Bishops with a vote.

Missions

Leslie Nevins, conference missionary secretary, reported for the Board of Missions and explained that they were endeavoring to make available more visual aids for use among the churches.

This year \$192,497 had been raised, which is \$2,000 above the apportionment. This represents a total gain of \$8,788 in World Service giving.

Campaign for \$300,000

Superintendent Wm. H. Helrigel elaborated upon the needs for church extension and cited a number of specific instances of a critical character where building programs should be carried on but where there are no funds available. The only way adequate church extension can be carried on is through a special fund which would have to be raised by the conferences. This was a suggestion of the General Conference to all annual conferences. The matter is to be presented to all quarterly conferences during the year. A campaign goal was set at approximately \$300,000.

Glenn Frye reported briefly on his South American trip and said that he has available pictures and records of the work there which has been supported by the conference. The need is great he said. Our money is used wisely. He and Mrs. Frye made the trip at their own expense except for \$350.

Lay Activities

Conference Lay Leader Elmer Ormiston presided during the report of the Board of Lay Activities. Secretary Leo Kallinger told of the year's work and some of the goals that were set. The Lansing meeting of laymen was a highlight of the year. An effort will be made to organize new Methodist Men's groups. Laymen's Day in October will be observed and a roster of lay speakers made available. The *Michigan Christian Advocate* in every Methodist home is another project of the laymen. Mr. Ormiston was renominated conference lay leader. Treasurer Ernest Hartman said the total received during the year amounted to \$1,986.51 the amount disbursed, \$1,167.19; leaving on hand \$819.32. An amount of \$936 is still in the war camp fund. It is being used for scholarships. Mr. Ormiston also exhorted on behalf of the every-member-family plan of the *Advocate* and revealed that in 1954 there will be a strong accent made on stewardship. On motion of Ernest Hartman a committee is to be appointed of three persons to work with a similar committee of the Detroit Conference to consider the possibility of relocating the Detroit Area office in a more central place.

Warren Brown moved that the possibility for a spiritual life mission be studied during the year and a report made at the next annual conference with a list of specific phases of the program. This motion was the result of discussion the previous day concerning the possibility of a conflict with the spiritual life program this year with the educational advance which is to be made.

Keith Avery presented the temperance report which was adopted as printed, as was also a report of the committee on the town and country church by Harold Kirchenbauer.

Henry Liddicoat, representing the His-

torical Society, called on Scott MacDonald who emphasized the need for locating Methodist historical spots and designating them with appropriate markers. Mr. MacDonald also moved that the program committee for next year so arrange the program that ministers can get home to their respective churches for Sunday.

Statistician Howard McDonald gave his report indicating a decrease in membership despite the fact that approximately 10,000 new members had been received during the year. The decrease amounted to over 4,000 and is principally owing to the fact that numerous inactive members were removed from the rolls.

Treasurer Lawrence Ward revealed that a total of \$564,494.20 had been handled. On the whole finances had improved over the previous year.

A new Commission of Public Relations and Methodist Information gave its report through William Meadows. It commended the work of Glenn Frye in the field of publicity, noted that the *Michigan Christian Advocate* is the most valued form of information for the conference and pledged continued activity in securing district reporters and setting up publicity workshops.

Thomas Pryor noted a slight decrease in our race relations offering which goes to support Dillard University. He urged larger support next year.

Harry Lord of the Michigan Council of Churches expressed appreciation for the continued financial support of the Council and explained briefly some phases of the Council's work.

Two privileged matters brought to the conference business sessions to a close. They concerned the two district superintendents whose terms were expiring. Paul Robinson presented L. Winston Stone with a gift from the pastors of the Grand Rapids District in appreciation for his services. Paul Schanzlin commended Richard D. Wearne for his effective superintendency on the Kalamazoo District. Superintendent Wearne had previously been given a testimonial dinner and gift. Maurice D. McKean and Richard C. Miles were announced as their successors, respectively.

Sunday

Sunday's activity began with the traditional Love Feast conducted by Clark S. Wheeler, followed by the morning service at which Bishop Reed preached. At 3:00 P.M. ordination of Deacons and Elders was held and the appointments were read as printed elsewhere in this issue. The conference adjourned to meet next year at First church, Kalamazoo.

Host Pastor Harold Jayne and the Methodists of Petoskey and Bishop Raymond J. Wade, president of the Bay View Association, deserve special praise for being excellent hosts under unexpected difficult conditions owing to the condemnation of the Petoskey church.

About Persons

REV. AND MRS. J. N. COBB are living in their home at 6480 Scribner Road, address Box 162, Corunna. Mr. Cobb retired at the recent sessions of the Detroit Annual Conference.

REV. FRED A. ANDREWS is available to supply the pulpit for any minister on vacation. His address is 37211 Mc-Nichols, Detroit 19. Phone: KEnwood 3-7253.

MISS FRANCES KNIGHT has returned from Florida and is now at Mullett Lake, Michigan, General Delivery. Miss Knight was formerly director of the Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit.

DR. F. BURR CLIFFORD, professor of humanities at Adrian College since 1947, has resigned to accept a position developing a humanities program at the Junior College branch of Emory University at Oxford, Georgia.

DR. E. J. WARREN, retired minister of the Detroit Conference, is visiting his brother, Rev. Arthur E. Warren of Seattle. Dr. Warren's address for the next two months will be 43 W. Cremona Street, Seattle 99, Washington.

REV. RICHARD E. ATHERTON, who was located at the Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, has been transferred to The Methodist Church, Pawnee City, Nebr. Mr. Atherton is a member of the Michigan Conference.

REV. MYRON E. HOYT, enroute from Florida to California, visited the Grand Canyon in Arizona. In Pasadena, Calif., he attended the Hollister Methodist Church. From California, Mr. Hoyt will journey north to Seattle, Wash. He is a retired member of the Michigan Conference.

MRS. FLORENCE BENEDICT of Adrian and DR. CORLEY RITCHIE, business manager of Adrian College, were united in marriage in the First Methodist Church of Adrian on June 9, Dr. W. C. S. Pellowe officiating. They were attended by their immediate fam-

LINER ADS

FOR SALE—Pinehurst Apartments, Bay View, Michigan—lake frontage, recreation and entertainment available. Contact James Bristah, 13440 McDougall, Detroit 12, Michigan.

FOR SALE—40 black choir robes in good condition; some with white collars. First Presbyterian Church, 211 N. Chestnut St., Lansing, Michigan.

FOR RENT—Cottage at Lake Louise, Boyne Falls, Stanley Buck, 266 Jefferson, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

POSITION WANTED—Experienced protestant male organist, choral director, degree, desires church music or music and church work position in Michigan. References. Write Box D, Michigan Christian Advocate, Adrian, Mich.

FOR RENT—Large log cabin at Lake Louise. Electricity, gas stove, running water, oil heat, boat. Ben Whaley, Box 666, East Tawas.

ilies. After the ceremony, Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie left for a week's trip. They will live in Adrian.

REV. DON L. WARMOUTH was awarded the Master of Arts degree from Michigan State College, East Lansing, on June 7. He majored in Guidance and Counseling and did his minor work in the field of Social Work. In addition to this work, Mr. Warmouth was enrolled in the 12-week course for the Pastoral Care of the Sick at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, last summer.

BORN: To Dr. and Mrs. E. Frederick Richard, June 5, at Ft. Bliss, Texas, a daughter, Anne Jacqueline. Dr. Richard is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Eli D. Richard of Lincoln Park Church, Flint. He is finishing his internship at Wm. Beaumont General Hospital at Ft. Bliss for the Air Force. On July 1 he will begin a two-year residency in surgery at Highland Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

MISS LOUISE JEAN WALKER of Western Michigan College of Education Kalamazoo is going to Las Vegas, New Mexico, where she will teach Victorian Literature in New Mexico Highlands University during the summer session. She also taught there in 1951. After summer school closes she will spend several weeks in Mexico before returning to Kalamazoo. Miss Walker is the daughter of the late Rev. Quinton S. Walker of the Michigan Conference.

REV. AND MRS. DAVID S. EVANS and family of the Okemos Community Church have returned from Scranton, Pa., where Mr. Evans conducted the funeral of his 95-year-old grandmother, along with his brother George who is a member of the Ohio Conference. After a brief visit in Binghamton, N.Y., with his parents, they returned to Okemos. Rev. J. S. Smith of Peoples Church, a member of the Detroit Conference, preached at Okemos while Mr. Evans was away.

REV. WALTER FIRTH of Flint and MRS. EDITH CUNNINGHAM of Newark, N.J., were united in matrimony in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, after the morning service, June 7, with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale officiating. Those in attendance were a few near relatives of the bride, together with a few friends. Rev. and Mrs. Firth will make their home in Flint. While in New York, Mr. Firth, retired member of the Detroit Conference, visited at the home of Mrs. West, widow of Rev. Julian S. West of the Detroit Conference.

Obituaries

ALEXANDER HAYES KRAMER, great, great grandchild of President Hayes, died at his home east of Fulton, Michigan, June 4. He was a faithful member of the Fulton Methodist Church for thirty-two years. His funeral was held at his home church, Sunday, June 4, at 2 P.M., his pastor, L. J. Washmuth, officiating.

Marquette District Youth Elect Officers

BY MEANS of a mail ballot the Marquette District Methodist Youth Fellowship elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, Dick Hendra, First Church, Marquette; Vice-President, Marjorie Robinson, Central Church, Sault Ste. Marie; Secretary, Nancy Thompson, Munising; Treasurer, Kenneth Olson, Bark River; Chairman, Commission on Christian Faith, Phyllis LaBar, L'Anse; Christian Witness Chairman, Nancy Kjellberg, Negaunee; Christian Witness Chairman, Leslie Peterson, Grace Church, Marquette; Christian Fellowship, Jim McLaren, Central Church, Sault Ste. Marie.

These youth will attend the Detroit Conference Youth Assembly at Lake Huron Camp June 21-27. They will be accompanied by District Field Worker Harriet Palmer and District Youth Director Rev. Harold W. Diehl of Hancock.

Dr. McPheeters Speaks at WCTU Family Night Dinner

ABOUT two hundred sat down to dinner in the dining room of Metropolitan Church, Detroit, when the North Woodward Women's Christian Temperance Union held their annual Family Night Dinner, on Friday evening, May 22. Mrs. H. B. Bogrette, President of the North Woodward Union, presided. The invocation was given by Dr. Jewell M. Smoot, of Metropolitan Church, after which the audience sang the W.C.T.U. Prayer song led by Mr. Arthur Richardson, with Mrs. L. Richardson at the piano. Mrs. H. G. Ottmer led in the salute to the American Flag, the Christian Flag, and the Temperance Flag. The presidents of the five other Unions in the 13th Congressional District were guests at the dinner and were introduced.

Mrs. Lucius B. Rodger introduced unseen guests, who had gone to their heavenly home during the past year and a white carnation was placed in the centerpiece for each one.

Mrs. Chester McPheeters sang a solo, "I've Done My Work," by Carrie Jacobs Bond, accompanied by Dr. McPheeters at the piano.

Mrs. Bogrette introduced the President of the 13th District, Mrs. J. A. Dumontett, who presented the speaker of the evening, Dr. Chester McPheeters, minister at Metropolitan Church. He spoke on the issues of the day, in a very enlightening and interesting address and closed with the statement that we must get rid of the liquor business if we are to save America.

After the address the latest Temperance Motion Picture film, "The Choice Is Yours," was shown and at the close Dr. Carl G. Adams, minister of the Blvd. Temple Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction.

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By Allan G. Gray
THE MATURE HEART

By Helen Emmons

EVERYONE of us longs for the day when we shall wake not to find every hour mapped out for us by the demands of a schedule. Yet while we yearn for freedom we see so many people who have it who use leisure so unwisely to frustration rather than fulfillment. The minister who calls upon his aged parishioners oftentimes finds them clutching at his hand and heart to stay a little longer to help fill up the vacuum of time. One rejoices in helping to develop Christian youth and thrills to bringing grown men and women to Christ. But there is a deep satisfaction which cannot be expressed always in words when one stands on the shore of this earth and bids bon voyage to the aged saints as they set sail for Heaven and lets a radiant "auf weidersehen" form on his lips.

For such as are ripe unto the harvest, Helen Emmons has prepared this wonderful book. Devotions are set up in the now famous "Upper Room" pattern with each page fixed for a different theme. This innovation allows the reader to do as he chooses, either read consecutively or else by the theme that particularly fits the present mood. There are special devotions for holidays. The printing is large which makes it easy for older eyes to see. However, such large type necessitates a larger size book which makes it a little cumbersome.

The author is the wife of Dr. Grover Emmons who founded the "Upper Room" and in the early days of publication she would help with reading proof and even wrote many devotions herself. Long interested in worship materials, she has collected scraps of unusual poetry and prose for over forty years. Her long association with the church school and her employment as a parish visitor have sharpened her senses to what older people enjoy. The illustrations, for instance, seem to be chosen not to arouse in them any bad feelings because they cannot be more active but instead drawn from people their own age and from children who seem to be one of their favorite topics of conversation.

Here is a wonderful gift suggestion for some special occasion or just because you want to remember someone you love.

("The Mature Heart," Emmons. Abingdon-Cokesbury. \$3.50. The book may be secured from the Methodist Publishing House, 28 E. Elizabeth, Detroit 1, Mich.)

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OUR OLDER YOUTH

IN EVERY local church in the Michigan Conference there are Older Youth. Who are they? They are the working youth, the youth out of school but not yet working, the youth in college, couples who still have not found their way into a Young Adult Fellowship, and the youth who are in the Armed Forces perhaps stationed in a camp nearby the church.

The strength of the church and of the world lies within the potentialities of those we call Older Youth, those approximately 18 to 23 years of age. It is from this group that the community, the nation, and the world will be seeking leadership. The home and the church must help these youth develop the inner resources and leadership skills that are so sorely needed in this day in which we live.

These youth are being thrown on their own, and many experience a feeling of insecurity caused by the unanswered problems everywhere. Society no longer offers a plan for much security and there is a feeling of impotence to change the situation. Youth find themselves in desperate need of help.

One of the ways that we are attempting in the Michigan Conference to be of help to this age group is through our summer camp for Older Youth. This a week-end experience, short to be sure, and yet with a potential of opening to youth some areas of usefulness and sources of inspiration and of guidance.

Our Michigan Conference Camp for Older Youth is to be held at Chief Noonday Camp near Hastings, on Saturday and Sunday July 25 and 26th. Rev. Robert Smith of Ovid is serving as Dean, and Miss Barbara DePagter of Jackson, is serving as registrar. The over-all theme for the study sections of this camp is entitled "The Bible For Our Day." Dr. John Cheek of Albion College is the resource leader for these periods of thinking together.

Besides these opportunities for thinking and discussing there are ample opportunities for fine creative fellowship, wholesome recreation and meaningful worship experiences. We hope that the challenge of this type of a week-end experience will be presented to all of our Older Youth in our churches of the Michigan Conference. For further information you may send your inquiry to the Board of Education office, Box 9, Albion, Mich.—M.A.S.

He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.—Bailey.

It is doubtful whether one can be good without being good for something.

COLUMBIA BANS LAST PROTESTANT BROADCAST

BOGOTA, Colombia — (RNS) — The only remaining Protestant radio program in Colombia has been ordered off the air by the Ministry of Communications, according to Dr. Luis A. Quiroga, executive secretary of the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia.

The program, "The March of the Gospel," sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Girardot, had been broadcast each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. over Radio Girardot for the past five years.

Signed by Sr. Guillermo Moncayo, Secretary General of the Ministry of Communications, the suspension order cited the treaty of December, 1946, between Colombia and the United States, Dr. Quiroga said. It said the treaty "expresses the right of freedom of conscience for citizens . . . but limits their religious practices to those celebrated within their temples or chapels."

"Therefore," it added, "freedom of worship cannot be used as a pretext to engage in activities other than prayer, which activities infringe upon other liberties."

Four other Protestant radio programs had been prohibited by the Ministry of Communications in March, 1952, Dr. Quiroga said.

D. S. HITS LIQUOR STORES STUNT

WILMINGTON, Del.—(RNS)—Prominent men of this community who permitted themselves to be photographed in liquor stores for a charitable cause were rebuked from the pulpit by Dr. Hamilton P. Fox, superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Peninsula Methodist Conference.

Such persons said Dr. Fox, during a sermon in Harrison Street Methodist church, are "deficient in their sense of moral responsibility."

He was alluding to a special rotogravure supplement published by the News-Journal papers in salute to the annual Wilmington Flower Mart, held here for the benefit of local hospitals and welfare agencies. The rotogravure supplement featured Wilmington society members patronizing local stores and shops in an advertising campaign directly geared to the Flower Mart.

Pictured, among other business places, were a number of liquor stores and cocktail lounges in which prominent citizens were shown as patrons.

Dr. Fox condemned both the newspapers which published the pictures and the persons who permitted themselves to be photographed. "These men aren't wicked," he said. "They are only childish, immature, and naive in their seeking after publicity."

By Frances Huntington Martin

Lesson commentary based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Sunday, July 5

Do We Encourage One Another?

Romans 1:8-17; 2:1; 3:21-22a

A FEW verses from Paul's longest letter have been assigned for our consideration today. Although placed first in order in our New Testament we know that the letter to the Romans was not his earliest; we have already studied briefly five previous letters: to the Thessalonians, the Galatians and the Corinthians. We noted the statement of Paul's faith written at white heat to the Galatians; the letter to the Romans is a longer, more dispassionate analysis of the meaning of the Gospel; it is in reality a treatise rather than an epistle. We know it exercised "crucial influence" upon both Augustine and Luther. Since the word "Rome" is omitted from the most ancient manuscripts it is thought that this formal statement of Paul's faith was apparently circulated at some time as an encyclical letter.

Paul had arrived at Corinth from Ephesus after Timothy had straightened out the difficulties in the church and had brought the Corinthians to repentance and renewed loyalty to Paul. Evidently he spent the winter there awaiting the opening of navigation when he might return to Jerusalem with the offering for the church. Paul never relaxed his efforts to strengthen the understanding between the conservative Jewish-Christian group in Jerusalem and the Gentile churches in Macedonia and Greece. From Jerusalem Paul planned to visit Rome and Spain. In Corinth he wrote to those whom he expected to see later.

To anyone who would raise the question why he should extend his missionary efforts so far west Paul gave two reasons. The first is summed up in his immortal words, "I am under obligation both to the Greeks (the "have's") and the barbarians (the "have-not's")." Paul recognized his indebtedness to Greek culture. He had studied Greek philosophy, read Greek poetry, was familiar with the history and had seen the matchless art and architecture. He had done nothing to create this culture; he was only the recipient. Because of this indebtedness he was under obligation to give Greeks the Message of One whom they did not know who was the Power of God unto salvation. He was under obligation to share also with those called "barbarians"—the "have-not's." He was the recipient of the Gospel; it, too, had been given him. He was under obligation to every person in the whole world!

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Paul's second reason is his compelling purpose: "I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

1. By his presence. His fellowship with them was to be the means of benefit and uplift to them. Not in a "know-it-all" spirit but in mutual sharing. What a miracle takes place when a cheerful, buoyant person talks or counsels with a discouraged friend; the problems seem easier of solution, the clouds disappear: If the friend is sick; the pain is lessened, the fears are dispelled, a rainbow is seen.

2. When Paul could not give help and encouragement in person he wrote letters to his groups. A person who has been ill or lonely or in sorrow may not realize what encouragement is received in a short note or card. A daily musical program "Encores" always gives the name of a shut-in either in Canada or in this area who would be heartened by a card.

3. Paul tells his friends that he continues to pray for them that they may "stand firm," that they may increase in faith and good works." What a feeling of assurance it gives us to know that a friend is praying for us! Do we pray for our friends and loved ones like that?

4. Paul is always liberal with praise. Dr. Roy M. Pearson in his new book, "Here's a Faith For You," has a stimulating chapter entitled "Praise God!" "Praise is more important than many people think. Praise can be the difference between success and failure. It can turn the tide of defeat into triumph. It can be the added ounce of energy God uses to make his will incarnate . . . Praise is a demonstration of power, but we are too many times too weak to praise, too fearful, too jealous, too small . . . Praise is also the demonstration of goodness. It is evidence that a man loves righteousness and competence—even in someone else beside himself." (pp. 100-101)

5. Paul's main theme was his glory in what Jesus Christ was doing and his thanksgiving for what Jesus Christ was doing through him. One of the blessings of the out-moded "class-meeting" was this mutual sharing of experiences and thanksgiving for Jesus Christ. This was encouragement indeed. The church started not as an organization but as a group who came together to talk about their Lord and Master and to encourage one another. Do we encourage one another? Are we able to "impart some spiritual gift" to others that may "strengthen" them in their faith?

Young Adult FORUM



Detroit Conference Young Adult Council,
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HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITY

By Robert L. Moore

Part III

THIS week's column will be used to discuss the second item of leadership equipment we decided a good leader should possess—*Leadership Knowledge*. Since we are concerned with Christian Leadership, this knowledge should be centered around our church experience.

1. Leadership Knowledge About the Total Church:

(a) People expect their leaders to keep them informed about other phases of the local church program and the total program. No one person can become expert in all phases of the activities of the church but anyone can keep informed who will make the effort. Leadership gravitates to those who are qualified. Calling in qualified experts to inform our people is one of the leader's services.

(b) People expect their leaders to know and inform them about the origin, history, and growth of our church and of the Christian Church.

(c) People expect their leaders to know and to keep them informed about the leadership group in the district, conference, national and international program of the church. Leaders are expected to know these leaders as persons and to know and appreciate their accomplishments.

(d) People expect their leaders to know where the money comes from and where it goes, how it is distributed between the various home and foreign mission fields and what our dollar accomplishes in these fields.

(e) People want their leaders to inform them about the size and standing of our church in membership, in growth and expansion in achievements.

(f) People expect their leaders to keep them informed about forward plans of expansion for the world-wide program of the church. They expect to hear about new programs, new tools, new courses of study to raise the quality level of the local program.

2. Leadership Knowledge About the Local Church:

The members expect the leader to know how the local church is organized, governed and administered. The leader should know the church leaders, as persons as well as names. He should know where to go for help and to obtain expert guidance on problems. The leader should know about reports, who makes

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I LOVE MELVIN (MGM). A young girl with dancing and musical aspirations meets an equally ambitious young photographer with a resourceful turn of mind, nimble feet and a pleasant personality. A romantic situation results, bringing a happy climax to a gay Technicolor comedy full of youthful adventure. A large cast of young actors provide peppy dancing, singing and good humor. **F**

THE GIRLS OF PLEASURE ISLAND (Paramount). The privacy and security of an English father, his three daughters and a housekeeper on a tropical atoll are invaded by a group of American Marines sent to build an airstrip. The boys, in their boisterous way, take over family and island until their task is completed. This is a delightfully told story, with amusing situations and budding romance in a war background. The Marines are a typical group of American youth, efficient, human and full of energy. The more reserved attitude of the British family creates interesting contrasts. A generally pleasant atmosphere pervades the whole story which is set in beautiful Technicolor and well acted throughout. **F**

SOMBRERO (MGM). Three bachelors are in love, each having great difficulty in winning the girl of his choice. Their stories are interwoven, mingling humor and tragedy, local color and sophistication. Superstition and ignorance seem to be a part of religious life. The black art of the sorcerer is on a par with the tricks of a prankster. Situations are solved in a tragi-comic manner. Although filmed in Technicolor in Mexico and based on the novel "A Mexican Village," it is difficult to decide whether the film is trying to depict a panorama of Mexican life or is intended as a glossy musical. **A,Y**

PENNY PRINCESS (Universal-International). From demonstrating kitchen gadgets in a New York department store basement to reigning as "Princess" in a small mythical country, is the predicament of a young American girl. A rich eccentric relative has died suddenly after "buying" the tiny state and she has inherited it with all attending problems. This sprightly lampoon in pleasant Technicolor is full of sly humor which is neither vulgar nor offensive. Some musical interludes are planned for comical, discordant effects. The country's main export

them, what other groups report, in other words—news about other groups.

3. Leadership Knowledge About the Details and Program of Our Own Group:

The leader should know the group's main purpose, its primary goals, just what are we trying to accomplish? What standards of workmanship do we set for a good job? How do we recognize and reward the people who do the work necessary to carry out the program? What are the "house rules" and traditions which we have and cherish? What are the traditions of the constitution and bylaws of our group?

To sum up for now: We need thorough and detailed knowledge of the necessary tools of effective leadership. The wise leader encourages members to serve as experts in various phases of the total program.

Two more important aspects of Leadership Knowledge will be discussed in the next column of this series.

is an alcoholized cheese which makes people as addle-pated as the story. **F**

SMALL TOWN GIRL (MGM). A "pretty" musical, framed in a small town complete with white New England church and a country store that sells everything from pianos to ice cream sodas. A wealthy playboy learns from the judge and his daughter that there are some things money will not buy. Put in jail for speeding and insolence, the young man falls in love with the girl and is destined for the simple life. The girl, in the meantime, seems to enjoy a surreptitious excursion to the big city's plush night spots.

The film begins and ends in church and there are several scenes in which grace at the table is attempted but foiled, with much levity derived. The treatment of this and other religious episodes is unsatisfactory. **A,Y**

Rural Leadership School Scheduled for MSC, July 7-17

ANOTHER excellent program has been set up for the seventh annual Rural Leadership School to be held at Michigan State College in East Lansing July 7-17.

This non-denominational project is planned especially for rural clergy, lay leader, teachers, farm organization leaders, and others with a vital interest in the rural church—including the wives of pastors. It is made possible by the cooperative efforts of several college departments, specialists, and church leaders through the college's Continuing Education Service.

Costs for the entire school will be \$55.00 for each adult. This will include course fees and all charges for room and board, except meals Saturday night and Sunday.

Basic objectives are six-fold: To offer the many resources of Michigan State College to professional and lay leaders of the town and country church; to provide a pleasant and stimulating atmosphere for sharing with others on rural life problems; to stimulate research on basic rural community problems; to encourage improved working relationships between all agencies serving rural life; to practice together human relationship skills; and to seek for solutions to the particular problems brought to the school by the members.

Core classes, which are part of the three-year courses, are "Group Methods," "Community Organization," and "Rural Church Problems."

Elective classes for the first week include "Church Music," "Comparative Economic Systems," "Home and Family Living," and "The Pastor's Wife." Plus Church Maintenance Problems.

For the second week, elective classes are "Social and Economic Trends in Rural Communities," "Science and Religion," and "First Aid Psychiatry."

Additional information may be had by writing to the Continuing Education Service, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

Man worships success, but thinks too little of the means by which it is obtained.

A little courtesy covers a multitude of sins.

Quiet Time Thought



By Leroy M. ...

IT IS WELL to remember that your experience of Christ may be different than your neighbor's. If you have felt disturbed because yours seemed different or seemed to lack what others had found, remember that God deals with no two people alike. He does not make two alike, and He does not treat them alike. Each is individual. The disciples did not all find or continue with Christ in the same manner. They each saw Him through different eyes. The Woman of Samaria was certainly poles apart from Erudite and cultured Nicodemus. Mary of Magdala was a world removed from Mary of Nazareth. Yet they were all Christian, and each one had a real experience. Paul, found his first experience of Jesus in a blaze of blinding light at high noon. It turned him from the dreaded persecutor of the Christians into the greatest propagator of the faith he had once sought to destroy.

But Lydia, first Christian convert in Europe, found Christ in a quiet prayer meeting by a riverside under the preaching of this same Paul. While his conversion was tumultuous as a summer storm; Hers was quiet as the sunrise. Yet both had an experience of Christ that was transforming, wonderfully real, and glorious.

There is room in Christ for infinite variety. Everyone must find his Savior in his own way. While certain great paths are marked out which we call conversion, new birth, surrender, repentance, each comes to them with his own thoughts and out of his own past along an infinite variety of paths to the one supreme Lord.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to be myself by surrendering self to Thee. Thou canst raise me to my best self when I lose self in Thee. Take the strands of my individual nature and weave them into the pattern which Thou seest in me and perhaps in no other. Surrendering self, let me find myself at my best and highest in Thee. Amen.

Coming Events

This column is published every other week. Additional dates for this column should be sent to the Advocate, Adrian, Michigan, by responsible persons as early as possible and not less than three weeks prior to event.

- June 26-28—World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism, Philadelphia, Pa.
- June 28—Bay View Assembly Opening.
- June 28—Dedication of the Paul W. Voorhies Memorial Hall, Bay View.
- June 28-July 1—Michigan Conference WSCS Summer Institute, Albion.
- June 28-July 4—Grand Traverse District Seniors, Lake Louise, Rev. Donn Doten, Dean.
- June 28-July 4—Grand Traverse District Intermediates, Lake Louise, Rev. Donn Doten, Dean.
- June 28-July 4—Kalamazoo District Seniors, Crystal Springs, Rev. Robert Willoughby, Dean.
- June 28-July 4—Michigan Conference Juniors I, Chief Noonday, Rev. Keith Avery, Director.
- June 28-July 4—Christian Life Camp, Judson Collins, Dr. Glenn M. Frye, Director

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- July 5-11—Big Rapids District Intermediates, Lake Louise, James Bowker, Dean.
- July 5-11—Michigan Conference Juniors II, Chief Noonday, Don Winegar, Director.
- July 5-11—Kalamazoo District Intermediates I, Crystal Spring, James Rogers, Dean.
- July 6-24—Summer School for Supply Pastors, Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn.
- July 7-17—Rural Leadership School, Michigan State College, East Lansing.
- July 10-11—Michigan Conference MYF Planning Conference, Albion College.
- July 12-18—Grand Rapids Seniors, Lake Louise, Harold Homer, Dean.
- July 12-18—Kalamazoo District Intermediates II, Crystal Springs, Zach Clayton, Dean.
- July 12-18—Area Laboratory School, Albion College, O. LaVern Merritt, Dean.
- July 12-18—Albion-Lansing District Intermediates Chief Noonday, Robert Dobbs, Dean.
- July 19-25—Grand Rapids District Intermediates, Chief Noonday, Paul Robinson, Dean.
- July 26-27—Michigan Conference Older Youth, Chief Noonday, Robert Smith, Dean.
- July 26-27—Michigan Conference Young Adults, Chief Noonday, Carlos Page, Dean.
- July 27-30—Michigan Conference Older Adults, Chief Noonday, Park Newcombe, Director.
- July 31-Aug. 8—Big Rapids District Seniors, Lake Louise, Albert Butterfield, Dean.

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- Aug. 3—Michigamme School of Missions.

- Aug. 10-28—Summer School for Supply Pastors, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. (Note change of date.)
- Aug. 16-22—Albion-Lansing District Seniors I, Lake Louise, Hoover Rupert, Dean.
- Aug. 17-21—Second Annual Institute for house-parents and meeting of superintendents of Methodist children's homes, Lamubth Inn, Lake Junaluska, N.C.
- Aug. 23-29—Albion-Lansing District Seniors II, Lake Louise, John Tennant, Dean.
- Aug. 23-28—National Conference of Methodist Youth, Kansas City.
- Aug. 30—Michigan Conference Christian Witness Mission, Lansing, Wirth Tennant, Director.
- Aug. 30-Sept 7—Michigan Conference Christian Witness Mission for Youth, Lansing.

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- Sept. 4-7—Detroit Conference Young Adult Labor Day Week-End Retreat, Lake Huron Camp.

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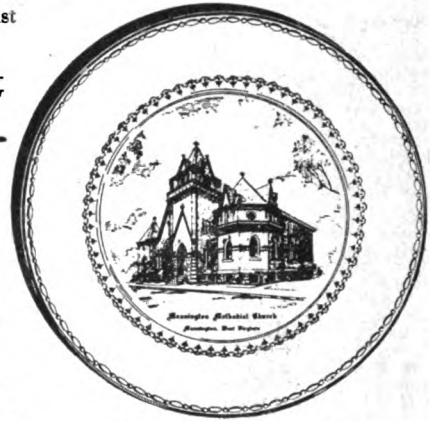
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