

**JOURNAL  
of the  
PACIFIC AND SOUTHWEST  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
The United Methodist Church**

**ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION  
HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS  
REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA  
JUNE 11-15, 1982**

**President  
JACK M. TUELL  
Bishop of the United Methodist Church**

**Secretary  
BERT N. LEWIS  
18422 Culver Dr.  
Irvine, CA 92715  
Phone: (714) 552-8233**

**Editor  
RICHARD H. PETERSON  
3104 W. Glendale Ave.  
Phoenix, Ariz. 85021**

**THE UNITED METHODIST CENTER  
472 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Box 6006  
Pasadena, CA 91109  
Phone: (213) 796-6607**

**THE OFFICIAL RECORD  
By Authority of the Conference**

**Order from  
COKESBURY STORE  
476 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107**

**Printed by  
TM/UMR Productions  
Dallas, Texas**

**Editor's Notes**

The Southwest Annual Conference is intended to be helpful and tried to make it as accurate as possible within the limits of the printing staff, considering that many different

letters were sent to the Conference Secretary for the correction of the Editor. Suggestions on how the JOURNAL may be improved in the future should be sent to the Editor, (3104 W.

3104 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021) The Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church is the result of the 1948 session in the continuing life of the Southern Methodist Conference of the General Conference of 1948 and approved by the General Conference since unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Methodist Church. For organizational dates of these, see Historical Journal.

Brethren Church. Work for the American Sunday School Union followed and then local pastorates in the United Methodist Church.

In 1934, while serving the Farmersville Methodist Church near Visalia, he met Elizabeth Paragien, his wife to be. He transferred to the Southern California Conference in 1936 where he was appointed to Christ Church, Los Angeles. Seeking full ordination in the Methodist Church, he entered the University of Southern California School of Theology and was ordained deacon, and then elder.

1941 was a big year in Richard's life. He graduated from U.S.C. with a Master of Theology degree and was taken into the conference in full connection. During the school years he had served appointments at Christ Church and also at Northridge. On July 5, he and Elizabeth were married in the garden of her parents' home. He was appointed by Bishop Baker to the Arlington Church in Riverside, where he served until 1949, when he suffered heart exhaustion. Taking a leave of absence, he and Elizabeth retired to the countryside in La Sierra as doctors had advised so that he "might live out the year." That "year" turned out to be twenty happy years. First Church Riverside was their church home, where he sang in the choir.

In 1957, Edwin Reeves invited Richard to join the First Church Riverside as "Minister of Sick and Shut-ins." He was great at it. George Boss and Bill Hobbs, as well as Ed Reeves can testify to that, as can those to whom he ministered. Richard loved the church, everything about the church, especially working with Alma Ellis, Tom Farley and Dave Young. He took responsibility for the recruitment and training of the acolytes. He was knob n for his sensitive pastoral prayers and his readings of the Holy Scriptures and his Communion services.

He retired for the last time in 1967. He and Elizabeth lived in Riverside for a time and then moved to the community of Los Osos where they were active in Trinity United Methodist Church with David Richardson. They loved their garden and the quail that regularly visited their home which was nestled in the chapparal. It is a testimony to them both that people loved them wherever they went.

On June 26, 1981, Richard suffered another heart attack. He died four days later. He was well-loved and is greatly missed. Richard was a modest man, a gentle man, one of whom our Lord spoke when he said "Blessed are the meek . . ." He was both salt and light in the life of the people he served.

### GEORGE E. ROOT

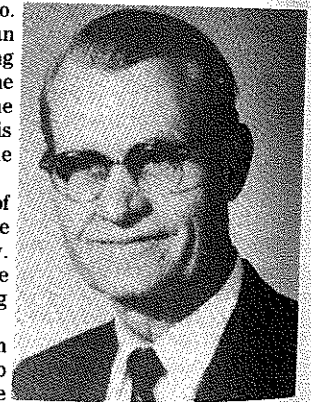
ROOT, GEORGE E. (T.25; F30) So. Cal., 25 Kings River and River Bend; 26 Kings River; 27 School; 30 Sanger; 34 Riverside, Arlington; 38 San Diego, Mission Hills; So. Cal.-Ariz., 39 San Diego, Mission Hills; 45 Orange; 49 Ventura, First; 56 (Apr. 15) Glendale, First, Asso.; 64 R'd. (1617.3); 65-69 (Fullerton, Min. of Parish); Pac. and S.W., 77 (Fullerton, Min. of Parish).

George Root was born on a farm near Paso Robles — 84 years ago. A teacher prodded him to go on to college. He set out to be an agricultural missionary in Latin America. He and Juanita were going out with the student volunteer movement, but a depression came along and the funds were cut off. So he went to seminary and became a minister instead. But always he saw himself as the harvester — his task was to harvest the good wheat. Indeed that is what he has done well for over 50 years.

He was a good teacher and a very patient person. He had a way of affirming you into the Kingdom. He was an extraordinary pastor. He cared for the sick and the dying — that was a priority of his ministry. He counseled those in trouble. I don't know how many couples have made it through their marriages because George helped them along the way.

He was also a social activist. In his first church in San Joaquin Valley, he invited persons working with the migrant laborers in to share their concerns. Before World War II, he helped picket the sending of scrap iron to Japan. He was a pacifist during World War II, the Korean and the Viet Nam conflicts. He stood boldly during the McCarthy era — when others were intimidated, he spoke up.

He was a pastor of all the people. With Juanita they shared great interest in the children's division of



the Ch  
junior  
Sunday  
He w  
evenin  
Indec  
old dric  
ministr  
On th  
Bernar  
extingu  
  
RUNES  
Mss  
T.H.  
Laha  
Lang  
  
He li  
exuber  
he touch  
There  
dusty p  
calling o  
to rejoice  
search fo  
There  
high, cl  
eloquent  
matrimo  
There  
His creat  
But al  
pioneer p  
He can  
instrume  
remote, o  
for God's  
He beca  
through i  
He was  
keen sens  
He was  
loving far  
He was  
the family  
  
... and  
bougainvi  
God's glori  
man Rune  
Halleluj

SMITH, A  
San Di  
Diego:

school Union followed and then local pastorates in the  
 t Church near Visalia, he met Elizabeth Paragien, his  
 rnia Conference in 1936 where he was appointed to  
 n in the Methodist Church, he entered the University  
 rdnated deacon, and then elder.  
 ed from U.S.C. with a Master of Theology degree and  
 rring the school years he had served appointments at  
 he and Elizabeth were married in the garden of her  
 er to the Arlington Church in Riverside, where he  
 stion. Taking a leave of absence, he and Elizabeth  
 ad advised so that he "might live out the year." That  
 Church Riverside was their church home, where he

he First Church Riverside as "Minister of Sick and  
 l Hobbs, as well as Ed Reeves can testify to that, as  
 the church, everything about the church, especially  
 oung. He took responsibility for the recruitment and  
 sitive pastoral prayers and his readings of the Holy

both lived in Riverside for a time and then moved to  
 ive in Trinity United Methodist Church with David  
 that regularly visited their home which was nestled  
 people loved them wherever they went.  
 t attack. He died four days later. He was well-loved  
 a gentle man, one of whom our Lord spoke when he  
 nd light in the life of the people he served.

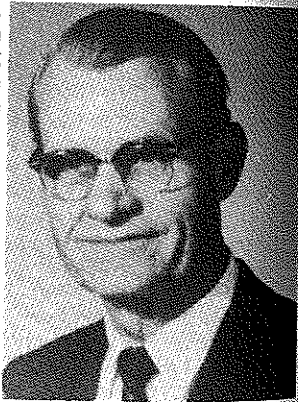
**E. ROOT**

River and River Bend; 26 Kings River; 27 School, 30  
 Mission Hills; So. Cal.-Ariz., 39 San Diego, Mission  
 15) Glendale, First, Asso.; 64 R'd. (1617.3); 65-69  
 ullerton, Min. of Parish).

s — 84 years ago.  
 set out to be an  
 ranita were going  
 depression came  
 ary and became  
 r harvester — his  
 what he has done

He had a way of  
 linary pastor. He  
 y of his ministry.  
 ny couples have  
 elped them along

in San Joaquin  
 nt laborers in to  
 elped picket the  
 uring World War II, the Korean and the Viet Nam  
 when others were intimidated, he spoke up.  
 y shared great interest in the children's division of



the Church School, they gave a tremendous amount of time to the youth division, going with senior and  
 junior highers to camp summer after summer: they had single young adult groups in the parsonage on  
 Sunday evenings — and started and led many young married groups.

He was a great husband and father, and how he loved his granddaughters. Many an afternoon and  
 evening was given over to picnics, miniature golf, and a multitude of games.

Indeed, all his life George was the harvester of good wheat. In the first week of last June, he planted an  
 old dried poinsettia stick that's now sprouting forth. That's symbolic of what's happened because of his  
 ministry.

On the morning of his death, as we were riding to Claremont, we saw the sunrise over the San  
 Bernardino Mountains. It verified for us the words of the philosopher, Tagore. "... death is not  
 extinguishing the light, it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."

John A. Zimmer

**JACINTO R. RUNES**

RUNES, JACINTO R. (T.27; F.32) Cal., 32 Hawaii Mssn.; Cal., 39 Hawaii Mssn.; Cal-Nev., 49 Hawaii  
 Missn.; Filipino Church, Kekaha, Kauai, T.H.; So. Cal.-Ariz., 53 Miss'y to Hawaii, Kekaha, Kauai,  
 T.H.; 57 Miss'y to Hawaii, East Kauai (Kapaia) Church, Omao, Kauai; 60 Naalehu, Hawaii and  
 Lahaina, Asso.; 62 Asso. in Language, Kauai and Maui Circuits, Hawaii; 64 Asso. in Filipino  
 Language, Kauai Circuit, Hawaii; 65 R'd (1617.3); Pac. and S.W., 77 R'd (1617.3).

He lived a full four-score and seven years with triumphant  
 exuberance and awesome vitality as he intertwined the lives of those  
 he touched with spiritual guidance, grace and assurance.

There are those who will remember him trudging firm-footed on a  
 dusty path through the dirt roads of Kekaha, the plantation town,  
 calling on his flock . . . to comfort them in their grief and anguish . . .  
 to rejoice with them in their moments of joy . . . to uplift them in their  
 search for serenity.

There are those who will hear his voice raised in song — soaring  
 high, clear and vibrantly strong . . . or his words whispered  
 eloquently in solemn tranquility in uniting husband and wife in holy  
 matrimony.

There are those who beheld the majesty of God and the grandeur of  
 His creation in the sermons that he preached throughout his lifetime.

But all this is but one facet of the Rev. JACINTO R. RUNES:  
 pioneer preacher of the highest regard.

He came from the Philippines to Hawaii in his youth seeking an opportunity to serve God. He was  
 instrumental in the early efforts of missionary movements in spreading the Christian message to  
 remote, outlying areas where immigrant Filipino laborers and their families worked and lived, thirsting  
 for God's word.

He became a part of the leadership of Kauai within the Filipino community which worked tirelessly  
 through its civic endeavors to educate and provide services for Filipinos throughout the state.

He was also an entrepreneur — bold, daring and innovative in his timing and approach, reflecting a  
 keen sense of business acumen and integrity.

He was an avid fisherman, enjoying the sport as much as he did the fellowship that came with the  
 loving family that joined him on his many expeditions, be it stream, river, lake or shoreline fishing.

He was a gallant husband and noble patriarch with a twinkle in his eye who found his greatest joy in  
 the family he nurtured and gathered about him, and who now celebrate his life and his love . . .

\*\*\*

and somewhere, perhaps in the fluttering wing of a bird perched on a blossoming vine of a  
 bougainvillea bush, we may see in the hue of a rainbow reflected in a dew-drop — the magnificence of  
 God's glory, that in the symbolic simplicity of that moment, we may remember and rejoice that Apo-  
 man Runes is with Him.

Hallelujah and Amen.

submitted in loving tribute  
 by Jose Bulatao Jr.

**ALBERT MARION SMITH**

SMITH, ALBERT MARION (T.52; F.54) Rock River, 52 Wedron; 53 Wilmetta, Assoc.; So. Cal. Ariz., 55  
 San Diego, Trinity; 62 Pacific Palisades; 66 (Dec. 1) Scottsdale, AZ; 74 (Nov. 24) D. L. (357); 76 San  
 Diego: Vista; Pac. & S.W., 77 San Diego: Vista; 80 Sun City, AZ, Lakeview.

