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ANDERSON, REV. HAMPTON W.

MEN of the PULPIT

Get Indian Lore Via Choctaw Cleric

The Rev. Hampton W. Anderson, a Choctaw Indian, has devoted much of his life to furthering the cause of the American Indian, both as a government worker and more recently as a Methodist minister.

He spoke recently on Indian lore at an American Indian Festival in the Fisherman's Methodist Church, 226 Bay 35th St., Brooklyn, as part of his duties as associate director of field work of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Born in Indian territory in Oklahoma in 1896, he entered the government service in 1914 in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1948, he was ordained a minister and given the task of drumming up financial and moral support across the nation for the church's



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This included running his own petroleum refining industry, working for the Agriculture Department and, during World War II, the War Department.

He had transferred to the Army Engineer Corps after the war and was all set for assignment overseas to Manila when he ran into a group of representatives of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Signed Up on Spot

The conversation turned to Indian missionary work and he expressed such a knowledge of the problems involved that they mustered him on the spot.

"I said I would like to talk it over with my wife and let them know in a few days," he said. "They picked up a nearby phone and said 'call her.'"

"The idea of becoming a minister had been in the back of my mind for many years and my wife knew it. She told me that 'if the Lord still wants you' to go ahead and do it. I did."

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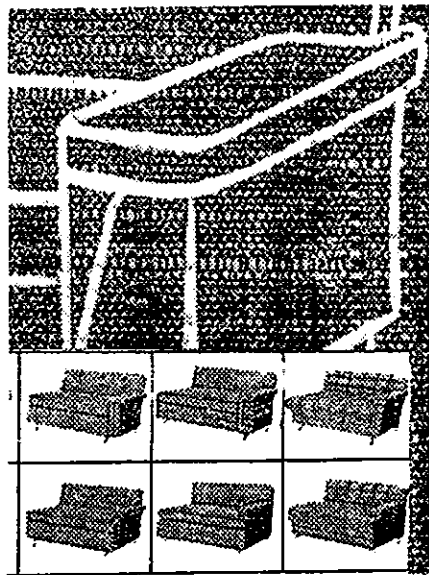
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Name: Hampton W. Anderson

Permanent American address: 534 E. Court Street, Atoka, Oklahoma

Where born: Thurman, Indian Territory

Parents names: David D. and Siney Byington-Anderson, both enrolled full-blood Choctaw Indians.

Schools - Colleges - Degrees (years)

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September, 1946

If ordained, when? where? by? June 2, 1949, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, by the East Oklahoma Conference, Bishop W. Angie Smith presiding.

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Places of service -- types of work -- institutions -- years, etc:

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Witt Memorial (Indian Church) Tulsa, Oklahoma, pastor, 1947-1948.

Atoka, Oklahoma, superintendent of Eastern District, Indian

Mission of Oklahoma, from September, 1948, to date.

Foreign languages spoken; other talents: None; but speak Choctaw and understand Chickasaw and Creek (Indian languages).

Any books written? special research? please describe: While in government service (Indian Resettlement program) and with the Department of Agriculture was privileged to conduct surveys of living conditions, economic standards of people residing on submarginal areas, taking in a large segment of our Indians here in// in the Oklahoma. Ability to support schools, community activities & interests entered study. Description of your special work on field (needs of people, opportunities, numbers reached, plans for future, etc.) Anything else of interest to church people, or newspaper readers:

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Resident Bishop:
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Stonewall, Oklahoma

July 25, 1949.

Mrs. Arlettie R. Taylor
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New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

The blank enclosed with your letter of the 19th has been filled in with the meager biographical data which bears on the subject. The trouble is that he is just an ordinary, very ordinary fellow who hasn't done much and to whom nothing of importance has happened. In other words, he is just plain mill-run whose parents were neither rich nor poor, but who were thrifty and through wise investments had built up one of the finest ranches in the northwest section of the old Choctaw Nation. My father was sixteen years old before he could speak a word of English. With only three years of schooling, he adapted himself to changing conditions and soon acquired small interests in banking and merchandising. My mother, although coming from a full-blood Indian family, never learned to speak our language; however, she understood Choctaw perfectly.

Notwithstanding the language difficulty which my father never completely overcame, he considered any education beyond the common school quite unnecessary to the management of a farm and ranch layout. While he did not oppose, he yet did not encourage my going away to school and it is to a maternal uncle, Simon Byington, to whom I am indebted for the academic and specialized training which I received. At Haskell Institute I took Business Management and Accounting; later completed a specialized course in Personnel Management. My grandfather, David J. Byington, was a Baptist minister and in his study I learned to concentrate on religious subjects. Most of my life was spent as a member of the Baptist Church. My conversion to Methodism came about as I realized that only through the Methodist Church would the opportunity be afforded me of serving my people in a manner approximating effectiveness. Perhaps I inherited some of the convictions of a maternal great grandfather who, in addition to serving as a Circuit Judge, was also a Methodist Circuit rider. His name was Rufus Folsom.

Yours sincerely,

H. W. Anderson
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P. L. Taylor; see photo later on page

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A full-blooded Choctaw Indian, who is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church Eastern District of the and in charge of the/Indian Methodist Mission of Oklahoma, will be the guest-speaker on . He is the Rev. Hampton W. Anderson, of Atoka, Okla., who will speak on the work of Christian churches among the American Indians.

Mr. Anderson was born in Thurman, then in the old Indian Territory. His father was sixteen years of age before he learned to speak English, and he built one of the finest of the old ranches in the northwestern section of the former Choctaw Nation. On his mother's side, Mr. Anderson is a great-grandson of Rufus Folsom who was born a U. S. circuit judge and a Methodist Indian circuit rider, and a grandson of David J. Byington, a Baptist minister.

The young Anderson was educated at Jones Academy, a tribal semi-vocational school, and at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan. In the latter he specialized in personnel and business management and in accounting, and thus was trained for government service. From 1918 to 1946 he spent the years in the Indian Service, the Department of the Interior, the Farm Security Administration, the War Department, and the Department of Agriculture. Meanwhile he had been active as a layman and lay-leader and local preacher in the Indian Mission in Oklahoma. It was Bishop W. Angie Smith who, in 1946, ordained him to full-time Christian/ministry.

He is a first named pastor of the Muskogee Indian Mission, Okla.; then pastor of the Watt Memorial Indian Church in Tulsa; and since 1948, superintendent of one of the districts of the Indian Mission of Oklahoma. He preaches in both English and Choctaw, and understands Chickasaw and Creek Indian languages.

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A leader in Methodist work among the Indians of Oklahoma, will speak at
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The Rev. Hampton W. Anderson of Atoka, Okla., secretary for cultivation and promotion of the Oklahoma Indian Mission, served in 1961-62 as associate director of the Board's Department of Field Cultivation. In that capacity, he spoke in Methodist churches and to Methodist groups throughout the nation about the denomination's home missions program. He is a full-blooded Choctaw Indian.

Before joining the Board's staff, Mr. Anderson was a district superintendent in the Oklahoma Indian Methodist Mission for 13 years. In 1943 he was appointed superintendent of the Eastern district and later was named to the Southeastern district. Under his supervision were the pastors of 49 local churches with 2,500 members.

Mr. Anderson was born in what is now Oklahoma but what at that time was still Indian Territory. He attended Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan., and the University of Oklahoma. For several years before entering the ministry, he was in various phases of United States Government Service.

Ordained in 1946, Mr. Anderson was pastor of Indian Methodist churches in Muskogee and Tulsa before being appointed district superintendent. He is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Methodist Mission.

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Board Names 9
New Executives

Nine new staff executives, ranging from a treasurer to a consultant for an international literature program, were elected by the Methodist Board of Missions at its executive committee meeting September 28 in New York. The names of three had been announced previously. The new executives:

The Rev. Hampton W. Anderson, Atoka, Okla., to be associate director of the Department of Field Cultivation of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation;

Miss Hazel Correll, Inman, S. C., to be associate secretary of youth work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Miss Doris Hess, Hughesville, Pa., to be consultant for a quadrennial program of literature development in Methodist mission fields around the world (previously announced);

The Rev. Harold S. Huff, Kinot, N. D., to be director of the Department of Town and Country Work of the Division of National Missions (previously announced);

The Rev. Harold M. Jenkins, Danbury, Conn., to be associate treasurer of the Division of World Missions;

Mrs. John S. Kenner, Fairmont, W. Va., and New York, to be editor of the Methodist Woman magazine, beginning January 1;

F. Richmond Leonard, Stoughton, Mass., to be budget director of the Division of World Missions;

Miss Florence Little, Atlanta, Ga., to be treasurer of the Woman's Division of Christian Service;

The Rev. Donald E. Struchen, Meadville, Pa., to be director of the Department of the Local Church in the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation

(previously announced).

Mr. Anderson, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, was born in Oklahoma before statehood, when it was still Indian Territory. After education at Haskell Institute and the University of Oklahoma, he worked in various branches of the Federal Government. Entering the Methodist ministry in 1946, he was pastor of Indian Methodist churches in Muskogee and Tulsa, Okla., and superintendent of the Eastern and Southeastern districts of the Oklahoma Indian Methodist Mission Conference. In the latter capacity, he supervised pastors of 49 Methodist churches with about 2,500 members. He is a member of the Oklahoma Methodist Conference and has been president of the Protestant Indian Council of Oklahoma.

Miss Correll holds the bachelor of arts degree from Pfeiffer College, Wisenheimer, N. C., and the master of religious education degree from Boston University. She has been educational assistant at the Trinity Methodist Church, Augusta, Ga., and has done Christian education work in North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina and the Scandinavian countries. Most recently she has been instructor in Christian education at Pfeiffer College. She is a deaconess.

Mrs. Kenney is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and holds the bachelor of arts degree in English and sociology. She did general news reporting in West Virginia and was on the public relations staff of the Methodist Church Union, Pittsburgh, Pa., the Board of Home Missions of the former Methodist Episcopal Church and the Department of News Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. For the last three years, she has been editorial assistant for The Methodist Woman. Mrs. Kenney is the wife of the late Rev. Dr. John L. Kenney, a pastor and district superintendent in the California-Nevada Methodist Conference. She has been active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and is a member of Christ Church, Methodist, New York.

Dr. Jenkins was born in Washington, Pa., and educated at Taylor University, Upland, Ind., and Drew University, Madison, N. J. He holds the bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Taylor and the bachelor of divinity degree from Drew.

He has been pastor of Methodist churches in Stamford, Springdale and Danbury, Conn. and is a member of the New York East Methodist Conference and of its Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications. He served three years in the Air Force in World War II.

Mr. Leonard is a graduate of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and has done graduate study at New York University and Boston University. With 23 years of banking experience in New York and Stoughton and Canton, Mass., he has handled all phases of commercial banking work and has been a bank officer 19 years. His most recent position was as manager of the Stoughton branch of the Norfolk County Trust Company in Boston. He has been treasurer of the Stoughton Council of churches, vice-president of the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club. He has been active in the First Methodist Church of Stoughton.

Miss Little was employed for 23 years in the general accounting department of the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Atlanta. There she worked with income and disbursement accounting. As a management supervisory employee, she had responsibilities in office management and the hiring of personnel. During 1960 she worked in the secretariat of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. She has been active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and has held offices on the local church and district levels. Miss Little holds the bachelor of arts degree from Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., with majors in mathematics and history and has done graduate work in theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

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