

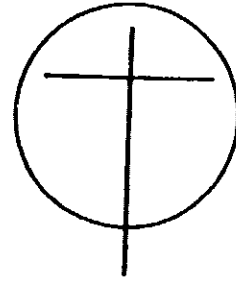
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Miss M. Dorothy Woodruff, Research Librarian  
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Dear Miss Woodruff:

In response to your request, please find enclosed  
copy of the list of names and addresses of bishop's  
widows.

Please note that the widow of Bishop Robert N. Brooks  
is now Mrs. Richard S. Brown, 4573 Don Milagro Drive,  
Los Angeles 8, California. Your enclosure has been  
forwarded to her.

Sincerely yours,

*Marie Kitazumi*  
Marie Kitazumi  
Secretary to Dr. Cooke

MK  
Enclosure

BISHOP ROBERT N. BROOKS

Born: May 8, 1888, Cleveland County (Brooks Chapel), N.C.

Married: Edith Geneva Crogman, September 3, 1919

Education: Bennett College, Gammon Theological Seminary,  
Northwestern University, Garrett Biblical Institute,  
Union Theological Seminary, Oxford University (England)

Ordained: Deacon, 1912; Elder, 1917

Positions: Pastorates, Red Springs and Maxton, N. C. - Field  
Secretary, Board of Sunday Schools, Methodist Episcopal  
Church - President, Haven Teachers College, Central Alabama  
College, Samuel Huston College - Head of Department of  
Church History, Gammon Theological Seminary - Editor of  
the Central Christian Advocate - Elected to the episcopacy,  
The Methodist Church, June 10, 1944 - Assigned to the  
New Orleans Area

Delegate: General Conferences, 1924, 1928, 1936 - General  
and Jurisdictional Conferences, 1940, 1944

Member: Board of Education; Board of Missions and Church  
Extension; Commission on Advance for Christ and His Church;  
Commission on Methodist Headquarters; Committee of 19;  
President, Board of Trustees of Samuel Huston College,  
Rust College, and Wiley College; Board of Trustees, Dillard  
University, Bennett College

Degrees: A. B., Bennett College; B. D., Gammon Theological  
Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute; M. A., Northwestern  
University; D. D., Gammon Theological Seminary; Litt. D.,  
Wiley College; LL. D., Rust College

Fraternity: Alpha Phi Alpha; Kappa Boule

Elected: By Council of Bishops to review and appraise  
Methodist Work on the Continent of Africa, April 15-September  
15, 1947 - Visited South America for the Department of Foreign  
Missions of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, June  
25-September 13, 1948

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Central Jurisdiction:

### BISHOP BROOKS DIES

Bishop Robert N. Brooks of the New Orleans Area is dead. The 65-year old bishop died Aug. 2 at Gulfside Assembly in Waveland, Miss., following a heart attack. Bishop Brooks had been reported in ill health for some time previous to his death.

Born May 8, 1888, in Cleveland county, N. C., Bishop Brooks was educated at Bennett college, Greensboro, N. C., and Gammon Theological seminary, Atlanta, Ga. He studied also at Garrett Biblical institute, Northwestern university and Wiley and Rust colleges.

Following pastorates served in North Carolina he became field secretary for the Board of Sunday Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A career in education followed during which he was head of the department of church history at Gammon Theological seminary.

The bishop was, at one time, editor of *The Central Christian Advocate*. In June, 1944, he was elected to the episcopacy and assigned to the New Orleans Area.

He was a delegate to General Conferences of 1924, 1928 and 1936 and to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences of 1940 and 1944.

He was a member of the Board of Lay Activities and Co-ordinating Council.

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<sup>RNS</sup>  
With his hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities over, the G. Bromley Oxnam's leave for Geneva, where he will attend a World Council of Churches meeting. His counsel at the hearing, Charles C. Parlin, also is in Europe. A word-for-word transcript of the bishop's testimony appears in the Aug. 7 issue of *U. S. News and World Report*

Co-operating with Emory university in making the awards is the Sears Roebuck foundation.

A year ago, the Egypt church, where Rev. H. L. Hathorn is pastor, had only 16 members and no building. Besides increasing membership 100 per cent, the church listed 234 projects during the year to win the award as both Mississippi's and the South's church

## Brookhaven District

(Second Round)  
OCTOBER

- 4—Brookhaven (First) -- 11:00 a. m.
- 4—Wesson ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 11—Mcomb (Centenary) 11:00 a. m.
- 11—Monticello ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 14—Beauregard (Matthews Chapel) ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 18—Tylertown ..... 11:00 p. m.
- 19—Sandy Hook (Kokomo) 7:00 p. m.
- 21—Summit ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 25—Prentiss ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 25—Foxworth (Hopewell) 7:00 p. m.

### NOVEMBER

- 1—Hazlchurst ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 4—Meadville (Mt. Olive) 7:00 p. m.
- 8—Sartinsville (Tilton) 11:00 a. m.
- 8—Felders ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 11—Nebo (Cool Springs) 7:00 p. m.
- 15—Brookhaven (Jackson Street) ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 15—Pisgah ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 18—Osyka (Muddy Springs) 7:00 p. m.
- 22—Bassfield (Mt. Zion) 11:00 a. m.
- 22—Pleasant Grove .... 7:00 p. m.
- 25—Utica (Carpenter) -- 7:00 p. m.

### DECEMBER

- 6—Adams ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 6—Scotland (Galatia) --- 7:00 p. m.
- 9—DISTRICT CONFERENCE TYLERTOWN 9:00 a. m.
- 13—Harrisville (Rexford) 10:00 a. m.
- 13—Silver Creek (Oakvale) 3:00 p. m.

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Mississippi Methodist Association

- 13—Crystal Springs ---- 7:00 p. m.
- 16—Bogue Chitto (Hawkins) ..... 7:00 p. m.
- 20—Gallman (Mt. Pleasant) ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 27—McCalls Creek (Ebenezer) ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 27—Barlow (Rehoboth) -- 7:00 p. m.
- 30—Georgetown (Providence) ..... 7:00 p. m.

### JANUARY

- 3—McComb (Pearl River Avenue) ..... 11:00 a. m.
- 3—McComb (LaBranch St.) 7:00 p. m.
- 10—Magnolia ..... 7:00 p. m.

—M. F. Lytle, D.S.

#### Last Rites:

### FOR BISHOP BROOKS

Funeral services for Bishop Robert N. Brooks of the New Orleans Area of The Methodist Church were held Thursday, Aug. 6, at Mount Zion church in New Orleans, La. The eulogy was delivered by Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., of Atlanta, and Bishop M. W. Clair, Jr., of St. Louis, conducted the service. Other prelates assisting were Bishop Edgar A. Love, Baltimore; and Bishop R. E. Jones (retired), Waveland, Miss.

Bishop Brooks succumbed at Gulfside, Waveland, Miss., after a lengthy illness. He recently had returned from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and was reported improving when death came suddenly Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2.

Bishop Brooks was born in Cleveland County, N. C., May 8, 1888. He was educated at Bennett college, Greensboro, N. C.; Gamon Theological seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Northwestern university and Garrett Biblical institute, Evanston, Ill.; Union Theological seminary, New York City; and Oxford university, England.

After holding pastorates in Red Springs and Maxton, N. C., he was appointed field secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools of The Methodist Episcopal Church. He later served as president of Haven Teachers college, Meridian, Miss.; Central Alabama college; and Samuel Huston college, Austin, Tex. For several years he was the head of the department of history in Gammon Theological seminary. In 1936, he was elected editor of The Central Christian Advocate.

Bishop Brooks was a delegate to the General Conferences of The Methodist Church in 1924, 1928, 1936, 1940 and 1944. In the last named year he was elected to the episcopacy in Greensboro, N. C., and assigned to the New Orleans Area, where he had continuously served since.

The bishop was a member of many Methodist boards and commissions, and presided over sessions of the General Conference of the denomination in 1948. He was president of the Board of Trustees of the three colleges in his Area: Wiley, Marshall, Tex.; Rust, Holly

Springs, Miss.; and Samuel Huston (now merged with Tillotson college). He was a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Kluwe fraternities.

Bishop Brooks was chosen by the Council of Bishops to review and appraise Methodist work on the continent of Africa in 1947, and by the Board of Missions to visit mission fields in 1948.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith Crogman Brooks, to whom he was married Sept. 3, 1919.

The M. Y. F. Subdistrict, Brookhaven District, met at Mt. Zion Church, Bassfield Charge on Sept. 14, for their monthly meeting, with Mt. Zion in charge of the program, the recreation and the refreshments.

The M. Y. F. of Mt. Zion gave a very interesting program with Laura Lee Turnage, Darlene Thurman, Maxine Loftin and Sybil Garner participating. The recreational activities were ably led by Maxine Loftin.

Young people from Prentiss, Bassfield, Carson, Newhebron, Pleasant Grove and Mt. Zion were present and all enjoyed an evening of worship and fellowship.

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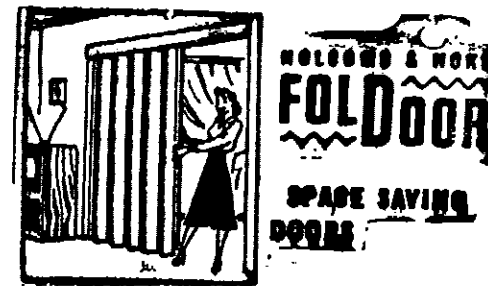
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