

BROOMFIELD, BISHOP JOHN C.

**Bishop J. C. Broomfield
Dies in Ohio**

✠ BISHOP JOHN CALVIN BROOMFIELD, of St. Louis, Mo., retired episcopal leader of The Methodist Church, died January 8 in Ohio Valley Hospital, Steubenville, Ohio. The seventy-seven-year-old churchman had suffered a heart attack five days before in near-by Toronto, Ohio, where he was conducting union Week of Prayer services.

An outstanding figure in the former Methodist Protestant Church and president of its General Conference for nine years, he was one of two bishops elected by delegates from that body at the Uniting Conference in 1939. He was assigned to the St. Louis Area and supervised the church's work in Missouri until his retirement in 1944. Since that time he led scores of revival meetings in eighteen states and frequently preached at Bible conferences, camp meetings, and other services.

Born in the fishing village of Eyemouth, Scotland, on July 4, 1872, he began a seagoing career at thirteen and continued it through his teens. He then came to the United States and was naturalized as a citizen in 1899.

Soon after coming to America, he felt a call to preach and began his training for the ministry. He was ordained in 1896. He studied at Adrian College and Geneva College, later receiving honorary doctorates from those schools as well as Kansas City University and Central College.

He was married October 6, 1898, to

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WORLD OUTLOOK

Death "in the Saddle"

Busy at evangelism since retirement in 1944, despite a warning heart attack, Bishop John Calvin Broomfield at 77 was leading Week of Prayer services in small-town Toronto, O. Perhaps such activity led to the new heart attack on Jan. 3. In a Steubenville hospital, he died on Jan. 8.



When he came from Scotland at 18, it was because his mother wanted him away from the sea that took his father's life. John had become a cabin boy at 13. First a Primitive Methodist, he became a Methodist Protestant in Pittsburgh. Called to the ministry, he went to school at Adrian (Mich.) college and Geneva college in Pennsylvania.

Ordained in 1896, he served First church, Uniontown, Pa., and Fourth, Pittsburgh. At Methodist Protestant Temple, Fairmont, W. Va., 1905-24, 1937-39, he was prominent in a score of court fights against saloons.

Traveling president of Pittsburgh Conference, 1924-28, he moved up to president of General Conference, 1928-37, where he helped lay groundwork for Unification. In 1939 he became one of two bishops of the new denomination. He went to Oxford and Edinburgh conferences and visited the Orient.

His one episcopal assignment was St. Louis, where he has lived since retirement with his invalid wife, Moselle.

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke led funeral services Jan. 11 in Methodist Temple, Fairmont.

Methodist local preachers) are taking over the duties of Rev. William Spicer, who is a fellow in the College of Preachers in Washington for five weeks.

The laymen, in teams of five, conduct regular services and Sunday-school classes. Not novices, the men have been conducting morning and evening prayers (services) daily for more than a year.

AMONG THE CHURCHES:

Free Methodist Liberal

• Free Methodists gave most liberally in 1949, averaging \$148.21 a year per member, the United Stewardship Council has announced. Highest rate among larger denominations was \$52.64 by Southern Presbyterians. In The Methodist Church the average was \$22.70, less than 50 cents a week.

• While a 70-year-old former superintendent of Buffalo's public schools, Dr. Robert T. Bapst was beginning studies for the Roman Catholic priesthood, a middle-aged San Francisco couple announced plans to enter monastic orders. Donald D. Foster, a successful businessman, will become a Benedictine monk and his wife will enter a convent.

• After touring slum areas in Springfield, Mass, Rev. Ernest Sommerfeld of Church of the Unity (Unitarian) preached a series of sermons on what he saw. As a result, a Springfield Citizens' Committee on Slum Clearance was formed and has asked for public hearings on housing.

• Rev. W. R. Hampshire, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal church, Farmingdale, N. Y., calls the growth of spiritual retreats "a spiritual phenomenon of the first order" in an article in the January issue of *American Magazine*.

ar duties for at least two weeks.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ronald A. Mosley were hosts at an informal open house at the parsonage of the United Methodist Church in East Natick, Mass., on New Year's afternoon. The parsonage was built in 1948 and the upstairs finished last summer into two large bedrooms and a bathroom. Among the guests were many parishioners, Boston District Superintendent and Mrs. Willard C. Arnold, and Chaplain and Mrs. William Austill.

The Rev. Elliott F. Studley, retired member of the New England Southern Conference, died on Dec. 20th in his 85th year. Funeral services were held on Dec. 22nd at the Pearl Street Methodist Church in Braintree, Mass.

New Englanders Invited

Walter P. Reuther will speak to the students and friends of Boston University School of Theology on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 2:30 p. m., at the school, 25 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, according to an announcement by Dean Walter G. Muelder.

Mr. Reuther, one of America's outstanding Christian labor leaders, has agreed to meet the theologues and other Methodists of this vicinity to discuss the role of organized labor in the light of Christian teaching. Ministers and laymen of New England have been invited by Dean Muelder to attend the meeting.

New Hampshire News

The first conference for intelligent group planning of Christian Education began on January 4th at Baker Memorial Church, Concord, N.H. Assisting the executive secretary, the Rev. C. Walter Frye, were the conference directors of the various age-levels from childhood to adulthood. The conference dealt especially with religious education, also strategy for the Advance and the co-ordinating of conference, district and sub-district programs.

During the month of December cities like Manchester, Claremont, and Concord have witnessed concerted action against public approval of beano games. Led by the ministerial associations, an honest effort was made by clergy and laity alike to stay the sweep

Bishop John C. Broomfield



Bishop John C. Broomfield of Steubenville, Ohio, retired bishop of The Methodist Church, and formerly resident in the St. Louis Area, died on Jan. 8th, after suffering a heart attack two weeks earlier, while participating in week-of-prayer activities in Toronto, Ohio, ten miles north of Steubenville. Bishop Broomfield was an author, lecturer and a leader in the unification of The Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 11th at the Methodist church in Fairmont, West Virginia.

New Z.H. Clubs

The three most recent additions to the ZIONS HERALD clubs include the Arlington Street Methodist Church, Nashua, N. H., the Rev. Karl H. Thiem, pastor; Robinson Memorial Church, Malden, Mass., the Rev. D. Harold Hickey, pastor; and First Church, Dorchester, the Rev. Guy Allen, pastor. These churches have secured enough subscribers to make the cost per subscription \$2.00. Other churches are invited to write to ZIONS HERALD for information on how they can secure the club rate.

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Student Conference

ONNAM ASKS SPIRITUAL POWER BE CHANNLED

URBANA, Ill. (RNS) — Channeling of spiritual power is not so much a matter of organization as of having within organizations competent individuals who are dedicated to the church and who approach all situations as Christian men and women.

This opinion was expressed by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York in an address to the fourth national Methodist student conference here.

He cited as an example the work of the World Council of Churches' commission on international affairs through which, he said, churches are able to make creative contributions to international policies.

In this regard, Bishop Oxnam suggested that the favorable settlement of the Netherlands-Indonesia dispute was due largely to the fact that both the representative of Indonesia and the advisor to the Dutch government in the matter are members of the commission.

The bishop also stressed the contributions made by churchmen in the planning, drafting, and adoption of the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights.

Students themselves can do much towards channeling spiritual power, he said. In this connection, he explained a plan of the Methodist Council of Bishops to recruit 50 young Christians a year who, after proper training, would spread the Christian message as laborers in factories and mines and as members of labor unions.

Individuals would thus dedicate their lives to the labor movement and earn positions in its leadership on their own merits, he said. Interested students, he added, need not wait on action by the Council of Bishops to begin such careers.

Dean Harold Bosley, of Duke University Divinity School, advised the students that they must be willing to be "instruments of transformation" at the points of conflict between the races of the world.

Another speaker, Dean Walter Muelder of

When he asks that, Daniel could make his argument against it.

The Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches are the largest Texas denominations represented in the Federal Council. It is understood however that the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) refused to approve the brief. Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics, other strong faiths in the state, do not belong to the Federal Council.

Daniel, a Baptist and a graduate of Baylor University, a Baptist school, carefully aimed his dart at Tuttle and took pains not to offend Texas churches represented in the Council.

"Some of these denominations have fine schools and excellent churches for white and Negro citizens in Texas," he said.

"But they are separate, just as the state schools are separate.

"The compelling reasons which caused the people of Texas to adopt such a policy in their constitution undoubtedly were, and are,

