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Prof. John Hicks, assistant to the president at Purdue, Moral Values in Our Economic System.

William Caples, vice-president of Inland Steel Corp, Emerging Issues Demanding Ethical Answers.

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"We'll be missing a great opportunity if we don't send more of our people and resources into Bolivia to win these people for Christianity."

After touring about 70 mission stations, Dr. Garrison saw no open anti-American feeling which resulted in riots when Vice-President Nixon visited there.

"The Church, however, is one of the few American interests which are not resented by the people," he said. "They have great appreciation for our hospitals, clinics, schools, and missionaries. But they are cool to many of our business and government people because of the feeling that the United States tends to dominate them economically, if not in diplomacy."

Nationalistic pride runs high, he said, but development of industries which could make South America self-sufficient is slow because of inflation.

"South American churches also are trying to become more self-sufficient and are gradually accomplishing this goal," he stated.

Dr. Garrison said missions funds from America are used mostly to support missionaries and to help the nationals expand their facilities.

ORDER TICKETS NOW

Those desiring guest tickets for the 1960 General Conference in Denver, April 27-May 11, should send requests to: The Rev. J. Ous Young, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.



Will You Help Them Hear the Call

Dear Friends:

Twenty-four lay and ministerial delegates will go from Indiana to Denver to participate in the General Conference of our Church. It convenes April 27, and runs through May 11.

Up to a few weeks ago, the secretary of the General Conference had received 514 petitions, known as *memorials*, from various individuals,

groups, and Annual Conferences.

Of these, 146 requested that no change be made in the present jurisdictional system. Twenty-five asked that the establishment of a Commission on Social Relations be made mandatory in every local church. Twenty-four called for the merger of the Boards of Temperance, World Peace, and Social and Economic Relations.

Also, 12 called for the abolishment of the Central Jurisdiction (composed of Negro Annual Conferences). Thirty-one requested the beginning of a loan fund for church extension. Six suggested that the term of supervision of a bishop over any area should be limited to eight years. Five asked for increased support for the World Methodist Conference. Three petitioned the Conference to change the *Discipline* so that the bishops would be elected according to geography—square miles—rather than membership. Four suggested revision of our hymnal, and hundreds of others referred to many other matters without converging on any one proposal.

No memorial mentions the tragic shortage of young men and women entering the Methodist ministry, but it surely will be in the mind, on the conscience, and in the prayers of every delegate.

For 50 years, the number of Methodist ministers under appointment who are full members of Annual Conferences has been declining steadily—this despite a growth of several million in membership. Were it not for an increasingly large number of full-time supply pastors, literally thousands of Methodist churches would have no pastoral leadership.

Has your church sent a young man into the ministry in the last five years—10 years—ever? Is your home spiritually alive so that your children can listen for God's voice and recognize his call? If your son began thinking about the ministry as a vocation, would you encourage it or resist it? Have you pastor preached on God's call and the need of ministers? Have you as lay leader, president of the Woman's Society, church-school superintendent, or as dedicated church member brought before your church and its organizations this desperate need and discussed what you could do about it?

Each of us has responsibility here. This yearly loss can be turned into a gain whenever enough of us care sufficiently to pray and act under God's guidance.

General Conference can legislate and approve programs, but you, as a committee of one, must act if sufficient youth are to hear and heed God's call to serve in his ministry.

Most cordially,
RICHARD C. RAINES

Boren's Move to Florida Tops Changes

Transfer of Dr. Amos L. Boren to Florida heads a list of nine changes in appointment announced for the Area by Bishop Raines.

Dr. Boren, pastor of Roberts Park Church in Indianapolis since 1947 and an Indiana Conference minister since 1930, will leave the Hoosier State to become pastor of the *Hollywood Hills Church*, in *Hollywood, Fla.*

He had served longer at Roberts Park than any pastor in the 139-year history of the church, and recently led the church through a successful \$250,000 building program.

In other appointments, the Rev. John P. Adams was named pastor of the *Plainfield Church*. He is the son of a Methodist pastor, the late Herman L. Adams.

The Rev. Robert B. Clayton moved from Lowell Heights to *Danville*, and the Rev. Oliver B. Thomas moved from Main Street, New Albany, to *Salem*, succeeding the Rev. Floyd R. Fisher.

Also, the Rev. Thomas G. Scott trans-

ferred from Seymour Trinity to *Main Street, in New Albany*, and the Rev. Cletus E. Hirsch moved from Wayne Street Church in Fort Wayne, where he was minister of education, to *Trinity Church, in Youngstown, Ohio.*



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The Rev. Raymond V. Johnson was moved from City Church, Gary, to *North Church, Indianapolis*, where he will be *associate minister*. The Rev. William R. Thompson transferred from Whitestown to *Ottumwa*, and the Rev. Orville P. Manker came out of retirement to take the *Mount Olivet Church*, in the Lebanon District.

Bishop Raines also announced the appointment of H. Roscoe York as *lay speaker* at the *Shiloh Church*, in the Evansville District.

Pastor Hurt in Wreck

The Rev. Chester A. Mahan, pastor of First Church, Brazil, is bedfast with injuries received in a recent auto crash.

Mr. Mahan received multiple injuries in a two-car pile up near Bloomington. His car was struck broadside when an oncoming auto's tire blew out.

DePauw Grads to Hear Official from Canada

The prime minister of Canada, the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, will deliver DePauw's 1960 commencement address this spring according to an announcement by university officials.

Scheduled to speak Sunday evening, June 5, at Blackstop Stadium, Mr. Diefenbaker will be the third world leader to appear at DePauw in three years. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain spoke at the 1958 commencement, and Vice President Richard M. Nixon was a speaker there for the commencement service in May, 1957.

Mr. Diefenbaker has been Canadian prime minister since June, 1957, and has been elected to the House of Commons six times since 1940.

Last year he visited 17 countries during a 35,000 mile, six-week tour which took him around the world.

The appearance of these outstanding statesmen has given the university an outstanding reputation over the country.

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ASBURY MEMORIAL COTTAGE OPENED NEAR BIRMINGHAM

A prophet was truly honored in his own land when, in the presence of church and civic dignitaries, the cottage boyhood home of Bishop Francis Asbury was officially reopened November 27, 1959, as a memorial to this great son of Staffordshire.

This tiny, four-room cottage, to which the infant Francis Asbury was carried in his mother's arms when the family moved from the parish of Handsworth to Great Barr, near West Bromwich, a suburb of Birmingham, has now become a shrine for World Methodism.

This shrine is especially significant to his spiritual children in the American Methodist Church. It stands as a symbol of a common faith and community of spirit between the American and British peoples.

Former Ambassador to Washington, Sir Roger Makin, performed the opening ceremony and unveiled a tablet on the outer wall dedicated to the perpetual remembrance of "The Prophet of the Long Road." Sir Roger paid tribute to Asbury as a man of deep faith, great abilities, and immense courage.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, sent a message of greetings to mark her personal pleasure in this event. Messages were also received from John Hay Whitney, U. S. Ambassador in London and the British Foreign Minister, Selwyn Lloyd, himself a Methodist.

Among those present at the ceremony were Mr. K. V. Atkinson, American Consul in Birmingham, the Mayor of West Bromwich and members of the Council. The World Methodist Council was represented by its president, the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts (Great Britain); Bishop Ivan Lee Holt (U. S. A.), past president; Bishop Fred Corson (U. S. A.), vice president; the Rev. Dr. Benson Perkins (Great Britain), joint secretary; Dr. J. Manning Potts (U. S. A.); Dr. Harry Denman (U. S. A.) and the Rev. W. Russell Shearer, ex-president of the British Methodist Conference.

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little attention in the land of his birth, but the opening of this cottage as a public memorial marks a resurgence of appreciation of the nature of this great man of God and of this tremendous endeavors.

This commemoration provides yet another testimony to that common faith shared by Methodists on both sides of the Atlantic which, as Sir Roger Makin said in his address, ". . . is the greatest safeguard of freedom in the thought and belief of the modern world."

It is perhaps of note that a recently built minister's house in the Stafford Circuit of the Methodist Church has been named "Asbury House" and is the first Methodist building in Britain to be named after the great bishop. — Methodist Information.

Improvement Program, Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (MI)—An eight-year, \$900,000 building and improvement program is projected for The Methodist Church's southeastern summer assembly here.

Highlights of the plan were announced following a meeting of the executive and finance committees of the assembly's board of trustees in Atlanta, Ga.

The 1960-64 phase of the expansion program calls for work to begin at once on these projects:

1. A \$90,000 multi-purpose building to be named for retired Bishop Costen J. Harrell of Decatur, Ga.
2. Extensive improvements, totaling \$10,000, to the Terrace Hotel.
3. Widening of Lakeshore Drive—the principal thoroughfare—and additional parking facilities, at a total cost of \$25,000.

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A week later he was appointed executive director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. He retired from that post in 1952 and returned to Indianapolis.

Bishop Lowe also was president of the Council of Bishops in 1946.

A big, athletic-type man, Bishop Lowe was a football player in his college days and an avid golfer in later years. He found his greatest relaxation in playing the piano.

Three years after his assignment to Indiana, Bishop Lowe organized the School of the Prophets, an annual refresher training program for the state's 1,000 Methodist pastors. The week-long project still is conducted annually at DePauw University.

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This humble home, one of three originally attached to an inn known as the "Malt Shovel," has survived the many changes the years have brought to this industrial "Black Country."

The narrow, green-bordered country lane along which young Asbury walked each Sunday to All Saints Church is now a busy motor road. The rector, the Rev. Mr. Stillingfleet, preached, according to Asbury's Journal, "alter the manner of the Wesleys."

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The old administration building and boat house are being razed to make room for the lakeside center. Tentative plans also call for the Methodist Publishing House to build a new book store adjacent to the center.

Improvements at the Terrace Hotel call for the installation of private baths and general reconditioning of the building before the 1960 season opens.

After 1960, the first four-year plan has \$150,000 earmarked for a new 50-room lodge and the installation of heating facilities in the cafeteria; \$110,000 for a new sewer line and sewage disposal plant, and \$15,000 for an outdoor gymnasium.

A \$400,000 hotel, to replace the Terrace, is slated for the 1964-68 period.

The committees also have allocated \$100,000 to dredge and reclaim the upper portion of Lake Junaluska after 1964. This section of the lake is rapidly filling with silt.

The improvements were announced by Edwin L. Jones of Charlotte, N. C., president of the assembly, and the Rev. J. W. Fowler, Jr., superintendent and treasurer.

PEOPLE AND PLACES IN MISSISSIPPI

Church, Meridian call themselves the "Truth Seekers." The 32 members are busy about the Master's work. They have sent a number of boxes of clothing to the Indian Mission at Philadelphia; sent one of the girls to camp last summer; for three years the class has taken care of a little girl at the Methodist Children's Home; at the monthly business meeting of the class cards for hospital trays are made. In additions to the many service projects, the class has a "Mission Special" in Korea. At the present time members are baking fruit cakes and selling them to support this project.

Mrs. J. W. Young is the teacher of the class which has the following officers: President, Mrs. Lucille Lee; V-President, Mrs. Ida Dubose; Sec., Mrs. Kate Ivy; and Treasurer, Mrs. Marie Woodrick.

Last Sunday evening the Chancel and Aldergates choirs of the First Methodist Church, Tupelo, presented the Christmas Story in opera form—at 5 and again at 7:30. Each performance featured a singing cast of 18, plus the choirs.

"Jewels for the King" is the special program to be given next Sunday evening in the Ripley Methodist Church. It is a story which tells of what happened in the inn at Bethlehem on the night of the birth of Jesus. This will be one of the best programs ever given in the church. Mrs. Lee Roy Cox is assisting the pastor, the Reverend W. R. Lott, Jr., and others in the production of the program.

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Thursday evening of last week the Methodist Men of the Tchula Methodist Church sponsored the Family Night. The entire membership of the church was invited. A period of recreation was led by Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Moore. Supper was served after which the Reverend A. L. Dickerson, pastor of First Methodist Church, Tupelo, brought a message on the "Christian Home and Family." Mrs. Dickerson accompanied her husband to Tchula.

The Reverend W. H. Clay of the Kingston Church, Laurel, wrote to the Reverend C. C. Clark, Mississippi Conference Treasurer, that the Communion offering in December and January would go to the Methodist Building in Jackson.

Last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, the Crusader's Choir, made up from the boys and girls of the Primary and Junior Departments of the First Methodist Church, New Albany, gave a program of Christmas music. Choir Mothers are Mrs. Carl Hall and Mrs. Lester McDonough. Mrs. Hardy Henry accompanies the choir and Mrs. J. C. Christian, wife of the pastor, is director.

Two Christmas religious services are being held on the Kosciusko Circuit, at Williamsville last Sunday evening and next Sunday evening at Marvin Chapel. The Reverend Archie Stephens, long time conference evangelist is conducting the services. A large Mural, painted by the Reverend Mr. Stephens, "The Star of Bethlehem," is being used as a backdrop for the Christmas messages being delivered by the guest minister. Special Christmas music is a feature in these services.

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We find in the December issue of "The Methodist Informer" for Calhoun County Methodists, many items that reveal progress in the Methodist Churches of the County.

The Calhoun City Church sent three nice boxes to the Methodist Children's Home in Jackson. One of the boxes contained thirty pairs of boys pants from the Calhoun Garment Company.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Shady Grove Church, Pittsboro Charge, purchased 30 chairs for use in their church.

Thorn Church on the Vardaman Charge now has the roof on the Educational Building and windows ready to go in.

George Chapel on the same charge is being redecorated.

Vardaman Church has appointed a committee to study the possibility of erecting a new church building.

The Vardaman Charge cleared about \$240.00 for repairs on their parsonage at the Harvest dinner in November. This Charge will have a Charge-wide Christmas Carol Sing at Young's Chapel at 6:30 p. m., December 20th.

The MYF of the Lewis Memorial Methodist Church, Calhoun City, has purchased a new beaded projection screen for the church.

The MYF of the Bruce Church has erected Church Roadmarkers that were purchased by the Methodist Men of Bruce.

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An English major, Kuntz has made many contributions to Stylus, campus literary magazine, which he serves as assistant editor this year.

The M.Y.F. of Shands Memorial Church will present the play, "Tax Day In Bethlehem," Sunday December 20 at 7:30 p. m.

The characters are: The Announcer, Shelia Burnham; Benjamin, the Innkeeper, Patsy Poley; Martha, his wife, Georgetta Rideout; David brother of Benjamin, James Perry; Ruth, his wife, Faye Perry; Mary, Cheryl Kelly; Joseph, Earl Walters; Joel and Sarah, children of Benjamin and Martha, Johnny Rideout and Brenda Burnham; John, Son of David and Ruth, Lamar Pickard.

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The Men's Club of Parkway Methodist Church, Hattiesburg, had a Ladies Night Christmas dinner at the Holiday Inn Tuesday evening, December 15th. Special music under the direction of Mr. Roubos was given. The Reverend Inman Moore, pastor of Leggett Memorial Church, Biloxi, was the guest speaker.

Holy Communion was observed at Raleigh Methodist Church Sunday, December 6, 1959, at which time an offering for The Fellowship of Suffering and Service was taken which amounted to \$43.30. A total of \$79.90 has been given for this cause thus far this conference year.

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"We'll be missing a great opportunity if we don't send more of our people and resources into Bolivia to win these people for Christianity."

After touring about 70 mission stations, Dr. Garrison saw no open anti-American feeling which resulted in riots when Vice-President Nixon visited there.

"The Church, however, is one of the few American interests which are not resented by the people," he said. "They have great appreciation for our hospitals, clinics, schools, and missionaries. But they are cool to many of our business and government people because of the feeling that the United States tends to dominate them economically, if not in diplomacy."

Nationalistic pride runs high, he said, but development of industries which could make South America self-sufficient is slow because of inflation.

"South American churches also are trying to become more self-sufficient and are gradually accomplishing this goal," he stated.

Dr. Garrison said missions funds from America are used mostly to support missionaries and to help the nationals expand their facilities.

ORDER TICKETS NOW

Those desiring guest tickets for the 1960 General Conference in Denver, April 27-May 11, should send requests to: The Rev. J. Otis Young, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.



Will You Help Them Hear the Call

Dear Friends:

Twenty-four lay and ministerial delegates will go from Indiana to Denver to participate in the General Conference of our Church. It convenes April 27, and runs through May 11.

Up to a few weeks ago, the secretary of the General Conference had received 514 petitions, known as *memorials*, from various individuals, groups, and Annual Conferences.

Of these, 146 requested that no change be made in the present jurisdictional system. Twenty-five asked that the establishment of a Commission on Social Relations be made mandatory in every local church. Twenty-four called for the merger of the Boards of Temperance, World Peace, and Social and Economic Relations.

Also, 12 called for the abolishment of the Central Jurisdiction (composed of Negro Annual Conferences). Thirty-one requested the beginning of a loan fund for church extension. Six suggested that the term of supervision of a bishop over any area should be limited to eight years. Five asked for increased support for the World Methodist Conference. Three petitioned the Conference to change the *Discipline* so that the bishops would be elected according to geography—square miles—rather than membership. Four suggested revision of our hymnal, and hundreds of others referred to many other matters without converging on any one proposal.

No memorial mentions the tragic shortage of young men and women entering the Methodist ministry, but it surely will be in the mind, on the conscience, and in the prayers of every delegate.

For 50 years, the number of Methodist ministers under appointment who are full members of Annual Conferences has been declining steadily—this despite a growth of several million in membership. Were it not for an increasingly large number of full-time supply pastors, literally thousands of Methodist churches would have no pastoral leadership.

Has your church sent a young man into the ministry in the last five years—10 years—ever? Is your home spiritually alive so that your children can listen for God's voice and recognize his call? If your son began thinking about the ministry as a vocation, would you encourage it or resist it? Have you pastor preached on God's call and the need of ministers? Have you as lay leader, president of the Woman's Society, church-school superintendent, or as dedicated church member brought before your church and its organizations this desperate need and discussed what you could do about it?

Each of us has responsibility here. This yearly loss can be turned into a gain whenever enough of us care sufficiently to pray and act under God's guidance.

General Conference can legislate and approve programs, but you, as a committee of one, must act if sufficient youth are to hear and heed God's call to serve in his ministry.

Most cordially,
RICHARD C. RAINES

Boren's Move to Florida Tops Changes

Transfer of Dr. Amos L. Boren to Florida heads a list of nine changes in appointment announced for the Area by Bishop Raines.

Dr. Boren, pastor of Roberts Park Church in Indianapolis since 1947 and an Indiana Conference minister since 1930, will leave the Hoosier State to become pastor of the *Hollywood Hills Church*, in *Hollywood, Fla.*

He had served longer at Roberts Park than any pastor in the 139-year history of the church, and recently led the church through a successful \$250,000 building program.

In other appointments, the Rev. John P. Adams was named pastor of the *Plainfield Church*. He is the son of a Methodist pastor, the late Hermin L. Adams.

The Rev. Robert B. Clayton moved from Lowell Heights to *Danville*, and the Rev. Oliver B. Thomas moved from Main Street, New Albany, to *Salem*, succeeding the Rev. Floyd R. Fisher.

Also, the Rev. Thomas G. Scott trans-

ferred from Seymour Trinity to *Main Street*, in *New Albany*, and the Rev. Cletus E. Hirschy moved from Wayne Street Church in Fort Wayne, where he was minister of education, to *Trinity Church*, in *Youngstown, Ohio*.



Dr. Boren

The Rev. Raymond V. Johnson was moved from City Church, Gary, to *North Church*, *Indianapolis*, where he will be *associate minister*. The Rev. William R. Thompson transferred from Whitestown to *Ottoburn*, and the Rev. Orville P. Manker came out of retirement to take the *Mount Olivet Church*, in the Lebanon District.

Bishop Raines also announced the appointment of H. Roscoe York as *lay speaker* at the *Shiloh Church*, in the Evansville District.

Pastor Hurt in Wreck

The Rev. Chester A. Mahan, pastor of First Church, Brazil, is bedfast with injuries received in a recent auto crash.

Mr. Mahan received multiple injuries in a two-car pile up near Bloomington. His car was struck broadside when an oncoming auto's tire blew out.

DePauw Grads to Hear Official from Canada

The prime minister of Canada, the Right Honorable John G. Diefenbaker, will deliver DePauw's 1960 commencement address this spring according to an announcement by university officials.

Scheduled to speak Sunday evening, June 5, at Blackstop Stadium, Mr. Diefenbaker will be the third world leader to appear at DePauw in three years. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Great Britain spoke at the 1958 commencement, and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon was a speaker there for the commencement service in May, 1957.

Mr. Diefenbaker has been Canadian prime minister since June, 1957, and has been elected to the House of Commons six times since 1940.

Last year he visited 17 countries during a 35,000-mile, six-week tour which took him around the world.

The appearance of these outstanding statesmen has given the university an outstanding reputation over the country.

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