BOAZ, HIRAM A., BISHOP
Mrs. Hiram Boaz Dies in Dallas

The widow of one of the great figures in Texas Methodism, Mrs. Hiram A. Boaz, died in a Dallas hospital on January 1 at the age of 87.

Her husband, Bishop Boaz, who died in the same month last year, had a distinguished career as a bishop and educator.

Closely identified with Southern Methodist University, Bishop Boaz was its first president. During his tenure as second president in the 1920s, he was involved with making the struggling institution a going concern.

The daughter of a prominent Texas Methodist preacher, Mrs. Caro G. Brown was born at the Methodist parsonage at Lockhart, February 9, 1869.

She met her future husband while they were students at Sam Houston Normal Institute (now Sam Houston State Teachers College) at Huntsville. They were married October 2, 1894, while he was associate pastor of First Church, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Boaz preferred to remain quietly in the background, at her husband's side, as she served as a bishop in the Orient and later in several conferences in the Southwest until his retirement in 1939.

Bishop and Mrs. Boaz returned to Dallas in 1949 where they again became active in the life of SMC. He founded the SMC Endowment Fund and raised millions of dollars for the college.

In 1970, trustees, officials, and faculty members of SMC honored Bishop and Mrs. Boaz for their long devotion to the school. A men's dormitory was named for them.

Funeral services were held on January 16 in the Gwin Chapel of Highland Park Methodist Church. Bishop William C. Martin and Dr. W. H. Dickerson, minister at Highland Park, officiated. Pall bearers were Dr. Wilus Yale, SMC president; Dr. Arthur Smith; Rev. Morrison; Dr. Frank Selvick; and W. C. L. Prater.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Clara A. Pennington of Dallas, Mrs. Frances M. Young of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Graham R. Hall of Little Rock, Ark., four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Bishop Hiram A. Boaz Dies

Bishop Hiram Abiff Boaz, 95, leader of Methodism in the Orient and south-western United States in the 1920s and '30s, died in Dallas, Texas, on January 2.

The second oldest living Methodist bishop until his death, Bishop Boaz was elected to the episcopacy in 1927 and served as resident bishop of Japan, Korea, Siberia and China from 1922 to 1926. He was bishop of the Arkansas-Oklahoma Area from 1936 to 1949, and the Texas Area from 1940 until his retirement in 1959. The oldest living bishop is Bishop Hershey Welch, retired, of New York City who is 99.

Born in Murray, Kentucky, December 18, 1866, Bishop Boaz entered the ministry "on trial" in the Northwest Texas Conference in 1889, and was admitted to full connection in 1901.

During his ministry he served the Bartlett and Ithaca circuits, was pastor and preacher at Georgetown Station and First Church, Fort Worth, and pastor of Methodist Men's College, Fort Worth, and First churches at Abilene and Dublin.

An educator as well as minister, he served Southern Methodist University both as vice president and president, and had been president of Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, and Texas Woman's College.

He held four honorary degrees and was the author of four books.

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Woman Heads Association

Dr. Willis B. Player, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C., is the first Negro and the first woman to become president of the Methodist National Association of Schools and Colleges.

She was elected at its recent annual meeting held in Cincinnati, and succeeds Dr. Carl Brave, president of Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

Dr. Law Sene, president of Texas Wesleyan College, is the new vice president, and the secretary-treasurer is Dr. Ralph W. Decker, director of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of Educational Institutions.
From THE TEXAS METHODIST
Going Places With the Editor and His Camera

Texas do manage to get together even with scattered aging places, so the World Travel Forum was at the Board of Missions in Texas to see how they gathered around a table. They talked with other denominations about their work, and then they continued to their meeting at the Texas Conference. The Texas Conference has three main divisions: the Women's Division, the Woman's Division, and the Education Division. All three divisions have the same qualifications for new missionaries.

A country girl from Tennessee is president of the WMS for the country. She and her husband live in Texas, and they have three Texas members of the Women's Division. They also have a friend in the Women's Division who lives in Texas. They meet twice a year to discuss their work.

New landmarks at Lakeview are new and exciting places for people to visit. They include the new home of the Texas Conference, which is located on a lake. The new home is surrounded by trees and is a great place to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

Dr. Margaret Holland, who is an important member of the Texas Conference, attended a meeting of the Texas Conference of the Texas Methodist Church. The conference is held annually, and it is attended by ministers, laymen, and other church leaders from throughout the state.

Pitcher Aims to Be Minister

The 30-year-old pilot is one of the three members of the Wesley Methodist Church in Bloomington, Illinois, who have been approved for studies leading to local preacher's license and eventual ordination. His name is Peter Houser, a Bloomington high school senior, who has applied for admission to the Wesleyan Theological Seminary in Bloomington.

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Call for New Missionaries

The Methodist Board of Missions says there are 345 openings for overseas work and an almost unlimited number of home mission fields.

In regular career service overseas, there are 183 openings, plus 60 for three-year terms. The jobs in 26 countries, include the fields of agriculture and homemaking, business and missionary service, and urban church and social work. Christian education, student work, medicine, and communications.

In home mission there are 60 openings for US, with others listed by the type of work available rather than the number of openings. Missionaries are needed for service in the Division of Missions or the Christian Division. All positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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April 1963, Together
Bishop Boaz

Ed in 1873 in Tarrant County, Tex., where he attended public schools. At the age of 16 he took the responsibility for running the family farm and supporting his mother and two younger brothers.

Encouraged by his mother, Hiram enrolled in Sam Houston Normal Institute. After graduation in 1887, he taught in the public schools of Ft. Worth for two years.

In June 1889 he answered the call to preach and was licensed by the quarterly conference of First Methodist Church, Ft. Worth. In that same year he joined the Northwest Texas Conference and was appointed to the Bartlett Circuit.

In 1891 he entered Southwestern University, where he joined Kappa Alpha fraternity. He graduated in 1893 with the B.S. degree, and the following year was granted the M.A. degree. The same year he won the Texas State Oratorical Contest.

On October 2, 1894, he was married to Miss Caroline Browne, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Browne. Soon thereafter the pastor of First Church, Ft. Worth was named president of Polytechnic College and the Rev. Boaz was appointed assistant pastor of that church to finish the year. He later served as pastor of Midway Memorial Church, Ft. Worth, First Church, Abilene and First Church, Dublin.

In the spring of 1902 he was elected president of Polytechnic College, Ft. Worth, which is now Texas Wesleyan College. He served there for nine years paying off the indebtedness on the institution and seeing the student body increase from two hundred to more than one thousand.

While serving as president of Polytechnic he conceived the idea that gave rise to the establishment of Southern Methodist University. He received strong promises of support from the citizens of Fort Worth if the university should be located there. However, the decision was finally made to locate the new institution in Dallas.

Dr. Boaz became the vice president of Southern Methodist University at the time of its organization, and accepted the responsibility for raising $300,000 needed for its establishment. He raised more than $750,000. At the conclusion of the campaign for funds he returned to Polytechnic College. The school became Texas Women's College and again doubled its enrollment.

In 1918, Dr. Boaz was named Executive Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, with headquarters in Louisville, Ky.

In 1920 he was elected president of Southern Methodist University and returned to Dallas to start a campaign to raise one million dollars to put the institution on a firm financial base. One of the buildings at the university bears the name of Boaz Hall in honor of the Bishop and his wife.

After a little more than two years as president of S.M.U. he was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and assigned to the Department for supervision of mission work in China, Japan, Korea, Siberia and Manchuria.

His second Area of supervision was Arkansas and Oklahoma. His last four years as an active bishop were spent in Texas, where he presided over the West Texas Conference, the Central Texas Conference, the Northwest Texas Conference, the New Mexico Conference, and the Mexican Mission.

After his retirement the trustees of Southern Methodist University elected him financial commissioner and he established his residence in Dallas. He raised more than one million dollars for the current expenses of the university and participated with others in raising an additional two million. He organized the S.M.U. Endowment Fund, which brings the university an annual income equal to the interest on nine million dollars.

Bishop Boaz was quite interested in sports and attended all the home football games of S.M.U. no matter how severe the weather, until he was 94 years old. He loved to hunt and fish, but he found his greatest pleasure in golf. He was typically happy that on several successive birthdays in his eighties his "shot hit his age."
Baton Rouge Citizenship Brunch January 28

The Baton Rouge District Wesleyan Service Guilds will have their annual Citizenship Brunch at the High School Lunch Room, 409 South Bay Street, Amite, Louisiana, on January 28, 1962 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Tom Matheny, a Hammond attorney and lay leader of the Baton Rouge District, will speak on "Citizenship - Our Responsibility". The cost of the meal is $1.60 per plate, and advance registration should be mailed to Mrs. M. D. Finch, Box 307, Amite, Louisiana, before January 23.

Mrs. Flora Tassin, District Chairman of Christian Social Relations, has issued an invitation to members of the group to attend church services at the Amite Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the Brunch.

KOREA HONORS AMERICAN METHODIST MISSIONARY-EDUCATOR

A veteran Methodist missionary to Korea was the only American among 22 persons honored by the Korean National Education Association for outstanding service to education in Korea, the Methodist Board of Missions reported here.

Mrs. Clara Howard, who has been a missionary in Korea since 1923, was given an award for helping to establish the kindergarten system in that country.

She served in October as president of the Methodist Kindergarten Training School in Taipan, Korea. Her successor at the school is Miss Sun Hi Lee, a former Methodist Crusade Scholar, who was trained by Miss Howard.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AUBRY G. WALTON, wife of the pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, was hostess at the annual Christmas Party at the school

The Rev. Thomas Crow, superintendent of the National Council of Churches, recently said that the nation's Protestant and Catholic Churches should strive for a unified witness to the federal government instead of engaging in "unwise and destructive" competition.
Retirement No Deterrent to Bishop Boaz

Bishop Elwin A. Boaz, who was well known for the spiritual ability to care more for good causes and his love of sports, died January 7 at the age of 95, in Dallas. Thus Methodists lost a spiritual leader in the memorial services held January 4 at Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas. The bishop was Bishop William M. Martin, Fort Worth. Dallas Area Bishop Paul W. Martin, Bishop Emeritus, and retired Bishop A. Frank Smith of the Rev. W. T. Demker was in charge of the services.

Refusing to quit work after his retirement in 1958, Bishop Boaz accepted a position as Financial Commissioner at SMU; the mission of which he has been called "the real hospital," and which he served as its second president. During his retirement, he began a variety of new projects, which produce $5,000 annually. The sum represents an income equal to that derived from an endowment of more than nine million dollars.

A lover of sports, the bishop who served as president of two Methodist colleges, was a familiar sight at the home games of SMU, which he attended, no matter how unpleasant the weather, until the age of 94. He was an equally familiar sight at the Dallas Cotton Club, where his fun signaled his presence. He played many cameos in the U. S. and in Asia, but the Dallas Cotton Club was his favorite.

Bishop Boaz was born in Morris, Kentucky, December 19, 1886, and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Boaz, to Tyrant Gann, Texas, in March, 1893. The bishop's ambition during that time was to enter, in the words of his father, "... the world of education." He took an active interest in the advancement of the church, and in 1952, he was named President of the Methodist Church.

Young College President

In 1982, at the age of 90, Bishop Boaz was elected president of Dallas Bible College, Fort Worth, which was later named Boaz School of Theology. During his tenure, the school increased its enrollment from 200 to more than 1,500, and the facility increased from 16 to 32. The new buildings were complete and the indebtedness paid.

While president of Boaz School of Theology, he became concerned that a great Methodist mission be built in the Mississippi Delta. In support of such an endeavor, he wrote to Dr. Stuart Fisk that such an investment should not be made unless there was a definite return. In 1963, Fisk became president, and the mission president in 1964 that Fort Worth moved to prepare and raise $100,000 for a campus and raise another $100,000 to build a Methodist mission center.

The offer sparked a great enthusiasm which led to the setting of a goal of $600,000. In 1965, the college's goal was reached, and the school was opened with an enrollment of 250.

New School Approved

Notification of the approval of the new School of Medical Technology at Methodist Hospital by the American Medical Association has been received in Dallas.

Applications are now being taken for the school. Training for the first group of medical technologists began January 2. Requirements for entering the one-year course are three years of pre-collegiate courses at any recognized college. A new group of applicants will start classes at the school the first of each month.

The Methodist Hospital Laboratories, where the school will be held, offers complete facilities and ample room for a secure group of students, according to Dr. J. C. Hunter, director of laboratories, who heads the entire department.

To Lead European Tour

A "Church in the World" European Tour 1962 will be led by the Rev. Wallace E. Clappell, minister of Ridge- wood Park Methodist Church of Dallas, June 16-July 9.

The carefully planned itinerary will include tours of England, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Luxembourg, Switzerland, France. Highlight of the tour for Methodists will be the first stop at Epworth, England, to visit the birthplace of John Wesley and other historic Methodist shrines.

Mr. Clappell, formerly a staff member of the General Board of Education of The Methodist Church, has traveled extensively in church work, speaking, teaching, and conducting meetings, and is a regular contributor to a number of church publications. This year he has been especially for the North Texas Methodist Youth Seminar held at Washington, D.C., and the United Nations.

During a three-day tour of Scotland an informal seminar will be held with leaders of the Free Church of Scotland, a projec for exchanging the church in urban areas. The seminars will also be held in France to consult with teachers in the teaching of the Waldensian in the international church in post-war Germany.

A six-week point of the tour will be a nine-week period in the United Kingdom. Principal Methodists will be captured by the spiritual mission at the Waldensian. The tour will begin in September, and the group will tour the United Kingdom, and in May, 1963, to the United States. The last Sunday will be spent in Paris.

The tour has been arranged by YMCA leaders and an invited group will visit Waldensian World Headquarters. The tour price is $575. For further information contact Mr. Clappell, 8401 Fairview Ave. Dallas, Tex.
Houston Youth Stage
Second Annual Revival

The Second Annual Youth Revival was held in Shepherd Drive Methodist Church of Houston, December 440.

These revivals have little resemblance to the usual "youth revivals" which are common in Methodist churches. The program is geared to the whole church, both adults and children, and the emphasis is on salvation and stewardship. The young people themselves bear charge of every phase of the revival, including planning, publicity, program, services, music, sets, as well as providing a speaker each evening from their own number and ministring to their own group.

The only part of the program on which adults had to be given encouragement and to give an invitation to Christian discipleship at the close of each service.

The idea was born out of the deep concern of the young people for the spiritual growth of some of their possess and for adult members of the church, and they worked to do something about it. They came to the pastor with their idea, and plans for an annual Youth Revival were launched in 1966.

The theme for 1966 was "Relates," and the emphasis was on: "If I Were Relates, I Believe," "Believers in Morals," "Believers in Mar.," "Religion in Immediate," "Believers in the Bible," and "I Wanna Be a Relate.

The results of the revivals cannot be adequately measured. The adult membership of the church has been checked out; 90% of its members are now adults. The youth group and the young people themselves are much in evidence.

The entire church has been challenged and inspired by a deeper faith and some action... and a little child shall call them设立交欢乐...

Stewardship Emphasis
Is Success at Giddings

By Don Welch

The Rev. Billy B. Herndon, pastor of the Giddings Methodist Church, reports successful results of that achieved in the Bryan District, churches which have carried out the conference-wide stewardship program with emphasis on tithing.

The program began in the Giddings Methodist Church on October 21. It was a program carried out monthly in the largest of all the church's organizations, under the direction of Morris Harms, chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Budget.

A Storm warning was issued on November 20 and the congregation met the line. The W. H. T. Law of J. D. T. The individual covenant followers were given a special debt service at the close of the meeting service on November 20.

As a result of the program, 50 families represented 50% of the total membership committed themselves to tithing. Of the 50 families, 40 gave over 10% in tithes, 20 turned their gifts to the church and of these 40 families, 12 dedicated themselves to a greater stewardship.

In the First Member Census which followed on Sunday, December 10, 40 families placed their pledge cards on the altar of the church, pledging 95% of the total budget.

Adopts Building Plan

St. John's Methodist Church, Jacksonv., has adopted the proposed master plan for the development of its eight acre site located at 2120 Boulevard Street.

The downtown location includes an addition to the church, worship, landscaping, parking garage, and parking facilities. The church plant will be constructed in three separate phases. The church was organized in 1906.

The first unit to be constructed will be a fellowship hall which can be used as a sanctuary with adjacent education space. Detailed plans for the building committee, composed of chairman, Norman B. Rogers, Mrs. Virgil Mathews, German Allman, W. W. Garrett, Charles Walker, Jr., and Frank Rogers, Jr., will be sought for the project and will cost approximately $300,000.

Conroe Purchases Site

Proposals for a future site for now, site have been submitted to St. Paul Methodist Church in Conroe. Located in a growing new subdivision, the block of the site is tract 10, block 3, section B, in the northwestern section of the City, the site contains a total of 3.2 acres and cost $21,400.

Organized in March, 1964, the St. Paul congregation has organized its present four-member committee, which it estimates will cost $21,400.

The group of deed, to be used by the South Methodist Church, and the St. Paul Church, the site of the First Methodist Church, in Conroe.

Sell Deeds by Square Inches

The group is being "Sell-a-Deed" to help raise money for a new church building. The students at T.C.U., led by the Student Councils, are selling "Deeds" to square inches of the campus.

The deed was started by the Student Senate last year to give students an opportunity to help raise money for a building that would be needed for a future church building and to demonstrate their willingness to contribute to the cost of the $2,000,000 building.

March 1967, Together
e's constitution was revised to bring about a closer relationship of the 48 member bodies in 76 countries. Bishop Fred Perez Garcia of the Philadelphia Area was installed as the new council president.

Other religious news headlines:
- Catholic demands that parochial schools be included in any federal aid to education, controversy over the morality of fallout shelters, activities of extremist anti-communist groups, inauguration of President Kennedy’s Peace Corps, and the upholding of Sunday closing laws by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Of particular interest to Methodists were the proposed merger with the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Presbyterian Church, and the United Church of Christ; apparent defeat of proposed Amendment XII to the Methodist Constitution; arrest and imprisonment of five American Methodist missionaries in Portuguese Angola; Govenor's nationalization of Cuban Methodist Schools, and Methodist's climb to a membership of 10 million.

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CENTURY CLUB

Another Methodist who has
proved the point made by the
CENTURY CLUB this
month is...

Mrs. Malinda Roberts,
106 Morgan, Miss.

More names of Methodists, 100
who will be listed, will be
reported in future issues.

Looking Back to 1961

The World Methodist Conference in
Oslo, Norway, and the Third Assem-
by of the World Council of Churches in
New Delhi, India, topped the list of
important religious news stories in 1961.
In New Delhi the Russian Orthodox
Church was admitted to WCC mem-
bership, and Charles C. Parlin, an
Englewood, N.J. Methodist, became
one of the two WCC Lay presidents.

Teen-age Mail Aids Church

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