Artsy J. Moore, Atlanta, Ga., and Bishop Roy H. Short, Nashville, Tenn. Bishop Moore will supervise the Florida Annual Conference; Bishop Short the Cuba Annual Conference. Both bishops are familiar with these conferences, having presided over them in former years.

This arrangement will continue until the assignment of a bishop to the Jacksonville Area by the quadrennial Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 13-17, 1960.
JOHN WARREN BRANSCOMB
May 11, 1905 - January 16, 1959
So Methodists Say...

"The idea of Communism as a 'secular religion' doesn't quite come off. Religion requires something more than scientific materialism. It requires the supernatural."—The Rev. Dr. T. L. Rice. 

"The gospel is the only really authentic and substantial good news that can be offered the world."—Bishop John H. Tippett of San Francisco.

The Amen Corner
(In Memory of Bishop Branscomb)

Word came today our friend had slipped away—
There was no final closing of a door,
Beyond which lay a land of shadows gray—
Rather it seemed that often, as before,
He was but absent for a little space,
Working among his people; soon again
He would be back in his accustomed place.
And we would hear once more his glad "Amen!"

Beyond that door which he has left ajar,
May it not be our listening souls can hear
Faintly at first, then joyously and clear,
His shouting from his Amen Corner there?

—A Friend
Bishop John W. Branscomb, a Bishop of The Methodist Church. This picture was made at the time of Bishop Branscomb's consecration on the evening of February 1, 1959, at the closing session of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held in Roanoke, Virginia.

Women Take Stand on Many Issues

News of the national organization representing 1,000,000 Methodist women has called for an end to the draft, a greatly expanding foreign aid program, federal aid to education and a complete revision of U.S. immigration policy. In resolutions adopted at the meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 17, the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Society of Friends in America, which is sponsor, called for the extension of the policy to all American families.

The newly elected Bishop is escorted to the platform following the announcement of the results of the voting. Left to right: Bishop-elect John W. Branscomb, Bishop Roy H. Short, Mrs. Bruce Gannaway, Mrs. W. H. Beckham, R. H. Berg, seated, second row: Fred T. Shrewsberry, Dr. R. J. Pettiford, Dr. R. Graham; Standing, left to right: Mrs. W. H. Beckham, Mrs. Bruce Gannaway, Mrs. W. H. Beckham, R. H. Berg, seated, second row: Fred T. Shrewsberry, Dr. R. J. Pettiford, Dr. R. Graham, Mrs. Bruce Gannaway, Mrs. W. H. Beckham, R. H. Berg, seated, second row: Fred T. Shrewsberry, Dr. R. J. Pettiford, Dr. R. Graham, Mrs. Bruce Gannaway, Mrs. W. H. Beckham, R. H. Berg. Standing, left to right: Dr. John G. Beckham, R. H. Berg, Dr. George Foster, Dr. Robert C. Holmes, Dr. H. W. Blackburn, Harry P. Waller, Dr. Don A. Cooke, and Bishop-elect John W. Branscomb.

Bishop John W. Branscomb lands in Roseland, N.C., Sept. 7, 1955, on his trip around the world—his first tour of episcopal visitation.
Bishop Branscomb's Passehs

Bishop John W. Branscomb, senior bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, was at- tached to the Florida Episcopal Area on December 7th. He returned from a five-country trip to the Orient, including Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippine Islands, and the United States. During the trip, Bishop Branscomb visited many Methodist churches and institutions, including the United Methodist Church in Hong Kong, the First Methodist Church in Tokyo, and the Central Methodist Church in Manila.

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Groud Breaking At Riverside, Miami

Figures in foreground, left to right: the Rev. Donald M. Mackey, Dr. R. C. L. Peers, chairman, Building Committee, and Jack Perry, director of Riverside Methodist Church, Miami, celebrate Day and Groundbreaking Day on January 4, 1959, with Dr. R. G. Boyd serving as guest preacher. Nineteen charter members, who had been part of the founding group in 1921, were present for the service and each of them received a orchid corsage, presented by Mrs. Thomas W. Godbold, on behalf of the church, on Membership Day and Evangulum.

As a part of the morning service, the congregation moved out from the sanctuary to the site on which the new building is to be constructed and various leaders of the church welded the shovels to launch the construction program. Dr. Homer L. Peers, chairman of the Building Committee, assisted by Harry L. Seabrook, vice-president of the commission, led the group forward, followed by other leaders of the church, representatives of the Miami Herald, and finally, the archbishop and contractors.

The 125,000 building will cost approximately $500,000, furnished. It is a two-story building with a small portion of it three stories in height.

Washington News Notes

Methods continue to lead all denominations in the number of affiliations of members of Congress and senators. All for aggressive and co-witness action. The many duties which challenge us all demand, huge, courage and sacrifice. Certainly a self-sustaining, official, normality will not suffice for a crisis such as is now upon us. My prayer to God is that, although the work may rest heavily upon our hearts, it will not rest upon my nerves. Every day somewhere in this wide field of service I shall rise, to a full day's work. Ask God to take my weakness and add to it His mighty power. His presence is near who seek to serve. I shall claim that power and work cheerfully. Pray for me.

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I WANT TOMORROW

A few years ago, Margaretta Higginbotham, a war correspondent, received the much coveted Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. The award was based on her coverage of the Korean War. In her articles she told of many interesting and socially-moving experiences. One is mentioned in an account of the P.T.O. Company of Marines which originally numbered 100 men. They were in combat with more than 100,000 Chinese Communists. It was intensely cold—a matter of fact it was reported to be 45 degrees below zero. On this particular morning the reporters and photographers were standing around near the front lines for a long spell, but in the end, half-frozen, stood by their dirty and equally cold trucks, eating from tin cans.

A huge Marine was eating a cold beef with his bare knuckles. His clothes were frozen as solid as ice and his face was covered with a heavy beard which was frozen stiff as well. Suddenly I heard the world-not this one. And that's why I believe the Church has a large stake in the process. As a parent, I will be returning to my son in his room, remembering that the very persons who live by them may be exposed to these loss and that the growth in the direction of Christ is spiritual maturity. And that's why I hope you who are parents feel that way about your youngsters. Christ is our only hope!
**The Florida Methodist**

**January 1, 1959**

**Children's Television**

**What is a child's favorite pastime nowadays?**

Baseball, reading, drawing, Julie—hooping... or watching TV? Experts say that children spend 20-30 hours a week in front of the television set, so it is a close companion. In fact, a companion so close that it can greatly influence a child.

The Methodist Television Ministry is in cooperation with the Children's TV Service to make TV a better companion for children through a new children's TV series. This series is a contribution of the Methodist Television Ministry to Protestant children's programming. The films will interpret the Christian faith to children, in terms of their experiences and understanding.

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Script are being written now. Production will begin as soon as enough funds designated for Children's TV are received. World Service Special credit will be given.

Each of the programs will be a dramatization easily understandable by children from 6 to 12 years old. There will be situations and problems which a child encounters.

The Board of Education has endorsed the Children's TV Series as a project which vacation church schools may support. Posters, leaflets, and offering envelopes are available for use in the schools. They may be ordered from the Central Promotional Office, 766 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

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**All Sizes All Shapes**

A new, exciting, hands-on sight-reading program will be available for each Sunday School class. It is called *Children's TV Series.*

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**The Fellowship Class of Christ**

Church, St. Petersburg, recently presented a set of the interpreter's Bible to the church library.

An M.Y.P. and a W.R.C.B. have been organized at the Lake Jackson Church, Tallahassee District, recently.

Community Church, Belle Glade, has 141 units in the West Palm Beach District's奠基 Church program. Each unit represents a gift of at least $10 to the Foundation for missions and education in Florida through the district with a limit of three calls per year.

Attendance in the Sunday evening Fellowship at St. Paul's, Tallahassee, has reached the $50 mark, with a survey of membership showing overwhelming approval to its continuance.

The Cross City Church continues

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**The Methodist Publishing House**

Prizes for free house drawing are to be awarded to the winners of the Methodist Publishing House's free house drawing. The winners will be announced in the Methodist Publishing House's magazine, *Christian Herald.*

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**In CRISIS world must the Church do?**

Twelve leaders—7 pastor, 5 bishops, an elder—the president of a university, and a general board staff member—will help you find the answer to this question.

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We tardily report the birth of a daughter, Laurie, to the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Folse of Anthony on Nov. 17.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Weaver of Trinity, St. Petersburg, announce the arrival of Carol Lynne, their fourth child, on Dec. 22.

The Tallahassee District passages report two P.S.K.s in recent weeks. Karen James, Blair weighed in with the Rev. and Mrs. Galene Blair of the First Circuit at 9 lb. 4 oz. on Dec. 1. A few weeks earlier Maria Stefan Baker came to bless the lives of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Barker. Barker is the pastor of the Tallahassee District's Baby church, Forest Hills, in Quincy.

The Rev. Wilfred Aldridge, pastor at Delray, reports good results at a preaching mission in Connetta, Okeeffe, despite zero temperatures and four-foot drifts of snow. This effective minister, who has now been in the ministry for 30 years, has had four-month winter weather for the first time in June.

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Bible Crusade Revival

The Rev. T. Newton Wise of the American Bible Society led the American Bible Society's crusade last month. At the Moore Haven in a Bible Crusade Revival a feature of the meeting was the presentation of copies of the Holy Scripture to various groups and persons including the commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the county clerk, the sheriff, the Odd Fellows and the Masons. An illustrated New Testament was given to the school library.

Another feature was special music furnished by the School Band, the Chorus and a male quartet from the First Methodist Church, Lakeland, D. S. was also a speaker along the theme. "What is that hand?" Mrs. Rabb asked each person present to speak briefly as to the "pleasures and pains of her office."

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Mrs. S. LLOYD FERIE of the LAKELAND DISTRICT sends us information regarding the Executive Committee for their District when they entertained the District Executive Committee of the Western Service Guild with a supper meeting, Jan. 16th in the College Heights Methodist Church, Lakeland, with the president Mrs. Earl Rose of Winter Haven presiding. Speakers for the evening were Mrs. Allen Watson, of Winter Haven; Dr. Prentis Ward, and Mrs. Thomas Hight, of Tampa.

New Church for Quincy

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BISHOP BRANSCOMB

MARCH 1959

METHODIST BISHOP John Branscomb of the Jacksonville, Fla., episcopal area, died in his sleep Jan. 16 at the Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando, Fla., following a heart attack. He was fifty-three.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17 in the First Methodist Church of Orlando, where the bishop was pastor from 1944 to 1952, and burial followed the next day in his home town of Union Springs, Ala.

Survivors include his wife, the former Elizabeth Keller; a son, John Rufus, and a daughter, Mrs. Milton Davis, Jr., both of Atlanta, Ga., and two grandchildren.

Bishop Branscomb became ill Jan. 5 while attending a Florida Conference evangelistic rally in Ocala. He dismissed it as a digestive upset, but a physical examination next day revealed that he had suffered a heart attack. He was hospitalized immediately and was thought to be making a good recovery when he suffered a fatal attack ten days later.

Friends said the bishop was physically exhausted when he returned home December 3 from a six-week visitation to Methodist work in South America, but that he plunged immediately into a series of district conferences.

Bishop Branscomb was widely known for his vigorous preaching and his interest in the church's missionary program. He spent his entire ministry in Florida, starting in 1928 as pastor of the Boca Grande church. Later pastorates included churches in St. Petersburg, Arcadia, Tampa and Orlando.

In 1952 he was elected a bishop by the Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction and assigned to the Jacksonville Area, comprising the Florida and Cuba annual conferences.

Bishop Branscomb was a graduate of Emory University, receiving the A.B. and B.D. degrees in 1926 and 1928, respectively. He did graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute, and held honorary doctorates from Emory, Florida Southern College and Bethune-Cookman College.

Bishop Branscomb was chairman of the Methodist College of Bishops, Southeastern Jurisdiction; vice president of the Advance Committee; a member of the Methodist Board of Missions and the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations; vice president of the Lake Junaluska, N. C. Methodist Assembly, and a trustee of several Methodist colleges. Administration of the Jacksonville Area will be added to the duties of Bishop
BISHOP JOHN BRANSCOMB
225 East Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida

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Parents: John Sanford and Ida(Dismukes) Branscomb.
Married: Elizabeth Keller, November 28, 1928.
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EDUCATION:
A.B.(1926), B.D.(1928) Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.
B.D.(1940) Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.
Graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.

MINISTERIAL SERVICE:
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GENERAL SERVICE:
Delegate to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of 1940, 1944, 1948, 1952.
Delegate to Methodist Ecumenical Conferences of 1947 and 1951.
Florida Conference Missionary Secretary, 1937-52.
Executive Secretary of Florida Methodist Conference, 1931-44.
Vice President Joint Section of Education and Cultivation, Methodist General Board of Missions, 1952-56.
Trustee: Lake Junaluska(N.C.), Methodist Assembly; Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga.; Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.; Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.

OCCUPATIONS: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Kiwanis International.

HONORS:
In 1951 Bishop Branscomb, then pastor of the First Methodist Church, Orlando, was named "the Methodist of the Year" by Methodist Outlook, missionary periodical of The Methodist Church.

Note: In addition to the Florida Conference, Bishop Branscomb has episcopal supervision of the Cuba Conference. The two conferences compose the Jacksonville Area.
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TRUSTEE:
Lake Junaluska Assembly (vice-president); Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, Fla.; Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.; Wesleyan College, Macon; Paine College, Augusta (president of Board).

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Bishop Branscomb — 2

ORGANIZATIONS: Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Kiwanis International; Omicron Delta Kappa

HONORS: In 1951, when pastor of the First Methodist Church, Orlando, he was named "the Methodist of the Year" by WORLD OUTLOOK, missionary periodical of The Methodist Church.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Florida Conference Missionary Secretary, 1937-52
Executive Secretary of Florida Methodist Centennial, 1944
President, Southeastern Jurisdictional Board of Missions, 1944-52

Dec. 31, 1956
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BISHOP JOHN W. BRANSCOMB.

THE HOME-GOING OF A BISHOP

All Cuba is weeping over the home-going of our greatly beloved resident bishop, Dr. John Warren Branscomb. He knew us intimately and loved us supremely. The Methodists of Cuba returned that love with all the warmth and glow of the Latin heart.

The bishop was born at Union Springs, Alabama, May 11, 1905. His parents were devout Christians. The lad was left an orphan at an early age. He worked his way through Emory University and the Candler School of Theology. Later many honorary degrees were conferred upon him. His pastorates were all assigned to Cuba and Florida, and members of the Methodist Church. The lad was made bishop of the Methodist Church in Cuba from 1944-1949, and set the strategy for it for the next hundred years. He established the Agricultural and Industrial School at Preston, the Union Seminary at Maanzas, and the University Methodist Church in Habana. His was a labor of love: the blessings which are numerous and as enduring as the stars.

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THE REPORT

The Bishop Costen J. Harrell Church (which houses the former Leland Memorial Congregation) occupies one of the most strategic locations of Miami. It is in the crowded area of life. 50,000 people live around it. Here are located the twin institutions of Candler College for boys, and Benevencia College for girls, which have a total enrollment of 1600. They begin with the student in the kindergarten and continue with him through the grades, Cuban and American high school, and commercial school.

In October, 1957, Candler University was opened as a natural outgrowth of Candler and Benevencia schools. It has had fine success, and it is in its second academic year. The faculty for Methodism, and for all Protestantism offered by this institution, may well be far greater than our fondest dreams.

The Bishop Costen J. Harrell Church serves the Cuban and Athenaeum schools and Candler University. It is THE TEMPLE of the whole Methodist center.

The four hundred and four churches that have contributed to make the Bishop Costen J. Harrell Church a reality will be glad to know that their contributions have amounted to approximately $490,000.00. The local congregation has contributed in paid pledges $44,000.00, and pledged $6,000.00 more, making a total of $50,000.00 for its share.

A REPORT AND AN INVITATION

THE ANNEX

The Bishops, preachers, and many of the four hundred and four churches, across the United States, have combined to build the Bishop Costen J. Harrell Church in Moravian, Havana, Cuba. The contributions have been made during the past six years. Last year a sampling report has not been made to those wonderful friends. The present folder is such a report, and is being sent to each contributor. A copy is sent to each pastor in Western North Carolina, as a majority of the pastoral charges of that Conference, have cooperated. Other interested friends will also receive the report. It is good policy for the donors to know how their money is being spent on the mission field.

THE PARSONAGE

Acoustical tile should be placed in the roof and back walls of the church, at a cost of $4,000.00. It is imperative to build a Sunday School Annex and a parsonage at a cost of $40,000.00.

Summarizing: $44,000.00 is needed for the Annex, parsonage, and acoustical tile. All of this money is provided, except $4,000.00. When this is provided, the project will be completed. As already stated, the local congregation is engaged in raising $6,000.00, which is to be paid toward finishing the project. WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE RAISED THROUGH OUR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES IS $4,000.00.

THE INVITATION

It is our privilege to invite all those who have made contributions to building the Bishop Costen J. Harrell Methodist Church Annex and Parsonage.

AGE may be completed. Also we extend the same cordial invitation to other friends, who might wish to share in this great dream of Christian love. We shall be most grateful for all offerings. The money may be sent through the regular channels of the Board of Missions. Full Advance Credit will be given for it.

In Jesus' love,

Carl D. Stewart,
Field Treasurer of the Methodist Board of Missions for Cuba, and superintendent of the Orient District.

Please note that my address is:
Arecibo 33 No. 5120, Marianao, Cuba.

A GREETING IN THE NEW YEAR 1959

DEAR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES:

How good it is to salute you in the New Year! We have passed through the revolution, which placed Dr. Fidel Castro in power. We trust that a new and better day has dawned for Cuba. Many of the leaders of the revolution are Protestants, and a surprisingly large number of them, even of the military officials, are Methodists.

All of our churches and missions are now able to resume their programs. Expansion is the order of the day, especially in the Orient Province, where there are thousands of people in the rural areas, and small towns, who have no church opportunities. This is Methodism's big chance to win them for Christ and the Church.

You have been most generous with your offerings for our work in Cuba, which accounts for its phenomenal success. You will receive a golden crown just as surely as any missionary does, for your dollars are vouching witness to this lovely people, who recognize that their hope is in Christ, the Lord. As we face the period of national reconstruction after the war, we face new and vast opportunities for Methodism. May our Church be equal to the greatness of this hour.

Gracefully yours,

Carl D. Stewart,

DR. FIDEL CASTRO

His Excellency, Fidel Castro Ruz, President of Cuba.
By ASHTON A. ALMAND

The Branscomb Memorial

IN HOLGUIN, CUBA

The missionary zeal of the Florida Conference for many years could be largely attributed to the missionary passion of one of its pastors, John W. Branscomb. After about twenty-five years as an active pastor in Florida, much of it spent as Conference Missionary Secretary, Dr. Branscomb was elected a Bishop of The Methodist Church in 1952. He was assigned to the Jacksonville Area and spent the remainder of his life providing episcopal leadership to this area which includes the Florida and Cuba Conferences.

In 1959 I accompanied Dr. Branscomb and a group of pastors to Cuba. This was Dr. Branscomb's first trip to Cuba and he never got over it. The need for Christ and His Church among the Cuban people deeply impressed him and was to become one of the deepest concerns of his ministry.

Following Bishop Branscomb's assignment in 1952, I again accompanied him to Cuba on his first official visit as bishop of the area. Everywhere the bishop was warmly welcomed from the very beginning, and he accepted the problems as well as the challenges of the Cuban Church as his own. His feeling of personal responsibility is reflected in an incident occurring in Holguin, Oriente. We had worshiped at night in the very inadequate building housing the Methodist church and clinic, and he was concerned over the lack of physical facilities. Next morning we walked over some wide areas of the town. One area, where it was estimated more than ten thousand people
On July 5, 1953, the lecture "Living a Church" was presented at the Division of World Mission, Dr. A. V. Branscomb, President of Missioners. He, along with Dr. F. C. White and Dr. E. H. Cate, were also present. The lecture was given by Rev. H. L. Braswell, Jr., Bishop of Florida. The message focused on the importance of education in the development of the Church.

Dr. A. V. Branscomb, President of Missioners, was a long-time friend of Bishop Braswell. During his time at the Division of World Mission, he was responsible for the establishment of many schools and educational institutions.

The lecture was well-received by the attendees, who appreciated the energetic and insightful presentation. The message was a call to action, urging everyone to contribute to the education of Church members.

The lecture was held at the Atlantic Church in Daytona Beach, and it was well-attended. The attendees were impressed with the message and the delivery of Dr. A. V. Branscomb.

The lecture was a testament to the importance of education in the Church. It emphasized the need for continuous learning and growth in personal and spiritual development.

The attendees were also reminded of the importance of education in the Church's mission to spread the word of God and to provide spiritual guidance to those in need.
Photographs from this file have not been included but are available upon request. For more information please contact research@gcah.org