DAWSON, BISHOP DANA
Former Kansas Bishop Dies

Bishop Dana Dawson, 72, who served the Kansas Area of The Methodist Church from 1948 until his retirement in 1960, died May 2 in Shreveport, La.

During his leadership, membership of the Kansas Area Methodist churches increased 24 percent, to nearly a quarter million. Ten new churches were established in Wichita, three in Topeka, three in Kansas City, and one in Manhattan.

Mission donations doubled. There was $2 million expansion at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, a $2 million hospital built in Hays, a $2 million hospital in Kansas City, and a $1 million Home for the Aged in Topeka.

Survivors include his widow, Delma; a son, Dana, Jr., minister of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Mrs. Keith Mason, Shreveport; and six grandchildren.
Youth Hear Catholics, Hindus

Two Roman Catholic priests and two Indian Hindu students spoke to the more than 340 senior-high youth at the Hays Diocesan rally in Colby April 12.

Rev. John Moore, Hill City, showed slides of religious temples and customs around the world. Evening speaker was the Rev. Whalon Blackman, Quayle Church, Salina.

Diane Amos, outreach chairman, led the Festival of Sharing. Jan Eisenhour, McCracken, is president, and the Rev. Wes Davis, Jennings, is director.

* The Burr Oak Church has given two men to the ministry this year: Don Shoup is preaching at Webster, and Olin Hef, a student at Kansas Wesleyan, serves the Bennington Church.

* Dan Riggs, El Dorado, has been awarded the John Monroe Moore Fel-
1964 General Conference Actions

- Approved a revised and enlarged Code of Discipline for the first time using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for most Scripture readings and quotations.
- Approved a new hymn which will be available near the end of 1965.
- Approved a new organizational structure for the Board of Missions, largest agency of the church. Dr. Jack Wilkes, president-elect of Covenant College, was chairman of the committee on nominations.
- Voted to maintain its historic position favoring total sobriety from alcoholic beverages and to expel all its faculties to abide by that position.
- Details of merger with the Evangelical United Brethren Church will be determined as a special session of the Methodist General Conference in 1966, to be held simultaneously with one already planned by the EURC denomination. The plan, which does not go into effect until January 1, 1968, was overwhelmingly approved by the General Conference.
- Unfortunately adopted a plan for the elimination of the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction. There were very few votes against. It is expected that the first step will be taken this year under legislation that provides that a conference must have the following conditions: 
  a. A conference shall be terminated if nine votes are cast for the plan for a period of three years.
  b. A conference shall be terminated if any three of the following conditions are met:
     1. The conference shall have voted to terminate it.
     2. The conference shall have voted to support the plan for the elimination of the Central Jurisdiction.
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169 Attend Lay School

A total of 169 persons attended the Lay School of Theology conducted at Covenant College on April 27, 28, and May 5. The school, one of the first of its kind in the nation, was sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities of the Shreveport District and was taught by Dean John E. Fulkerson and the Rev. Robert E. Taylor of the college. Euphony persons received certificates for the course number 132, New Testament: Content and Value.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 3--Word was received here today at the Methodist General Conference that Bishop Dana Dawson, 72, died Saturday, May 2, in Shreveport, La.

He had retired in 1960 because of ill health and had made his home in Shreveport since that time. He was resident bishop of the Kansas-Nebraska Area of The Methodist Church from 1948-52, and of the Kansas Area, 1952-60.

Bishop Dawson was elected to the episcopacy in 1948. He was pastor of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, from 1934-48. Earlier pastorates included Red Fork and West Tulsa, Okla.; First Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Ark.; and Grace Church, Oklahoma City.

Born in Lawrence, Iowa, April 18, 1892, he received his education at Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, and University of Chicago; with honorary doctorates from Southwestern College, Kansas Wesleyan University, Morningside College, and Baker University.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church in Shreveport, Monday, May 4.

Survivors are his widow, the former Olma Millikan of Guthrie and Oklahoma City; son, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., pastor of First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; and daughter, Mrs. Keith Mason of Shreveport.

Bishop Dawson was a delegate to the General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1939; the Uniting Conference, 1939; South Central Jurisdictional Conferences, 1944 and 1948, and the Methodist General Conference, 1952. He was a member of the Boards of Missions, Lay Activities and Temperance. He was a trustee of Southern Methodist University, Kansas Wesleyan University, Baker University, Southwestern College, and National College for Christian Workers. He helped establish St. Paul School of Theology-Methodist in Kansas City, Mo.
Bishop Dawson

Bishop Dawson has been a faithful leader in
and places of service and influence.

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