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PASTORS' CONVOCATIONS HELD IN AREA

Three Pastors' Convocations were held within the bounds of the Area during the summer. The South Carolina and Tennessee-Kentucky Conferences held jointly sponsored convocations with the Holston, Memphis, Tennessee and South Carolina Confer-

ences respectively.

The pastors' convocation held at Tennessee-Wesleyan College, Athens. Tennessee had an attendance of about 500 ministers from the Holston Conference (SEJ) and the Knoxville District of the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference. The convocation at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina involved about 500 ministers from the South Carolina Conference (SEJ) and the South Carolina Conference (CJ). At Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee there were a little over 500 ministers from the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences (SEJ) and the Nashville

> Television Valuation booklet designed for every Methodist home.

If millions of Methodists register their reactions to TV programming with a flood of postcards in the next month and beyond, it may have as great an impact on television as any single factor since ratings. The great advantage of Television Valuation Month over ratings is that the ratings record only what particular program a given set was tuned to. Through this emphasis we can report who watched a particular program, and how it was received. This kind of mass audience response, if it is articulate and intelligent, can give the television industry a kind of important data it never has had before.

Too often in our mass culture we feel that individuals are powerless to make any difference. This need not be true. Together during the next month we not only can examine ourselves as members of the viewing pubhe but we also have the opportunity to bring the kind of concerted witness to the television industry that could result in startling improvements

In the month ahead, television specials will be in short supply as the networks concentrate on launching regular programs of their new season Since this area of evening television has the most room for improvement. it is appropriate that we major in viewing and responding to these oncome series. (Those of you who are announced Dr. Howard M. Ham, general secretary of the division.

The Nashville-based unit will be divided into five work areas, each headed by an executive director.

The five areas and their directors are: Experimentation with Educational Innovations-Dr. George E. Koehler; Services of Support and Guidance of Designated Leaders-Dr. Wayne M. Lindecker, Jr.; Age-Related Ministries to Persons-Miss Margie McCarty; Resources for Learning and Pracesses of Educational Communication-Dr. B. F. Jackson, Jr.; and National and Regional Training Enterprises-the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham.

The four staff members assigned to the general secretary's office are the Rev. Elmer A. Thampson, administrative assistant; Dr. Carl L. Stocking, assistant for budget management and personnel; and the Revs. Robert S. Clemmons and Thamas J. Van Loon, assistants for design and coordination and ecumenical relations, respectively.

'CRISIS IN RELIGION'

Little Consolation in Prayer

Today worship and prayer bring increasingly little consolation, and religion faces a "crisis of the sacred," says Roman Catholic theologian Father Gregory Baum, O.S.A.

Some Protestant theologians interpret this crisis as the "death of God," Father Baum told the Inter-Faith Seminar on Religion and Contemporary Man, held recently in Traverse City, Mich. This does not help those inside and outside the church who are in spiritual distress though, he added.

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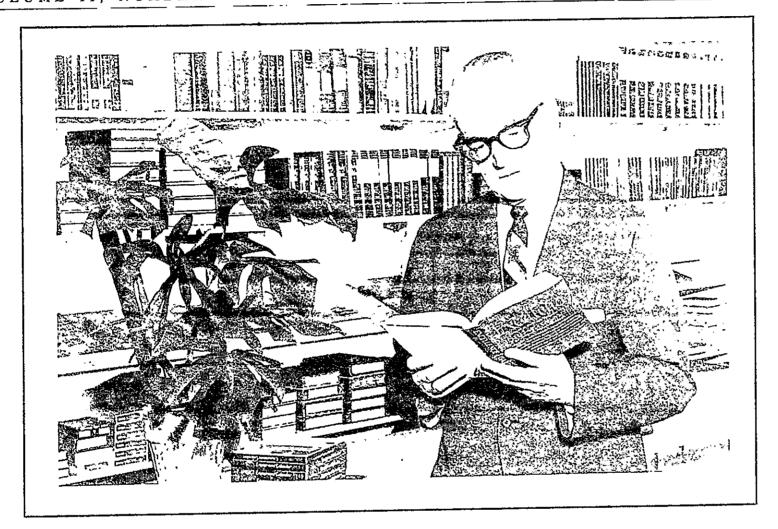
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Superintendents Pay Tribute to a Leader

Oregon

How many are the ways we shall remember him!

Bishop A. Raymond Grant was a truly great prophetic spirit of our time. In his sensitive concern for a just and fair treatment of the minority groups of the world, and in his great and fervent hope that there be peace between the nations, he was ahead of most of the church.

We cherish the memory of his great courage!

He was fearless in his support of the causes in which he believed. He could not be intimidated. He stood by his ministers who "got in trouble" for their convictions, when he was convinced of their sincerity, even though he may not have always been in agreement with a pastor's particular stand.

His courage was a great comfort to those near to him during his last days. He faced death with dignity, believing in the primacy of the spirit.

Many of us, lay and ministers alike, will remember his human qualities. He possessed a rare, quick, and lively wit, stimulating and often perceptive. The tensions of long hours of appointment-making and tedious sessions of annual conferences were many times eased by the contagion of a timely remark full of smiles.

Those who were privileged to share the intimacy of his cabinets know best the compassion and care with which he reviewed each appointment. None was made in haste. Each was made only after considering the many factors of the needs and abilities of pastors and families and the needs of local churches and the whole church. So often his wisdom transcended the limited awareness of the rest of us.

A timely phone call or a warm personal note of encouragement, in spite of his busy schedule, often unexpected, expressed his concern for all of us.

He knew the slings and arrows of the wrath of men aimed at those in high and lonely places. Sensitive to misunderstandings and sometimes hurt when misinterpreted or let down by those he trusted and in whom he believed, he learned to understand and forgive. He had a special concern for men who needed a second and even third chance, and opened doors of Christian service to many of them.

We will long remember him as a man who loved to preach, and whose preaching had a forceful and prophetic quality.

Most of all, many among us will praise God for what he meant to us as a dear friend, a real person, a good minister of Jesus Christ. God grant to him expanding horizons of life where spirit is eternal. God give the church wisdom to save for the world his prophetic concern for the children of men.

We are grateful and richer for having been served by this servant of the servants of God.

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Idaho

A Raymond Grant made his first visit to Idaho in 1950. He came as guest

preacher for the sixty-seventh session of the Idaho Conference which met at Caldwell. His final trip to Idaho was on June 12, 1967, when he presided over the meeting of the Conference Coordinating Council in Boise.

In the intervening years, Bishop A. Raymond Grant has done more to inspire and shape the growth of Methodism in Idaho than any other man. Elected to the office of bishop in 1952, he was assigned to the Portland Area and in cooperation with conference leaders, immediately embarked on the Advance for Christ and His Church. Then in the late 50s, he led the program to provide adequate pensions for the ministers of the Idaho Conference.

Bishop Grant combined in himself to a rare degree the great contributions of Methodism to a needy world—the warm heart, the tender conscience, the rational mind. His powerful preaching never failed to stir his hearers to the call of the gospel as it related to the life we live. No one who heard his last messages to the Methodists of the Idaho Conference in January, 1967, when he spoke at Union, Caldwell, Pocatello, and Twin Falls, could fail to catch the note of urgency and compassion which characterized all of his ministry.

Bishop Grant gave himself without reservation in these four sermons to inaugurate the Idaho Conference Major Needs Crusade. We who remain must carry on the work he so nobly began and resolve to bring this crusade to a glorious and triumphant conclusion as a fitting memorial to him. He now rests from his labors, we must finish the task. Yet still, in a very real sense, he labors with us, shoulder to shoulder, spirit with spirit, in all of our efforts to make the gospel relevant to each new day, to meet human need, to bring peace to a troubled world.

ORVILLE A. COATS

It seems to me: Anyone who knew Ray Grant would also agree that a giant has visited and left an impact upon the program of Methodism that will be felt for generations yet unborn.

To know Bishop Grant was to know one who would champion the underdog, give of himself until he felt the bitter pain of too much giving and yet continue to have the compassion and understanding that redirected emotions so that the love of the Master would shine through.

It was a real privilege to be able to spend precious moments with him. His keen humor could both bite and disarm, his deep insights could see through shams and reach the vital core of problems, his quick understanding made one feel that he knew your problems and their solution without you having to supply the superficial details

His interests were people as persons. Organizations institutions and causes were persons also. His decisions were made with the welfare of the individual as his first concern. His perception sometimes made him impatient with those who could not comprehend as quickly as he, giving the effect that time was too precious to waste, and that tomorrow would be too late.

We can only guess as to how he suffered in recent months for he seldem complained about his health but warned us that he wanted no sympathy. He knew his malady, he knew its outcome, he preached preparation for habitation in an eternal home and while he was ready to enter his Father's house, still one could not help but feel that his heartbreaking regret was the many unfinished tasks he was forced to leave behind.

A great man has passed this way and I was privileged to have touched his hand . . . at least that is the way it seems to me.

WENDELL L. COE

Alaska Mission

Our leader, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, had a great concern for the work of the churches in the Alaska Mission and led them from victory to victory.

First Church was the only Methodist church in Anchorage when he came in 1952. Anchor Park, Turnagain, St. John, East Anchorage, and Chugiak in the Anchorage area; Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, North Kenai, and Sitka have all been developed under his leadership.

In 1966-67, the churches of Alaska gave four times as much for their self-support and programs as the combined giving of the churches and National Division for that work in 1952.

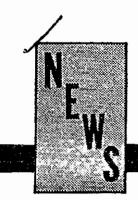
In 1952 value of churches and parsonages in Alaska were about \$400,000. Today these are valued at \$4.5 million. This is in addition to the developments at Alaska Methodist University, Jesse Lee Home, and our other institutions. He took a personal interest in recruiting able ministers and missionaries. These men have made possible the development of the churches and also have helped the church to nave an informed and keen interest in social, economic, and political issues which, I believe, has had a most wholesome effect in helping build stable communities and government in our new and growing state. He dreamed large dreams and gave himself in a large way to Alaska. The fruits of his labors are seen in happier and better lives of thousands of God's children in Alaska.

It has been my privilege to work closely with him during the past 14 years, six years as district superintendent in Oregon, five years as executive secretary of the Coordinating Council of the Oregon Conference, where we conferred almost daily, and three years as superintendent of the Alaska Mission

He has been called Alaska's "Great Friend" He was He was my dear friend. He was the friend of every minister and congregation and many beyond these. He knew the needs problems, the possibilities and challenges facing each man and situation as few can know them His concern that cool give highest allegiance to the last a him and a lite highest calling of our Lord

He was a pre, to pastor educator administrator by most of ail a frend, especially to the needy and dispossessed. On Friday August 18 as I write these words, I have a great lonesome feeling a great empty space is against the sky. But I have a property to have shared these rich years with him. I am thrilled to have a part in seeking to continue working for his dreams for our Alaska, for our Portland Area, for our church, and for our world.

MEREDITH A GROVES



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Since 1964, Bishop Grant had been president of the church's General Board of Christian Social Concerns, but he was in the hospital and unable to preside when it met in Portland last April. He had been president of Alaska Methodist University since its inception in 1954.

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A trustee of both Willamette University and Millamette View Manor, Bishop Grant bad served this quadrennium on the Methodist Coordinating Council and as a delegate to the National Council of Churches Assembly. He was a Mason, a Shriner, and had been an Iowa district governor of Lions Clubs.

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