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TEXAS PASTORATES
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Institute Held On Pastoral Care
An Institute on Pastoral Care was held at Methodist Hospital of Dallas recently, led by The Rev. LeRoy G. Kerney. Rev. Kerney, professor of pastoral care at Houston's Institute of Religion, spoke on "A Christian Understanding of Illness." The institute, which was attended by pastors of all denominations, was subdivided into the following topics: "Disease as a Problem of the Doctor," "Illness as Experienced by the Patient," "Suffering as Interpreted by the Bible and Christian Theology," and "Implications for the Pastor's Hospital Ministry."
Methodist Colleges

by

William A. Ward
Assistant to the President
Texas Wesleyan College

1. They are owned and operated by the Methodist Church. The privilege of ownership carries with it the responsibility for financial support.
2. They are one of the important outreaches of the Methodist Church, performing a function of vital importance to the future strength and effectiveness of the Church.
3. They are free of governmental control. Because of this, they are literally a highly important means of preserving our American way of life.
4. They are Christ-centered—unapologetically and unashamedly.
5. They pour a continuous supply of well-educated, deeply dedicated supply of ministers and Christian laymen into the mainstream of local Methodist churches. The future leaders of Methodism are now enrolled in your Methodist colleges and universities. (It is reported that 85% of the students in Methodist schools of theology received their undergraduate preparation in church colleges.)
6. They are in truth a priceless heritage from our forefathers, and an absolute necessity for the good of future generations.
7. They are the leaven of American higher education, giving witness to the fact that God is the source of all truth.

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Amarillo: Preachers came from Amarillo and near by towns for a 7:30 breakfast and 2 hour session on the TEXAS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE . . . interest was good . . . suggestions helpful.

Dr. Eugene Slater, Polk Street pastor, and H. L. Thurston, First Church, Hereford, took on some volunteer work for the paper which will help a lot.

Ed Landreth, D. S., arranged the breakfast and meeting place at the Y.M.C.A. — an attractive and relatively new building . . . Ed believes in the value of the Advocate for news and promotion . . . has valuable ideas about its make-up and promotion.

It is worth a trip to Waco just to walk on the beautiful campus and swell with joyous pride at being a part of church with a big heart.

Incidentally, Coats is a good place to eat at Waco . . . foo is excellent . . . and no beer or other alcoholic drinks are sold.

The bank at near by Wes, Texas must have fully recovered from being robbed by a T.C. student a few years ago . . . its sign offered new ear finar, einge at 4 per cent . . . now
U. S., Area Methodism Mourns Passing of Dedicated Leader; Memorial Planned

Following a period of declining health, Bishop H. Bascom Watts died in Bryan Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, November 3. Memorial services were held at St. Paul Church, Lincoln, November 5 and at Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla., November 6, where Bishop Watts served the Tulsa church for a decade and received over 19,000 members in that period. Bishop Watts' death is a great loss both to Nebraska Methodism and to the church at large. He had served on numerous boards and committees of the South Central Jurisdiction and General Conference. Before his death, Bishop Watts indicated his desire that churches, ministers, and friends contribute funds instead of flowers, the gifts to be used as a memorial in completing buildings at the Sumner High School in Sumner, Nebraska.

Bishop and Mrs. Watts visited this school on their missionary journey to the Orient recently, and had given this high priority among the Advance Specials. The able leadership and personal spirit of Bishop Watts will be keenly missed in the Nebraska Area. But also, persons who have labored with Bishop Watts and have attended conferences will miss him. For these reasons, the people of Sumner are planning a memorial service for Bishop Watts, with the proceeds to be used to complete the Sumner High School.

Our Conference missionary secretary says: "You know of the Watts' great interest in missions and of the work they do in Borneo. Most of you have seen some of the pictures they took and have heard the stories they tell about their work. The fact that Bishop Watts lived in the hearts of the people of Borneo.

Newspapers, television, and radio stations announced that Bishop Watts is dead. At Christmas we know this is not true. Who can feel and believe Mr. Watts is dead? Bishop Watts will be in our hearts until the work is done. African and Indian faces will never be the same without Bishop Watts. Bishop Watts has opened schools and the schools will continue.

Bishop Tom L. Holt of St. Louis, vice-president of the World Methodist Council, who visited in 1951, has been notified and will call the Nebraska pastors to a memorial service to be held in the World Methodist Council in San Antonio next June.

Letter from Sarawak

'With Funds You Raise'

Before his death Bishop Watts received a letter from Douglas P. Cook in Sarawak which read in part as follows:

After returning to Sarawak last year and inspecting the new buildings, we made the decision to install in principal a new building to house the students in the upper grades. This week we are installing furniture in the new building which includes desks, science labs, and classrooms.

In order to pay part of the cost of the building from government, Mr. Kesselring let the contract early so that the (to be continued)

Mrs. Watts Writes

'Victory Through Faith'

My dear friends of the Nebraska Conference,

How I wish that we were some way to put into words the thoughts and the feelings I have as I write to you. Seven years after not one of us in the conference was there, yet we are to come together again in the conference! We are to make a new start, a fresh beginning.

My dear friends, I would like to say that the thought of you and the spirit of the conference is in my heart and in my thoughts. A new start is a great reward. I am happy and confident, and so I wish you all.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Mrs. Watts
The Nebraska Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship held its annual fall conference at Camp Concord, October 29-31. Eighty-seven youth and adult workers took part in the program planned by the Executive Council of the Conference YF. Highlights of the program were division groups and training in the areas of citizenship, the function of the Council, and the local church programs, and resources to help in all YF programs. Other areas of concern were youth fellowship, the role of the YF president, and the subject of juvenile delinquency.

International exchange students and Mrs. Ei Juri of Sarawak were special guests. The group voted to give $1200 to the YF fund in memory of Dr. Wood. A composite promotion meeting in the YF, and a special encouragement to workers in the YF were conducted.

The Rev. Joseph W. Bell, director of the Youth Department of the General Board of Education, was a visitor among the youth. He was speaker and discussion leader for the international conference of students held at the Conference YF 51, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A meeting of youth in Hastings, November 27-28. On November 30 he was the leader in a conference on the work of the Methodist Church in Nebraska with junior and senior high school students. This conference was planned by the youth work committee of Nebraska Conference in order to give thought to the future trends of youth work in Nebraska. The Rev. Bell is the son of Mrs. Ray Bell and the late Rev. Ray Bell, long-time Methodist pastor in Nebraska.

The Commission on Christian Vocations of the Nebraska Conference met at the Wesley Foundation, November 30, to plan the Conference on Church Related Vocations to be held at Nebraska Wesleyan, February 12-14. The Rev. L. Ben White will be in charge of the Conference which is held annually to give information and guidance to young people in con- sidering church related vocations.

Observation and Lab schools have been proving themselves as training opportunities in the youth as well as the adult's division of the church. According to the youth department, the annual observation school at the University has received the highest rating in the United States. The school has also been attended by a youth observation school with both junior and senior high school students in Aurora, March 1961.

The curriculum committee of the Board of Education expects the new close study of materials for junior high to be ready for use in October 1961. This will be a new course of study for junior high rather than intermediate.

Division youth rallies have been held and exciting new activities in Nebraska. Districts had an especially fine summer with discussions on subjects relating to Christian Faith and Action.

LETTER FROM SARAWAK

(Continued from page 11)

The school committee met a few nights ago and decided to put on a fund raising campaign locally to help in furnishing the building and also to help in constructing the classroom building when adequate funds are available. Government will also help on this project and with the funds you can raise in Nebraska we can the new buildings plus a good start on the boys' hostel should be made.

"We are delighted with having Sandy McClaug here with us. She has entered into the life of the school in a most successful way. Last week end in chapel, the principal announced that she would sing a solo. The younger immediately began giving her an ovation and at the close of the devotion asked her to give one more song. She is taking some time each day in Chinese language study. This will serve her well."

"I trust that the fund raising campaign for Summer School projects is progressing well. We are very anxious to get the much-needed buildings completed this year. However, we know that your plans to be on the premises this year will not be able to go through for the first model and construction plans are not in the planning stage as yet."

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Student Recognition Day

The future leadership of Methodist churches—ministers, professional and lay—hinges on the quality of Methodist youth in colleges and universities.

Student Recognition Day, December 27, 1969, is a time for emphasis in local churches of the significance of our Methodist student programs in colleges and universities.

A special worship service, The Church and Its Students, has been prepared by the Department of College and University Religious Life.

A one-act play entitled The Year Before has also been written for use on this day. It depicts Methodism's historical interest in Christian higher education. Highlights of the church's 175-year ministry to college students is included. Copies may be purchased at 10 cents each from the Service Department, P. O. Box 2147, Nashville, Tenn.

Excellent suggestions for Student Recognition Day in local churches can be found in the November issue of The Methodist Student and The Methodist Woman.

Church Musicians Confer

An outstanding conference on church music was held November 24-25 at First Church, Lincoln.

Nationally known leaders as follows appeared on the program:

Dr. Austin C. Lovelace, minister of music, First Church, Evanston, Ill., was in charge of choral directing, service playing, use of the hymnal, and anthem repertoire. He presented an organ recital on the new First Church organ on the second evening.

Mrs. Helen Hawkes Guild, director of children's music, First Church, Evanston, discussed use of music in children's classes and procedures in conducting children's choirs.

A highlight of the conference was the organization of NJERAM, the Nebraska Chapter of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Project Rings a Bell

The Rev. Leonard Hartwig, now of Elsberry, reports completion of a project started while he was pastor at Laurel on the North Platte District—delivery of a bell.

Pastor James S. Summ of Elsberry, Nebraska, supervised the work at Laurel, for the Elsberry Annual Conference. A 150-pound bell was presented to the Methodist Mission by the church's auxiliary group and a local high school student. The bell was presented to the mission by the church's auxiliary group and a local high school student.

While in Nebraska he visited several Methodist churches. At the Laurel Church, he reported need for a bell at the Methodist Mission Station. Later, Middleland presented the bell which started an argument in 1958 and arrived at the Mission Station, 340 miles from Laurel, in August, 1960. It came from

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Along the Trail

A series of marriage counseling seminars sponsored by the Conference Committee on Family Life in cooperation with the General Board of Education, has proved very popular this fall. Dr. W. Clark Ellery, professor from Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., has been resource leader.

Four ministers from the Nebraska Conference Board of Evangelism, Dr. Richard Drinkard, Dr. John Abbott, Dr. Donald V. Rose, attended the first workshop at Etna

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GUEST TICKETS

These burning guest tickets for the 1966 General Conference, to be held in Detroit, April 2-12, should reach to the Rev. J. Otto Young, 30 North Rush St., Chicago, Ill.

Conference, and Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy, former pastor at St. Paul Church, Lincoln.

The Board of Missions has approved purchase of a 1,000-foot steel chapel for use in new churches beginning a building program. The building includes a floor, interior of plywood walls and acoustical tile ceiling, concrete foundation, a furnace, and rest rooms. The front is designed to look like a church.

A project that is being explored is the use of a half-time resident to be used for a part-time responsibilities for Nebraska Conference publications and promotion, January 1. He will work primarily in the promotion of Conference benedictions and dissemination of Methodist information. Mr. Horne's church last year led its Conference in per capita giving to benedictions. He will give 10 days a week to the Nebraska Conference and four days to Nebraska Wesleyan University.

McCook District

A premarital counseling clinic for ministers was held November 4 in the McCook Church. The clinic featured Professor Clark E. Wells of Stephens College, Missouri.

The district staff, including not only age groups directors but also heads of district missions, evangelism, social relations, camps, lay groups, and women's work, met November 16.

A leadership training school was held at Oxford, November 24-25, for churches on the east end of the district.

Omaha District

New Church, West Omaha

The new Redbird Church in West Omaha was organized by District Superintendent Elliott C. Jackson, on November 6. The pastor, the Rev. Melvin M. Zook, presented 91 members to the conference, which was attended by all members of the district. The church is located at 10th and West 84th.

A new church in West Omaha is being built on the 29th and West 85th Street. It is located at 85th and 86th Streets.

The Rev. Robert E. Naylor, pastor of First Church, Omaha, recently reported a thrilling response to the double worship
and church school services in October.
- *Hansen Park Church is raising $100,000 toward its new church building, to be erected at 45th and Frances Streets in the next two years. The campaign is under the direction of the Rev. Harold Bryant. He is being assisted by Dr. Benjamin F. Schwartz, pastor, and Mr. Carr Hume, lay director.
- The church at Valley is showing real growth under the leadership of the Rev. Gary Bruening, pastor. Steps are being taken to rent an unused store building near the church for Sunday school.
- Dr. Harold G. Crane, director of Wesley House, attended the Interact Conference at Gary, Ind. He brought home plans for organizing an intercity larger parish for smaller Omaha churches.

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**Auction Takes in $4,500**
- Homer MYF members were guests of the Dakota City MYF at a Halloween party.
- The Rev. Lyle Warrum reports the Mt. Olive Church has inaugurated Sunday evening services including the study of *Know Your Bible* series by Rev. L. Smith. He reports 264 present in church school on November 28, the goal was 260.
- The Spenneberg and Norden Churches served by the Rev. Curtis Nelson report their annual auction sale, October 22, with receipts in excess of $4,500. WSCS members served the Harvest Home dinner. Norden Woman's Society members sponsored a bazaar and supper at the County Fair Grounds.
- Dr. Charles F. Craft, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., was resource leader at the Bible conference at the CPNEF Church in November.
- The Conference Interboard staff directed literature conferences at the parsonage clubs at Laurel, Creighton, and Atkinson, November 16-18.

**Students Visit Aged**

Wesley Foundation students at the University of Nebraska have undertaken a program of worship and study in preparation for the Christmas festival. Along with the regular programs, special emphasis has been placed upon preparation during the Advent season. Included in this has been special Advent worship programs at 7 a.m.

The students shared their fellowship in the traditional Yule Log party by visiting Westview Home for the Aged and singing Christmas hymns and carols under the leadership of Richard Morris. The Foundation choir presented an original Christmas cantata, written by its director and organist, C. Richard Morris, on December 6, and later on KUON-TV. It will be repeated on KUON-TV during the Christmas season.

**KEARNEY DISTRICT**

**Two Church Anniversaries**
- Two district churches held anniversary services recently. Riverick Church celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 15 with District Superintendent Glen W. Marshall presenting the morning sermon. The Rev. Dale Godley is pastor. Morton Church observed its 75th anniversary, November 15.
- Two churches—Bourbon and Wellborn—have installed new electric organs with appropriate dedication services. District Superintendent Marshall was the speaker at both services. The Rev. Gordon Patterson is pastor at Bourbon, Miss Bonnie Gilmer at Wellborn.
- A baby girl, Heidi Laura, arrived in the parsonage home of the Revs. Dwight and Ruth Kelting, Hershey, October 11.
- Numerous activities have been included in the district program during the fall. A time program and attendance characteristic the district conference at Kearney, October 6. Commissioner team institutes were held at Lexington, North Lamp, Ruthsburg, and Sheldon later in the year.
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He is survived by Mrs. Watts, the former Minnie E. Keyser, a son, the Rev. Dr. Evart G. Watts, pastor of First Church, Topeka, Kansas, and a daughter, Mrs. Sterling F. Wheeler, whose husband is vice-president of Southern Methodist University.

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In Lincoln, the memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Frank A. Court, with Bishop Dana Dawson of the Kansas Area delivering the address and Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area sharing in the service.

The Rev. Walter F. Whitmer, former field agent for Zions Herald, died Nov. 1 in Nashua, N. H. Born at Westminster, Mass., he studied at Tilson (N. H.) Seminary and was graduated in 1905. He was ordained in 1907 and graduated from the Boston University School of Theology four years later.

He held pastorate in Massachusetts, Maine, New York, Nebraska and Florida. He served as assistant professor at Nebraska Wesleyan University. He leaves a wife, Lillian of Nashua; a daughter, Mrs. Raymond E. Wilson of West Newton, Mass.; a son, Walter, of Nashua; eight sisters and two grandsons.
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55 persons attending. Mr. Reimer married the Coopers at the Methodist parsonage in Beverly in 1909 and had the unique privilege of "remarrying" them fifty years later.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have lived in Lynn practically all of their married life. They attended the little Methodist Church on the Highlands before transferring to Maple Street where they have been faithful members since 1918.

They have two daughters: Mrs. Arlene Thistle and Mrs. Leila Weatherbee and four grandchildren. Their only son, Fred, was lost in action in the Pacific in World War II. A large number of friends and neighbors attended the Open House on Sunday from 4 to 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Thistle, 19 Rowell Avenue. Carol Thistle was in charge of the guest book.

John F. Brown, lay leader of the First Methodist Church, in No. Andover, Mass., was stricken with a heart attack on Friday, November 13 and is now a patient at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Along with his duties as lay leader, Mr. Brown is also head usher, chairman of the Board of Education, and a member of the Memorial Fund Committee.

The Wesley Herald, published by the Wesley Methodist Church, reports that Mrs. Mary J. Pierce of 128 Lincoln St., Worcester, observed her 93rd birthday on October 14.

NOT -- BUT

For pain I do not thank Thee, Lord:
But that, where it is found, Angels in guise of skill and care So often hover round.

For grief I do not thank Thee, Lord: It is so hard to bear:
But this means all the world to me— That there are those who care.

For wrongs I do not thank Thee, Lord: They curse Thy world tonight:
But that there are both brave and strong Who champion the right.

For sin I do not thank Thee, Lord: It I, with Thee, abhor:
But rather that where it abounds, There grace abounds much more.

I do not thank Thee, Lord, for death: But that within my creed There lies beyond its narrow stile Life which is life indeed.

REV. FRANK P. FLETCHER

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