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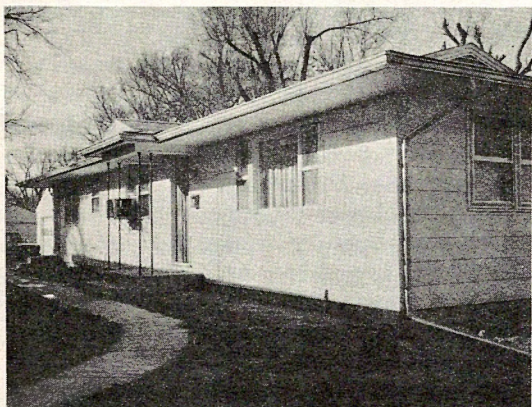
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NORTH TOPEKA BUILDS



For many years, the North Topeka Wesleyan Methodist Church considered building new living quarters for the pastor. Finally, encouraged by Eugene Robinson and the sacrifices of other church members, on November 2, 1966, the old parsonage was dismantled. Though winter weather sometimes hindered progress, the pastor moved into the new home April 27, 1967.

The new accommodations are very spacious, the dimensions being 56' by 28'. Attractive features in the parsonage are the four bedrooms, one and one-half baths with shower facilities in the basement; carpeted living room and hall, a kitchen dinette as well as a formal dining area, ample closet space and a tiled foyer. This makes the parsonage not only a very comfortable, but a very attractive home.

The church deeply appreciates the assistance given by the conference and friends of the church, making this much needed improvement possible.

--Reported, Rev. Frank Gilger

YOUTH WEEK '68

PLANNED

You should be well along in your plans for your 1968 Youth Week!

EXECUTED

Encourage everyone to put every effort into making a great Youth Week!

REPORTED

The W Y Efficiency Standard # V, "Youth Week observed and reported to General Wesleyan Youth Office and conference youth president within three weeks after local observance." The three weeks will usually be past before the March 7 deadline on your report blank, but to get points for this item you must report within the three weeks.

--Reported, Rev. Richard Mason

GOD'S PRESENCE FELT AT K. C. FIRST

We are extremely grateful to the Lord for His help at Kansas City First. On several occasions His presence has come upon our services until there was no preaching and a number of souls finding help at the altar. Some gracious services were also enjoyed during our fall revival with Rev. William Hannan.

The many acts of kindness by our faithful people leave us feeling far inadequate to properly express our appreciation to them. The generous love offering during the revival and the "chain of dollars" at Christmas will not soon be forgotten.

Certainly these days are perilous, but we are encouraged as we look ahead, recognizing that the future is just as bright as the promises of God.

--Reported, Rev. John H. Betters

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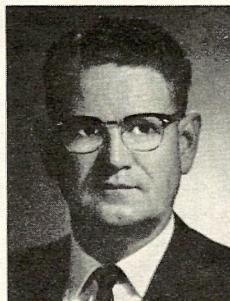
"HAVE YOU READ THIS?"

Mrs. Velez Santos had been reading the New Testament for the first time. In one week she had read from the beginning into the Acts.

After two weeks, having read it all, she returned the Testament to Bill remarking, "Thank you, I won't be needing it anymore now that I have read it." Bill had been hoping that she would be ready to go over the plan of salvation by the time she had finished reading it but it certainly seemed that she was not. There was nothing to do but accept both the changed attitude and returned Testament. But not for good; if she had been interested in the New Testament, perhaps she would be in the Old. A week or so later, he called on her again.

This time he explained that since she had found the New Testament to be of such interest, he thought that perhaps she would enjoy reading the Old. She seemed glad to receive it and promised to read it. But Bill didn't feel free to call the next week as usual. It seemed best to just leave her with the Word. When he did return he went, wondering what kind of reception he and The Book would be getting. To his glad surprise, she asked him to buy her one for her own.

We have done that and delivered it.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

REMEMBER OUR MINISTERS

C. W. Dunbar

WESLEYAN MINISTER'S WEEK

LAYMEN: DO NOT FORGET WESLEYAN MINISTER'S WEEK FEBRUARY 11 - 18

Suggestive materials have been supplied from Headquarters. Use these for an effective and successful week, February 11-18. Your pastor needs encouragement and appreciation too. Your pastor will need retirement income. Be sure your church meets it's share of keeping the contract with the company.

In the large majority of our churches, the pastor also needs a raise of salary. Once again we have received an encouraging report. One church with heavy debt payments gave their pastor a needed \$25.00 a week raise. As usual, they report more money in the treasury than ever before. This quarter they bought and paid for a new piano; paid for \$350 worth of Sunday school equipment and paid a good deal on the budget.

We hope each Sunday school is preparing for a great MARCH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH. We need a really aggressive drive for an enlarged enrollment in our Sunday schools.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE CLAY CENTER CHURCH, MARCH 19 - 21.

CONFERENCE CALL FOR PRAYER

On January 16, our conference W.M.S. president, Mrs. Joan Caldwell, had surgery for gallstones. Rev. Wayne Caldwell reports that she is making

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Mar. 3 a.m..... Wesleyan Chapel
 Mar. 3 p.m..... Overland
 Mar. 4 - 8 .. Polity Committee, Marion
 Mar. 10 Marion, Indiana
 Mar. 11 - 15.... Bd. of Administration
 Mar. 19 - 21.. Ministerial Association
 Mar. 24 a.m..... Topeka North
 Mar. 24 p.m..... Topeka Belmont
 Mar. 31 a.m..... Junction City
 Mar. 31 p.m..... Manhattan

SCOTT CITY ASKS FOR PRAYER

Please join us in prayer regarding a pastor for the next two quarters. The Sunday school has averaged 55 for the second quarter. We have appreciated the Kansas Conference Visitor very much.

--Reported, Mrs. V. A. Fisher

CONFERENCE CALL...cont.

satisfactory recovery and that she is resting in the precious promises which God has given her. However, earnest prayer is requested as she is scheduled for other surgery on January 25. She is in the Swedish Hospital, Englewood, Colorado.

Also, word has been received from the Wayne Huff's that Alice is in the hospital at Guatemala City with infectious hepatitis. When she is able to leave the hospital, it will be necessary for her to have complete rest for some time. Please remember Alice; also Wayne and the children.

Another item for prayer and praise! Wayne is working on the completion of his alphabet and is hoping to have it approved by the government within the next month.

--Reported, Mrs. Velma Dunbar

CONCORDIA EXPERIENCES OUTPOURING

The second quarter of the conference year saw a tremendous moving of the Holy Spirit in the Concordia Wesleyan Church. In response to obedience and earnest prayer, God answered with such an outpouring never witnessed before by many. Several young couples found their way to the place of prayer along with some of the youth and older ones. A total of 73 were saved, sanctified, or reclaimed during the quarter, for which the church gives the Lord praise and glory. There has come the reassurance that the Lord will keep His promises if His people will meet the conditions. He answers prayer TODAY!

This was also the first full quarter for the church's new CYC chapter and it has truly been a delight to witness the interest and potential this addition is offering our youth. It is indeed a blessed means of "training-up" our children which we have too long overlooked. Offering not only training for our children, it is also a tremendous avenue for outreach and evangelism.

--Reported, Rev. Duane Seitz

A SON WAS BORN to Pastor and Mrs. Robert Kraus of the Kansas City Immanuel Church, December 18, 1967. Michael Darren tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 6½ oz.

--Reported, Mrs. Alice Daugherty

BELMONT SURPRISES PASTOR

The Topeka Belmont Wesleyan Methodist Church surprised the pastor with a Thanksgiving grocery box and a Christmas love offering of \$30. Sunday school attendance this quarter is up 64% above last quarter.

--Reported, Rev. Raymond Anderson

"It is better to do a kindness at home than to walk a thousand miles to burn incense."

The Defender

IAL MARCH 19-21

REVIVAL EXPERIENCED AT WILLIS

Revival time at Willis was characterized with the sense of the nearness and overshadowing of the Holy Spirit in service after service, and we were held in a sense of quiet awe at His presence. One who is a member of another church, and who came every night said, "There isn't the same feeling like there is here."

Rev. C. W. Dunbar's messages were clear and Biblical, and our attendance was good with people driving several miles each night. They expressed their appreciation for the truth; as one put it, "He gives us so much food for thought to take home each night."

Rev. & Mrs. Dunbar consistently carried the burden and held on night after night in prayer. There was a sense of expectancy in the church and our people we feel we could not adequately express our appreciation for the faithful devoted services of Rev. & Mrs. Dunbar.

Our Pilgrim Holiness Church at Sabetha stood by us and had planned to dismiss their prayer meeting to be with us, but a stormy night with a fear of icy roads kept them home that night.

The church has so loyally supported the pastor and the church budget and extra missionary projects as well. A surprise birthday pounding stocked shelves and freezer, and a supply of food came in a steady stream throughout the revival. Surely the Lord has blessed us beyond measure.

--Reported, Rev. Vivian Haun

"HAVE YOUR READ THIS" cont.

She is hungry but will not permit Bill to press her on her need of salvation. However, her door remains open to us and we believe she is not far from the Kingdom. Be praying for her, that the Evil One will not be able to keep her from the Word and that it will bring her into the experience of the New Birth.

--Reported, Mrs. Millie Goldsmith

CHRISTMASTIME AT LAWRENCE

Christmas eve 1967 was a great night as the Lawrence Church presented their Christmas program, "The Story of Christmas." The characters in the play really looked authentic, due to the work of the most efficient and creative costume committee: Mrs. Masden, Mrs. Hardesty and Mrs. Reding. A good representation from the community was present for the service. One retired holiness preacher said, "That's the first Christmas play I've seen in which I felt the blessing of the Lord even to the point of shouting; Praise the Lord!" Our prayer was that just such an impact might be experienced.

At the close of the service the Sunday school department passed out their annual treats. Then the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Emile Regnier, presented each of the pastor's children with a gift and the pastor and wife with a 12 place setting of china! Words just were not found to express adequate thanks for this love gift, and for all the things these wonderful people have done for their pastor.

--Reported, Rev. Edwin Alexander

NHA ANNOUNCES DAYS OF PRAYER

Two special days of prayer have been announced by the National Holiness Association. On Friday, March 1 which is the World Day of Prayer, the entire NHA constituency is urged to intercede in behalf of the worldwide evangelistic thrust of the several denominations, agencies and groups which are part of the holiness movement.

Good Friday, April 12, 1968, has been set aside as the second day of prayer. Special emphasis is requested on behalf of the Centennial Convention which convenes on April 16, 1968, at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Dr. P.W. Thomas To Speak At Ministerial



The merged ministerial of the Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist Churches will be held in the new Clay Center Wesleyan Church. Dr. P. W. Thomas, retired General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Church is the featured speaker. Currently serving in the vital capacity as a member of the discipline committee, Dr. Thomas is one of the outstanding men of the Pilgrim movement.

The ministerial begins on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., with a public service in the beautiful Clay Center Church. Rev. R. C. Stephens and his people are serving as hosts for this second annual merged ministerial. There will be three vital discussion periods for both ministers and their wives, held concurrently in two different assembly rooms in the church, in addition to the five public services. For additional information, see the box on page 3, col. 1.

RECORD ENROLLMENT FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Miltonvale Wesleyan College has just exceeded all records for the enrollment during the second semester. Present head count stands at 164 and is expected to go to an all time high for the College of 174, with the next class meeting of our evening course in Church Service Training. We are praising the Lord for this encouraging factor and hope that you are rejoicing with us.

The following students from the Kansas Conference were on the Dean's List for the first semester: Sharon Mattke, David Babcock, Janet Garlow, James Garlow, Sheryl White and Susan Stevens.

DID YOU HAVE STEWARDSHIP MONTH?

"Appreciated the pulpit exchange"... "Enjoyed this time of stewardship"... "like to see the pulpit exchange continued next year"... "wonderful"... "worked out to our mutual benefit"... "This is being done next week with hesitancy on our part" are some of the remarks received from pastors who cooperated in the Pulpit Exchange and Stewardship Emphasis.

A few others were similar to these: "Not convenient to cooperate in exchange of pulpits, appreciated material" ... "happy to see a conference push but we did not exchange pulpits" and suggestions for other types of promotion.

From the cards received to date, at least 26 churches did take part in the pulpit exchange, and 5 did not. What about the rest of you?

--Reported, Rev. John S. Hedlund
Conference Tithing Secretary

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FACTS FROM LEVITTOWN

In midOctober we began Sunday school with 9 persons present. By the end of January we were in the low twenties. In February there was a drop in numbers with the first three Sundays running 17, 17, and 19.

All together there are about 30 who are attending the Wesleyan Church in Levittown but they have yet to all be here at one time! Our highest attendance was 24 back in January. The ratio of children to adults is about 50/50.

It seems that there is to be another large urbanization right along side of Levittown--Levittown Lakes. It will be almost within walking distance of the proposed new building site for our church. THE OPEN DOOR OPENS WIDER.

--Reported, Mrs. Mildred Goldsmith

BETHANY CHAPEL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to attend the 90th Anniversary of the Bethany Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church, on March 31, 1968. A special day is planned beginning with Sunday school at 10 a.m. with the 11 a.m. worship hour speaker being Rev. C. W. Dunbar.

A fellowship dinner is planned at the Athelstane Community Center with special music presented by the Gospelaires Quartet. We welcome your presence at this special occasion.

--Reported, Rev. J. J. Stoner



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MARCH TO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN MARCH

C. W. Dunbar

- M - March to Sunday School in March
- A - Be an Army for God
- R - Right will triumph under God
- C - Christ must have the preeminence
- H - Hail Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords

March brings us to the third month of the third quarter of the fiscal year. The budget apportionment should be three-fourths paid by the end of March. Some pastors and stewards need to give this item serious consideration.

CONFERENCE DATE - This is the first year our new schedule conflicted with the previously scheduled evangelists dates. (See standing rule No. 1) Conference will convene on Friday evening August 9th. Camp meeting will be August 11 through 18. The schedule has been changed with all workers engaged for the 1969 camp so the new schedule for conference and camp may be maintained, that is, beginning Conference on August 1, 1969. We do not know what effect merger will have on the 1969 plans.

We should enthusiastically cooperate with the request from our Leaders to fast and pray for church merger. At the same time let us earnestly pray for revival. God's promises were meant for the challenges of our time.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION - Do not forget to send your offering for the expense of the Association to Rev. Don Rothfuss. We hope to see each pastor at Clay Center March 19-21.

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

April 7 a.m.	Sullivan
April 7 p.m.	Scott City
April 17-19	NHA Cleveland
April 23-25	NAE Philadelphia
April 30	Prayer Convention St. Louis
May 5 a.m.	Colorado Springs
May 5 p.m.	Englewood
May 6	Prayer Convention Colorado
May 7	Greeley
May 12 p.m.	Junction City
May 19	MWC Activities
May 26 a.m.	Lawrence
May 26 p.m.	Paola
June 2 a.m.	New Hope

SPECIAL SERVICES AT ENGLEWOOD, KANSAS

Our youth week began January 14 with the launching of a Wesleyan Youth subscription contest which netted 29 subscriptions--a gain of 13 over last year. Youth week was climaxed with special weekend services. Friday night fea-

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MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

DATE:	March 19-21
HOST CHURCH:	Clay Center
SPEAKER:	Dr. P. W. Thomas
THEME:	"An Effective Ministry"
REQUEST:	Prayer for the Merger
LOOK UP:	Standing Rule #I-B-5(b)
TREASURER:	Rev. Don Rothfuss
	920 North Birch
	Ottawa, Kansas 66067
HOST PASTOR:	Rev. R.C. Stephens
	1002 Lincoln Street
	Clay Center, Kansas 67432
PLAN:	NOW TO ATTEND

REV. NICK SUSURAS REPORTS SLATE

January 21-28	Macon, Georgia
March 24-31	Enid, Oklahoma
April 7-14	Topeka First
April 25-May 5	Salina, Kansas
May 12-19	Englewood, Colorado
June 2-9	Ellicott Crusade, Colorado

THANK YOU FROM MRS. JOAN CALDWELL

"God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble."

Living Psalms 46:1

I do praise the Lord for His help and nearness to me during my illness. Day by day the Lord met and supplied my every need! I praise Him for His healing touch and His promise of complete restoration to health. What a wonderful Lord we serve!

Many thanks to everyone for remembering me in prayer and for the many cards, letters and notes of encouragement. They have all helped to lift and pass the long hours.

--Mrs. Joan Caldwell

GREELEY BUILDS AND GROWS

The new parsonage finally was begun on January 15, after a delay of more than a month due to the seller of a lot, backing out on the deal at the last moment. Another lot was acquired and excavation was begun on a warm day and God has given good weather so that the carpenters have just finished the rafter framing, and will soon be putting on sheathing.

Youth Week was observed February 4-11, with Rev. Wayne Caldwell as speaker in services February 4-7. There were 13 youth who responded to the Spirit and found victory with Christ. Some were saved for the first time. All youth and a good number of adults participated in the scripture readings and memorization, and attendance was good. The closing Sunday service was conducted by the youth, and the special music and speaking on the sub-theme topics were very well delivered. There are good prospects for several students at M.W.C. this fall.

Sunday school attendance is gaining again after a slump in January due to excessive cold weather and flu. Greeley Sunday school is making plans to really march to Sunday school in March.

--Reported, Rev. Rolland Fletcher

IAL MARCH 19-21

WILLIS YOUTH WEEK

The WY at Willis had the Sunday evening service February 4 with Donald Cackler, president in charge. Service opened with a silent word of prayer and Linda Spicer led in singing.

The Youth Week theme "That the World May Believe" was the basis for the talks of the young people. Russell Cackler spoke on "I must grow" using the scripture II Peter 3:18. Kathy Thomason brought thoughts on "I must know about their need, and I must care" I John 5:19-20. Linda Spicer then gave us inspiring words on "I must surrender and I must obey" using I John 5:3. Our last speaker, Donald Cackler, challenged us on "I must witness and I must pray" basing his thoughts on I John 5:10-16. This service was greatly enjoyed by all our people.

--Reported, Mildred Cox

LAWRENCE YOUTH WEEK

Lawrence Wesleyan Youth commenced its youth week on February 4. Dr. James McGraw, Professor of Homiletics at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City was the speaker.

Services Thursday and Friday night were well attended as the Word was powerfully preached. Mr. & Mrs. Troy Cook of Overland Park, Kansas, were the singers.

Saturday evening the youth enjoyed a banquet; smorgasborg style at the Little Banquet Restaurant. Dr. McGraw gave a talk to the group after the dinner. Sunday, February 4, was a glorious time of blessing and victory.

--Reported, Rev. Edwin Alexander

SPECIAL SERVICES AT ENGLEWOOD, cont.

tured Jim Garlow, the Sacred Astronotes and two other young people from MWC. Saturday night Dave Matt and his little boy, "Ozzie" were enjoyed by everyone. Dave Matt delivered a stirring message and the service closed with 3 responding to the altar call. Sunday, Marvin Johnson and Mike Engle from MWC were with us. The service closed with 6 little boys giving their hearts to Jesus.

--Reported, Mrs. Zelda Capehart

MILTONVALE YOUTH WEEK

A spontaneous spirit of revival has been upon the campus with students seeking and finding help for their various needs. Many have sought and received the infilling of the Spirit. It was with this same spirit of victory that we entered into the Youth Week services, January 23-28. An impressive Communion Service was held at the College Church Tuesday evening. Students and members of the community came and went between the hours of seven and nine. Max Stratton, area representative of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, brought a challenging message on winning men to Christ in our time at the Wednesday evening service. A prayer chain from 5-8 p.m. and a panel discussion on holiness filled the Thursday evening schedule. Dr. Knapp, Rev. Dale Campbell, Prof. Robert Mattke and Prof. Wilford Kaufmann helped to answer many of the students' questions concerning holiness.

GAGE PARK YOUTH WEEK

A MWC gospel team came to hold special youth week services on January 26-28. Gary and Jerry Sloan were featured as speakers, with a mixed quartet of Linda McNany, Kay VanCleave, Joetta and Stu Holsing, and Larry Mudgett furnishing the music. Four big services saw a good group of teens and adults in attendance.

At the Saturday night youth rally the Sloan twins brought a program of humor and fun that entertained forty persons. A chili supper was served to all in attendance. We feel that much spiritual good was accomplished in these special services. Twenty-five dollars was raised for the youth week and fifteen dollars for MWC.

--Reported, Rev. F. W. Hubbard

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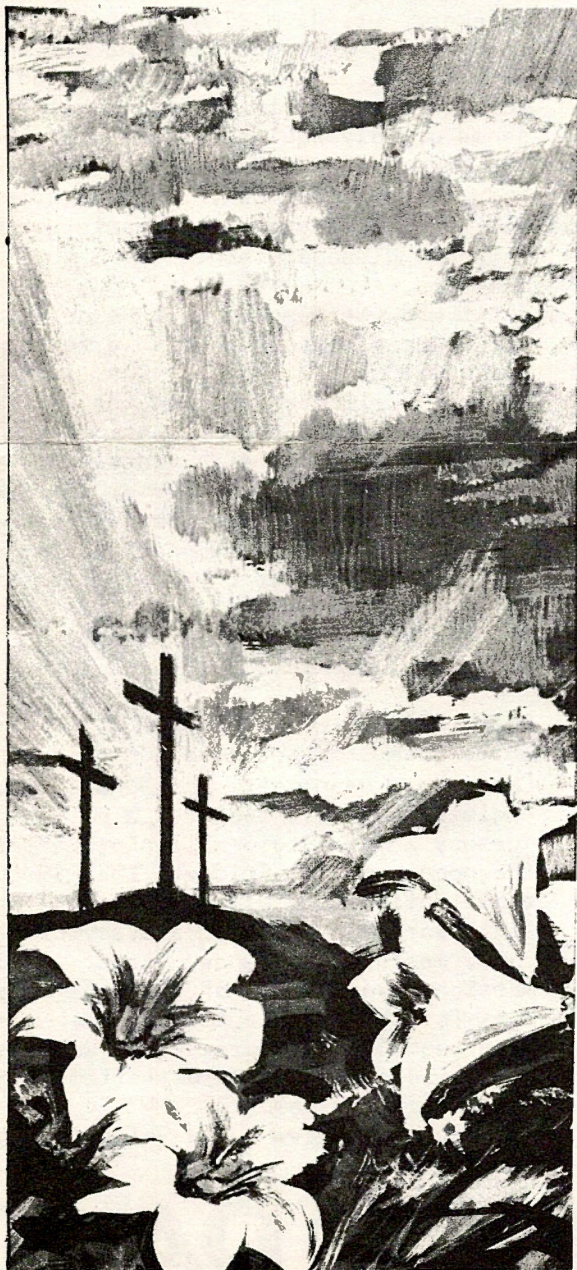
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HOSPITALITY DAYS SET AT M W C

Jesus Christ for Today's World will be the theme for Hospitality Days at Miltonvale Wesleyan College, April 25-26. Registration begins April 25 at 4 p.m. Cost is only \$4.00. This includes meals, lodging and activities through Friday evening. Excitement includes: Mask & Mirror presentation of "The Valiant"--Collegiate Talent and Sing Fest--Palermo Brothers--Campus Tours--Meet faculty and collegians. Pre-registration costs only \$3.50 if postmarked no later than April 20. If you do not pre-register we cannot guarantee lodging.

Applications for 1968-69 are well ahead of last year. The college is planning on and praying for a good increase in entering freshmen students. Applications will be accepted until late summer. Those desiring any financial aid should apply NOW! Churches having high school seniors planning to enter as freshmen at MWC in August 1968, should start to consider Conference-grant-in-aid. There has been a slight revision in the Conference-grant-in-aid. For any amount up to \$50.00, the college will match with equal amount. For further information, contact either Mr. Atkins or Mr. Brandt. Pray with us that 1968-69 will be the greatest year yet for Miltonvale Wesleyan College.

The F. C. Hill Memorial Church from Miltonvale captured the 1968 Sunday School Invitational Basketball Tournament. Led by the tournament's outstanding player, Verne Goodsell, the F. C. Hill team surprised favorite Wichita First team in the championship contest.

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FIRST FRUITS AT LEVITTOWN

Monday, February 26 will long be remembered by Bill and Millie Goldsmith as the day they gathered their "First Fruits". That morning a few minutes before 8:00, a gentleman called at the door asking if the minister would go with him to the home of his cousin who was "desperate" and calling for a preacher. Bill was happy to to and recognized the fellow at the door as one on whom he had called two times in the past.

The "stricken" man was bed-ridden claiming his trouble to be nerves and evil thoughts. It is true his nerves were in a bad state, but his primary cause of trouble was conviction for sin. He seemed ready to confess them and ask for pardon. Thus, with comparative ease, Bill was able to lead him into a saving experience with Jesus Christ.

He earns a living for his family by playing in a dance band in a local nightclub. There will be little growth in grace as long as this condition remains, so do pray much for him. He is trying to get into church services but his job hinders. Of course! Do pray for us as we deal with him and his family; especially on Thursday afternoons when Bill holds a private Bible study in their home with them. Bill puts it this way: "I have my fish in the boat; not to keep it from flopping out!"

--Reported, Mrs. Mildred Goldsmith

MINISTERIAL MEETS AT CLAY CENTER

Pilgrims and Wesleyans met on March 19-21 for the second merged-ministerial in Kansas. Much of the strangeness between the two groups had disappeared as we eagerly reacquainted ourselves with Pilgrim friends of a year ago and we began to sense a real unity among the brethren.

Highlighting the meeting were the superb addresses of the featured speaker, Dr. P. W. Thomas. Without the use of any pulpit crutches, he humbly and sincerely expounded God's Word to our hearts. Almost with a sense of holy quietness, he spoke on the person of the Holy Spirit at work today in our churches. This reporter will long remember the classic message on disappointments and their benefits.

All who were asked to take part in the program responded--with a few exceptions due to illness. The speakers were well prepared and the interest of questions and discussions spoke of the mutual benefit received by everyone. Now we look forward to more "united efforts" of our two conferences as we hopefully anticipate a near-future merger of our labors and interests.

--Reported, Rev. F. W. Hubbard

DATES FOR JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP SET

The date for the 1968 Junior Youth Camp has been set for June 18-21. Registration will begin at 3 p. m. on Tuesday and the camp will close after the noon meal on Friday. The \$9.00 registration fee will be the same as last year and will include everything: room, meals, insurance, treats, and missionary-project offering. The ages for the campers this year will be 8 through 11. Pastors, youth workers and children are urged to start making plans for this camp.

--Reported, Rev. Duane Seitz

HOSPITALITY DAYS

GRACIOUS REVIVAL AT PHILLIPSBURG

We would like to report a gracious revival at Phillipsburg, Kansas. Rev. W.M. Phillippe, our evangelist brought soul-stirring messages each night. In spite of bad weather during the first part of the meeting the attendance began to rise and the interest as well. The church had special prayer services before and during the revival. We appreciated the "Sonics" Quartet from Miltonvale College who came the last Sunday of the revival. There had been fifteen different ones who had found victory at the altar before the Sunday night service. On Sunday night God moved in and the presence of the Holy Spirit settled down in the altar service and twenty-five bowed at the altar and found victory. Some were saved and others sanctified. Some were children, some teenagers, some heads of families. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Rev. Phillippe and we appreciated the faithfulness of the church in praying and attending. We feel that the revival is only begun and we are looking forward to greater things.

--Reported, Rev. Harold Hotchkiss

SALINA HAS SPECIAL SERVICES

Youth week was held January 15-21 at the Salina Wesleyan Church with the Free Methodist, Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan's cooperating Rev. and Mrs. Don Polston were the invited guest musicians and speaker. This is the third year these churches have had their Youth Week together and find it wonderful to work together. The Lord blessed and there wasn't a barren altar. Monday night we had a skating party, Tuesday the banquet, Wednesday through Friday night the Polston's held services. Saturday night there was a communion service and the Free Methodist minister, Rev. Burnham brought the closing, challen-

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT - FIRST HALF 1968

CHURCH	1968	1967	+or-
CLASS AA			
Concordia	126	110	+16
Denver First	178	186	-8
K. C. Immanuel	113	125	-12
Wichita First	169	157	+12
CLASS A			
Clay Center	113	111	+2
K. C. Eastwood	127	114	+13
S. L. Overland	96	99	-3
Phillipsburg	95	108	-13
CLASS B			
Belleville	72	78	-6
Englewood, Colo.	75	77	-2
Topeka, Gage Park	86	89	-3
Greeley, Colorado	88	83	+5
Salina	72	73	-1
CLASS C			
Augusta	44	79	-35
Chanute	44	51	-7
Colorado Springs	62	48	+14
Englewood, Kansas	58	54	+4
Hutchinson	63	62	+1
K. C. First	84	65	+19
Leavenworth	69	71	-3
Sullivan	55	52	+3
Williams Chapel	52	52	--
CLASS D			
Antioch	44	47	-3
Bethany Chapel	47	41	+6
Hall	39	36	+3
Junction City	45	44	+1
Lawrence Creek	26	23	+3
Mankato	28	34	-6
Willis	17	19	-2
K. C. Olive Street	45	39	+6
Paola	24	20	+4
New Hope	20	19	+1

Gross Gain	113
Gross Loss	103
Net Gain	10

There were 32 churches reporting for a percentage of 64.

"The torch of Christianity may be lit in the church, but it does its best burning in the shop and in the street!"

MOMENTS WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

Recent word from Dr. Alton E. Liddick stated that six persons have been reappointed to missionary service, pending the required clearances.

While 1967 was the best year ever financially, the year ahead may well be a critical one. The budget commitments for 1968 are the biggest in the history of Wesleyan World Missions during 1967 there was a marked increase in "special project" giving and a decrease in contributions for the general fund. "I do not need to remind you," wrote Dr. Liddick, "that the general fund is like the trunk and branches of the tree; the special projects are the more attractive leaves. Yet without the trunk and branches the leaves are useless to produce food for the growth of the tree."

We will do well, in our giving to missions, to heed the appeal of our leaders to give serious attention to the need for liberal contributions to the general fund.

--Reported, Rev. Lowell Gilger
Kansas World Missions Secretary

SALINA cont.

ging message with a full altar. The Free Methodist and Wesleyan young people meet each Sunday night for "follow-up" instruction which is proving profitable.

February 18, a Minister's Appreciation Service was observed at Salina Wesleyan with special music, after which Rex Fuller brought a message on "The Bible Responsibility of Laymen to the Pastor." Mr. Ed Macy brought a message on "What My Pastor Means to Me--Why a Pastor", and Orville Hall, the pastor, closed with another short message on "Our Heritage."

This was an outstanding service. At the close of the service the offering for Minister's Retirement Fund was taken and the entire budget amount raised.

--Reported, Rev. Orville R. Hall

BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS AT IMMANUEL

February 17 was a special day for the Immanuel Wesleyan Church. The gentlemen escorted their sweethearts to a banquet at Burke's Restaurant in Mission, Kansas.

After dinner, Mr. Dennis Fredrickson entertained us with some of his magic tricks. He was very efficient and proved that the hands are faster than the eyes. Thirty-seven people were present and enjoyed the fun and fellowship.

Mr. Fredrickson and family also brought the message in the Sunday school hour on February 18. Through his magic and accompanied in song by his family, the message was very inspiring.

On March 3, a dinner was given in honor of Rev. E. E. Brannon and Pastor Robert Kraus. After dinner a "This is Your Life" program was presented. Slides of Rev. Brannon gave us the story of his life from a teenager on the farm up through the present time.

Snapshots gave us the highlights of the life of Pastor Bob Kraus from his boyhood up through the present time. There were sixty-five present to show their appreciation to our beloved pastor and his assistant.

--Reported, Mrs. Alice Daugherty

YOUTH WEEK AT WESLEY CENTER

Youth Week was enjoyed with a gospel team from Miltonvale over the weekend. Revival services continued during the week with the Rev. Marvin Jinkens family; Pilgrim Holiness pastor of Superior, Nebraska. Good preaching and singing and specials of instrumental music by the family was an uplift to each one attending. Sunday night closed with an excellent crowd. God's presence was truly felt in these services.

--Reported, Opal Roesti

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MISSOURI YOUTH CAMP 1968



"Camp Lee"

Patterson, Missouri

Workers

Gary & Donna Laurence

JUNE 10 - 15

MILTONVALE COLLEGE LOOKS AHEAD

We are pleased to announce the following new faculty and staff appointments for the 1968-69 term: Rev. Wayne Caldwell, instructor in theology and religion.* Mr. Caldwell is well known across the college area from his work in the national WY program. He is presently serving as pastor of our Denver First Church and is currently working on completion of a doctoral program at the Iliff School of Religion. Rev. and Mrs. Duane Janssen will be joining the staff in early August. Mr. Janssen will be working in public relations and promotion. Mrs. Janssen will be teaching a course in the pre-nursing curriculum. They have served as pastors in the Iowa conference and are now located at Hamburg, New York. Mr. Leonard Parrish, a local carpenter, has accepted the contract for superintendent of buildings and grounds; Rev. W.S. Freeborn will be returning to the staff next fall to assist in a limited capacity with offerings in the religion department.

Negotiations are underway for an instructor in instrumental music and for a resident supervisor in the main ladies residence hall.

FALL ENROLLMENT PROSPECTS IMPROVING

The Office of Admissions currently lists 115 new applicants. This is an

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* Editor's Note: We feel this is a real answer to prayer for a well-qualified theological program to aid our very able faculty at M W C. The strength of our church rests on the strength of our schools and their spiritual emphasis of holiness in our troubled times.

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A SALUTE TO KANSAS WYERS

The Visitor editor noted from the recent releases of our WY Marion office these facts:

1. Kansas WYers were first in offerings with \$352.29 for youth week. Greeley Colorado led the way with an offering of \$52.00. Bethany Chapel was a close second with \$43.35. Both these locals made the top-ten honor roll.
2. Kansas was third in subscriptions to The Wesleyan Youth magazine with 384.
3. A number of Kansas WYers were listed as national winners in the Writing Contest. Among the teens listed were: Mary Kay Haddican of Denver First, a second place award in the writing of tracts; Tonya Norris, Lawrence Creek, a second place award in the poetry division; and Danny Frase of Denver First, a third place award for his short story.

Our hats are off to these winners and the fine representation of Kansas WYers on an international level.

--Reported, Rev. F. W. Hubbard

ISN'T THIS AN EXPENSE FOR MINISTERS?

For some reason the general conference committee forming the statistical report blank did not include the line which shows the pastor's expense in carrying on his work such as car operation, which could be as much as \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year, more or less depending on the size of the work. Boards of Stewards should take this into account, and realize that the pastor's net income is far less than shown in his annual report this year.

--Clipped from the North Carolina Wesleyan



FROM THE
PRESIDENT

THANKS FOR
YOUR PRAYERS

C. W. Dunbar

Mrs. Dunbar and I take this means to express our sincere appreciation to all who have been so faithful to pray for both Mrs. Dunbar and Elaine during these most difficult weeks. We are confident that God has mercifully answered. At this writing Elaine can walk a little with great difficulty. The doctor said this last seige was from reaction to shots. She has been out of the hospital for two weeks at this writing.

The thoughtfulness and the generosity of the ministers arranging for the conference to provide plane fare enabling me to come to Lancaster to be with the family is deeply appreciated. After receiving word that Elaine was worse, I drove to Lancaster, arriving on April 2. On April 8th I went by plane to Indianapolis for another week of Polity Committee work. On April 16th I went by plane to Cleveland to attend the NHA Centennial Convention. Next week I plan to attend the NAE convention in Philadelphia. We hope to be back at the regular conference work, with Mrs. Dunbar accompanying me, on April 28th. May the Lord richly bless you for all your kindnesses to us.

ARE YOU CONTINUING TO PRAY FOR THE COMING GENERAL CONFERENCE?

SEED THOUGHTS FOR PRAYER--Ask that the Lord will help you to look around you today and shew you the needs of others. Ask Him to keep you from living only for yourself.

GOOD QUESTION: "While minorities should never be ignored or oppressed, has democracy ever taught they should be permitted to control?" Dr. F. T. Fowler

ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

DATES TO REMEMBER

MERGING GENERAL CONFERENCE....June 25-30
 CONFERENCE FISCAL YEAR ENDS.....June 30
 KANSAS CONFERENCE AND CAMP..August 2-11
 YOUTH CAMP-ROCK SPRINGS....August 20-24

A THANK YOU FROM ELAINE DUNBAR RHOADES

I find words inadequate to express my deep appreciation for the many beautiful cards, letters and kind expressions received during my prolonged illness. We are especially grateful for your prayers. Even though the Lord saw fit to take our baby girl to be with Him, we know He has answered prayer and been merciful to us. Special thanks to all the ladies at the Ministerial Association for remembering me with a cash gift. May God bless you every one.

--Elaine (Dunbar) Rhoades

WHO SAYS THE COUNTRY CHURCH CAN'T GROW?

Talk about the country church these days and you can hear remarks like... "They're a thing of the past." "The country church is dying out." "Consolidate! The country church can't make it alone."

Well, let us tell you about the Hall Wesleyan Methodist Church. Since the beginning of the conference year, the cradle roll has grown from non-existent to 7 members, four of which were enrolled this past quarter. Three new families have moved into our community, two of these have started attending either Sunday school or morning worship. We are grateful to see one family begin to attend who have not been in church for 15 years. These signs of growth and outreach are most encouraging to the whole church as we plan for new church facilities.

--Reported, Charles Jones, Pastor

Christian living is more than talk, it is putting into action the will of God.

--Cyrus N. Nelson

THIRD QUARTER CHURCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL '67	SCHOOL '68	REPORT +or-
CLASS AA			
Concordia	136	137	+1
Denver First	192	176	-16
K.C. Immanuel	130	120	-10
Miltonvale	207	201	-6
Ottawa	145	156	+11
Topeka First	187	161	-26
Wichita First	186	191	+5
CLASS A			
Abilene	114	106	-8
Clay Center	113	111	-2
K.C. Eastwood	130	124	-6
St. Louis Overland	105	113	+8
Phillipsburg	112	97	-15
CLASS B			
Belleville	82	79	-3
Greeley	79	95	+16
Manhattan	91	89	-2
Topeka Gage Park	98	91	-7
Salina	79	75	-4
CLASS C			
Augusta	72	41	-31
Chanute	53	49	-4
Colorado Springs	56	68	+12
Englewood, Kansas	55	62	+7
Hutchinson	66	72	+6
K.C. First	75	85	+10
Leavenworth	69	66	-3
Sullivan	54	59	+5
Williams Chapel	55	48	-7
Scott City	55	50	-5
CLASS D			
Antioch	24	21	-3
Bethany Chapel	39	52	+13
Eskridge	38	37	-1
Hall	34	36	+2
Junction City	49	41	-8
Lawrence	37	45	+8
Lawrence Creek	24	21	-3
Mankato	31	25	-6
New Hope	21	18	-3
K.C. Olive Street	47	61	+14
Paola	22	22	--
Topeka Belmont	43	31	-12
Wesley Center	33	32	-1
Willis	17	20	+3
Gross Gain -	121	Gross Loss -	192
New Loss -71			

Forty-one churches reporting for a percentage of 80.2. Nine churches failed to report.

MWC LOOKS AHEAD (cont.)

all-time high and gives indication that the final fall enrollment may show an increase over the 157 figure of last fall. Do you have seniors who are yet undecided about plans for college?

ON THE SPOT!

No! the table below is not intended to put anyone "on the spot", rather it is hoped that by calling this information to your attention, it may help us "get out of the spot" we are in.

Financially speaking, we are headed for an operational deficit by the close of our fiscal year June 30, 1968. Increased operating costs, less student income than anticipated, and certain "extra expenses" this year are the principle factors causing this situation.

It is still early enough to reverse this trend if enough extra financial help were available. One avenue is the assessment or "budget" for education.

EDUCATIONAL BUDGET 1967

CONF.	ASSIGNED	RAISED	% RAISED
Calif.	\$7,888.00	\$4,692.11	60%
Dakota	6,305.00	5,049.00	80%
Iowa	6,990.00	5,638.70	80%
Kansas	8,295.50	7,894.52	94%
Oklah	3,070.00	2,819.89	92%
Nebr.	1,775.00	1,508.94	85%
Oregon	1,110.00	997.93	90%
Wis.	4,576.00	2,560.00	65%
	<u>\$40,009.50</u>	<u>\$31,161.09</u>	

The table above indicates that the educational assessment for the eight conferences of the college area lacked approximately \$9,000 of being paid last year. That amount would nicely meet our anticipated deficit this year. We congratulate and thank those churches who have met their full obligation on this item, as well as those who have earnestly striven to do so. If your assessment for this year has not yet been met, you can give us a real lift by getting it to your conference treasurer by June 1 so he can remit to us by June 30.

--Reported, Dr. Wesley L. Knapp

NHA RECEIVES REPORT ON SOCIAL ACTION

A feature of the National Holiness Association's Centennial Convention in Cleveland was the report of the NHA Committee on Social Action, "The Christian's Biblical Concerns".

The committee, under chairman Bishop Arthur Climenhaga outlined the following areas:

1. Oppose legalization of narcotics, psychedelic drugs, gambling, pornographic films or literature and homosexuality.
2. Support the educational programs of competent counselors for voluntary family planning.
3. Called for the NHA to develop Biblical concepts of life and death that may serve as guides for a position and for participation in the decisions on such normal issues as birth and genetic controls, abortion and organ transplants.
4. Oppose open or de facto discrimination, to oppose irresponsible and violent methods to achieve human rights.
5. Oppose the advocates of anarchism as well as the advocates of government without limits. We share the grief and shame of a nation that is torn by hate and assassination, violence and revolutionary tactics.

The 1969 One Hundred and First Annual Convention of the NHA was announced to meet in St. Louis, Missouri, April 8-11 at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel.

Elected officers for 1968-69 are: President, Myron Boyd, Free Methodist, Three Vice Presidents in order, J. D. Abbott, Pilgrim Holiness; Henry A. Ginder, Brethren in Christ; and Paul P. Petticord; Secretary, Milton S. Agnew, Salvation Army; Treasurer, Melvin H. Snyder, Pilgrim Holiness; and ExOfficio President, Paul L. Kindschi, Wesleyan Methodist.

--Reported

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M W C HIGHLIGHTS

The Iowa-Minnesota Conference led in registration for Hospitality Days with 109 in attendance.

"Collegians in Prevue", in charge of David Kaufmann, Student Senate President, featuring many of the students in musical and drama talent, was the first feature on Thursday evening, followed by a hamburger fry. A "Sing-In '68", in charge of James Garlow, was held in the Bethel Youth Tabernacle on the camp grounds of the Kansas Conference and climaxed the evening.

Friday morning found the future collegians visiting the various classes on campus while the adults gathered at F. C. Hill Memorial Church for up-to-date information on M W C. In keeping with the theme, "Jesus Christ for Today's World", Pastor Dale Campbell brought a challenging address at the 11 a.m. convocation hour. Dave Matt, director of student recruiting, and Rev. Burnell Pudwill, area youth president, spoke to future collegians Friday afternoon concerning making Miltonvale Wesleyan College their first choice in their plans for further education. Tours of the campus were conducted, followed by a softball game between the Tigers and Bull Dogs. The score was 12-3 in favor of the Tigers.

Hospitality Days came to a close with a "Spaghetti Splash" in the college gymnasium. Phil and Louie Palermo, special representatives of Youth for Christ International, entertained during the meal. At 7:45 a capacity crowd of 700 gathered at the college church to hear the Palermos just back from Viet Nam.

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP 1968

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"Let's Go!"



Miltonvale, Kansas

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"HAVE YOU READ THIS?" CHAPTER 3

Our little lady, having read the Bible for the first time in her 68 years, is making progress. A few Sundays before Easter she came to Sunday school for the first time. She had told Bill that she might come so he went after her. When he arrived she was out in the garden in her work clothes. Bill told her to go in and get ready and he would be back in 15 minutes.

It took longer than 15 minutes but she did come and has not missed since except on special days such as Easter and Mother's Day. She steadfastly maintains that she is a Catholic and prays to her "Santos". She refuses to receive much of our literature except that which Bill and I prepare ourselves such as "The Wesleyan Message."

She is hungry though, and the Spirit is drawing her but she is so fearful. The Lord is breaking that fear down however, and using circumstances to help. Just recently Bill was able to help her get straightened up with her Union over her retirement and for the first time in 6 difficult years she is receiving her retirement checks. The problem was a simple one concerned only with a faulty understanding of the English language. Her confidence in us is growing but she can't understand why we would help her because, as she puts it, "I haven't done anything for you." We trust that it won't be long until she is able to place her confidence in the Saviour who alone can bring her salvation.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

LET'S PRAY
FOR POWER

C. W. Dunbar

These past three weeks, after getting back into conference territory, have been very full as we have tried to catch up a bit in addition to visiting churches in both the Missouri and Colorado districts. In response to many inquiries, I am glad to report Elaine has continued to make good progress. Your interest and prayer have been appreciated.

Only a few days now and the Polity Committee will be meeting the week prior to the Merging General Conference. Churches and pastors are in the midst of making decisions for the coming year. Four Sundays remain, from the time you receive your Visitor, to the end of the fiscal year. Soon after General Conference we will be in our annual conference and camp.

Is it needful to urge you to pray? Besides the above mentioned needs, four men now pastoring do not plan to pastor next year. Two plan to teach, one to take evangelistic work and one has gone to another group. I cannot over-emphasize the urgent need for much earnest prayer for the whole work of the Kingdom. Every church needs revival and outreach. We so need the direction of the Holy Spirit and His blessed anointing on the general, conference and local level.

Please, please arrange for some special times of prayer in every church. In this hour when the church is so challenged by a tottering nation and chaotic world, we will fail without the dynamic power of His Spirit. At the same time there is too much evi-

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFERENCE ROOMS - write to Rev. Larry Huff, Miltonvale, Kansas, 67466 if you want a room for conference.

DINING ROOM - Young people wanting to work in the dining room this year contact Rev. Duane Seitz, 1117 Washington, Concordia, Kansas 66901

CONFERENCE CONVENES - August 9th at 6:45 p.m.

LAWRENCE HAS CYC WEEK

Rev. Lynn Delehoy, better known as "Uncle Lynn," was in Lawrence April 29 through May 3 for CYC week. Involvement at the local level was terrific. This enhances prospects for next year. Mrs. Ralph Churchill, CYC Director, and the local leaders are solidly working toward making a most valuable contribution to the church. During CYC Rev. Alexander was called to Pennsylvania because of a death in the family. The faithful people at Lawrence carried forward the convention to a successful conclusion. Community involvement is becoming a reality for which we thank God. The Tuesday evening district CYC meeting was a bit of a disappointment as far as outside attendance was concerned but CYC is firmly entrenched in Lawrence and gaining momentum.

--Reported, Rev. Edwin Alexander

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Miss Betty Nelle Freeborn who underwent surgery in Arizona on May 17.

FROM THE PRESIDENT cont.

dence of little prayer burden and spiritual weakness. May we align ourselves with the Psalmist, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." He is our only answer.

OVERLAND PROMOTES MISSIONS

The Overland, Missouri Wesleyan Methodist Church and their parsonage home have been notified that the Foreign Missions Fellowship of Houghton College have designated Philip Young to serve as their summer missionary representative in Colombia, South America. The Overland Church plans to assist in sponsoring Philip. This summer assignment for Philip will be with the Wesleyan Gospel Corps under the direction of Wesleyan World Missions. Philip has been notified that his summer co-worker will be David Babcock, representative from Miltonvale Wesleyan College. They will be stationed at Medellin, Colombia where they will help with the Evangelism-in-Depth campaign and various duties to assist the missionaries.

--Reported, Rev. Harold L. Young

GAGE PARK PAINTS CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

Five laymen joined the pastor on Saturday, May 18, to paint the parsonage and the trim on the church. After scraping, brushing and masking off the windows; primer and a coat of paint was sprayed on both buildings. Again Monday evening the painting continued until it was completed about 10 p.m. We owe special thanks to Marvin Bisel, LeRoy Ming, John Hartman, David Beyer and Charles Keesis for their labors.

Several new families have made Gage Park their church home. We praise God for this and the brightening outlook for a bigger and better future. We are losing Captain John Hartman to overseas duty in the Air Force, but his wife, Joanne, plans, at this time, to remain with us. They have been a big boost to our church, and we regret having to let John go from us.

--Reported, Rev. F. W. Hubbard

PRAY FOR THE MERGING CONFERENCE



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"YOUTH ON THE MOVE"

ATTENTION: Pastors, Youth Presidents, Youth Ministers, Youth Chairmen; "Youth on the Move" has been selected as the theme for the 1968 joint Youth Camp of the Wesleyans and the Pilgrims.

This is the preview notice of the excitement that will take place as we meet August 20 through 24 at Rock Springs Ranch for the camp. Registration costs this year will be \$14.75 per person.

Kindly set these dates aside, and make the initial announcements to the youth, so they can begin planning and saving for this year's Youth Camp. With the cooperation of all, we can see the greatest Youth Camp that has ever been experienced by any of us.

--Advertising Committee

Daniel Busby and Rev. E. E. Brannon

TOPEKA DISTRICT YOUTH ENJOY SKATING

Nearly one-hundred Topeka District youth gathered at Lawrence, Kansas, May 23 for a roller skating party. After the skating was over, we enjoyed refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch. The devotional thought for the evening was the unchangeable Christ who is the same yesterday, today and forever. We would all agree that Christian fellowship with other teens is great!

--Reported, Sherill Martin

CAMP MEETING - August 11-18 Workers are Bishop Henry Ginder and Rev. C. Wesley Lovin, evangelists; Dr. Ernie Lewis, Song leader; Rev. Lynn Delehoy and Mrs. Oletha Hoerner, children's workers.

"HAVE YOU READ THIS?" cont.

Our attendance went up to 41 and then went down to 29 and 27. There ought to be a law against that!

--Reported, Mrs. Mildred Goldsmith
Puerto Rico

JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP, JUNE 18-21

We are rapidly approaching the dates which have been set for the 1968 youth camps. The Junior Camp, designed for boys and girls 8 to 11 years of age, is to be held on the Miltonvale Camp Grounds June 18 to 21.

A great amount of preparatory work has already been invested in this camp and a heavy load is being carried by a few of our people. For the camp to be operated satisfactorily and successfully it will require the co-operation and assistance of a good number of men and women who will give of their time for this program which is one of the most fruitful and rewarding projects sponsored by our conference for the spiritual benefit of the young people of your church.

For Junior Camp we need approximately 16 counselors, eight men and eight women. We cannot conduct the camp without these counselors, and for the most part this number must be made up by our pastors and wives.

The work of the counselors will include general supervision of a group of approximately 8 to 10 boys or girls. This will involve such duties as staying in the dorms or tents with them at night, conducting daily devotions with your group, giving counsel at the altar or in personal interview as opportunity is afforded, sitting at a designated place in the dining room at meal time, attending a daily counselor's session for discussion and prayer and the giving of assistance with any situation which may arise that affects the spiritual welfare of the campers and the work of the camp. The counselors for the Junior Camp will not be required to pay the registration fee for rooms and meals.

--Reported, Rev. Lowell Gilger
Head Counselor

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

READY FOR
CONFERENCE?

C. W. Dunbar

HATS OFF in a big salute to all the faithful, devoted workers in the Junior Youth Camp. Usually a few carry the heavy responsibility of making the Junior Youth Camp a success. We believe each of them have been a success. We want all involved to know their work is appreciated. It is doubtful if any other investment of time and effort in the church pays greater spiritual dividends.

We come to the close of another fiscal year--our last as a Wesleyan Methodist Church. So far as we know, all elections are to be according to our present Discipline. All officers are to take their place July 1.

PASTOR: Please send your reports as directed in standing rule I. A. 7, which is found on page 32 of the Conference minutes. Check this carefully and please do not be late with your reports. When one is tardy it adds to the work of the Treasurer, Statistical Committee, Statistical Secretary and the president.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE in the new church will be known as the District Conference. In the near future there will be quite a number of changes. Just what changes will go into effect this year will not be known until after the Merging Conference. However, many seeming changes are actually new terms.

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KANSAS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

Friday 8-9-68

- 6:45 p.m. Church Convening Session
Roll Call
Report of Nominating Com.
(sessional committees)
- 7:45 p.m. Educational Service
(Rev. Seitz presiding)

Saturday 8-10-68

- 8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings
- 10:00 a.m. W. Y. Convening Session
- 1:30 p.m. W. Y. Conference Session
- 1:30 p.m. S.S. and Ed. Workshops
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Rally
(Rev. Mason presiding)

Sunday 8-11-68

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
(Rev. Glinn presiding)
- 10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE
- 2:30 p.m. PUBLIC MISSIONARY SERVICE
(Rev. La Gilger presiding)
- 7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Monday 8-12-68

- 8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings
- 8:45 a.m. W. Y. Conference Session
- 10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE
- 1:30 p.m. W.M.S. Convening Session
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ATTENTION: KANSAS PASTORS!

You must file a report with your county probate Judge before July 1, 1968 in order to perform legal marriages. Take your Certificate of Ordination or the local conference preacher's license as a means of identification. Don't Forget! Do it now!




BISHOP HENRY A. GINDER
Evangelist

Miltonvale,
Kansas



MR. E. W. LEWIS
Song Evangelist



REV. C. WESLEY LOVIN
Evangelist

Services

10:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

YOU ARE INVITED

(Please Post)

KANSAS CONFERENCE

CAMP MEETING

of the
Wesleyan Methodist Church



August
9 - 18, 1968



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE cont.

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session
Election of Officers
Reports: Auditing; Treasurer of: Miss. Board, Camp, Trustees, Group Insurance, Conf., Finance Com.

4:00 p.m. Y.M.W.B. Workshop

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Tuesday 8-13-68

8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings

8:45 a.m. W. Y. Conference Session

10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE

1:30 p.m. W.M.S. Conference Session

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session
Nominating Com. report,
Election of: College Trustees, and
other officers

Character Report

Superannuate Treasurer

4:00 p.m. Y.M.W.B. Workshop

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Wednesday 8-14-68

5:30 a.m. W. Y. Hike

8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings

8:30 a.m. W. M. S. Conference Sess.

10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE

11:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

1:30 p.m. W.M.S. Conference Session

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session

1:45 p.m. Denominational Address
Conference Business

Report of: Wesley Villa,
Ministerial
Assoc., Editor
of the Visitor,
Advisory Nom.

4:00 p.m. Y.M.W.B. Workshop

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Thursday 8-15-68

8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings

10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session
Reports of: Pastoral relations (1st),
Standing
Rules, others

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FROM THE PRESIDENT cont.

In view of the shortness of time it is the present plan that our conferences in Kansas continue to operate separately this coming fiscal year. The polity committees may have recommendations to make by conference time. It is understood that merging of Districts will be by mutual agreement.

World conditions constantly remind us of the vital importance of the church and the Gospel message. This places an inescapable responsibility upon every professed Christian. God's Word declares, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

These are not ordinary times. Let us believe God for extraordinary victories. PRAY FOR THE COMING ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND CAMP.

4:00 p.m. Memorial Service

4:00 p.m. Y.M.W.B. Workshop

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Friday 8-16-68

10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session
Reports of: Nominating
Com., Standing
committees,
Pastoral Rel.
(2nd), Itiner-
acy & Elders
Orders Com.

4:00 p.m. Y.M.W.B. Public Service
(Mrs. Hoerner presiding)

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Saturday 8-17-68

8:00 a.m. Church Conference Committee meetings

10:30 a.m. CAMP SERVICE

1:30 p.m. Church Conference Session
Reports of: Apportionment,
Pastoral Rel.
(final)

7:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICE

Sunday 8-18-68

9:30 a.m. Ordination Service

10:30 a.m.

2:30 p.m. CAMP SERVICES

7:30 p.m.



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"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"
Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say...
I know something good about you TODAY.
And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each handclasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance...
I know something good about you?

Wouldn't life be a lot more happy,
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,
If we praised the good we see...
For there's such a lot of goodness,
In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too
You know something good about me
I know something good about you.

Happy are they whose treasure house is
filled,
I know something good about you.
When this wealth is shared along life's
way,

Potential enemies become warm friends,
Because I know something good about you
TODAY.

--Author Unknown

PRAY FOR CONFERENCE AND CAMP !



FROM THE PRESIDENT

LOOKING UNTO CHRIST

C. W. Dunbar

"The Face of our Lord" is the title of a book of sermons by Dr. Paul S. Rees which was published a number of years ago. This topic came to my mind the other day as the words of the song writer seemed to be continually impressed upon me. "Turn your eyes upon Jesus/Look full in His wonderful face/And the things of earth will grow strangely dim/In the light of His glory and grace."

I do not know the author or I would gladly give proper credit. I do know this is an experience that everyone of us need repeated quite often. The things of this world are too prominent and predominant! We cannot keep the proper perspective or rightly evaluate without such times of waiting in His presence.

We will not have true success in our church work without such a gaze. Oh, how we long for genuine revival resulting in transformed lives, setting free old and young from the bondage of sin, cleansing believers from the carnal nature and filling them with the Holy Spirit. We do not read of such revival until "the things of earth" have grown dim to the eyes, desires and ambitions of at least a few faithful, devoted saints. May the number be increased in our midst!

A good number, I am sure, have been praying for conference and camp. Please set aside one day prior to conference as a special day of prayer. We will set WEDNESDAY, August 7th for the special day of prayer. However, I realize this one day will not fit into all schedules.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

Church merger will necessitate some local churches making a change of names. For instance we cannot have two First Wesleys in one city. At General Conference the General Superintendents urged that we keep from using "First" or "Second" for the most part in our church names. This will effect only those churches located in cities where there is now both former Pilgrim Holiness and former Wesleyan Methodist Churches.

The Local Church should take action prior to conference and report their request to the committee on boundaries. We urge those involved to not overlook this item.

By General Conference action we are to have the church names changed (on signs etc.) by October first.

General Superintendent Assignment:
 North Central Area—Rev. John D. Abbott
 Northeastern Area—Dr. V. A. Mitchell
 Southern Area—Dr. B. H. Phaup
 Western Area—Dr. Melvin Snyder

ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

HOUSEWARMING FOR MIKESELLS

A housewarming was given for Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mikesell by members and friends of the Wesleyan Methodist church on May 7. Pastor Kenneth Gooden led in devotions and offered a dedicatory prayer for the new home.

Rev. Joe Boyd, Accompanied on the piano by Miss Caroline White, sang "Bless This House." Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell led a tour of their new home.

Homemade cookies from the Pathfinders Sunday school class and punch were served by Mrs. Kenneth Gooden and Mrs. Ernest J. Mikesell, Jr. There were 54 who signed the guest book.

--Reported, Rev. Kenneth Gooden

GENERAL EVANGELIST

W. C. and Mrs. Brannon, who were former pastors in the Kansas Conference are entering the field of general evangelism as of September 1968. They may be contacted by addressing them at 1822 E. Market, Enid, Oklahoma 73701

IMMANUEL YOUTH STUDY CHURCH GROWTH

In a Sunday evening discussion group we chose to review the History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church by McLeister and Nicholson. One item that caught our attention was the church statistics for 1950 at the end of the book. It was very interesting to compare them to the recent statistics in the January 17, 1968 issue of "The Wesleyan Methodist" for the year 1967.

The tabulation speaks rather clearly for itself. Whereas the membership of the total church increased somewhere in the vicinity of 20%, the membership in the Kansas Conference increased 5.8%.

--Reported, Clayton Ford

MEMBERSHIP

	1950	1967	%
California	347	2134	516.0
Illinois	158	537	239.0
Florida	115	346	201.0
Wisconsin	634	964	52.0
Oklahoma	419	610	45.6
Iowa	1002	1412	40.7
N.C.-Virginia	4394	5977	36.0
Kentucky	730	973	33.3
Michigan	1811	2407	33.0
Lockport	1100	1349	22.6
Nebraska	284	347	22.2
Rochester	1218	1465	20.2
Dakota	1084	1295	19.5
N. Michigan	1003	1181	17.8
Canada	526	617	17.3
M.A.S.	778	877	12.7
Champlain	1043	1161	11.3
Indiana	4454	4779	7.3
Kansas	1543	1632	5.8
Oregon	214	226	5.6
Georgia	713	701	-0.1
S. Carolina	2473	2316	-0.6
South Ohio	807	365	-55.0

NUMBER OF CHURCHES

Conference	1950	1967	%
Florida	9	21	134.0
Illinois	7	14	100.0
Oklahoma	11	18	64.5

California	12	19	58.3
South Ohio	9	14	55.6
Nebraska	15	21	40.1
Dakota	37	48	29.8
M.A.S.	24	31	29.4
Champlain	35	45	28.6
Kentucky	34	43	26.5
Lockport	26	32	23.1
Michigan	40	47	17.5
N.C.-Virginia	104	120	15.4
Wisconsin	22	25	13.6
N. Michigan	31	35	12.9
Indiana	99	110	11.1
Georgia	29	32	10.3
Canada	15	16	6.7
Iowa	32	34	6.3
S. Carolina	62	64	3.2
Rochester	38	39	2.6
Kansas	50	51	2.0
Oregon	10	7	-30.0

Comparative statistics are not available for the Alabama, Allegeny, Atlantic, Ohio and Tennessee Conferences.

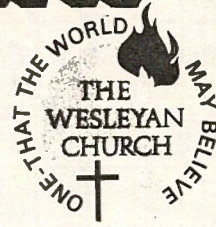
--Reported, Clayton Ford

Eds. Note: In the words of a very famous Kansas Editor, William Allen White, "What's the matter with Kansas?"

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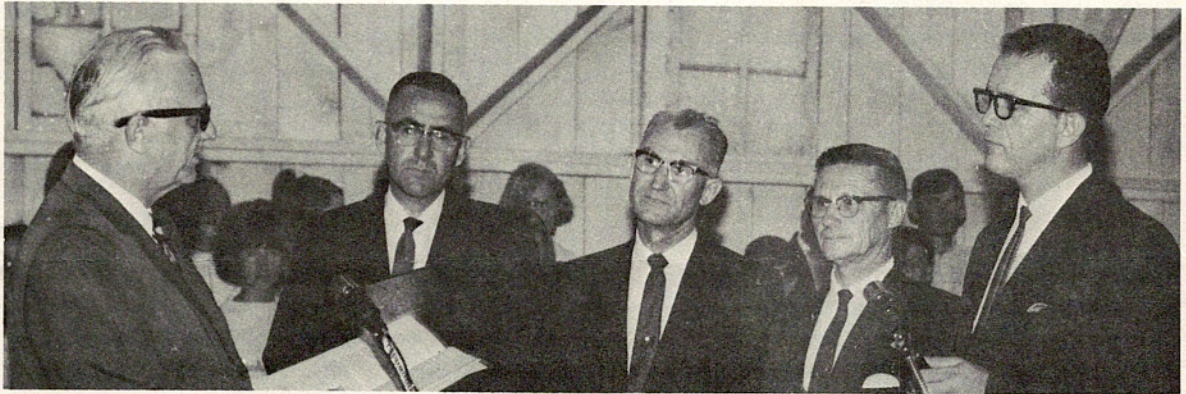


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KANSAS ELECTS NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



Pictured above in L. to R. order are: Dr. C. Wesley Lovin, Executive Secretary of Church Extension, Wayne E. Caldwell, assistant District Superintendent; Harold B. Hotchkiss, District Treasurer; Dale W. Campbell, District Secretary and the newly elected District Superintendent, Ronald R. Brannon. (Photo credit: Dr. Wesley L. Knapp) All officers except the D. S. are returning to office on a good majority vote.

On a strong, second-ballot vote, Rev. Ronald R. Brannon was elected as the first District Superintendent of the Kansas District, (former Wesleyan Methodist) of the Wesleyan Church. For the past seventeen years, he has been a very successful pastor of Wichita First Wesleyan Church. Active in both local civic groups & denominational programs,

HOMEcoming AT M W C

The first area-wide observance of Miltonvale Wesleyan College's sixtieth anniversary features Homecoming-Hospitality days on October 10-11-12. The theme "Alive With New Life in Christ" will speak both of history and anticipated progress.

Activities will begin with the coronation of the Campus Queen on Thursday evening. On Friday, a glimpse of the "today's generation's classroom," viewing displays in the exhibition area, an action-packed "New Life Rally" will feature campus and area talent and alumnus Rev. Martin Cox as guest speaker. A soccer game will pit the Eagles against Central College of McPherson on Saturday morning.

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--Public Relations Department

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REPORT ON STANDING RULES

Note to Pastors: See S. R. #I-B-3-(c) for your payment to the visitor. Divide your present membership by 2 (round membership to highest number: Example: 47=48 divided by 2 = 24 X 75¢ = \$18.00) and multiply by 75¢ to ascertain your payment. The number on your address label also indicates how many papers you are billed for.

Changes in local church S. R. are editorial to keep in line with our new discipline. They concern Pension Plan, the voting procedures on pastors and the time given to answer a church's call. These will be printed more fully in the first issue of this paper following the publication of our church discipline. Please notice that S. R. II-A-4 and II-C-3 have been eliminated.

We urge that you send brief news releases of your church. No pictures unless requested by the editor or if the church wishes to pay \$1.50 for their printing. Each picture costs us this extra charge to prepare for publication. Only glossy pictures accepted; the cuts and mats cannot be used. Printing of letter heads, mid-week stock and revival notices also available at special church rates. Write to the office of the editor for more information. Make use of your press facilities.

--The Editor

BULLETIN! Rev. Ronald Brannon reports that the General Board of Administration has selected Marion, Indiana as the Headquarters of the New Church.



FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

A MOUNTAIN OF CHALLENGE

Ronald R. Brannon

A mountain of challenge lies before us! Historians tell us that it took from the beginning of time until about 1830 for world population to reach one billion people. A century later (at the time of our great depression) the world had two billion people. In the thirty-five years since then, we have added another billion, and today we pass the three billion mark. Population experts tell us that in the year 2000 the world will have about seven billion people.

More simply stated, this means that if Jesus tarries, our churches will need to double during the next 32 years if we merely KEEP UP with the population explosion. "Keeping up" is never enough! This constitutes a mountain of challenge ...for people represent souls.

Mountains are not easily conquered. Frequently they are inhabited by giants or encompassed by walled cities. The giants of prejudice, indifference and heresy are potent in this day. Multitudes reside behind the high walls of spiritual compromise, materialism and formal religion. The giants can be slain and the walls will crumble if we pursue the time proven course of Bible conquerors! Hear the report of one such courageous heart: "Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb..., because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel."

Half-hearted efforts produce hapless harvests; double-minded service results

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

C-A-N-C-E-L-E-D !

As this paper was going to press, we learned from our District Superintendent that doctors in Wichita had discovered a paralysed vocal cord that will enforce complete rest for thirty days. No surgery is being planned at the writing of this article. LET US LIFT THIS NEED TO OUR LORD FOR HEALING PRAYER.

IMMANUEL WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

An ice cream social was turned into a pounding to welcome our new pastor and his wife. Rev. and Mrs. Harold B. Hotchkiss were received warmly with gifts of groceries on Saturday evening, September 14. There were 48 persons in attendance at this event.

Reported, Mrs. Alice R. Daugherty

DISTRICT STATISTICAL REPORT

Of the 50 churches reporting, 36 paid their budget in full. 1214 seekers were reported at our altars last year and there were 566 family altars recorded, with 149 card call subscribers. 33 churches sponsored V. B. S. with a District average of 59. The Sunday schools reported 11,554 in attendance, making a District average of 70, with Miltonvale leading the way for an average of 202. Other District averages included; Morning worship 60, Evening service 37, and Prayer meeting 23. There were 24,296 pastoral calls made, for a district average of 489. Four churches reported over 1,000 calls;

Englewood, Kansas (M. Capehart)	1,478
Denver (Wayne Caldwell)	1,166
Chanute (Leo Heer)	1,007
Concordia (Duane Seitz)	1,003

--Reported, Rev. M. F. Bess

NICK SUSURAS SCHEDULES SERVICES

Sept. 22 - 29	VanCouver, Washington
Sept. 30 - Oct. 6	St. Johns, Portland
Oct. 20 - 27	Crusade Limon, Colorado
Nov. 3 - 10	Iola, Kansas
Nov. 17 - 24	Antioch Crusade, Colorado

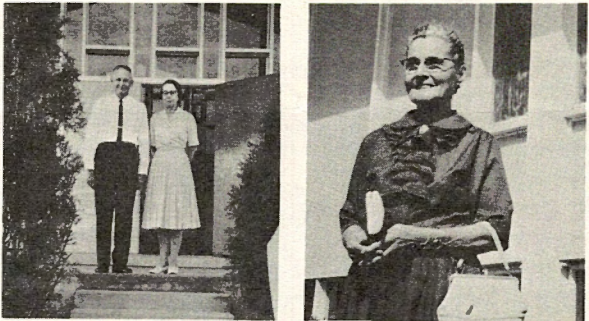
WEDDING AT TOPEKA FIRST

Jerry Martin, son of Rev. & Mrs. Wm. G. Martin, was united in marriage to Miss Paula Williams on August 8th at Topeka First Church. The couple is making their home in Oklahoma City, where Jerry is an associate pastor and studying towards his Master's of Religion Degree; Paula is also attending college there.

THE GEORGE MARTINS OBSERVE 50TH

Mr. & Mrs. George K. Martin, parents of Rev. Wm. G. Martin, were honored on their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Kansas on September 15th. Mrs. Martin is a member of First Wesleyan in Kansas City, Kansas.

--Reported, Rev. Wm. G. Martin



LAWRENCE MEMBERS DONATE GIFTS

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Lippe stand on the newly completed front steps and side walk at Lawrence Wesleyan. These additions plus a new drive opening west are their gift to the church. These new facilities greatly add to the beauty and operation of the church. This thoughtfulness and gift is enjoyed and appreciated by the Lawrence congregation.

Sister Naomi Hardesty is pictured in front of the beautiful stained glass windows she recently had installed in the Lawrence Wesleyan Church. They add dignity and beauty to the building and also nullify the glare of the late afternoon sun, making the building cooler. The Lawrence Church greatly appreciates her generosity.

--Reported, Rev. Edwin Alexander

GREELEY PASTOR ENJOYS NEW PARSONAGE

On June 24 and 25, the parsonage family were assisted by several men and boys in moving into the new parsonage. Using trucks and pickups, the move was made in short order and with a minimum of effort. The family is enjoying the additional room, comfort and beauty of the new home. The Greeley people are to be commended for their generosity and foresight in building a quality home that will be easy to maintain.

The W. Y. local members have taken on the project of making the former nursery room into a prayer chapel. It is complete with an altar and worship center, plus benches that can accommodate a good number of youth at prayertime. The room also is used for the Senior High Sunday school class.

The week of July 29 - August 2, nine youth from Greeley attended Colorado Youth Camp, where Rev. Rolland Fletcher served as speaker. Most of these youth were seekers for salvation and all received great spiritual help in camp.

DAVID BABCOCK VISITS COLUMBIA

Greeley youth and church were happy supporters of David Babcock, who served with Wesleyan Gospel Corps in Colombia, South America, during the summer. David is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Babcock and is preparing for missionary education at M. W. C. He spoke in the evening service on Sunday, August 25, telling of God's leading and of his experiences in Colombia. David is also president of Missions Club at M.W.C.

FLETCHER FAMILY REUNION

The family of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Fletcher gathered at Miltonvale on August 6-8 for a reunion. It was the first complete gathering of the family since 1952. In all, 37 of the 42 members of the family were present. Of the 42 counted in the family, 27 are grandchildren. Several visitors also were numbered with the group during the two full days.

--Reported, Rev. Rolland Fletcher

MOUNTAIN OF CHALLENGE, Cont.

in dangerously muddled signals; borderline travel leads to bondage in life's testing places. WHOLE-HEARTED OBEDIENCE TO HOLY GHOST DIRECTIVES CONQUERS MOUNTAINS! This is the only way we can meet our mountain of challenge.

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH stands on the threshold of a great opportunity. Our mountain of challenge is flanked by mountains of promise. We can meander aimlessly, thus becoming frightened followers of the world's foolishness; we can forge ahead in our own "carnal strength", to be tragically overcome by the giants and laughed to scorn by our enemies; or WE CAN WHOLLY FOLLOW THE LORD OUR GOD! This brings the glory! His glory claims the mountains! A mountain of challenge lies before us.

KANSAS ELECTS NEW D.S., Cont.

he has served as a Wichita Police Chaplain official, as conference W.Y. president and is currently finishing tenure as General President of World Wesleyan Youth. With his wife Rosalee, and three children Rhonda, Rodney, and Randall, a move to the district parsonage was completed this September. Rev. Brannon succeeds Rev. C.W. Dunbar as conference district leader in Kansas.

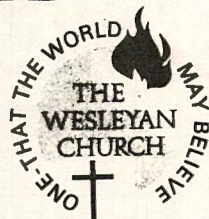
For eighteen years, Rev. C. W. Dunbar gave able leadership to the Kansas Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Recognized as an outstanding leader by his church, he served many years on the Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A love offering was raised during one conference service and presented in appreciation to the Dunbars for their long and unstinting years of service. Assuming responsibilities as pastor of Wichita First Wesleyan, Rev. and Mrs. Dunbar are now adjusting to the life of local church work.

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O Give Thanks



Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, who guided the frail Pilgrim ships safely to these shores despite the perils of storm and the vastness of the unknown sea, we thank Thee for guiding us through the vast sea of life and the storms of the past year, rewarding us for our efforts with the fruits of the earth in due season. We ask for hearts and minds to use them to Thy greater glory. We thank Thee for upholding our families and nation through all the years. May we express our gratitude in service to Thee, and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ through whom we offer up these our humble and heartfelt thanksgiving prayers. Amen.

THANKS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Words hardly express my gratitude to work the Lord and to the many wonderful Christian friends who have faithfully pulled the prayer ropes in behalf of my physical limitation these past days. The Lord is answering prayer! While the doctors advise it will take up to six more months to regain full vocal strength, I do not question the Lord's healing touch. The prognosis is most encouraging.

--Reported, Ronald R. Brannon

AREA SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Any pastors wishing to attend the Area Sunday school workshop to be conducted in Denver November 7, please call collect Rev. John Betters or Rev. Ronald Brannon. Only twelve from the Kansas District will be registered unless we make special provisions! Don't delay.

SALINA FIRST CHURCH

The new District year has started off very well. Everyone has worked hard in our Autumn Advance. We called it "PUSH". While not quite reaching our goal of 111 we did have 99 for our Rally Day on October 13. Our average attendance was 86, which was a gain of 24.6%. This is encouraging.

We are having a fast and prayer service each Thursday noon. Plans are for a revival November 18-24 with Rev. J.L. Archer, evangelist. Pray for us.

The church surprised the pastor and wife after a prayer service by bringing in a liberal offering in groceries and cash and serving nice refreshments to the goodly number that came to the 'pounding'. The youth are paying for the project of paneling the basement walls, putting in a new ceiling and tilting the floor at the parsonage for a fellowship hall. It is beginning to shape up and looks real nice.

OPEN HOUSE AT OLIVE STREET

The pastor and staff of the Olive Street Wesleyan Church sponsored an open house September 20.

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FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

"THANK GOD!"

Ronald R. Brannon

HAROLD JOHNSON'S MISSIONARY TOUR

Nov. 1	p.m.	.....	Scott City, Mo.	Ephesians 5:20	"Thank God at all times for everything..." Phillips
Nov. 3	a.m.	.....	St. Louis Wesleyan Chapel		
Nov. 3	p.m.	.....	St. Louis Overland		It was the Angel Gabriel, looking down on the earth's rotten confusion, who said, "Everything nailed down is coming loose." No, you won't find it in your Bible. Marc Connelly, in his folksy writing in "Green Pastures" coined these dramatic words. Perhaps such a phrase in such a context is shocking, but do we not too often allow such a philosophy of despair to paralyze the outreaching arms of our faith?
Nov. 4	p.m.	.....	Sullivan, Mo.		
Nov. 5	p.m.	.....	Kansas City Eastwood		It may seem that in our day some of the old landmarks are being removed. We may be tempted to think the sturdy rafters and solid roof beams of our society are collapsing. The most dependable human foundations may appear to shake. In spite of it, we are to "thank God at all times for everything!" How can this be?
Nov. 6	p.m.	.....	Kansas City First		
Nov. 7	a.m.	.....	(11:40 Chapel) MWC		
Nov. 7	p.m.	.....	Manhattan		
Nov. 8	a.m.	.....	(11:40 Chapel) MWC		
Nov. 8	p.m.	.....	Clay Center		
Nov. 9	p.m.	.....	Missionary Convention MWC		
Nov. 10	a.m.	.....	Miltonvale		
Nov. 10	p.m.	.....	Salina		
Nov. 11	p.m.	.....	Concordia		
Nov. 12	p.m.	.....	Mankato		
Nov. 13	p.m.	.....	Belleville		
Nov. 14	p.m.	.....	Englewood, Ks.		
Nov. 15	p.m.	.....	Phillipsburg		
Nov. 17	a.m.	.....	Colorado Springs		
Nov. 17	p.m.	.....	Denver First		
Nov. 18	p.m.	.....	Greeley		
Nov. 19	p.m.	.....	Englewood, Colo.		
Nov. 20	p.m.	.....	Abilene		
Nov. 21	p.m.	.....	Hutchinson		
Nov. 22	p.m.	.....	Wichita Westside		
Nov. 24	a.m.	.....	Augusta		
Nov. 24	p.m.	.....	Wichita First		
Nov. 25	p.m.	.....	Independence		
Nov. 26	p.m.	.....	Chanute		
Nov. 27	p.m.	.....	Iola		
Nov. 28	p.m.	.....	Ottawa		
Nov. 29	p.m.	.....	Eskridge		
Dec. 1	a.m.	.....	Williams Chapel		
Dec. 1	p.m.	.....	Junction City		
Dec. 2	p.m.	.....	Topeka Gage Park		
Dec. 3	p.m.	.....	Topeka North		
Dec. 4	p.m.	.....	Topeka First		
Dec. 5	p.m.	Topeka Oakland		
Dec. 6	p.m.	Lawrence		
Dec. 8	a.m.	K.C. Olive St.		
Dec. 8	p.m.	K.C. Immanuel		

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

District Superintendent's Schedule

Nov. 3	a.m.	Kansas City Eastwood
Nov. 3	p.m.	Leavenworth
Nov. 10	a.m.	Morgan Chapel (75th Anni.)
Nov. 10	p.m.	Concordia
Nov. 17	a.m.	Salina
Nov. 17	p.m.	Hutchinson
Nov. 24	a.m.	Eskridge
Nov. 24	p.m.	Iola
Dec. 1	a.m.	Williams Chapel
Dec. 1	p.m.	Chanute
Dec. 8	a.m.	Wesley Center
Dec. 8	p.m.	Mankato
Dec. 15	a.m.	Topeka First
Dec. 15	p.m.	Topeka Gage Park
Dec. 29	a.m.	Paola
Dec. 29	p.m.	Willis

CLAY CENTER

As pastor, we left Clay Center August 21. Prior to this we were presented a fine love-offering of nearly \$50, and given a beautiful farewell service. Poems were read, songs sung and remarks of appreciation made. We left this strong church owing only one debt that we knew of, the debt of love to our Lord Jesus and the people.

SCOTT CITY

Graciously received. The blessing of God has been on us as a pastors' family and people. Uncle Lynn Delehoy helped us in a Bible school. In our fall meeting Rev. Henry Lelear was our evangelist. God moved mightily in these meetings and 31 seekers were at the altar, mostly non-church members and two mothers were first time converts. The saints are encouraged, anchored to Jesus and reaching out for souls and a good year.

--Reported, Rev. R. C. Stephens

FROM THE D. S. cont.

morrow. "As thy day, so shall thy strength be." Thank God! Let us thank Him for today's salvation. The Apostle Paul cried "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." His all sufficient grace is adequate...even for times like these! Thank God!

FIRST QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCH	'67	'68	+or-
Concordia	118	112	+4
Denver First	165	157	-8
K.C. Eastwood	123	106	-17
K.C. Immanuel	99	94	-5
Ottawa	130	133	+3
Topeka First	150	141	-9
Wichita First	152	156	+4
Miltonvale	194	194	--
	CLASS A		
Abilene	109	96	-13
Clay Center	103	104	+1
St. Louis Overland	94	100	+6
	CLASS B		
Belleville	71	73	+2
Englewood, Colo.	73	60	-13
Greeley	84	79	-5
Hutchinson	60	54	-6
K. C. First	74	67	-7
Manhattan	76	83	+7
Phillipsburg	85	81	-4
Topeka Gage Park	79	79	--
	CLASS C		
Bethany Chapel	42	47	+5
Englewood, Ks.	58	51	-7
K.C. Olive Street	40	40	--
Lawrence	38	40	+2
Salina	68	69	+1
Scott City	55	62	+7
Sullivan	56	60	+4
Williams Chapel	55	51	+4
	CLASS D		
Augusta	47	29	-18
Eskridge	38	39	+1
Hall	39	38	-1
Heber	--	21	--
Junction City	42	32	-10
Mankato	32	23	-9
Paola	24	10	-14
Topeka Belmont	22	25	+3
Wesley Center	33	30	-3
Willis	16	19	+3
	Net Loss		-90

LAWRENCE CREEK TO SELL FURNISHINGS

The Lawrence Creek Wesleyan Church announces the following items for sale. Older style pews in good condition:

11 ten foot pews

5 seven foot pews

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ABILENE ZONE YOUTH RALLY

On September 6, 43 teenagers and 12 adult sponsors poured out of their cars ready for fellowship and plenty of good food. Our master chefs, Rev. Lowell Gilger and Rev. William Hotchkiss, attended the barbecue while Steve Frusher, District Chairman, saw to the introductions in a get-acquainted time. When the food was ready, it did not take long for the hamburgers, hot dogs, and potato chips to disappear. Then someone yelled, "Come and get the home-made ice cream!"

Devotions were brought by Rev. Wendell Rovenstein, with the scripture taken from Ecclesiastes. Rev. Rovenstein told about King Solomon and his abundance of wealth and wisdom. In the midst of his plenty, King Solomon was missing something. He needed to turn to God for spiritual wealth. Rev. Rovenstein related this to the teenagers' lives. He said that regardless of their material wealth, they would never find true happiness or fulfillment unless they turned to God and followed his plan for their lives.

The evening was not over yet! Everyone climbed back into their cars and headed for the Putt-Putt miniature golf course. Then one would hear such phrases as "I got a hole-in-one!", "I am going to get a lower score than you are", or "You got a hole-in-one! It took me seven strokes!"

As the cars left, we reminded everyone to join us for our next youth rally at Abilene on October 26, 1968. We are praying that some teenager's heart will be touched by this Christian fellowship.

--Reported, Steve Frusher

TOPEKA YOUTH RALLY

Topeka Zone Wesleyan Youth made the scene September 23 at the Joe Atwood farm. A big bonfire roasted the weiners and toasted the marshmallows for some eighty youth. Four hayracks pulled by tractors bumped over many country miles. After the ride we gathered around the fire for a devotional time with Tom Hanna.

--Reported, Sherill Martin

REV. LYNN DELEHOY HOLDS CRUSADES

Rev. Lynn Delehoj, now in full-time evangelistic and junior-youth service, has completed a meeting October 6-12 with Rev. Richard Mason at Belleville, Kansas. On October 20-27 he held a family Crusade with Rev. Raymond Anderson at Topeka Belmont. Gage Park will sponsor a Family Crusade and teacher's seminars November 4-10. Rev. Delehoj is available for meetings and may be contacted at 401 West 9th, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501 Phone MO 5-7966, Area Code 316

LAWRENCE CREEK TO SELL cont.

5 four foot pews

"PRAISE AND WORSHIP" hymnals in nearly new condition - 35 books

One upright piano in good condition

One portable (suitcase size) electric organ

Pulpit furniture: Old style pulpit and three high-back clergy chairs

Communion service

Miscellaneous Equipment:

Sunday school register board

3 large, framed religious pictures

large round electric clock

flannel board & easle

music stand

aisle carpet

60 cup coffee maker

10 gallons white house paint

Contact the Kansas District Superintendent's Office for details. 913 427-3896

OPEN HOUSE AT OLIVE STREET cont.

A short program was followed by a personally conducted tour of our Sunday school. At each classroom the teacher was present with her pupils, to give an explanation of teaching methods and the means used to hold the attention and interest of the pupils.

The guides explained the meaning of the Tabernacle exhibit, which is the special project of our Junior Church and the YMWB exhibit, which portrayed the worldwide mission outreach of the Wesleyan Church. --Reported, Virgie Bell

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Morgan Chapel Observes 75th

Morgan Chapel Wesleyan Church celebrated their 75th anniversary on Sunday, November 10 with a full day of activities from Sunday school to worship service, basket dinner and evening services.

The small church congregation was organized in December 1882 with six charter members and was known at that time as the "Forty Church" because its services were held in District 40 school house.

Undoubtedly at that time one of the charter members of the group, Mrs. Deborah Campbell Morgan, was hoping for realization of a fervent dream of a house of God in which to hold regular services because the pioneer mother pledged \$500 toward the building of a church. The prairie church was named the Morgan Chapel Church after Mrs. Morgan. Mrs. Deborah Campbell Morgan was the mother of Debora Morgan Freeborn Hamlin, Kinsley Morgan and Benson Morgan who each pledged \$100 to the new church.

During the planning stages of the Morgan Chapel many members of the congregation gave money and labor until materials were soon purchased and building operations were started in 1892. The chapel was dedicated on September 14, 1893 with the Rev. G. B. Howard preaching the sermon.

Morgan Chapel has always been one of

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W M S "HOLDING FORTH THE WORD"

The original meeting for the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was held October 27, 1903, and 65 years and 2 days later on October 29, 1968, the 17th and final General Session convened at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky. The Merging Convention followed immediately with 56 district presidents and 126 delegates answering roll.

Mrs. Velma Dunbar, Mrs. Fay Wirt and Mrs. Oletha Hoerner along with the District President, Mrs. Joan Caldwell were the delegates.

The following general officers were elected: General Director of WMS---Mrs. Mildred Scott; Assistant to the Director---Miss Ruth Meeks; General Director of YMWB---Mrs. Arleen Wylie.

The YMWB observed their 66th anniversary. Mrs. Mary Lane Clark, who with her late husband organized the YMWB, was unable to be present. She will be celebrating her 96th birthday in December.

The theme of the newly merged Women's Missionary Society* for the quadrennium is: "HOLDING FORTH THE WORD" that the world may believe.

Those attending the convention were challenged by the following admonition for the future as presented by the newly elected officers and general officials of The Wesleyan Church:

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FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

"P O T P O U R R I"

Ronald R. Brannon

May the light of Christmas hope brighten your life with a new glow of promise and purpose. May the Christ of Bethlehem hold undisputed first place in your life. May even a portion of the wishes we extend for your happiness and spiritual prosperity be realized. This is our sincere Christmas prayer for you and yours!

KANSAS CITY, MO. EASTWOOD: It was a privilege to worship with Pastor Paul Glinn and his people on the morning of their Rally Day. Their lovely sanctuary was well-filled and the opening worship hour of the Sunday school session brought a most appropriate patriotic-spiritual challenge from the Junior Department. A friendly spirit prevails within this group.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS: Sunday evening, November 3 was the occasion of a visit to this historic Kansas city. Rev. & Mrs. R.E. Britton and Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Rothfuss are sharing the ministry of pastoral leadership for the faithful group here. A warm spirit of spiritual liberty prevailed in the service. The fine number of young people were not only conspicuous for their presence but were active participants in the worship of the hour.

AREA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, DENVER, COLORADO: The District S. S. Secretary, Rev. John Betters, will be reporting elsewhere concerning the stimulus provided a number of KANSAS DISTRICT pastors on November 7.

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ACROSS THE CONFERENCE

District Superintendent's Schedule

Jan. 5	a.m.	Antioch
Jan. 5	p.m.	New Hope
Jan. 6-9	MINISTERS' REFRESHER COURSE	
Jan. 12	a.m.	Junction City
Jan. 12	p.m.	Abilene
Jan. 19	a.m.	Kansas City First
Jan. 19	p.m.	Lawrence
Jan. 26	a.m.	Manhattan
Jan. 26	p.m.	Miltonvale
Feb. 2	a.m.	Independence
Feb. 2	p.m.	Salina (Youth Week)
Feb. 9	a.m.	Topeka North
Feb. 9	p.m.	Bethany Chapel
Feb. 16	a.m.	K.C. Olive Street
Feb. 16	p.m.	Topeka Oakland
Feb. 23	a.m.	Englewood, Kansas
Feb. 23	p.m.	Phillipsburg

CONGRATULATIONS!

Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mason, pastors of the Belleville Wesleyan Church are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 23, 1968. Gary Jon Mason weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

SPIRITUAL HEART TRANSPLANTS

How easy it would be to report on the revival at the Overland Wesleyan Church if I could just perform a spiritual heart transplant and give my heart to each of you. Then you would be able to experience the spiritual awakening that came about from October 7-13.

As I tell you how Rev. and Mrs. Moberly (former P. H., now Wesleyan pastors in St. Louis) provided the musical segment of the revival, you would have a feeling of joy with the congregation in response to their leadership and enthusiasm.

Rev. Charles B. Colaw, District Superintendent of the Central Wesleyan District, delivered the messages which penetrated into the soul. As he preached I was swayed from happiness

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REVIVAL FIRES AT SULLIVAN

God graciously met with the people of the Sullivan Wesleyan Church during the evangelistic services held October 20 to 27 with Rev. H. J. Rothfuss of Junction City, Kansas. There was a sweet presence of the Holy Spirit in each service. Several repented and found Christ as a personal Savior. Others sought and found the Lord in sanctifying experience. Many others were revived in their hearts as the Lord moved in our midst. There was a good attendance for the services and we appreciate the good people of Sullivan, and their desire for revival and outreach."

--Reported, Rev. Donald Mitchell

NEW HYMNALS AND ROBES ENHANCE WORSHIP AT LAWRENCE

The Lawrence Wesleyan Church recently acquired new hymnals---a sorely-needed item. Our old hymnals were not allowed to rest, however, as Mrs. Fredrick Lippe took care of shipping them to our mission work in Puerto Rico where her daughter Aylo is stationed. Meanwhile we at home are enjoying the new volumes. They are especially helpful for our new choir, directed by Mr. James Lloyd. We thank God for beautiful songs of Zion bound in durable, luxurious bindings.

Mr. Lloyd received word of his acceptance into the Kansas University Medical School in the fall of 1969. Congratulations to the future "Dr. Lloyd."

Sunday, November 17 was indeed a banner day for the Lawrence Church. The young people purchased beautiful choir robes which were displayed for the first time. It was a complete surprise for the congregation. The 100% acetate robes in traditional black will serve long and well.

On a beautiful fall night the church people met at the Douglas County 4-H fairgrounds building for a time of fel-

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MINISTERS REFRESHER COURSE

"Lay and Church Evangelism" is the theme of the first annual Ministers Refresher Course to be held on Miltonvale Wesleyan College campus on January 6-9, 1969. Plans for the institute are being co-ordinated by Professor Robert Mattke, Chairman of the Religion Department. The Rev. Donald D. Calhoun, Chairman of the Board is the general seminar chairman.

Lecturers include Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, Dr. Edgar Jackson, noted author and lecturer on pastoral care and a member of the speaker's bureau of the National Funeral Directors' Association, the Rev. Don Polston and the Rev. Ira Shanafelt.

Registration fee is \$12.00. A pre-registration fee has been set at \$11.25. Reservations should be sent to:

Ministers Refresher Course
Miltonvale Wesleyan College
Miltonvale, Kansas 67466

WMS "HOLDING FORTH THE WORD" cont.

1. "Prepare yourselves to reach the women of your area!"
2. "Learn to know the new missionaries and the new fields brought about by merger!"
3. "Back your missionaries with prayer, support and letters--reassuring them of your backing."

--Reported, Mrs. Joan Caldwell

(*Eds. Note: Mrs. Caldwell reports the change of the official name from Woman's Missionary Society to Women's Missionary Society.)

NEW HYMNALS AT LAWRENCE cont.

lowship. At the close of the evening, the church presented the parsonage family with groceries. The tables were filled to overflowing. No one is more unworthy than we in the parsonage, yet I believe no one is more thankful for this gesture of appreciation.

--Reported, Rev. Edwin Alexander

MORGAN CHAPEL cont.

the stronger churches in the Wesleyan church conference and throughout the 75 years has sent 24 young people into the field of church work. Morgan Chapel, during its 75 years has had 35 ministers.

SPIRITUAL HEART TRANSPLANTS cont.

to sadness, from joy to fear so that soon my whole soul was alive and aware of new ways to serve the Master. Several persons walked to the altar as an expression they were going to live for Christ. Others came to the altar to re-dedicate themselves to a more victorious life.

--Reported, Mrs. Ginger Yoak

FROM THE D.S. cont.

CONCORDIA, KANSAS: There was an uplifting spirit of testimony and praise through gospel song that typified the forward look of the peoples assembled for this Sunday evening service. Rev. and Mrs. Duane Seitz are leading this enthusiastic, growing group with vision. The report of 200 plus on Rally Day speaks of the Wesleyan outreach in this community.

SALINA, KANSAS: It was "Self-denial" Missions Sunday as we joined this fine group of stalwarts for their morning worship hour. Join prayerfully with this relocated congregation as they seek to penetrate their new housing community with the gospel. Some had indicated the pastor, Rev. Orville R. Hall, might be a bit presumptuous in setting a \$300.00 goal for missionary giving. Imagine the joy and gratitude when his goal was nearly doubled with an offering in excess of \$500.00!

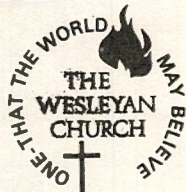
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS: A fine group assembled on Sunday evening, November 17 to witness by their presence to their faith in Christ. This group is in need of more adequate facilities. Join them in prayer as they seek the Lord's leading concerning location and future plans. Rev. and Mrs. Lester Morgan are enjoying their fifteenth year as spiritual leaders of this congregation.

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A RHYME FOR "69"

Here are some things you ought to hear
They will help you through this whole

New Year

Just let your lights keep on a-shining,
And then be sure to stop your whining.
Don't be afraid to make amends,
Look for the good that's in your friends
Discipline yourself if it takes a rod,
Be sure you live up close to God.
Live like a man, Don't be uncouth,
And always stand up for the truth.
Use lots of soap and cleanse the grime,
And go to church and be on time.

Be honest as the daytime flies,
Be sure to avoid little white lies.
Don't overwork, take time to play,
And read the Word of God each day.
Have secret prayer as good Christians do,
And then stay there till you pray through.
When you to to church, don't look so glum,
And leave at home your chewing gum.
Just be yourself as Christians do,
And pay your debts when they come due.
Be kind to your neighbor, Let there be
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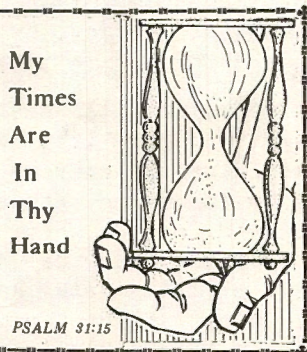
M.W.C. REPORTS ON SCHOOL MERGER

The newly elected board of trustees of Miltonvale Wesleyan College meeting in session in Kansas City on December 13-14, 1968, elected the following officers: Chairman, Rev. Donald D. Calhoun, Charles City, Iowa; Vice Chairman, Rev. Charles B. Colaw, Springfield, Missouri; Secretary, Rev. Ronald R. Brannon, Miltonvale, Kansas; and Assistant Secretary, Mr. Daniel D. Busby, Kansas City, Kansas.

A major decision of the board was to approve the recommendation of the joint executive committees of the boards of trustees of Miltonvale Wesleyan College and Bartlesville Wesleyan College meeting in prior session on May 21, 1968, to merge the two colleges into a single institution. While no location or date for merger was specified the directive of the board calls for the implementation of this decision at the earliest feasible date consistent with thorough planning.

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FAREWELL, OLD YEAR, WITH GOODNESS CROWNED My
A HAND DIVINE HATH SET THY BOUND. Times
WELCOME, NEW YEAR, WHICH SHALL BRING Are
FRESH BLESSINGS FROM MY GOD AND KING. In
THE OLD WE LEAVE WITHOUT A TEAR Thy
THE NEW WE HAIL WITHOUT A FEAR. Hand
BECAUSE, I KNOW THAT O'ER IT ALL
RULES HE WHO NOTES THE SPARROW'S FALL.



PSALM 31:15

Minister's Refresher Course

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GAGE PARK HONORS PARSONAGE FAMILY

On November 26, 1968 over 75 people of the Gage Park Church met for a thanksgiving dinner. As the pastor was calling the group together for prayer, Mrs. Eunice Kershner handed him a thanksgiving card containing 2 five dollar bills. As the card was being read, two large boxes of groceries were presented to the parsonage family.

Then again on December 22, 1968 at the close of the Christmas program, Mr. Marvin Bisel presented a card to Rev. and Mrs. Hubbard. While the Hubbards were reading the card, Frank Taylor and Ralph Bisel came down the church aisle carrying a brand new Penncrest Stereo-radio console. Totally surprised and almost speechless and with eyes brimming, Pastor and Mrs. Hubbard gratefully and humbly thanked the good people for the love and sacrifice of this lovely gift. Again the parsonage family was reminded of the privilege of serving such a generous and wonderful people.

--Reported, Rev. F. W. Hubbard

MRS. J. H. HINCHSLIFF PASSES

Suffering ill health for the last years of her life, Mrs. H. J. Hinchcliff passed away on December 24, 1968 at Independence, Kansas. She leaves her husband, and daughter Mrs. Lowell Gilger in passing. Services and interment were held at Miltonvale, Kansas with Rev. C. W. Dunbar officiating, assisted by Rev. Ronald R. Brannon and Rev. Dale W. Campbell.



FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

WHICH WAY...IN '69' ?

Ronald R. Brannon

I have been challenged by the reading of Jess Moody's book, "A Drink at Joel's Place." (Don't let the title throw you) One paragraph seems to shout a challenge for the New Year before us.

"Too many people want their church to be a quiet comfortable operation, where nobody gets hurt and nobody gets healed. If the Christians continue evading the Big Issues they will become a fading favorite, where men will no longer give their energy to us, considering it a bad investment. So shout...

"...Shove off!" The waters will be deep, chilly and rough. But don't forget about the Man Asleep in the Prow of the Boat."

We will be reminded frequently in the next few days that the New Year stretches before us like a "clean white page." True, we "have not gone this way heretofore." The tomorrows may look dark and foreboding in their obscurities. These are awesome hours in which to serve. But let's not just sit and talk about it...

Make sure you are in HIS "boat." Then "shove off!" Let's allow 1969 (or the portion of it the Lord allows) to be a year of LIFE, VICTORY, OBEDIENCE, REVIVAL, ADVANCEMENT, PRAYER TRIUMPH, EVANGELISM, GROWTH, MIRACLES, HOLINESS!

REV. E. A. COATES

A painful kidney ailment had recently hospitalized Rev. Coates. But a recent report states that Brother Coates is better now and has returned home. Your prayers and thoughtfulness have been appreciated.

ACROSS THE DISTRICT

REV. J. J. STONER SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Recently, Rev. J. J. Stoner was incapacitated with a light stroke. It temporarily, partially paralyzed his right side. However, at this writing all paralysis has disappeared. His speech was affected and this difficulty has continued to keep him from public ministry. Rev. Wayne Caldwell has filled the Bethany Chapel pulpit in his absence. Prayer for Rev. Stoner is being asked of all his friends and fellow members of the district.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WESLEYAN* SEES INCREASE

Utilizing the Sunday school bus that was recently outfitted with six new tires, an average of 25 persons are being transported to Sunday school. This bus has the unusual name of "Flipper." In conjunction with the bus, Autumn Sunday contests have increased the monthly averages into the 60's.

Pastor Virgil Law awarded wall plaques in his Sunday school youth class during a special contest. This class averaged 25 for two months. Mrs. Law and Betty Magarrell have formed a youth choir with twenty-two members.

In a revival crusade with Rev. Nick Susuras, Pastor and Mrs. Virgil Law ministered with special music. It was a successful campaign with some very real spiritual victories.

--Reported, Virgil Law

*formerly the Colorado Springs Wesleyan Church

ESKRIDGE, KANSAS: It was a joy to share in the "giving of thanks" with Rev. and Mrs. Keith Cunningham and their congregation on the last Sunday of November. There is a spirit of optimism and outreach manifest as this group seeks new ways to penetrate their community and studies ways of providing additional facilities for their ministries.

IOLA, KANSAS: A congregation numbering
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PUERTO RICO ASKS FOR HELP

The Board in Marion, Indiana has agreed to help our Puerto Rican Conference, via special projects. The catch is that we must raise the money. Since our workers do not go to the states for a year of furlough we have no contract personnel. We are asking you to help us in any way possible.

The following are the projects: 1. \$1,000 for Villa Palmeras Church where they have bought a house for much needed Sunday school space and the land to help provide for a later church building that will more nearly meet their needs. 2. \$3,000 to help Lomas Verdes Church buy the building in which they now worship. The time came when the owner said it was either buy or move out. There is no place to move, so they are trying to buy. 3. \$3,000 annually to help pay for the property we have bought in Levittown, where Brother and Sister Goldsmith are pioneering a new church. By the time you receive this word, we will have had a ground-breaking service and the builders will be about ready to start building a house on the lot. It will house the pastor's family and provide a place to worship in a carport 18' x 55' in size.

These details and further information will be sent to any person requesting it by naming the project you are interested in. Write to Rev. John Putney, P.O. Box 10185, Caparra Heights, Puerto Rico 00922

All funds should be sent directly to Rev. Robert Lytle, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana 46952. The projects and this information have been approved by proper authority.

--Reported, John M. Putney and George B. Hilson

EVANGELIST - REV. FLOYD EICHELBERGER

Rev. Jerald Bushman, pastor of the Wesleyan Church in Argonia, Kansas, highly recommends Brother Eichelberger as a worthy evangelist. "With years of

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IOLA, KANSAS cont.

more than 40 engaged in exuberant worship on this Sunday evening occasion. This recently re-located group are thrilling to their beautifully renovated sanctuary...and are enjoying growth. Rev. and Mrs. James LaRue recently moved from the Gas City parsonage to the purchased Iola parsonage which is only 1½ blocks from the church.

PAOLA, KANSAS: Damaging losses have been suffered by this group in recent months, so the attendance was very small. Fellowship was enjoyed, though, with Rev. and Mrs. Ross Mahin. They appreciate your prayers that a new nucleus might be won, thus enabling a fresh outreach for Christ in this town.

CHANUTE, KANSAS: Further steps in a property improvement program are enhanced by a spirit of unity among the people and their pastor, Rev. & Mrs. Leo Heer. Next plan in material upgrading calls for a lowering of the sanctuary ceiling and installation of new light fixtures.

WESLEY CENTER: An unusually fine number of young people characterizes this rural church. The long term ministry of Rev. and Mrs. George Beals is revealing the fruits of stability and understanding rightfully expected from such.

MANKATO: Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Buckley express a new spirit of expectation for the P.A. Miller Memorial Wesleyan Church. A new economic surge brought about by the construction of two new industries in this town is bringing a modest "boom" to the community. Property improvements are making the church more inviting and walking in the light is a real good sign. A definite program of "follow-up" is being conducted in the interest of all new comers to the city.

WILLIAMS CHAPEL: The spirit of Christmas was already in the air as the Rev. Willard Lloyds labored with their fine group of second and third generation Wesleyans. Most encouraging, however,

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WILLIAMS CHAPEL cont.

is a recent influx of "new" families to the ministry of this rural church.

TOPEKA, GAGE PARK: Unity, growth, hunger for revival and vision typify this fine city congregation. The officers report all departments of the church "up" from the reports of a year ago. Rev. and Mrs. Francis Hubbard seem to have strong, enthusiastic backing as they lead not only in spiritual ventures, but the possibility of a relocation, building program.

EVANGELIST-EICHELBERGER cont.

experience as pastor and evangelist, he carries a burden for souls, is an interesting preacher, and a proven soul winner." District Superintendent, Rev. H. K. Busby will also gladly provide additional references. Write Rev. Eichelberger at Argonia, Kansas 67004 or Rev. Busby at Lamont, Kansas 66855.

MWC REPORTS MERGER cont.

After careful study of a recommendation from the Inter-Church Committee for Education concerning the inclusion of Central College (Free Methodist, McPherson, Kansas) in merger discussion with Miltonvale Wesleyan College and Bartlesville Wesleyan College the executive committee was authorized to explore the feasibility of such a consideration in their study.

--Reported, M. W. C.

A RHYME FOR "69" cont.

And give God first place in your life.
Walking in the light is a real good sign
That God will help you clear through "69"
--Ross Mahin

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