

## Revival Services

Nov. 28-Dec. 6—Little Pine Church

Evangelist: Rev. Clarence Budensiek

Jan. 28-Feb. 2—Cedar Falls Church

Personal Evangelism clinic with Rev.

Nate Krupp

Jan. 31-Feb. 11—Fayette Church

Evangelist: Rev. Stark

Feb. 1-4—Roslyn Park Church

Evangelist: Rev. Lowell Stoesz

Consider this a short course in evangelism with two things to be considered. First, EVANGELISM IS COSTLY, involving an adequate financial provision for competent materials, qualified leadership, and appropriate advertising. Further, effective evangelism costs time spent in prayer, visitation, and participation. The cost is also reflected in individual persistence, patience, and love.

But EVANGELISM IS ALSO REMUNERATIVE. The dividends must be viewed in the light of the good experienced by the participant as he has prayed, paid, and plead in such an activity. Further, no church can sponsor effective evangelism of any nature without reaping dividends of new life and vigor. But above all, who can evaluate the remunerative value to the soul that has been reached?

This is the key—if we accept the dictum "He that winneth souls is wise"—no cost will be relevant and no reward needed.

—Rev. Merne A. Harris

Conf. Sec. of Evangelism

Nate Krupp has May and June open for Personal Evangelism Clinics. If interested, write:

Nate Krupp

Box 2000

Marion, Indiana

## CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS ANNOUNCE PRAYER BAND

The Christian Crusaders Club of Miltonvale Wesleyan College has again organized prayer bands to share the burden of prayer for you, your church and your conference. The Iowa-Minnesota Conference Prayer Band pledges prayer support by meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Those who are members of our conference prayer band are Joyce Paul, Richard Coleman, Frank Shirkbroun, Celia Lepper, Linda Hillen, Doug Sharp, Harriet Mast, Joan Corbin, Glenda Gilger, Pat Blanchard and Sheryl Stokes.

The band and the club appreciates the privilege of being laborers together with us, and they request that prayer requests be sent to them. These young people are dedicated to make this a good year in the Lord as together we unite in the common purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God.

# Dr. Mary Dodd Marion College Marion, Indiana IOWA CONFERENCE EVANGEL

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"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THEM THAT . . . BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" — Romans 10:15

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## NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT WASECA; BEGIN SERVICES AT SIOUX CITY

### CHRISTMAS . . .

Christ was born in poverty and cradled in a manger but the Heavenly Father hung a lamp in the heavens to guide men to His birthplace. He sent Holy angels to be the first bearers of the news and His Heavenly hosts as a choir to furnish the first Christmas music. The little congregation of shepherds listened devoutly to the song and the message and then they acted.

Ever since that time men have come, gathered, listened and celebrated our Saviour's birth. Let us in our rush of buying, giving and receiving, coming and going not be unmindful of God's Son and His claims today.

Let us remember the families and homes that are separated by men and women called into the service of their country, and those who have gone on missionary assignments bringing the name of Jesus to others who have never heard. Let us remember the bereaved, the sick, those who linger in pain, and let us not forget those who do not know Him savingly.

We do take this occasion to wish you one and all a very blessed Christmas season and a Christ centered New Year.

Guest editorial by

Rev. Clarence Budensiek

Conference President

Iowa - Minnesota - Wisconsin

### MID-YEAR CONVENTION

DATE:

February 6 - 8, 1962

PLACE:

Wesleyan Methodist Church  
Eau Claire, Wisc.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Samuel Southard  
Prof. of Pastoral Psychology  
Southern Baptist Seminary  
Prof. W. S. Freeborn  
Dean, Theological Dept.  
Miltonvale Wesleyan College

More information in next Evangel

A new Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized at Waseca, Minn. on Nov. 5 by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Clark. Twenty one people formed the charter membership group with others expecting to unite with the church in the near future.

This church is the first new church to be organized in the Iowa-Minnesota Conference this new conference year and the third to be organized this calendar year.

The church met the Wednesday evening following organization to complete the church organization with the election of officers and the approving of the building committee's report. Construction of a new church building is anticipated in the near future.

The Iowa-Minnesota Conference extends to this church the hand of fellowship and the assurance of prayer.

### SIOUX CITY

The 1961-62 Conference pioneer project is the establishing of a new church in Sioux City, Iowa. Careful planning and much prayer has resulted in the selection of an area in which to locate the church and the purchasing of a building site in the northern section of the city in the Leeds community.

After the selection of a location, arrangements for Sunday services were made by renting an auditorium located about four blocks from the building site. First Sunday services were held on Nov. 26 with Rev. Clarence Budensiek in charge. There were 16 in attendance. The Sunday School has been organized with three classes and plans are being made to reach out into the community.

The auditorium was cleaned and prepared for worship by the young people of the Albaton Wesleyan Methodist Church of Sloan. Sixty new bronze Samsonite chairs have been placed in the auditorium for seating. A piano has been given to the group by Florence Fair of

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## With The President

A SIOUX CITY visit revealed that they are real anxious to commence worship services. A two acre site has been purchased. They have rented a hall in the Leeds Community and have ordered folding chairs. They are in need of a pulpit, hymnals, etc., just like your church did when it was starting. Rev. Mitchell Cotrone plans to give an early Sunday morning preaching service there. The Sunday School will be carried on by the leaders there. Pray as they get started, please.

**AT HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA** we have ministered three Sundays to a very gracious group. The attendance averages in the seventies and up. They worship, at present, in the lower floor of the Masonic Temple. They have purchased 100 Wesleyan Hymnals, they have our Sunday School literature and are contemplating a catechism class. They are good workers and very much in earnest. We have genuinely enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the families and the entire group. Rev. Lowell Stoesz is supplying there these coming Sundays.

**MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP BOARD** met at Albert Lea on Nov. 30. Rev. Gerald Wolter was reelected president. He welcomed suggestions for the 1962 camp and then a good planning session followed. They plan to meet again on Jan. 12.

**ALBERT LEA CHURCH** remodeling program is on schedule. They are using the enlarged auditorium and the many new Sunday School rooms as well as the departmental rooms. Finishing work, of course, remains to be done. They are to be congratulated and the Lord is to be praised. New families are attending.

**AT WASECA, MINN.** the church has been organized and they are now waiting for the power equipment to move in to begin their building program. Rev. H. F. Clark chowed us the auditorium on the Fairgrounds that they are using for worship at present.

**MINISTERIAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE** met jointly with the Wisconsin committee at Rochester, Minn. on Nov. 31 and planned a joint convention at Eau Claire, Wisconsin for February 6-8.

**MANCHESTER QUARTERLY MEETING** found the Rev. Luttings well settled in their parsonage home. Rev. Luttig, who works to supplement the income here, had been hurt and was off work. Then he has gone to the hospital for major surgery since. Please remember this family and the work at Manchester in prayer. They are doing their best to move ahead.

**AT MARENGO**, Rev. Earl Miller and I did a bit of pipe fitting to make the parsonage easier to work in. The newly plastered parsonage is a real addition there. They were about to begin special services.

**WATERLOO MAYWOOD** was visited on Sunday morning, Nov. 12. The church here is making some definite progress under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Paul. Keep Maywood on your prayer list.

**HOWARDVILLE REDEDICATION DAY** was a tremendous success. Some came from as far as Sterling, Colorado. Rev. and Mrs. James Slye, the Church and Community are certainly to be congratulated and the Lord praised for this achievement.

**AT ST. PAUL MINNEHAHA AVE. CHURCH** we preached on Sunday evening to a fine group. Every time we come we see evidences that they have done more work like landscaping, put rock on the parking, planters, seating, etc. They enjoy a good spiritual warmth there. The Conference Champion quiz team is getting ready for Louisville.

**CEDAR FALLS** Thanksgiving service we noted the wall record to indicate that this church has been operating at seating capacity plus. They are planning ahead. A gracious Thanksgiving spirit prevailed.

**AT WATERLOO FALLS AVENUE CHURCH** we ministered while the pastor was away. Lay-leader Mr. Anton helped in the service. They have built a new church basement located between the present church and the parsonage. The basement is being completed and they are planning to build the sanctuary on it as the next project. When completed it will certainly be a splendid and necessary unit. They are in need of a \$10,000 loan to complete the sanctuary this coming spring. This congregation is regular and systematic in its giving and have consistently met their obligations. If you can make this loan to them at the going rate of interest, it would be an answer to a very present need in the Church and the Conference.

**ST. PAUL RIVERVIEW CHURCH** reports that Rev. and Mrs. N. K. Long took a needed vacation to Adrian, Mich. where their daughter, Cora, and her husband pastor a Friends Church. They visited home communities and stopped by to see Rev. and Mrs. Titus at Madison, Wisc. on their way home.

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## SIOUX CITY (Continued)

the Battle Center Church, Ida Grove.

Presently, Rev. Mitchell Cotrone, pastor of the Albaton Church, will minister to the group at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Sunday School with Claude Bandy as superintendent will meet at 10 a.m. The midweek service will be held on Wednesday evenings.

This new church is anxious to contact those who might be interested in the church. If you know of anyone who lives in or near Sioux City, please contact Rev. Mitchell Cotrone, Sloan, Iowa.

Much credit is due Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell Cotrone and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bandy in the opening of this new church. Also the Albaton Church which has ministered faithfully for many years in the Sloan area should be given proper credit. They have shared their pastor, prayed, worked and encouraged in this project that will enlarge their fellowship and outreach as souls are won to Christ in this neighboring area.

Let us remember the Sioux City project in prayer.

## SYMPATHIES . . .

### Rev. Charles Yotter

Rev. Charles Yotter, superannuated minister of our conference, passed away on Monday, Nov. 13 at La Grange Park, Ill. Mrs. Yotter writes that after many weeks of illness it has been a blessed release for him.

Let us remember Mrs. Yotter in prayer.

### Mrs. Coral Butcher

Mrs. Coral Butcher passed away Nov. 4 at Lemon Grove, Calif. Funeral services were conducted at the Skyline Church and at Hillsboro, Wisc.

The Butchers are widely known in our Conference.

Sincere sympathies are extended Rev. Charles Butcher, the children and their families.

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## CONFERENCE DATELINE

**BENNEZETTE**—A potluck supper and grocery shower in honor of the parsonage family was recently held. An evening of fellowship was enjoyed. Groceries much appreciated. . . Mrs. Susan Conn received 102 cards on her 85th birthday.

**ZUMBROTA**—Revival services with Rev. Lowell Stoesz held in Oct. was a blessing to the church. The evening services show a much needed increase in attendance along with a gain in S. S. and morning worship . . . S. S. average for Oct. of 47 reveal highest monthly average in more than 8 years. Star of Light pins

### CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tindall of the Bennezette Church on the birth of a son, Stephen Lloyd, on Oct. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Conn of the Bennezette Church on the birth of a daughter, Connie Jane, on Oct. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jamieson, Oelwein, Iowa (of the Fayette Church) on the arrival of Brian Jeffrey, by adoption. He was born April 24.

## HOWARDVILLE CHURCH HOLDS REDEDICATION

Over 200 people attended the rededication services of the Howardville Wesleyan Methodist Church, Floyd, Iowa on Sunday, Nov. 12 which also marked the completion of a \$15,000 remodeling job. Rev. James Slye is the pastor.

Participating in the rededication service was Rev. Slye, Rev. Clarence Budensiek who brought the message. Rev. Paul Davis who also began a week's revival, Rev. Wilbur Kemp, a representative of the Floyd County Ministerium, and a number of pastors from the conference and neighboring churches.

Music for the service was provided by the Howardville Ladies Trio; Wilbur Howell, soloist; Mrs. Dirk Zwiebel, soloist; and Paul Roberts, pianist.

In the remodeling project, a basement was dug next to the church and the church was then moved on to a new foundation. The full basement provides proper Christian educational facilities and rest rooms. A new oil furnace was installed. The sanctuary was redecorated including new plastered walls and ceiling and a new tile floor. A new front door, cement steps and sidewalk was also included in the project.

This church has ministered for over a hundred years in this community, and is still active and growing. They are dedicated to the evangelistic outreach in their community, to the conference and to the church and to world-wide evangelism.

Congratulations to the Howardville Church.

were awarded on Oct. 1 to 16 S. S. members for one year's perfect attendance and 8 more recognized for 9 months perfect attendance . . . Aldersgate Biblical Series is being used in midweek service and proving to be a blessing with 16 families purchasing study guides and expressing interest in this study of the Word . . . 5 new families have started attending services.

**FAYETTE**—Revival services held Oct. 22-Nov. 5 with Rev. Harry Johnson, Gillingham, Wisc. as evangelist. Over 25 sought help at altar with majority seeking salvation. God's anointing was upon evangelist and Holy Spirit convicted of sin throughout meetings. Music was under direction of Pastor Jamieson with local talent providing specials.

**MPLS. ROSLYN PARK**—Sister Pryor has designated the Rev. Pryor Memorial Fund be used for new platform seating at the Roslyn Park Church . . . The church has received 3 new members recently with 5 more in preparation for membership . . . Rev. Daren Durey is serving the church as director of music . . . An attendance report for Nov. 19 (last Sunday preceding news deadline) to give a picture of the progress of this new church and to encourage the many who have been and are praying for the church is as follows: 140 in S.S., 106 in morning worship, 66 in evening service and 22 in WY. Prayer meeting attendance for the past 4 weeks has averaged 34.

**CEDAR FALLS**—An active CYC is organized at the church and progressing nicely . . . Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph was borrowed from the Waterloo First church to speak at the November WMS meeting. Her challenging and inspirational message was a blessing. . . The church surprised the parsonage family with a grocery shower. It was sincerely appreciated . . . Mary Roth and Shelton Hornback will be married on Dec. 16.

**WATERLOO FIRST**—Joe Carlson of Laurel, Nebr. met with the local Board of Trustees and submitted new sketches of the proposed building and remodeling project . . . The church enjoyed a gracious revival Nov. 16-24 with Mrs. Ruby Reisdorph as speaker.

**DES MOINES**—A "Christmas for Brain-

erd" service was held on Oct. 26 with Christmas gifts for staff, children of the workers and for the Indian children brought in. Mrs. Howlett gave a flannel graph lesson, Junior Choir sang, orchestra played.

**INDEPENDENCE**—Rev. W. M. Phaup was the evangelist for the recent revival services. His Spirit anointed messages were used of the Holy Spirit to speak to the souls with the result that a number found spiritual victory. Several of the young people found new victory and an older person said, "I have needed this for a long time" . . . On Wed. evening during testimony time one expressed a spiritual need and came to the altar with others following . . . The result was no preaching, but a victorious altar service . . . The church is praying that the Spirit of God may continue to move in revival.

**HOOVER**—The Swarthouts were entertained at the Troy Mills Legion Hall on their 23rd anniversary. They received nice gifts and also a grocery shower . . . Those helping with the program were Rev. and Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Campbell . . . The Luttings, Manchester and Independence people joined the Hoover people in honoring their pastor on this occasion.

**MPLS. WAITE PARK**—20 new members received into the church on Nov. 12 of which 5 were junior members received into full membership . . . Rev. Wolter headed the John Noble Anti-Communist rally held at First Baptist Church on Nov. 10 . . . There was a SRO crowd of 3,000 at the rally . . . Pastor Wolter is president of Northeast Minneapolis Ministerial and Program Chairman for NAE this year.

**MANCHESTER**—S.S. making gradual gains . . . Rev. Luttig returned home from hospital on Nov. 27 and is gaining . . . The Luttings wish to express appreciation to all who have helped financially and especially for continued prayer . . . Rev. Budensiek has arranged for pulpit to be supplied.

PLEASE: ALL MATERIAL MUST BE IN TO THE EDITOR BY THE 20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION. THANK YOU.

### WITH THE PRESIDENT (Continued from page 2)

**SIOUX CITY CHURCH** held their first service on Nov. 26 with a fine consecrated group present. They are working, planning, and praying for a strong church. See the report elsewhere in the EVANGEL.

**ALBATON CHURCH** is lending its help to our pioneer effort. They soon will have a close church with which to fellowship. And while helping the new Sioux City Church they have also improved their own property by tiling the basement floor and painting the walls. This strong country church in Western Iowa is moving forward for God.

**THE WATERLOO DISTRICT PASTORS' PRAYER MEETINGS** on Tuesday mornings at 5:30 are proving a blessing. When we are in the office we get to these meetings.

*Rev. Clarence Budensiek*





W. Y.

PRESIDENT

WEAVER

SAYS . . .

It won't be long now. Dec. 26 we leave for Louisville. Surely hope you can go. I would encourage your church to send some of your young people and your pastor, if possible. This convention can add new spirit to our locals if attended.

The following information may be helpful to you.

#### TRANSPORTATION

It seems evident that the majority want to drive cars. Try to fill your car if possible. If you have extra room, or if you need a ride, if you will contact me, I will try to help. DRIVE CAREFULLY.

#### REGISTRATION

The registration is \$19.50. If you haven't registered yet, do so now. If you arrive in Louisville on Tuesday evening, write to Rev. Robert McIntyre and he will make arrangements for your rooms at \$2.50 for this extra night.

An excursion is being planned for Wednesday and a visit to Wesleyan World Headquarters, if possible, on the way home.

We would like to have all of our young people in Louisville at 8 p.m., if possible. We would like to do something together that first evening.

#### COUNSELLORS

Each church is responsible for its own young people and to provide a counselor for them. If you have no adult counselor going from your church with your youth, let me know or make arrangements with one of the pastors.

We would appreciate the prayers of the conference as we travel, we want a safe journey!

Let us get behind our winning quiz team!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-- Don Weaver



### Sunday School Average Attendance for December

	1960	1961	1960	1961
<b>AA SCHOOLS 150 and over</b>				
Waterloo First .....	194	193	Little Pine .....	55
Mpls. Waite Park .....	199	177	Waterloo Maywood .....	35
<b>A SCHOOLS 100-149</b>				
Cedar Falls .....	127	139	Rudd .....	52
Mpls. Roslyn Park .....	136	137	La Porte City .....	55
Independence .....	127	132	Hoover .....	50
Rochester .....	111	108	St. Paul Riverview .....	40
Waterloo Falls Ave. ....	112	107	Denison .....	46
Des Moines .....	99	106	Howardville .....	47
<b>B SCHOOLS 70-99</b>				
Albert Lea .....	90	90	Clarksville .....	34
Fayette .....	80	81	St. Paul Minnehaha Ave. ....	31
<b>C SCHOOLS 40-69</b>				
West Union .....	62	62	Emmanuel .....	42
Charles City .....	63	65	<b>D SCHOOLS 39 and under</b>	
Emily .....	71	61	Zumbrota .....	34
Cedar Rapids .....	61	60	Marengo .....	28
Oskaloosa .....	52	58	Gu'hrie Center .....	44
Albaton .....	51	58	Manchester .....	---
			Bennezette .....	24
			Orange Center .....	11
			Battle Center .....	7

### WMS CONVENTION REPORT

"There will never be a day when there is not sufficient power for us to carry on our task, for the power is not of us; it is of the Holy Spirit; may we ever be in the place where we can receive that power." Thus Dr. Alton Liddick attuned our heart and minds to the WMS Convention theme "The Privilege of Responsibility."

The missionary speakers impressed us with our responsibility to people of the world. Our sole responsibility is to establish the church of Jesus Christ. We have the key to liberate people of the world—THE GOSPEL. Rev. Robert Mattke shared the adventures and challenge of entering the new field of New Guiana. Pray for this work as well as all others. Dr. Liddick said, "I do not think our missionary program overseas could continue one month without the prayers of the people."

WMS President, Mrs. Helen Stark, spoke on "Preparing for Responsibility." She stressed that God can most effectively use us as we study His Word and live close to His heart. If we are too busy to assume responsibility to pray, we are too busy. This is a day when we must no longer have a woman's society, but we must have the help of every man in our churches to see the work go forward.

Perhaps the highlight of the convention to many was the stirring response of scores of youth to Rev. Virgil Mitchell's masterful presentation of the need of "labourers into His harvest." He also said, "If we are short on Church Extension today we will be short on World Missions tomorrow." Jesus' command was three-fourth church extension — Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria. We must witness to our community not just in our community. Mrs. Maxine Freiheit

### MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEETS

The Midwest Youth Camp board met at Albert Lea, Minn. on Oct. 30, 1961 to make preliminary plans for the 1962 camp. The camp will be held at Lake Koronis, June 18-23, 1962.

Rev. Gerald A. Wolter was re-elected president of the camp. Rev. Glen McMurphy was elected director of "Little Midwest," the junior division of Midwest Youth Camp.

More details of the camp will be announced in the EVANGEL following the Campers Council meeting of the various camps of the Iowa-Minnesota Conference.

### WHITE GIFT CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The project of our White Gift Offering this year is world literature. Perhaps nothing could be more challenging. Never has the printed page been put to such potent use as it is today. It is reported that world-wide communist literature outweighs Evangelical Publishing 622 to 1. Dr. Oswald J. Smith says, "It has been estimated that a heathen is won to Christ for every fourteen cents invested in the printed page."

The goal is \$10,000. Let every society do their best. Send all money to the W.M.S. conference treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Walquist.

December is the time to receive the annual offering for the American Bible Society. Use your treasurers guide and at the close of the year you will have met every assessment.

May the Christ who came to the stable years ago live in the heart of each one. May His direction be yours for the coming year. Mrs. Maxine Freiheit

Conference WMS president