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President's Column

Laotto Parsonage Dedication

On Sunday afternoon, December 3, friends and members of the Laotto Wesleyan Methodist Church met to dedicate the new parsonage. The beautiful brick parsonage contains three bedrooms, pastor's study, living room, kitchen, dining area, garage and a full basement. The basement area is to be used as a fellowship area for the church. The total cost has amounted to more than \$27,000. The pastor, the Rev. Floyd L. Freiheit, former pastors, visiting ministers, and the Conference President participated in the service. Pastor Freiheit and the Laotto Church are to be commended on their faith and work in securing these new facilities.

Lancaster Parsonage Dedication

On Sunday morning, December 17, in the morning worship hour the Lancaster Wesleyan Methodist Church dedicated their new brick parsonage. This building is located in the quiet setting back of the church and on the banks of the Salamonie River. The parsonage provides a living room, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms, family room, two and a half baths, two-car garage, and a full basement for church activities. The contractors' estimated cost was more than \$42,000 but by doing most of the work themselves, they have just over \$21,000 invested in the property. Their current indebtedness is near \$6,000. All joined in praise to God who had enabled them to secure such adequate facilities. Pastor Lloyd J. Poe, and his people have worked hard to make this possible and God has blessed their labors.

Church Operating Budgets

The Indiana Conference at its last session adopted the following recommendation made by the Ways and Means Committee:

"The Ways and Means Committee strongly recommends that two committees made up of qualified laymen only, one for the northern section of the Conference and one for the southern section of the Conference, be appointed by the Conference President and that they may be used by the churches of the Conference as advisors in making up yearly budgets. The itinerary of these committees may be arranged by the Conference President or by arrangement between the local church and the committee, taking into consideration the available time of the committee members."

The President has appointed Mr. Russell S. Baldwin chairman and Mr. Maxwell Enyeart to assist the churches in Districts 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7, and Mr. E. Barton Carter chairman and Mr. Norris Hall to assist in Districts 3, 5, 8, 9 and 10.

These men will be glad to meet with your church stewards and help you arrange a proposed operating budget for the coming conference year. Arrangements may be made for their services through the office of the President or by contacting the chairman for your area—north, Mr. Russell Baldwin, Marion College, Marion, Indiana; south, Mr. E. Barton Carter, Box 2000, Marion, Indiana. These operating budgets can prove a great help to a church and provide a businesslike way of operating the church finances.

We trust many of our churches will use these qualified men to assist in laying your plans. Their expenses will be carried by the Conference.

Salem Park Report

Since our last report the seceding group at Salem Park has posted a \$7,500 bond which gives them the privilege of occupying the building until it is decided by the court who has the right to possession. If the decision is made in favor of the Conference, rent and court costs will be deducted from the bond to reimburse the Conference. The Conference has assumed payments on the church indebtedness.

Please continue to pray for Divine guidance in this matter.

Kirklin has just voted to put in a new hot-water heating system. They had previously moved the old furnace from the old church but found it was not adequate for the heating of the new church building. Cost of the new system is \$2,850.00. They have the indebtedness on the building down to \$3,800.00.

Victory Chapel is making plans for additional S. S. classrooms and restrooms.

Westfield has purchased an additional lot where they had purchased ground north of the town and are anticipating building next summer.

The congregation at Gas City moved into their new building and dedication services are set for the afternoon of January 21.

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

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Sunday School

WHY NOT STAY LITTLE?

In a recent study by a committee selected by the N.S.S.A. on the drop outs of Sunday School they give us the following statistics.

From what size of churches do teens leave? Sixty percent of all drop outs surveyed tells us they left small churches of attendance of 150 or less, 30% quit churches of between 150 and 500 in attendance, and less than 10% made their departure from churches of 500 or more. What does this say to us? Simply that young people are not content to stay in smaller churches where only a handful of teens attend. Who then is responsible for teen drop out? We have pushed it aside too long saying we must not grow too large, while we lose our own youth. It is time we awaken to the Sunday School Challenge. Let's plan and promote for a great Spring growth.

NOTE: Our new church at Indianapolis, Southview had an average of 67 for their first full month of Sunday School. Good work, Southview; help set the pace for all of us.

C. Eugene Cockrell, Sunday School Secretary

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

A above 200

Marion, College	373
Marion, Nelson St.	305
Marion, Lakeview	303
Fishersburg	212
Lafayette, Schuyler Ave.	208
Plymouth	207

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Lafayette, Oakland Hill	197
Marion, West 8th St.	193
Greentown	175
Ft. Wayne, Moeller Rd.	168
Shiloh	168
Jonesboro	167
Tipton	165
Gas City	158
New Castle	158

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Indianapolis, Eastlawn	134
Warsaw	130
Ft. Wayne, First	126
Hartford City	125
Thorntown	117
Mt. Zion, Henry Co.	115
Sims	114
Blue River	107
Muncie, Memorial Drive	103
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Huntington	99
Laotto	96
Bluffton	95
Bryant	94
Westfield	92
Sweetser	91
Marion, Brinker Heights	90
Davis	89
Kokomo, South	87
Carmel	82
Elwood, South	82
Argos	81
Carthage	79
Grant City	77
Silver Lake	77
Noblesville, Cherry	77
Kokomo, South Downs	77

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Hamilton	74
Cicero	72
Summitville	70
Kokomo, North	68
Bethel Heights, Muncie	68
Indianapolis, Southview	67
Lancaster	67
Bakers Corner	66
Anderson, 9th St.	66
Mishawaka	66
Monument Chapel	66
Noblesville, First	66
Laketon	65
Warren	64
Sheridan	63
Edgerton	63
Fountain City	61
Lewis Creek	60
Lugar Creek	59
Decatur	57
Mt. Etna	56
Kirklin	56
Indianapolis, St. Clair	50

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Atlanta	48
Uniondale	47
Fowlerton	47
Kingsford Heights	46
Kokomo, East	46
Logansport	45
Plummer Chapel	45
Peru	44
Victory Chapel	43
Matthews	42
Elkhart	38
Lebanon	38
Green Chapel	38
Colfax	34
Dublin	29
Amboy	25
Bethel	18
Larwill	12

CHURCHES NOT REPORTING

Marion, Hillside
Fairmount
Shelbyville
Marion, Home Corner
Portland
Albion
Indianapolis, Salem Park
South Bend
Indianapolis, First
Wabash, North
Richmond
Elwood, Main St.
Wesley Chapel
Fowler
Converse
Beaver Creek
Martinsville
Wabash, Middle St.
Back Creek
Miami
Hamlet
Mt. Zion, Howard Co.
Gaston
Mechanicsburg
Deming
Pleasant Grove
Valparaiso
Star

BIRTHS

Rev. and Mrs. Roger Budde, pastor at Moeller Road Ft. Wayne, are the happy parents of a boy, Ryan Neal, who arrived on Nov. 30. He is welcomed by two brothers, Mike and Scott. Rev. and Mrs. Owen Heinzman are the grandparents. Richard and Nancy (Heinzman) Shane are the happy parents of a boy, Richard Lynn, born Nov. 29.

A TESTIMONY

A YEAR OF MIRACLES

In November a year ago during our revival on a Sunday morning when the altar call was being made the Lord told me to go talk to a man with whom others were already dealing. Because of a stroke 33 years previously I had not been able to exercise myself in soul-burden because of the resulting terrible headaches that would follow and last from three to ten days, so I said to God: "You know if Art did go to the altar I couldn't carry a burden of prayer for him." God said: "Go. 'He that saveth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for My sake shall save it.'" I went and God put me under the burden for Art and kept me there until he had the victory after a hard struggle against doubts. Praise the Lord, I have NOT had a headache since!

On May second God surprised me with healing of a strained back, kidney stones, and of the 33 years' misery resultant from the stroke.

On October 25 God healed me of hermia so that I could carry the burden of our revival November 1-12 instead of going to the hospital and having surgery.

On Sunday of November 12 while on my way home from 7 A.M. prayer meeting God unexpectedly whispered to me that He wanted to heal my eyes that day from glaucoma which I had had for six years, and that healing was mine for the taking. I accepted it and testified to it at the opening of Sunday School. Immediately after testifying my eyes cleared up and all the bloodshot signs of glaucoma disappeared.

From these experiences and previous ones I have learned that God does not always answer when and in the manner that we ask; and sometimes says NO. Later God has revealed that He had a BETTER plan. This helps me to refrain from being a "Hobby-rider".

Since late August I have been preaching under God's blessings and honor whenever and wherever the doors open.

Rev. Walter L. Thomas

AMONG THE SICK

Mrs. C. A. Wildhagen, wife of the pastor at Larwill, underwent surgery at the Goshen hospital on Dec. 11. She is home and recovering nicely.

Mrs. H. H. Turner, wife of Rev. Turner who served in pastorates in Indiana and has been retired for several years, is quite ill at her home in Marion. Sister Turner has been failing in health for some time and is very weak at this writing.

JANUARY PREACHERS MEETING

Friday, January 26, 1968

NELSON STREET WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

THEME—THE GROWING CHURCH

- 10:00 a.m. Devotions—"Nurturing Our Devotional Life" ----- Paul Eger
- 10:20 a.m. "Growth by Proper Organization and Promotion" ----- Paul F. Elliott
Five-Minute Break
- 11:00 a.m. "Growth with a Spiritual Emphasis" ----- Virgil A. Mitchell
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch ----- furnished by the Conference at Sveden House
- 1:15 p.m. Devotions—"The Minister Revived—a Necessity" ----- Fred Delph
- 1:35 p.m. "Merger Hitherto" ----- Virgil A. Mitchell
"Merger Henceforth" ----- Paul F. Elliott
- 2:30 p.m. "Growth by Soul Winning" ----- Paul F. Elliott
- 3:15 p.m. Dismissal

WELCOME, PILGRIMS

The ministers of the Indiana Wesleyan Conference welcome our Pilgrim brethren and their wives to this January Preachers Meeting. We are glad for the opportunity to get better acquainted as we approach organized union. We are happy to have you as our guests. We trust this will be a time of blessing and inspiration to all of us.

—The Wesleyan Ministers

Wesleyan Youth

January Check List:

- I. **Youth Week**
January 28-February 4. Every church from the smallest to the largest observe it! Promotion material is in the mail to pastors and WY presidents.
- II. **Quiz Team**
Those who have registered with Roger Budde start quizzing this month. Have you registered?
- III. **Operation YT**
Begin preparing teenagers for YT play-off. Read pages 146-148 in the Conference Journal and note the new division.
- IV. **First in Excellence Reward**
Which local will win it this year?? Read pages 145-146 in the Conference Journal and check yourself.
- V. **Team Ministry Listing**
Do you have a teenage Gospel Team, Chorale or other teenage group that could minister to other teenagers? If so register with the WY President. This will be promoted during the spring months.

Richard Abraham
Conference WY President

Marion College

Two Marion College professors Clarence Huffman and Paul Faulkenberry, have completed work on their doctorates this semester. Dr. Huffman's field is higher education with a Doctor of Education degree. Dr. Faulkenberry's field is counseling psychology with a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Marion College now has ten out of thirty-one full-time teachers with an earned doctorate. Four other teachers, Wilbur Williams, Franklin Lusk, Paul Mills, and Donald Corliss, are earnestly pursuing their doctorates. There are some prospective teachers with doctorates who may be added to the faculty within the next two years. The prospects for the immediate future are bright to have earned doctorates to more than one-third which is considered to be a good teaching situation.

Youth Week on Marion College campus will be a full week of chapel and evening services. Dr. Jared Gerig, President of Fort Wayne Bible College, will be our guest minister. The Spiritual Emphasis Week will be February 10-17. Effects from last fall's wonderful revival on campus are still being manifest. The prayers of the Wesleyan churches will make this series of meetings even more meaningful.

During the last part of November it was my privilege to have a seven-day trip into Kansas and Oklahoma. Between the miles there were twelve stops, including four speaking opportunities. Visits were made to the campuses of four colleges, Miltonvale Wesleyan, Central Pilgrim, Central College (Free Methodist), and Evangel College. Several interesting by-products of the trip developed. One of these was a better understanding of the meaning of merger to some of our colleges.

December 20-22 five of the Marion College administrators attended the Council of Wesleyan Colleges at Houghton. This new organization included administrators from all the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness colleges. Attending from Marion College were Woodrow Goodman, Maurice Burns, Russell S. Baldwin, George Ott, and James Luttrull. Special consideration was given by the Council to the effects of merger upon our educational institutions and to the ministerial education programs.

WMS

Centuries ago a wise man wrote, "of making many books there is no end" (Eccl. 12:12). Solomon could not have dreamed of the vast number of volumes encompassed by that little word, "many." The December 1 issue of "Time" reports that the British Museum has the ambitious project of printing a "General Catalogue of Printed Books." The purpose of this publication is merely to list the library's Western language books printed between 1455 and 1955. This great publication will consist of 263 volumes!

Yet in spite of the fact that since the invention of the printing press the West has been the leader in literary output, it is not the Western nations that are providing the rest of the world with reading material today. A Gideon official recently stated that the Communists spend \$600 on reading material for the world to every \$1 spent by non-Communists.

Many Christians are still unaware of the great power of paper. Champion Papers, Inc., ran a series of ads portraying the power of paper. Used with imagination paper has power to imitate, educate, and congratulate. It has power to electrify, personify, and identify, and to yell, sell, and tell. Taking off on these ideas the American Tract Society says that the most important power of paper is to penetrate, illuminate, and regenerate.

One of the 1968 Wesleyan Missionary reading course books will provide you with information and inspiration regarding the value of literacy work on the mission fields. Frank Laubach is a world famous speaker, writer and teacher. His fascinating life story is told by David Mason in "Apostle to the Illiterates."

If your church needs revival you will benefit by reading "When the Spirit Came" by John Greenfield. The story of the Moravian revival is the story of a prayer meeting that began in 1727 and lasted a hundred years.

Practical suggestions on many aspects of Christian living are found in Robert Ozment's book, "But God Can." With the help of many illustrations from the writer's wide experience the reader is helped to understand how Christ can meet one's need in temptation, in trouble, in death, in grief and in burden bearing.

The unusual story of a Japanese boy whom God used to reach Tokyo slum dwellers is told in "Shadow of His Hand" by Kenneth C. Hendricks. Reiji Taka-

hashi is living proof of the miracles God can do through one person who is completely at God's disposal.

A gripping challenge to dedicated Christian service is thrown out by Jean Dye Johnson in "God Planted Five Seeds." Urge the youth of your church as well as older ones to read this book.

Reports on those participating in the 1967 reading course are due January 15. Send these to Alberta Metz, Box 41, Bryant, Indiana 47326.

—Alberta Metz

NEWS and NOTES

Cherry Street, Noblesville raised their pastor's salary \$10.00 on the week Dec. 10. The attendance is growing and they need more room.

Lakeview, Marion had 381 on Dec. 17 for Sunday School and only 13 over 50 yrs. of age. Unusual.

Rev. John Hall is supplying the pulpit at Wabash, North Church. He is driving from Kokomo where his wife is teaching school.

Work has begun on the new sanctuary at Beaver Creek. The arches and decking were to arrive the last of December. The Church Builders Company of Wheatridge, Colorado is the contractor.

Home Corner, Marion, has installed wall-to-wall carpet in the parsonage and rewired the upstairs; also painted the outside of parsonage and educational unit.

REVIVALS

Discipline Paragraph 280—All pastors and churches wishing to employ evangelists who are not members of any Wesleyan Methodist annual conference shall consult the president of the Conference.

Huntington, Jan. 2-14, Rev. Henry Lelear, Evangelist, James Luttrull, Singer, Rev. Noel Winterholter, Pastor. Fishersburg, Jan. 4-7, Rev. Eugene Cockrell, Evangelist, Rev. Oscar Davis, Pastor.

Sims, Jan. 14-21, Rev. B. D. Veeder, Evangelist, Rev. Ralph Westafer, Pastor.

Portland, Feb. 1-11, Rev. Franklin Moore, Evangelist, Krick family, Singers, Rev. Paul Eger, Pastor.

Home Corner, Marion, Feb. 8-18, Rev. Raymond Powers, Evangelist, Rev. E. D. Landis, Pastor.

Fowler, Jan. 31-Feb. 4, Rev. Bruce Hawthorne, Evangelist, Rev. W. C. Killin, Pastor.

Cicero, Jan. 31-Feb. 11, Rev. Henry Lelear, Evangelist; the Don Schooleys, Singers; Rev. Donald Pruett, Pastor.

Rev. Claude Scott, General Evangelist, notified the Editor that he has some open time January 17-February 25. He may be contacted at his home address, 3516 South Boots Street, Marion, Indiana 46952 or by telephone 674-2622 Marion.

ANNUAL MID-WINTER INDOOR CAMP MEETING

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES

President's Column

Wesleyan Ministers' Week. The churches of Wesleyan Methodism are uniting in the observance of Wesleyan Ministers' Week, February 11-18, 1968. We urge all of our churches in the Indiana Conference to make special observance at this time. Since the minister is so involved, it will be necessary for the laymen to take the lead in this observance. The following ideas for laymen are given in the hope that they will be helpful in this observance.

IDEAS FOR LAYMEN

WESLEYAN MINISTERS' WEEK

Reasons for Wesleyan Ministers' Week

1. Create spiritual unity in congregation.
2. Build appreciation for the Pastor.
3. Emphasize Wesleyan Methodist heritage.
4. Implement Wesleyan Retirement Plan.

Public Service

1. Lay presentation of importance of plan.
2. A layman speaks for his Pastor.
3. Lay message on the Bible responsibility to the Pastor.
4. Receive the offerings for Wesleyan Ministers' Week.
5. A night of prayer for Wesleyan Methodist Pastors, Evangelists and Missionaries.
6. Teens give testimonies on "What My Pastor Means to Me."

Lay Promotional Ideas

Personal letter from layman to all members encouraging support of Wesleyan Retirement Plan, enclosing information brochure on Wesleyan Retirement Plan.

—Double tithe for one week.

—One dollar a day for one week over and above regular giving.

—Be sure special envelopes are distributed.

—Treasurer to report to congregation on February 18th the results of week's effort—amount and number of members participating.

Fellowship Occasions

1. Grocery shower for Pastor.
2. Parsonage reception.
3. Testimonial evening—appreciation for Pastor.
4. Letter shower to Pastor.
5. "This Is Your Life." The Pastor's life reviewed as a feature of the evening.

6. Homecoming evening for former Pastors with recognition for retired ministers.

BE SURE TO DISCUSS ALL USE OF ABOVE IDEAS WITH YOUR PASTOR UNLESS A SURPRISE OCCASION IS INTENDED.

Gas City Dedicates New Church. On Sunday, January 21 at 2:30 p.m., members and friends of the Gas City Church met for the dedication of their new church located in the east part of Gas City. This beautiful and adequate building speaks well of the faith and foresightedness of the Gas City congregation. The building is a masonry building with the main structure being 40' x 82' and providing an auditorium which will seat approximately 350 people. The wing is 40' x 70' and provides an entrance, pastor's study, and Sunday school rooms. There are eighteen Sunday school rooms in the building. The building and lot have been provided at a cost of approximately \$78,000. The church was constructed by the Kealhier Company, which is the same contractor that has been building our Conference Extension projects. The service of dedication, which was planned by the local congregation, included the trustees, the pastor and the Conference Officials. The pastor, the Rev. Bob K. Anderson, and his congregation are to be commended on this new building which we trust will prove to be a means of reaching many of the community for the Lord.

Pilgrim Ministerial. We have been invited to the Pilgrim Ministerial Convention to be held at the Tipton Pilgrim Holiness Church, North Ash Street, Tipton, Indiana, February 8-9, 1968. The Convention theme is "BEHOLD HE COMETH" and the Convention speaker will be Dr. B. H. Phaup, General Superintendent of The Wesleyan Methodist Church. The first service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 8, and will close with the evening service on Friday evening, February 9. We trust that as many of our pastors as can will attend this convention and enjoy this time of fellowship and inspiration with the brethren of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Salem Park Report. Since our last report concerning the Salem Park problem, the only action that has been taken is that the seceding group has filed a dilatory action which is a move on their part to keep it from coming to a hearing. This, of course, means that the final decision is delayed and that they are permitted to use the building in the interim since they posted the \$7,500.00 bond at an earlier date. Please keep this item on your prayer list that God's will may be accomplished concerning this church.

Available. Since the Rev. Wayne Tippey has resigned as pastor of the Mishawaka Church he will be available for revival work for the remainder of the conference year. We trust many of our churches will give Brother Tippey a call as we believe his years of experience and soul concern will equip him to serve as an evangelist. For the present he can be contacted at 1004 South Laurel Street, Mishawaka, Indiana. Let's keep him busy in the next few months.

RECORD AVAILABLE

Those who expressed an interest in the storytelling recording of true stories by Professor Laura S. Emerson, including the beginning of Wesleyan Methodist Missions in Sierra Leone, may now obtain the record from her at Marion College. The price is \$3.79 each or \$4.00 if mailed.

NOTICE

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How Far Can You See?

Do you have good Sunday school vision? Much of our activity loses its real meaning because we do not have clear objectives. Certainly our first objective of the Sunday school is to reach people for God. There is no doubt but what we have the message. Our methods may need overhauling. Change in procedure is hard but if nothing is happening in your Sunday school, then do it different.

Another objective ought to be that we teach. It is not enough to gather them together, but what are we doing with them and for them when we do gather them together? An important objective is that we teach for a decision. The Sunday school is the greatest evangelistic agency of the church, for we have nearly three times as many persons enrolled as there are members of the church.

Our Sunday school vision seems to be blurred, at least we are not reaching and therefore we cannot teach if we do not reach. Let's clean our specs, make clear our vision so we may plan, promote and reap through the Sunday school. We are moving into the best Sunday school months for your church.

How is your Sunday school vision?

Sunday School Secretary
C. Eugene Cockrell

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News and Notes

Funeral services were held at the Hillside Church on Jan. 2 for Mrs. Vera Turner, wife of the Rev. H. H. Turner of Marion. Rev. and Mrs. Turner had pastored a few years but his ministry was mostly as an evangelist. He retired some five years ago. Her pastor, Rev. Melvin Shoemaker, was in charge of the services assisted by Rev. Kenneth Dunn, Conference President. In addition to the husband survivors include three sons, Rev. Meredith Turner, of Sedona, Ariz., Charles, of Denver, Colo., and George of Fairmount; four daughters, Mrs. Wes McIntyre, Mrs. John Thomas, Mrs. Charles Barton and Mrs. O. D. Hudson; 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Among the Sick

Rev. Kenneth Mitchener, pastor at Tipton, underwent surgery on his hip Jan. 9. He is in a cast from his waist to his toes. He is in the St. Joseph Hospital at Kokomo. He is getting along fine but will be incapacitated for several weeks.

Miss Helen Brock, a former pastor and evangelist, suffered a heart attack on Jan. 19. She is in oxygen at this writing and the extent of her condition is not known. She is in Marion General Hospital.

Several of our pastors have had the flu attack and have had to get another to supply the pulpit for a Sunday. Attendance has been down in many of our churches because of the weather and sickness.

Congratulations

Eddie and Carol King, assistant pastor at Southview Indianapolis have adopted a little girl born Jan. 2. They have named her Bethany Ann. Carol is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Rainbolt.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Mitchener are grandparents again. Mr. and Mrs. David Mitchener have a new boy, John David, who arrived Dec. 23.

National Holiness Association

The National Holiness Association is a coordinating fellowship of holiness churches representing nearly three million people in the United States and Canada.

Wesleyan Youth

THE MONTH OF "YOUTH"

Youth Week is now past into God's great measure of time. BUT, February, the Month of Youth Emphasis and Activity is still with us! It is late, but there are still a few things that can be accomplished.

1. The writing Contest "deadline" is March 7th, thus, there is yet time to enter. Ask your Pastor or Youth President about it. Young adult, this is open to you, too!

2. Perhaps you failed to take advantage of the "Teen Tither" Enlistment Program during Youth Week. If so, without fail see that your Church takes advantage of this unique promotion to "Enlist Tiers Of Teen Tithers."

3. "Anyone can sell the WESLEYAN YOUTH!", exclaimed an energetic teenager after reading the January issue. We believe it too, but to help your faith, Indiana Wesleyan Youth is giving each Sales Manager a free subscription IF their Local increases last year's total by "TEN" during the month of February, AND HE REPORTS IT! Help your Conference gain 500 Subscriptions to the WESLEYAN YOUTH.

Following is a part of Ron Brannon's prayer for us during this special emphasis on youth . . . may it be our very own.

"Dear Lord . . . There is such a void between those of us who have experienced the miracle of Redeeming Grace and all those scores and scores of kids

who have been trapped by the Devil. Open their minds until they will see the folly of psychedelic trips, the 'New Morality,' and self-willed defiance of law and righteousness. Enable them to recognize that this life is REAL!

"We ask not that we should be blessed this Youth Week (or month), but dear Lord, please make this the time when Wesleyan Youth will become so endowed by the Holy Spirit—so alive in Christ—'THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE.' In the Name of One Who knows and loves teens, Amen."

OPERATION YT

District Play-Offs will begin soon; prepare, and enter one of the following categories:

1. Vocal Solo
 - a. Boys
 - b. Girls
2. Vocal Group
 - a. Duet to Sextet
 - b. Chorale
3. Piano Solo
4. Brass Solo
5. Brass Group
6. Woodwind Solo
7. Woodwind Group
8. Other Instruments Solo
9. Other Instruments Group
10. Readings

Plan NOW to attend "YOUTH CAMP '68 STYLE," Richard D. Abraham, Indiana WY President

Have you reported Youth Week?

TOPTEENS

The Topteens have been enjoying a wonderful time in the Lord as they visit different churches. During the Christmas holidays, they traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the Ohio WY Mid-Winter Convention. They were in charge of the final service of the convention and the Lord richly blessed. On that evening after the convention they sang at the Dayton Northridge Church and had a wonderful rally.

On January 6, the Topteens sang at Miami for a district rally. The presence of the Lord was magnificent as they sang "He Giveth More Grace." This song has come to mean much to each Topteen as they experience more of God's grace each day. Truly the Lord does give His children more grace for the cares of life and this grace comes when it is most needed.

On January 12, the group was privileged to sing at Cadle Tabernacle for Youth Night Services. The Spirit of the Lord came down and the members of the group, as well as the congregation, were blessed as the group sang of God's grace.

The Topteens have found quite a challenge in telling other teenagers of our wonderful Lord. They encourage the teenagers of today to "Let the Lord Have His Way" for He is all we need.

Lynn Ann Cox
Topteens Secretary

From page 2

Two special days of prayer have been announced by the National Holiness Association.

On Friday, March 1, 1968, 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 a 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, in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.

Seasons of prayer and fasting are in order. Pastors, college and seminary presidents, leaders of mission boards and holiness associations should plan well for these special days.



Participants at dedication of new Gas City Church—left to right: Roy Morris, Chairman Trustees, Bob Appleman, Building Committee, C. A. Hoover, Bob Anderson, Eugene Linn, Mayor of Gas City, Kenneth Dunn, and Edward Smithee.

Y. M. W. B.

Cause for Rejoicing

The largest single quarter's remittance on the books for Indiana YMWB was sent to Mrs. Kindley in December—\$5,618.98. We give praise to the Lord, and give thanks to each of you for your wonderful stewardship.

Welcome to our newest Band at Ft. Wayne, Moeller Rd., who have made a good start and have hopes of being a 100% Band this year.

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Will you help Indiana be a 5-Star Conference this year? The General Office is promoting a Denominational contest for this final year as Wesleyan Methodists. We need your cooperation and promotion on each point. The goals to be surpassed are as follows:

- * 10% increase in membership. If each Band will really strive for an increase of 4 members, we can reach this goal!

- * 50% of Bands participating in Reading Course. This is our greatest challenge. Last year, Indiana was 12th in the Denomination in Reading Course with only 13½% participating. We should be First! Circulate good missionary stories you already have and keep a record of the children who read. If possible, buy a few inexpensive books from the Publishing House. Your children need to be reading good, purposeful books. It's not too late to start for this year. Start now!

- * 90% of Bands remitting quarterly. Are we blushing? This past quarter we sent out extra mailings to each church to urge you to report, sent additional reminders, but only had 78% reporting, of the Bands we have on file. Is your Band alive? Let us know you are working!

- * Remit quarterly on time. This is the Conference Superintendent's part. We pledge to continue to report on time.

- * 10% increase in funds. We've already made it this year, so don't slack off! We needed a \$1,629 gain, and are now \$2,090 over this time a year ago. Keep up the good work!

Looking ahead to Conference.

Goal: To have all Indiana YMWB Superintendents present for YMWB Day at Conference at both the public service and the workshop.

Projects: Scrapbooks by children of YMWB age on a different country than

previously made. Follow the rules on page 14 of the October 1966 Young Missionary. The best ones will be taken to General Conference.

Display of visual aids used this year in every Band. Choose the one best visual aid you have used (for membership, promoting special projects, learning missionary facts, prayer partners, memory work, etc.) and bring it to Conference. Special recognition will be given to those judged best.

Let's put our HEART into this vital work of children and missions with our main goal being the salvation of our children, and challenging them with our world-wide mission field.

—Rachel Herring

Marion College

Marion College changes semesters with classes beginning February 7. The first full week, February 12-16, is Spiritual Emphasis Week with Dr. Jared Gerig as our speaker. Much prayer for the consolidation of the fruit of this meeting will be appreciated. It is not enough to have things, however desirable they may be, we must be men and women living in obedience to God. To have the prayer support of the Church during the busy spring months ahead is most helpful.

A Comity Committee met January 9 consisting of representatives of Frankfort and Marion Colleges to discuss feasibility of cooperative service in the Wesleyan Church. A request for Owosso to join in the talks was honored, so the presidents of the three schools are given the responsibility to explore areas of mutual concern. The next meeting will have all three schools represented.

Dr. Donald Porter plans to return to Marion College next year as a full-time teacher and chairman of the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics. Dr. Porter, a former professor at Marion College, has a Ph.D. degree in mathematics.

Recent promotions on the campus include Dr. Clarence Huffman to full professor. Wilbur Williams, Carolyn Pockock, and Paul Mills were advanced from the rank of instructor to that of assistant professor. We congratulate these teachers for their promotion in rank.

REVIVALS

Cicero—January 31-February 11, Rev. Henry Lelear, Evangelist; the Don Schooleys, Singers; Rev. Donald Pruett, Pastor.

Portland—Feb. 1-11, Rev. Franklin Moore, Evangelist; the Krick family, Singers; Rev. Paul Eger, Pastor.

Marion, Home Corner—Feb. 8-18, Rev. Raymond Powers, Evangelist; Rev. Eldine Landis, Pastor.

Cherry St., Noblesville—Feb. 26-Mar. 3, Rev. Howard Castle, Evangelist; Rev. Lloyd Louks, Pastor.

Fishersburg—March 7-17, Rev. B. D. Veeder, Evangelist; Rev. Oscar Davis, Pastor.

Muncie, Memorial Drive—March 7-17, Rev. Scott Pyle, Evangelist; Sunshine Gospel Trio, Singers; Rev. George Cole, Pastor.

Wesley Chapel—March 7-17, Rev. Glenn McKinley, Evangelist; Rev. Gene Clark, Pastor.

Sheridan—March 7-17, Rev. Ray Powers, Evangelist; Rev. Glen Weller, Pastor.

AVAILABLE

Dear Brethren and Pastors of the Ind. Conf.:

After January I will no longer be occupied as a supply pastor, and would appreciate any opportunity to work with you. I would be glad to hold weekend revivals, supply the pulpit when you are ill or on vacation. For the coming conference year I will be slating revivals. Remember us in prayer. Norman Keen, Box 177, Bryant, Ind.

Contentment often serves as a brake on the wheels of progress.

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He doeth much that loveth much.

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No enemy can come so near that God is not nearer.

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God seldom speaks to a man while man himself is talking.

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Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry a denial of faith.

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President's Column

Social Security: All Clergy Must Pay

A bill signed into law by President Johnson January 2 requires all ordained ministers to participate in the Social Security program as self-employed persons.

Previously, clergymen were exempt but could participate by filing waivers. Now they are obligated to pay into the program and will thus be eligible to receive monthly Social Security benefits when they retire.

The only exceptions will be members of religious orders who have taken vows of poverty and clergymen who conscientiously object to participation in government insurance programs. Both will have to apply for special waivers.

New clergymen will begin participation as soon as they enter the active ministry. Missionaries who are ordained ministers are also covered by the new law and must begin payment for the year 1968, Missionary News Service reported.

Ministers who in the past have chosen and signed exemption waivers (form 2031) must continue coverage. They may not sign out as conscientious objectors.

Coverage under the new law begins with the calendar year 1968, for which income-tax returns will be due on April 15, 1969. However, ministers who are filing an estimated income tax for 1968 should include with it the estimated Social Security tax.

The rate for 1968 will be 6.4 percent of taxable incomes up to \$7,800. This means that a pastor may have to pay as much as \$500 in Social Security taxes in 1968 in addition to regular federal and local income taxes. Clergymen earning less than \$7,800 will of course pay proportionately less.

Retirement benefits from Social Security vary according to a person's age and the number of years he has been paying into the program. At present the largest monthly check for a surviving family amounts to \$368. In February this will go up to \$434.40. The top of the range for individuals will be increased from \$142 to \$160.50. Minimum monthly payments will go from \$44 to \$55.

Tax Exemption. It is time to file the

tax exemption for all church property with the County Auditor. This is to be done between March 1 and May 15 of each year. An oversight of this could mean that the church property could be placed on the tax duplicate and taxes would be assessed against the property. Each pastor is responsible to see that this is done for all the property held by the local church. Pastors or trustees are authorized to sign these papers. A fee of 50¢ is charged for each filing. Please give this immediate attention to avoid an oversight. Thank you.

Elect Delegates Now. Conference Resolution II C 2 on page 41 in the Annual Conference Journal reads: "Delegates to annual conference should be elected not later than the third quarterly conference and it is suggested they be nominated by a committee. Delegates credentials secured from the Secretary shall be mailed to the assistant secretary (Rev. Kenneth Heer, R. R. 1, Arlington, Indiana 46104) by the pastor not later than March 20.

Winona Refresher. The third Winona Lake Refresher for ministers and their wives will be held at the Winona Hotel, Winona Lake, Indiana, on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. All ministers and their wives are urged to attend this gathering for a time of relaxation, fellowship and inspiration. The first scheduled meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and will continue through the lunch hour on Saturday. Guest speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Richard Humbles, of the Church of Christ in Christian Union. He is their former General Superintendent and currently pastor of the College Church and professor in Circleville College, Circleville, Ohio. The ministers' wives will be meeting in their session on Saturday morning, April 6. Special registration blanks will be mailed to all ministers at a later date. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Day of Prayer. The Board of General Superintendents of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Pilgrim Holiness Church are asking that each Wednesday be observed as a day of prayer and fasting for the coming merging conference to be held in Anderson, Indiana, on June

25 of this year. Let us pray earnestly that this conference will be owned and blessed of the Lord and will accomplish His purpose.

Pastoral Vote. Resolution I C 2 on page 39 of the Annual Conference Journal reads: "It is recommended that churches giving a vote for the recall of their pastoir vote on or between the third and fourth Sundays of April." It is envisioned that the list of available pastors will be mailed to the churches requesting it near the first of May. Pastors who are contemplating changing should notify the Conference President in writing during the month of April so their names could be placed on the available list.

Mishawaka Pastor. The Rev. Robert N. Conley has been appointed pastor of the Mishawaka Church. The Rev. Wayne Tippey has accepted the call of the First Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, and plans to move there by March 1.

Kenneth Dunn

REVIVALS

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Sheridan—March 7-17, Rev. Ray Powers, Evangelist; Rev. Glen Weller, Pastor.

Wesley Chapel—March 7-17, Rev. Glenn McKinley, Evangelist; Rev. Gene Clark, Pastor.

Hillside, Marion, March 12-17, Rev. Charles Melvin, Evangelist, Bib Soto, Singer, Rev. Melvin Shoemaker, Pastor.

Fowler—March 21-31, Rev. C. O. Scott, Evangelist; Rev. Wilbur Killin, Pastor.

Lafayette, Schuyler Avenue—March 25-31, Rev. Jason Felter, Evangelist; Rev. Philip Jones, Pastor.

Fort Wayne, First—March 27-April 7, Rev. Howard Speas, Evangelist; Rev. and Mrs. Russell Klinger, Song Evangelists; Rev. Dudley O. Dorr, Pastor.

Marion, Nelson Street—March 27-April 7, Rev. Donald C. Boyd, Evangelist; Prof. Franklin Lusk, Song Evangelist; Donald C. Fisher, Pastor.

Kirklin—April 16-28, Rev. Mack Armstrong, Evangelist; Rev. Paul Abraham, Pastor.

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Sunday School

CATCH AND HOLD

Why does a crowd gather? Because something interesting is about to happen or has happened. How long does the crowd stay around? Only as long as interesting things are happening.

We continue reading a book because the opening—or the title—attracted us. A sermon with a good beginning receives more attention than one without it.

We are laying plans for our Spring Contest to begin April 7–May 12. Let's make sure there is something about to happen in your Sunday School.

Note:

Meetings of Districts with Pastors and Superintendents will be as follows:
Districts: 1 & 2—March 11

3, 4 & 5—March 18

6 & 7—March 25

8, 9 & 10—March 28

We need to begin to Catch and Hold.

We reported Indianapolis, Eastlawn as having 109 for December. We are sorry for this error. It should have read 132.

Eugene Cockrell

JANUARY AVERAGES

A above 200	
Marion, College	343
Marion, Lakeview	307
Marion, Hillside	299
Marion, Nelson	259
Lafayette, Schuyler Ave.	210
B 150-199	
Fishersburg	182
Plymouth	177
Lafayette, Oakland Hill	174
Marion, W. 8th St.	174
Gas City	173
Greentown	154
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Shiloh	149
Ft. Wayne, Moeller Rd.	149
Jonesboro	145
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Marion, Home Corner	129
Hartford City	126
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South Bend	120
New Castle	118
Indianapolis, Eastlawn	109
Sims	109
Mt. Zion, Henry Co.	100
D 75-99	
Huntington	98
Thorntown	98
Albion	91
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Indianapolis, Southview
Argos
Indianapolis, First
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Noblesville, First
Davis
Kokomo, South Downs
Cicero
Elwood, South
Noblesville, Cherry
Silver Lake
Beaver Creek
Hamilton
Laketon
Sheridan
Westfield
Grant City
Fowler
Lancaster

F under 50

Kokomo, Eastside
Decatur
Anderson, 9th St.
Bakers Corner
Carthage
Lewis Creek
Wabash, Middle St.
Monument Chapel
Lugar Creek
Green Chapel
Kirklin
Warren
Miami
Matthews
Kingsford Heights
Plummer Chapel
Dublin
Indianapolis, St. Clair
Uniondale
Logansport
Victory Chapel
Elkhart
Lebanon
Peru
Mt. Zion, Howard Co.
Bethel
Larwill

CHURCHES NOT REPORTING

Fairmount
Shelbyville
Portland
Warsaw
Laotto
Indianapolis, Salem Park
Bluffton
Wabash, North
Richmond
Elwood, Main St.
Wesley Chapel
Muncie, Bethel Heights
Kokomo, North
Fowler
Mishawaka
Converse
Atlanta
Martinsville
Summitville
Fountain City
Edgerton
Back Creek
Hamlet
Mt. Etna
Gaston
Colfax
Mechanicsburg
Amboy
Deming
Pleasant Grove
Valparaiso
Star

WMS

WHY COMMUNITY MISSIONS?

Following are a few excerpts from last year's reports on Community Missions pointing up the importance of the work being done in many of our local missionary societies.

"Community Missions has done much to draw our ladies closer together. We called on absentees and helped a busy mother make and can vegetable soup."

"Special joy was received in preparing Sunshine Boxes." "We got many blessings out of helping in a home during the time of sickness and death, taking turns sitting up nights, carrying in food, etc. This family is now attending services and is under conviction." "Our society took meals into the home where the mother had undergone serious surgery; we had visitation nights, made lap throws for a local nursing home, and gave several baskets to the needy." "We made baby comforts and sent boxes to the children's home, also invited, called and mailed—it has increased the number in our Sunday school." "Our society contributed 40 hours babysitting for our minister's wife to allow her time to do church work and visit in the hospital; we also spent several hours doing household chores for a shut-in." "We invited and brought 74 new families to church during the year." "We did ironing for a family during a six-weeks' illness." "We made carpet rags for the Veteran's hospital for the patients to use in their work."

We could go on and on—but this gives us enough to answer the question, "Why Community Missions?" The possibilities are unlimited! All we need to do is open our eyes and look—there is a great variety of needs all about us—needs that we can do something about.

Promote Community Missions during March! (1) Organize your group into visitation teams, telephone brigades, correspondence committees. (2) Make definite assignments for visitation, etc. with a definite time for participation. (3) Consider various needy projects, choosing one or more for your society to promote. (4) Plan your program or service around the theme of Community Missions. (5) Urge your women to report—provide them with simple report blanks. Be sure to report what your society has done throughout the year to the Community Missions secretary by June 10. (6) Promote this work throughout the year, not just during March.

Last year, only 56 societies reported. We are sure that many of the other societies worked, but failed to report. Several wrote that they had kept no record of the work done. Let us do better this year! Last year, 18 were recorded as receiving Christ as personal Saviour through the efforts of Community Missions. This is something to rejoice about, but we trust that this number will be multiplied this year. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl. 9:10).

Thelma Jones,
Community Missions Secretary

Wesleyan Youth

Why Aren't We Doing It?

It has become an increasing passion with me that no church or church organization has a right to exist except for the direct purpose of propagating the Gospel. Now that sounds simple enough, doesn't it? It even follows that we as Holiness Churches ought to be giving "the more earnest heed" to this "Gospel spreading!" It hurts to admit that many, many of our churches just aren't getting the job done.

WHY NOT?—The answers are many and varied, but most of them would be non-existent should the pastor and people become vividly conscious that every person under the canopy of their responsibility, whom they failed to reach for Christ, would be damned to eternity in Hell crying out, "Why didn't they talk to me 'personally' about the lostness of my soul?"

WHY TALK TO WESLEYAN YOUTH ABOUT THIS?

1. I believe that Wesleyan Youth can do something about it.

2. We have no real reason to exist unless we do.

Our purpose as Conference Leaders is to train and minister, to and through the Youth of our Conference.

How can you do something about the above mentioned lack?

1. Constantly remind the Christian Youth in your Church that they are "SAVED TO TELL OTHERS."

2. Train them in a method of doing it. In other words, "harness their energy."

3. Show them how by demonstration.

Let me remind you ALL three of the above rules **MUST** be followed for success! I guarantee that if you will carry through completely with such a program, that: (a.) "some" of the adults will become ashamed of themselves and follow the lead of the youth, and (b) your Church will grow.

Furthermore, I am convinced that such a program bathed in prayer is the crying need of our 20th Century Churches. **LET INDIANA WESLEYAN YOUTH TAKE THE LEAD!**

IT'S "OPERATION YOUTH TALENT" TIME!

ATTENTION Pastors and WY Presidents—Please urge your youth to participate in "YT". Get as many entries from your Church to the District Playoffs as possible. Operation "YT" is part of our overall training Program, and it needs your boost and support.

QUIZ TEAM PLAYOFFS

Practice Quizzing is now in progress. I understand that some **STILL** haven't registered! It's better late than never! Watch the Messenger next month for a complete schedule of Conference Playoffs.

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE

22nd ANNUAL INDIANA WESLEYAN

YOUTH CAMP—JUNE 17-21

WHEN . . . Jimmy Johnson will give answers to teenage problems;

WHEN . . . Two days of Classes will be given to helping teens learn to share Christ with others;

WHEN . . . Other teens throughout Indiana will gather for wholesome fellowship;

and WHEN . . . Many teenagers will go home with a living Saviour in their hearts!

(PASTOR, IS YOUR LIST OF TEEN-AGERS IN YET?)

REGISTER GOSPEL TEAMS

Could your church organize a "Gospel team" from your Wesleyan Youth? If so contact me for further information.

CONFERENCE WY PRESIDENT
R. D. Abraham

TOPTEENS

The Indiana Topteens spent the week-end of February 16, 17, and 18, traveling and singing. On Friday night the Topteens traveled to Wabash for a youth rally at the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The Lord richly blessed again on Saturday night as they had services at the Lafayette First Pilgrim Holiness Church. After the group sang of how Elisha prayed that God might let the mantle of Elijah fall on him, Keith Hinton spoke on "A Double Portion." Several young people came forward indicating that they wanted a double portion of God's Spirit to be on their lives.

Following the services in Lafayette, the group traveled to Shiloh for Sunday services. The Topteens were in charge of the Sunday morning worship services at Shiloh and in the afternoon they sang for the District 1 youth rally. Following the rally, they enjoyed a fellowship hour and supper with the youth of the district.

Sunday evening the Topteens sang at the Greentown Wesleyan Church. The Spirit of the Lord was greatly felt as the group sang and testified of the wonderful Saviour. The Lord certainly supplied added strength for the group as this was the fifth service of the weekend. The presence of the Lord was wonderful as Keith Hinton spoke on "Total Commitment to Christ" and several young people came forward to commit their lives to Christ. In the closing moments of the service, the Lord touched hearts and blessed the Topteens richly. The group counts this weekend of service for Christ a great one to remember.

Lynn Cox—Secretary

April 16-19, 1968

100th ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Projecting Our Inheritance"



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Cleveland, Ohio

Marion College

Enrollment for the second semester was 680, an increase of 8% over one year ago. New students attending Marion College for the first time number 87 with 40 coming by transfer and 47 entering college for the first time.

Students from the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness Churches account for 326 or 48% of the total enrollment. Other denominations with 25 or more students are: Methodist 84, Baptist 39, Christian 34, and Friends 33.

The geographical distribution gives Indiana 478 students, Michigan 53, Ohio 40, Illinois 17, and Wisconsin 16. There are 18 students from foreign countries.

The teaching profession leads in interest with 222 elementary and 196 secondary prospective teachers. Theology majors total 89 and pre-professional students number 74.

Looking ahead to Commencement over 100 students plan to graduate. The Reverend Robert Zuhl, pastor of Oak Lawn Church in Chicago, will be the Baccalaureate speaker. Dr. David McKenna, President of Spring Arbor, will be the Commencement speaker. Alumni Day will feature Chaplain Major Elijah A. Cockman of the United States Army. Alumni Day is June 8, Baccalaureate June 9, and Commencement June 10.

Sympathy is extended

To Rev. and Mrs. Russell Hoppes, Pastors at the Elwood, Main Street Church, on the death of Sister Hoppes' mother, Mrs. Julia Thorn. Sister Thorn was a faithful member of the Fowlerton Church and had served as cook at the camp ground for a number of years. Funeral services were held at the Ewing Funeral Home in Summitville on February 10 with her pastor, Rev. Harold Walker in charge assisted by the Rev. Lloyd Hall. Besides Sister Hoppes she leaves another daughter, Mrs. Mildred Davis, of Wilkinson, Indiana, a sister and a brother, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Notice . . . Delegate credentials. If you have not received your delegate credentials by the time you receive this copy of the Messenger, please notify the Conference Secretary, Rev. Noel Winterholter, 1496 Gardenale Ave., Huntington, Ind.

The ill improving

Rev. Kenneth Mitchener, Pastor of the Tipton Church, who had surgery on his hip was returned to his home on Feb-

ruary 3. Although still in a cast he is making good improvement and has been able to resume some of his pastoral duties having preached first on February 10.

Rev. Miss Helen Brock, who spent four weeks in Marion General Hospital after suffering a severe coronary attack, has returned to her home at 233 East 10th St., Jonesboro, Indiana. She is improving nicely but her activities have been restricted. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and assistance in any way during her illness.

Rev. Layland Smith, pastor at South Bend, underwent surgery on Feb. 24. He is in the St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, N. Y.

Rev. Ronald Boone, former pastor at Argos, and Miss Dorothy Baker of Argos were united in marriage on Feb. 3. They are living on R. R. 2, Osseo, Mich.

From Here and There

Lakeview and Hillside Marion Churches each raised \$7,200.00 in cash and pledges for missions at their recent Missionary Conventions.

Home Corner, Marion gives 20% of all their receipts to Missions each year.

Nelson Street, Marion contributed the largest amount for General Budget last year of any church in the conference. The amount was \$10,503.88. They also gave the largest amount for Conference Budget (\$4,297.58).

It is interesting to note the amount some churches contributed for benevolences above budget last year as follows: College, \$23,370.95; Home Corner, \$8,659.72; Nelson Street, \$7,327.00; Plymouth, \$5,685.68; Hillside, \$3,499.12; Fowler, \$2,770.28; Tipton, \$2,741.02; West Eighth Street, \$2,349.48; Lakeview, \$2,348.08; Lafayette, Schuyler Avenue, \$2,243.59. 18 others over \$1,000.00 or more.

Ten of our churches are paying their pastor \$100.00 or more per week cash

INDIANA
Ministers' Wives Meeting
April 6, 1968
9:15 - 11:15 a. m.
Winona Lake, Indiana

salary. Several congregations have increased their pastor's salary since conference.

The attendance at Gas City has increased steadily since they moved into their new building. Average for February was 188 in Sunday School.

Silver Lake has divided the basement into classrooms and organized two new classes.

The sanctuary at Beaver Creek is nearing completion and the furniture was to be delivered February 27. This is a fine addition to this country church.

The four top gains in Sunday School attendance thus far this conference year are Fishersburg 58; Oakland Hill, Lafayette 38; Lakeview, Marion, 33; and Schuyler Avenue, Lafayette, 26.

The building on Tilman Road, Fort Wayne, our pioneer project, is completed and the furnishings are in. The drive and parking lot will have to wait until spring. Are you praying for Church Extension? Are you making your monthly contributions??? We are counting on YOU.

A note from the pastor at Laotto states that they have several special services scheduled for the near future. The Jim Strader Chorale on March 24, Top-Teens April 20, Revival with Rev. Walter Rogers, Sr. and Rex Tullis April 18-23, Marion College Choir May 19. Union Lenten services are planned and Pastor Freiheit will preach at the Union Easter Sunrise service. The church will cooperate with a union D.V.B.S. with Mrs. Freiheit as director.

Rev. Arlace Duncan, pastor at Shelbyville writes: "The church experienced a very good Youth Revival. God used the ministry of Rev. John Hall to bring many seekers to an altar where they found peace in the Lord. There were sixty seekers. One mother of seven found victory, and expressed her desire to get her family in."

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If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

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To realize the worth of the anchor we need to feel the storm.

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Better never to have been born at all, than never to have been born again.

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We ought so to live Christ as to compel others to think about Christ.

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President's Column

Conference Extension in Depth. In the last several years God has given the Indiana Conference good success in establishing new churches with fourteen successful ventures for Him being launched in a ten-year period. While we do not wish to decrease our emphasis on new ventures, the Board of Conference Extension has been concerned about some areas where our churches are working against impossible odds. Thus a new phase of Conference Extension has been launched. We prefer to call it Conference Extension in Depth. Our first project was relocating Pleasant Valley which was located in a community with a very limited potential but near the county seat of Adams County, Decatur, Indiana. Thus with Conference aid, the beautiful and adequate Evangelical United Brethren Church was purchased and Pleasant Valley moved to the city of the area. Since this move they have doubled their attendance and increased their membership by one-half.

The next project of this nature is our Fort Wayne, Tillman Road venture into which the personnel and assets of the Fort Wayne, Leith Street Church are being incorporated. The Tillman Road Church serves a large housing area of southeast Fort Wayne with an unlimited potential of growth. The opening service of this new church is planned for July 7. The Rev. Jesse H. Jackson is on the field and is finding an encouraging welcome in the community.

As a project for the coming conference year, the Board has voted to focus the conference attention of prayer on the city of Richmond, Indiana, which has a population of more than 40,000 people. In the southeast part of the city there is a tremendous housing area where there seems to be a need for a church with our message. A building site has been located and optioned. Plans are being prepared for a building which, we hope, will be under construction in a few weeks. A full-time pastor is being assigned at conference. The present Richmond Church has voted total cooperation of personnel and assets in this new venture. We trust the entire conference will join in prayer, giving, and faith to make

this project a means of salvation for many souls.

Conference Entertainment. The Indiana Conference will furnish meals to ministers and their families and all official delegates to the Conference, WMS and WY for the 1968 session of the conference. As was proved last year, this service affords a rich fellowship and enables some to serve as delegates who could not otherwise come. Others will be permitted to eat in the dining hall on a cost basis.

Conference Schedule July 15-18.
Monday, July 15, 7:30 p.m., Conference Sunday School Rally, speaker, Rev. Charles Williams, Washington Court House, Ohio.

Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m., opening of conference.

Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 p.m., Tithing Service with Rev. Harry T. Reid in charge.

Tuesday, July 16, 7:30 p.m., Report on education.

Wednesday, July 17, 8:30 a.m., Denominational Address by Dr. E. L. Kierstead.

Wednesday, July 17, 2:00 p.m., Election of Conference Officials.

Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 p.m., Missionary service.

Thursday, July 18, 8:30 a.m., Recognition service.

Thursday, July 18, 2:00 p.m., Memorial service.

Sunday, August 11, 10:00 a.m., Ordination service, Dr. Virgil A. Mitchell, speaker.

Day of Prayer. Friday, July 12, has been designated as a day of prayer in preparation for our annual conference. We thank God for the steps of progress that have been made during this year and for the spiritual blessings which have been so freely bestowed upon us. We face many changes and adjustments due to merger and we will need Divine guidance in making these transitions and planning forward steps for the work of God and the growth of God's kingdom as it is entrusted to our care. We trust this day of prayer on July 12 will be a time of spiritual preparation for each of us as we anticipate the summer gatherings that are to follow.

Pastoral Arrangements. The following pastors and churches who are changing this year have agreed together for pastoral labors for the coming year:

Fort Wayne, Tillman Road—Jesse H. Jackson

Mt. Etna—Billie Uncapher

Decatur—Rex Tullis

Wabash, North—Paul Eger

Kokomo, North—John Harris

Back Creek—Stephen Skinner

New Castle—Noel Winterholter

Fountain City—Duaine Snyder

Mt. Zion, Henry County—Eugene Savage

Summitville—Edwin Johnson

South Bend—James Chrissell

Uniondale—Eddie King

Portland—Harry T. Reid

Cicero—Carl Shaw

Thorntown—Donald Pruett

Gaston—Roscoe Coleman

Kingsford Heights—Harold Polk

Ft. Wayne 1st—Paul W. McKinley

The following churches are in the process of making decisions:

Valparaiso

Huntington

Plummer Chapel

Elkhart

Please pray that each pastoral arrangement made will be in divine order and that revival will visit us this coming year.

Top Teens to Colombia, South America. The Top Teens of the Indiana Conference face a tremendous challenge and opportunity under the direction of the YES Corps, an organization co-directed by the Youth Departments of the Wesleyan and Pilgrim Churches. The Top Teens will travel to Colombia, South America. There they will minister in the Evangelism in Depth program in that country. The team plans to leave Indiana on June 29 to drive to Miami, Florida, and then fly to Bogota, Colombia.

Finances for the trip are to be raised through faith by each individual member of the team so each one will need our prayer support and, if possible, our financial backing. The Indiana Conference cannot expect these teenagers to assume this tremendous responsibility without our prayers. They will be representing us on a foreign mission field. May each of us in the days between now and their departure on June 29 and especially during their absence for the next three

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Sunday School

GREAT—TREMENDOUS —WELL DONE

I'm referring to the Sunday school contest that just closed on Mother's Day. We had some tremendous gains that I'm sure will be lasting and I want to say how proud I am of Indiana Sunday schools.

Top Honors go to Lafayette, Oakland Hill for the winners of the contest with Kokomo, Southdowns with a close second. Congratulations to these two schools.

The "A" division winner was Marion, Hillside

"B" division winner was Lafayette, Schuyler

"C" division winner was Lafayette, Oakland Hill

"D" division winner was Grant City

"E" division winner was Kokomo, South Downs

"F" division winner was Dublin

The Top Ten Schools based on attendance only for the six weeks were as follows: Hillside, College, Lakeview, Lafayette, Schuyler, Marion Nelson St., Lafayette Oakland Hill, Fishersburg, Marion West 8th St., Plymouth and Gas City.

Presentations were made at an Honor Banquet, May 31, at Honeywell Memorial in Wabash.

Get your annual reports in as soon as possible for the presentations to be given on Sunday School night, July 15, at Fairmount.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

APRIL 1968

A—above 200

Marion, Hillside	418
Marion, College	349
Marion, Lakeview	317
Lafayette, Oakland Hill	316
Lafayette, Schuyler Ave.	315
Marion, Nelson St.	298
Fishersburg	267
Plymouth	240
Gas City	220
Marion, West 8th St.	212
Fairmount	208
B 150-199	
Ft. Wayne, Moeller Rd.	196
Indianapolis, Eastlawn	196
Greentown	194
Sims	193
Tipton	183
Jonesboro	171
New Castle	169

Hartford City	162
Shelbyville	157
C 100-149	
Marion, Home Corner	144
Thorntown	144
Mt. Zion, Henry Co.	126
South Bend	126
Albion	119
Kokomo, South Downs	119
Indianapolis, First	118
Anderson, Arrow Ave.	114
Laotto	114
Marion, Brinker Heights	110
Bluffton	109
Blue River	108
Silver Lake	105
Beaver Creek	102
Grant City	102

D 75-99	
Elwood, South	99
Bryant	98
Huntington	98
Noblesville, Cherry	97
Sheridan	97
Fowler	95
Carmel	93
Kokomo, South Side	91
Noblesville, First	87
Monument Chapel	85
Westfield	85
Davis	83
Anderson, 9th	82
Carthage	80
Edgerton	79

E 50-74	
Bakers Corner	74
Hamilton	74
Laketon	72
Muncie, Bethel Heights	72
Warren	71
Lewis Creek	70
Fowlerton	66
Miami	64
Wabash, Middle St.	63
Uniondale	63
Fountain City	61
Decatur	61
Atlanta	60
Peru	60
Kirklin	56
Kokomo, East Side	55
Colfax	52
Dublin	52

F—under 50	
Logansport	49
Indianapolis, St. Clair	48
Victory Chapel	47
Kingsford Heights	45
Elkhart	36
Mt. Zion, Howard Co.	35
Lebanon	33
Bethel	20



Charles Williams

Hear Rev. Charles Williams of Washington Court House, Ohio, Pastor of The Church of Christ in Christian Union Church. Rev. Williams has seen his church grow to an average attendance of over 600. Rev. Williams will speak at our Sunday School night, July 15, at 7:30 p.m., at Fairmount.

C. Eugene Cockrell, Secretary

Marion College

Ground was broken for the new science building at Marion College on Wednesday, May 15. Chapel was held outdoors with greetings from Dr. Harold K. Sheets representing the Church; Dr. Donald Porter, President-Elect of the Alumni Association; Ralph Byler, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce; Cynthia Westafer, Vice President of the Student Council; Dr. Maurice Burns, Dean of the College, and the Reverend Kenneth Dunn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A "chain reaction" was started by the Reverend Dunn in turning a shovelful of dirt followed by a total of twenty persons, five at each of the four doors to the new building. The ceremony symbolized the blend of the traditional with modern science and the cooperation of the several basic groups interested in Marion College.

Construction of the building began May 23 and is expected to be completed about June 1, 1969. During the construction period Marion College is seeking \$125,000 for equipment to be placed in the building.

Admissions for September are running behind 1967 but ahead of 1966, James Pegg reports. Mr. Pegg is the new Director of Student Recruitment.

New teachers next fall at Marion College will include Dr. Heyman Duecker, inorganic chemistry; Dr. Raymond Elliott, organic chemistry; Kenneth E. Gooden, New Testament and Greek; Donald Corliss, mathematics, and Paul Mills, physical education, will return after educational leaves of absence.

Mrs. Paul Abraham, wife of the pastor at Kirklin, spent some time in the Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis for tests and X-rays but is at her home now.

President's Column

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weeks, remember this fine group of young people and their leader as they serve the Lord in the Evangelism in Depth program.

Churches Merging. The Elkhart Wesleyan Methodist Church has voted to ask the Indiana Conference to grant them privilege of merging with the local Pilgrim Holiness Church and uniting with the Northern Indiana District. They have a nearly new church-parsonage building located, on a 5-acre tract, in a housing area, west of Elkhart. It is envisioned a Wesleyan pastor will be assigned to the work.

WMS

By the time you read this article your missionary activities of 1967 and '68 will be history. History making for the women of the Indiana Conference started in 1888 when a few women felt so concerned about others. After two years of praying and stirring up missionary interest and promoting missionary work they were organized as an auxiliary to the church in September of 1890. According to Mrs. Odetta Davis, the first president, "We are the only organization of women in existence in our denomination." Their goal was an organized society in every church. We have almost reached the goal.

We all are aware that the merger will take place prior to our conference. Each local should continue to function under our present constitution until such time you are properly notified.

Our annual Missionary rally will be held Wednesday evening, July 17 in Bethel Tabernacle. Reverend William Morgan will be our guest speaker. Rev. and Mrs. Morgan, who were members and missionaries of the Reformed Baptist Alliance church before its joining with the Wesleyan denomination have just completed their second term of service in South Africa. Mr. Morgan was principal of the Evangelical Holiness Bible School in Altona, Union of South Africa, and was also in charge of overseeing the churches in the Piet Retief area.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are graduates of Bethany Bible College in Sussex, N. B., Canada. Currently on furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan with their two children Marilee and Bruce, are presently making their home in Nova Scotia, Canada.

The WMS Conference will convene Tuesday, July 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Service Center. All presidents and delegates should be making plans to attend.

Mrs. William Morgan will be speaking to the ladies in the Wednesday morning meeting. The YMWB will have their workshop in the Wesley Service Center Wednesday afternoon at 3, under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Herring. A Seminar for the WMS will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:15.

Marion College will be represented Tuesday afternoon at 3:15, the project this year is furnishing the Head Resident's rooms in the new ladies dormitory.

Be sure and check your efficiency standard. Honor certificates will be presented at the annual session to local societies attaining honor roll rating. (85%).

All statistical reports must be in the hands of Mrs. Dorothy McIntosh, 400 W. Franklin St., Hartford City, Indiana, by June 15.

May the Lord bless and reward you for all the fine work you have done this past year.

Mrs. Kathryn Beaver

Wesleyan Youth

Indiana WESLEYAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 1968

All WY Presidents, Delegates, District Chairman and Ministers are urged to be present for the opening of the Wesleyan Youth Conference Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00 a.m.

This is an important Conference, since it is the first conference in the merged Church. Spend time in prayer for guidance before you arrive. Following is the schedule of the Conference Sessions.

Tuesday—8:00-9:00 a.m.—Opening Session.

Tuesday—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Reports (Treasurers and Standing Committees).

Tuesday—6:00-7:00 p.m.—Committee meetings.

Wednesday—8:00-9:00 a.m.—Special Order—Election of Officers.

Wednesday—1:00-2:00 p.m.—Reports District Chairmen).

Wednesday—6:00-7:00 p.m.—General Business.

WESLEYAN YOUTH ARE ON THE MOVE

The "Top-Teens" are preparing for their crusade in Colombia, South America. If you can help them in any way, financially or otherwise, please do so. Also—there are others traveling for the Lord this summer. At this writing Dean Krieg is in Haiti. Harold Bardsley will be directing a "YES Corps" team to Mexico in August, and others are under consideration for "YES Corps" participation. Your prayers are needed for all of these endeavors.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A TOP-TEEN?

Applications will be available at Youth Camp for entry in this group of dedicated WY's. Get yours, fill it out and return it immediately! You will thrill at the blessings of serving the Lord across our Conference, or perhaps even in other lands.

OAKLAND HILL IN CONTINUING REVIVAL

It is true, Revival comes when we "cash in" the "blank checks" of God's Word. It is happening in the Oakland Hill Church. Many have claimed to desire Revival in the past, and sincerely so. But somehow the Spirit has never visited in a pentecostal outpouring such as has been promised us. Thank God for eyes opened to the realities of what God can do! We have been privileged to be a part of some wonderful Revivals, but never in the manner that we have been experiencing at the Oakland Hill Church, and the end is not yet! Praise the Lord!

Space will not allow a full report, however, here are a few "Keys" and "Results" to the year of Revival among the people in our Church.

Key 1—God revealed to me during the last Service of Camp Meeting last August, that if a certain backslidden church member left the Camp Grounds without God, his eternal destiny would be sealed. I felt this more strongly than I had ever felt anything before. As I went to him, I felt as if my body was in convulsions. Up until this time this precious man had become hardened and came to the Camp Ground that night only to please a friend. As I spoke to him concerning his need, I felt sincerely that I would die if he refused. It was with grateful heart that we saw Bob yield to the ever merciful Master. This man became the key to a spiritual move that has continued through this writing.

Key 2—People began to mind God; In fact, our theme song for each Service became, "I will mind God." Revival Prayer became a matter of course rather than something to bring in focus just at "Revival Time."

Key 3—I felt impelled to preach constantly on the theme of sharing by word of mouth what the Lord had done in the heart. We preached constantly that a Holy Spirit filled person WILL as a result of this filling go out of his way CONSTANTLY to talk to others about Jesus.

Key 4—God sent our way two Evangelists who were willing to mind God and when needful, to give way to the Spirit. Rev. Dallas McIntosh was with us in the Fall and Rev. Milo Bowsman in the late Spring. Both Revivals were "coordinated efforts" preceded by strong promotion in the Sunday School and all other areas of the church. Last Fall it was a Church-Wide "God Speaks" campaign climaxed over the last two Sundays by Revival. This Spring it was "The Spring Round-up" climaxed on the last two Sundays by Revival.

Results:

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1. The first product of such a move is a concerned and God loving people, who have placed God above all else.

2. Young and Old have repented, the oldest being eighty years old. Many lives have been changed dramatically; old bitternesses have been confessed; many "hard-cases" were found easy as the Holy Spirit convicted. Homes have been saved at the last moment, the chain of gripping habits have been thrown off and divine love among the brethren has increased into flood-like proportions.

3. Many of the Services are now punctuated by seekers. Recently, a young couple sought the Lord while her brother and others were received into membership in the Church. Our recent Mothers Day Service was lifted by three Altar Services; included among the seekers were several older Mothers whose children had recently sought and found help at the same Altar. One Couple who found the Lord in February, have since been instrumental in leading five other couples to Christ.

4. Attendance has risen at least 75% in all Services. Following are the attendance averages for This year, April-May, and last for comparison:

Last Year	This Year April-May	
Sun. Sch.	149	293
Morn. Wor.	120	260
Eve. Serv.	90	149
Prayer Meeting	48	84

We are all serving the same Christ; His promises are yours as well. Let us lay aside all preconceived ideas as to how God must work and just "Let God." AND HE WILL!

Richard Abraham, Pastor

Mrs. Robert Malone, wife of the pastor at Dublin, had surgery at the Reid Memorial Hospital at Richmond. She is home and making a good recovery.



Opening services are planned for July 7 at the new Tillman Road Ft. Wayne Church. The pastor Rev. Jesse Jackson has been calling in the community and has found a very gratifying response. Dean Luttrell is getting a team together from the College church to canvass the community and distribute folders on July 6. He did this before opening of the church in Indianapolis and it is so greatly appreciated. Thanks for a good response this past year for Conference Extension. A little over \$14,000.00 has been contributed. We thank you for this and your continued prayers. Our next project will be Richmond. Oh, if we could just get every WESLEYAN to contribute 25¢ a week, what we could do for church extension in Indiana. Will you take this on your heart?

The Nelson Street Church, Marion, has just completed redecorating their parsonage throughout, installed wall-to-wall carpet in all the downstairs with exception of kitchen and study and put in new light fixtures.

The Colfax Church has constructed a lovely two-car garage using material from the old Mt. Olive Church building. This adds much to the parsonage property.

The Dublin Church is getting a face lifting with new siding, roof repair, and interior painting.

The Sims Church has some beautiful glass doors at the front entrance given by a good friend.

The Middle Street, Wabash, Church has had a new Conn organ presented to them by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fulwider in memory of their son, Sgt. Daniel R. Fulwider.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Louks and Orpha of Noblesville, Cherry Street Church have moved into a recently purchased parsonage after remodeling and redecorating it.

I wish to express my appreciation for the prayers, cards, and visits from many friends during my stay in the Anderson Hospital and the two weeks of convalescence at home. I have reassumed my conference duties and am getting along very well. The Lord has been so good to me! My car is being repaired and will probably be finished by July 1. Thanks for everything.

C. A. Hoover

CAMP MEETING

August 9 - 18

Evangelists: Dr. Virgil A. Mitchell

Rev. Luther Cantwell

Song Evangelists:

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Knapp

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Superintendent's Column

Conference Session: We thank God for the wonderful District Conference session held at Fairmount July 15-18. A wonderful spirit of harmony prevailed. Reports indicated God had given a good year with an increase in total membership of 102. More than 3300 seekers were reported and total for all purposes reached an all time high of \$1,712,000. Attendances in Sunday school, morning worship, Sunday evening, and prayer meeting were up.

Transition to the new organizational set up of the new discipline was smoothly made.

The following are members of the District Board of Administration: District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Lee Haines, Carl Beaver, R. L. Kenworthy, Melvin Gentry, E. L. Kierstead, Chester LaRowe, Byron Tippey, Maxwell Enyeart, and E. Barton Carter.

Representing our District on the General Board of Administration are Woodrow Goodman, Carl Beaver, E. Barton Carter.

In the Future—Tuesday August 13, 8:00 A.M. District Board of Administration meeting at the Centennial Building on camp ground. They plan to meet the second Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday August 27, 7:00. All District Church Extension meeting at Sveden House, Marion, Indiana. All pastors and their wives are expected to be present.

Sunday September 15. District wide Church Extension Sunday. Every pastor presenting the Calendar Plan. Let's raise \$20,000 this year.

October and November. Special emphasis on Sunday evening service. Start laying plans now for 1. Increase in attendance. 2. New converts. 3. New church members.

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL RELATIONS RECOMMENDATION—

We recommend that the request of the Elkhart Church to unite with the former Elkhart Pilgrim Holiness Church be approved.

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District Superintendent—Kenneth Dunn

Ass't Dist. Supt.—C. A. Hoover II. PASTORAL SERVICE—

A. Pastors of the Indiana District:

Albion—Thomas Wildey, Edna Wildey, Associate pastor

Amboy (P. C.) Lowell Ross (Supply pastor)

Anderson, Arrow Ave.—William Abresch

Anderson, 9th St.—Harvey Herring

Argos—Edward Smithee (Supply pastor)

Atlanta—Carl Riden

Back Creek—Stephen Skinner*

Bakers Corner—Lloyd Van Meter*

Beaver Creek—Dean Krieg

Bethel (P. C.) Denzil Brown

Blue River—Kenneth Heer

Bluffton—Owen Heinzman

Bryant—Floyd Metz

Carmel—E. L. Kierstead

Carthage—John T. Baker

Cicero—Carl Shaw

Colfax—Robert McDuffee

Converse—Melvin Welch

Davis—R. J. Otis

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Fountain City—Dwayne Snyder

Fowler—Wilbur Killin

Fowlerton—Harold Walker

Gas City, East Side—Bob Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Associate

Gaston (P. C.) Roscoe Coleman

Grant City—Richard Badgley

Green Chapel—Lawrence Byrnes

Greentown—Harold Bardsley

Hamilton—Everett Mart

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Indianapolis, St. Clair—Virgil Ford

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Indianapolis, Shelby St.

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Kirklin—Paul Abraham, Gleda Abraham, associate pastor

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Kokomo, South—Fred Delph

Kokomo, Southdowns—Carl

Holder

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LaOtto—Floyd Freiheit

Larwill (P. C.) C. A. Wildhagen (Supply pastor)

Lebanon, Green St.—Philip Harris (Supply pastor)

Lewis Creek—Robert Golding

Logansport, Mich. Ave.—James McClain

Lugar Creek—Charles Parkinson
Marion, Brinker Heights—Eugene Harwell

Marion, College—Melvin L. Gentry, John Porterfield*, assistant
Marion, Hillside—Melvin Shoemaker, Milo Bowsman, Emeritus
Marion, Home Corner—Eldine Landis

Marion, Lakeview—Eugene Cockrell, Timm Jackson*, assistant
Marion, Nelson St.—Donald C. Fisher

Marion, W. 8th St.—Glenn C. Cockrell

Martinsville—Alvin Holloway

Matthews (P. C.) Walter L. Rogers, Jr. (Supply pastor)

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Leo Cox, Clarence Huffman,
Walter Titus, Wilbur G. Williams
Assistant Business Manager—
George Ott
Director of Church Relations—
Howard Noggle
Librarian in Marion College—
Harold Boyce
Professor in Asbury Seminary—
W. T. Dayton
Teacher—Owosso College—Robert Daughenbaugh

10% gain in every school this coming year.
Set some goals and work and plan toward them.

See yearly averages below.

S.S. Secretary

C. Eugene Cockrell

Average Sunday School attendance 1967-68.

Albion	98
Amboy	25
Anderson, Arrow Ave.	101
Anderson, 9th St.	61
Argos	84
Atlanta	49
Back Creek	54
Bakers Corner	63
Beaver Creek	78
Bethel	18
Blue River	106
Bluffton	92
Bryant	88
Carmel	69
Carthage	77
Cicero	73
Colfax	38
Converse	76
Davis	84
Decatur	54
Deming	14
Dublin	38
Edgerton	66
Elkhart	37
Elwood, Main St.	70
Elwood, South Side	82
Fairmount, 3rd St.	183
Fishersburg	211
Fort Wayne, Moeller Rd.	158
Fort Wayne, Spring St.	127
Fountain City	58
Fowler	82
Fowlerton	58
Gas City	171
Gaston	37
Grant City	78
Green Chapel	47
Greentown	169
Hamilton	73
Hamlet	55
Hartford City	136
Huntington, Etna Ave.	100
Indianapolis, Eastlawn	138
Indianapolis, St. Clair	36
Indianapolis, Shelby St.	91
Indianapolis, Southview	75
Jonesboro, Main St.	166
Kingsford Heights	45
Kirklin	51
Kokomo, East	46
Kokomo, North	69
Kokomo, South	78
Kokomo, Southdowns	78
Lafayette, Oakland Hill	190
Lafayette, Schuyler Ave.	213
Laketon	64
Lancaster	64
LaOtto	95
Larwill	12
Lebanon	35
Lewis Creek	62
Logansport	44
Lugar Creek	55
Marion, Brinker Heights	86
Marion, College	347
Marion, Hillside	332
Marion, Home Corner	128
Marion, Lakeview	295
Marion, Nelson St.	285
Marion, West 8th St.	186
Martinsville	70
Matthews	41
Mechanicsburg	20
Miami	51
Mishawaka	73
Monument Chapel	65
Mt. Etna	52
Mt. Zion, Henry Co.	113
Mt. Zion, Howard Co.	33
Muncie, Bethel Heights	67
Muncie, Memorial Drive	99
New Castle, 9th St.	145
Noblesville, Cherry St.	75
Noblesville, 10th St.	70
Peru	41
Pleasant Grove	15
Plummer Chapel	44
Plymouth	202
Portland	112
Richmond	74
Shelbyville, Tompkins St.	126
Sheridan	72
Shiloh	161
Silver Lake	77
Sims	135
South Bend	113
Star	27
Summitville	71
Sweetser	94

Sunday School

OH! MY SUMMER SLUMP!

What does it mean to have a summer slump? It may mean that we have done nothing to keep Sunday School moving. It may mean that we expect and have a great summer slump.

Sunday Schools that showed a large increase for the year are schools that showed a large increase during what we call summer slump months. Is it necessary to suffer in Sunday School attendance during the summer? I am afraid we make too much allowance for a lack of Sunday School attendance in the summer months. I know of one Sunday School that was determined not to suffer a summer loss and didn't.

September will open a new thrust for Sunday School. August should be planning month for the fall thrust.

We showed a small gain in average attendance this year, but let's make a

Thorntown	115
Tipton, North St.	158
Uniondale	48
Valparaiso	40
Victory Chapel	35
Wabash, Middle St.	58
Wabash, North	95
Warren	56
Warsaw	109
Wesley Chapel	81
Westfield	80

WMS

ANNUAL REPORT

The seventy-ninth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Indiana Conference of The Wesleyan Church convened in the Wesley Service Center building on the Fairmount Campground, Fairmount, Indiana, July 16-18, 1968.

Mrs. Olive Coleson presented the Worship in Word. Tuesday morning she stressed that our greatest need today is not more human activity, nor more ambition, but our need is a full abandonment to God, a deeper life of heavenly humility, and a greater life of praise and prayer. Thursday morning she mentioned the fact that these are perilous times, but our hope is that "Jesus is Coming." The evident presence of the Lord was so refreshing as the devotional period concluded with testimonies and singing.

The president reported that the 102 Indiana Wesleyan Missionary societies had raised \$66,994.24 in cash during the year. The annual report revealed a numerical increase in membership of 34. Missionary magazine subscriptions have increased 3.75%, a gain of cash receipts of \$6,294.48.

Mrs. Daisy Cockrell installed the re-elected officers in a lovely service with the theme "Colors in your Installation". Officers are as follows: Mrs. Kathryn Beaver, president, Mrs. Margaret Vardaman, vice-president, Mrs. Madalene Smith, secretary, Mrs. Lucile Ireland, treasurer, and Mrs. Rachel Herring YMWV director. Nancy Moon from the Gas City Church sang the solo, "Only one Life".

Dr. Woodrow I. Goodman and a men's trio represented Marion College. Mrs. Ruth Bowman expressed appreciation for the wonderful support which the Indiana WMS had given for so long and in such abundance to Marion College. The offering which included the dial-a-quarter amounted to \$1617.00, was to pay for the kitchenette in Bowman Hall. This hall honors Dr. Bowman for his many years of sacrificial service in the cause of Higher Education.

Returned missionaries to the Republic of South Africa, Reverend and Mrs. William Morgan were the challenging speakers for the public missionary rally on Wednesday evening. Mr. Morgan stated that the "mission of the church is missions". He quoted from Matthew 6:

18 "I will build my church". He mentioned that the religion of the 18 million Africans was largely demon-worship; however, he stated that the light is coming into this dark continent because of the incoming of the gospel. There are 1600 members and between 50 and 60 preachers in the church there now. The young people's work is the most challenging and he emphasized that with the young people hungry for the gospel, the future is bright. The missionary offering of \$912.49 received in cash and pledges along with the \$852.21 raised from the dial-a-quarter plan will furnish the missionary home in the Republic of South Africa.

All in attendance joined hands and hearts as they formed a circle around the interior of the tabernacle and sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." As the closing strains of music were finished, it was evident that God's presence had been lingering and guiding throughout the sessions.

Marion College

New students accepted to date indicate an increase of about six percent in Wesleyan students next fall. However, the total number of accepted students is running behind the monthly records of one year ago. Increased activity this summer could bring the final number of new students equal to that of last September.

The merging conference took action setting the educational budget at 2.2 percent of the church's income less building funds. Funds so collected must be redistributed to the educational area from whence they were paid. The General Board of Administration has voted a tentative distribution of the funds to the respective schools to be the same percentage of the educational budget that was received in 1967-68. The Commission of Higher Educational Institutions will consider a more permanent formula for distribution. In the meantime, each area has a comity committee studying the college needs and responsibilities.

Building activity on the Marion College campus has been quite extensive this summer. The big project is the science building. Foundations and steel frames are in place. The outside walls are expected to be completed before severe winter weather. In the meantime, the completion of Bowman Hall and several smaller campus projects have been underway.

Dr. David Seamands from Wilmore, Kentucky, will be the guest speaker for the Spiritual Emphasis Week on the campus, September 23-29. The prayers of our Wesleyan family will be appreciated for these meetings.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

WHEREAS our nation came into being with a sturdy Christian character and our phenomenal growth and world-wide influence has been the direct result,

WHEREAS our world now needs the continuance of such a stabilizing influence as never before, and

WHEREAS there are now tearing at our nation's very vitals such influences as racial divisiveness, criminal violence, political intrigue, conniving avarice, materialistic idolatry, Sunday desecration, personal sins of sex indulgences, gambling, drug addiction, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the Wesleyan Church, shall as one man, humble ourselves under the Mighty Hand of God,

- (1) Confessing our own sins of neglect of duty, indifference to responsibility, half-heartedness in service, lukewarmness in devotion, over indulgence of self, and correcting the same.
- (2) Confessing of sins of our nation,
 - (a) Confessing that God has been extremely patient and long-suffering with us.
 - (b) Confessing that our present judgments of war, racial strife, exploding crime, political instability, international tensions, are far less than we deserve.
- (3) Imploring the mercy of God in turning us back, as a nation to the true ways of righteousness, integrity, honesty, fear toward God, respect toward our fellowman, and correcting the same.
- (4) Imploring God for a national and world-wide revival of Bible Christianity, as exemplified in the book of Acts, and that such a revival begin in us individually, in us as a united church, in us throughout Christendom, that it begin now, and that it be so thorough as to actually fulfill our Lord's impassioned prayer for us, "One, that the world may believe."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. That individually we be holy in all manner of our living.
2. That as families we be thoroughly Christian in all our activities together, doing all to the glory of God.
3. That faithful church attendance, support, and participation will be a family affair.
4. That all our worship lead directly to daily dynamic witnessing of Christ, at home, at school, at work, at play, to the end that all may be speedily won to our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. That we fulfill our national responsibilities by specific interest, con-

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cern, and action in all major issues and particularly in prayerful selection of responsible leadership to all public offices.

6. That we as Wesleyans re-adopt, with a new realism, John Wesley's personal challenge, "The World Is My Parish." May God grant that our outreach to others will indeed be a new dimension with us. For truly it is later than we think.

7. That we cheerfully accept the merger in a spirit of cooperation and fellowship, that together we may advance the Wesleyan doctrine of full salvation by emphasizing definite experiences of grace in conversion and sanctification, living in the joyful expectancy of our Lord's return.

To these ends we do solemnly dedicate ourselves, God Almighty being our helper.

NOTICE
BLUE CROSS INSURANCE
should be mailed by Aug. 20 to
C. A. Hoover, 401 W. 39th St.,
Marion, Indiana 46952. This is
for Sept., Oct. and Nov.
Amount \$74.88.

FAIRMOUNT CAMP

AUGUST 9 thru 18



EVANGELIST
DR. V. A. MITCHELL
Marion, Indiana



EVANGELIST
REV. LUTHER CANTWELL
Miami, Florida

WEEK DAY SERVICES:

Prayer Meeting	6:30 a.m.
Youth Service	9:00 a.m.
Children's Services	9:45-11:45 a.m.
	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Camp Meeting Messages	10:00 a.m.
	2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Prayer Meeting	6:30 a.m.
Camp Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Camp Meeting Messages	10:00 a.m.
	2:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Ordination Service, August 11,	10:00 a.m.

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