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Let Us Rededicate Ourselves

My ministry began with a two-point circuit in two little villages along the Gulf Coast. I soon found that the demands and the needs were greater than my ability or training. In every appointment since, the same has been true, even as it is now in a new assignment as your bishop. In my opinion, every church is too big for a mere man, but no church is too big for God, for it is his church and it is amazing what God can do through even an inadequate person who is dedicated to him. I have tried to be dedicated and shall continue to try for newer and deeper commitments, and so call on you, the ministers and laymen of Kansas Methodism to pray that I may be the kind of a leader God needs at this time in this place.

We were delighted beyond measure when informed that we were being assigned to the Kansas Area. This is a great Methodist state with a virile and vital church. Across the years I have been deeply impressed with the quality of the leadership of Kansas Methodism and as I have become better acquainted with more of you in these recent days, am even more impressed. I have met with each of the cabinets and I have never seen a finer group of district superintendents than Bishop Slater appointed. It will be a joy working with these men, and with each of you.

To succeed Bishop Slater is an honor. I know and share fully your deep love and high respect for him, for he has been my close friend for 20 years. Your welcome to us has been warm and wonderful and we look forward to knowing you better and working closely with you.

Let us together rededicate ourselves that God may use us in the days and years to come in a greater way than ever He has in the past that we may fulfill His high calling to which He has called us as "the people of God."

God bless you.
 W. McFERRIN STOWE



Welcome Kansas Bishop

The new leader of the quarter million Kansas Methodists, Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, and his family already have met and been welcomed by many of their people.

Until his election as a bishop of The Methodist Church, June 30, in Dallas, Bishop Stowe had been pastor, since 1951, of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. With 7,200 members, it is the third largest Methodist church in the nation.

Ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1940, Bishop Stowe is a fifth-generation Methodist preacher ("counting both sides" of his family). He was born in Tennessee, received his higher education in Arkansas, North Carolina, and Massachusetts; served churches in Texas; was a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville; and then went to First Methodist Church, Stillwater, Okla., before going to St. Luke's.

He has a bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., 1932; bachelor of divinity from Duke University, Durham, N.C., 1935; a doctor of philosophy from Boston University School of Theology, 1938; and honorary doctor of divinity degrees from Oklahoma City University and Hendrix.

Bishop Stowe is the author of two books and has contributed to two others and to religious journals. He has been visiting professor or lecturer at many colleges, universities, graduate schools, pastors' schools, and religious emphasis weeks.

On July 28, 1943, he was married to Twila Farrell, a graduate of Texas Technological College in Lubbock with a degree in music. They have three children: William McFerrin, Jr., born in 1946; Twila Gayle, 1949; and Martha Elizabeth, 1954.



The Delmar Campbell family.

New Staff Members

The Rev. George Paris is the new state director of the Methodist Student Movement (MSM), with offices in Topeka. A native Kansan and a 1949 graduate of Southwestern College, Mr. Paris has served as director of Wesley Foundation at the University of Tennessee and has held campus ministry positions in Minnesota and Texas.

• Mrs. Howard (Betty) Stephens, Topeka, has been named assistant executive secretary of the Kansas Conference, replacing Mrs. B. A. Gessner.



Mrs. Stephens

Her special responsibility will be with children's work. She is an active member of First Church, Topeka, and has taught in leadership and laboratory schools.

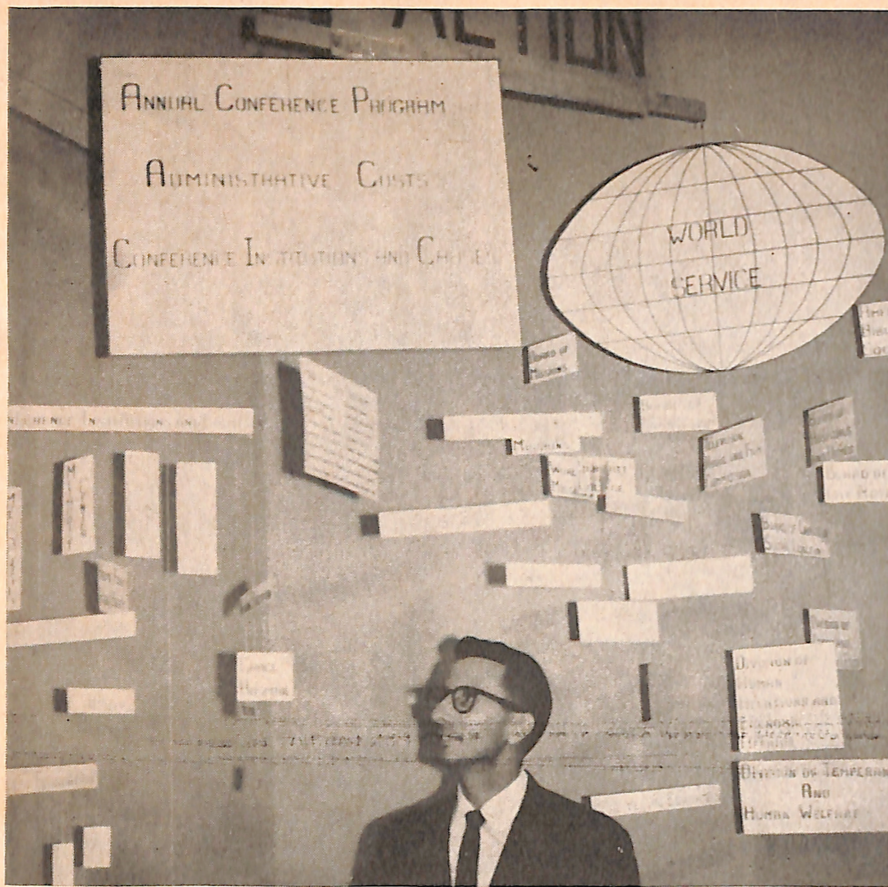
Teach Joy of Giving

"Raise up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The old slogan is being proved again by the Delmar Campbell family of Grace Methodist Church, Wichita, who have been tithers for the past two years and are teaching their four children to give regularly.

"I didn't want to tithe," Mrs. Campbell confessed. "I thought we couldn't afford it. But when Mike, now two, was born and was very ill, we decided that we had better consider more seriously what was most important in life—material things or our faith.

"From now on we will always tithe," she continued. "The joy and satisfaction it has brought us can never be explained to someone who has never tried it."

The four children: Vicki, 8; Jolanda, 7; Lori, 6; and Mike, 2, all have made a pledge and have their own church envelopes. Each "writes" his own name and places the envelope in the offering plate every Sunday.



To demonstrate the Central Kansas Conference \$4.1 million Faith in Action program, the Rev. Howard Crenshaw, Turon, made a mobile with appropriate cards indicating the causes to be supported. As shown in the photo, World Service gets the largest share. But the great number of other special needs to be met are clearly demonstrated.

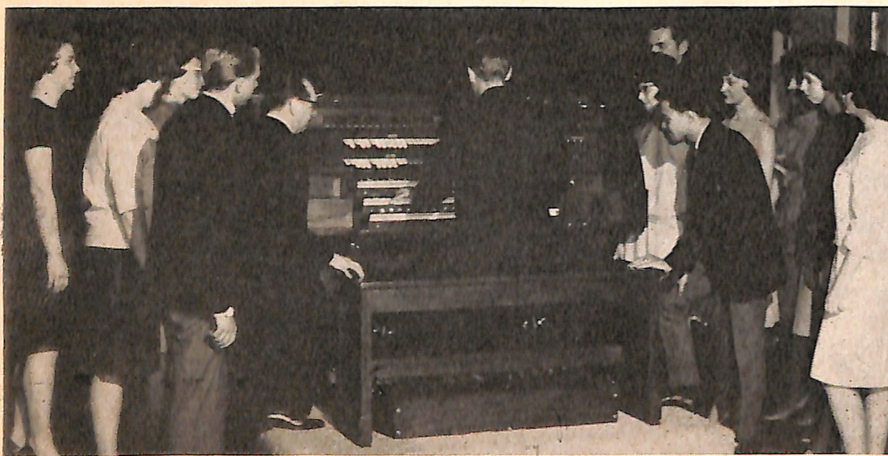
Kansas Pastors' School September 28-October 1

The annual Kansas Pastors' School will be at Trinity Church, Hutchinson, with the Revs. Lyman Johnson and Roy Brady as co-deans.

Bishop Paul Milhouse, EUB leader, Kansas City, Mo., and Bishop W. Mc-

Ferrin Stowe will be special guests at the school.

Lecturers are Dr. James Hares, director of Christian education, Highland Park Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. George Hedley, chaplain, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.; and Dr. Alan Walker, Methodist preacher from Sydney, Australia.



Kansas Wesleyan organ students surround the college's new three-manual custom-built electronic organ dedicated at commencement time. At left of the organ is Prof. Harry H. Huber. The instrument is a gift of Mrs. Christina Shriwise, Boulder, Colo.

Methodist Youth Make News

Twelve members of the Pratt MYF and six from Andover spent a work-week at Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas, June 7-14. Led by the Rev. David Dalke, the young people helped prepare the auditorium for school use. They moved furniture, washed chairs, dusted and scrubbed floors, scraped gum, and washed, from scaffolding, the 28 huge windows. Living as a minority group amid 2,400 Mexican families was a valuable experience in Christian concern and understanding, their leaders feel.

• Kent, Marvin, Glen, and Clyde Amerine were presented honorary youth memberships in the Woman's Society of Christian Service by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Amerine of Great Bend. The memberships represent a financial investment in schools, homes, hospitals, and other Woman's Society projects.

• Nancy Murray, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Murray, Derby, spent the summer working at Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Ky., one of the home mission stations of The Methodist Church. Nancy was graduated from East High in Wichita this spring and will enroll in music at Wichita State University this fall.

• Larry Carver, Mulvane, a student at Boston University School of Theology, and Ann Mason, Shreveport, La., granddaughter of the late Bishop and Mrs. Dana Dawson, were married June 6. Larry is associate minister at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Lynn, Mass., and Ann is director of Christian education at Christ Methodist Church in Malden, Mass. Bishop Dawson had hoped to perform the ceremony, but died just a month before. His son, Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., officiated. The young couple plans to return to a church in Kansas next year.



Mrs. Carver

Kansans Leave for Overseas Service

Six young Kansas men and women will be among the 45 Methodist special-term missionaries to go overseas this fall for assignments in Africa, Asia, and North and South America. They are called 3's as their term of service is three years.

New emphasis this year is the special task force of 16 single men going to the Congo. Clifford Berthold, Jr., Spivey, and Frederick Tiffany, Lyndon, are among them. This task force is comprised of carefully selected men who will go into tense and difficult situations in the Congo where regular missionary families would not be assigned. They will receive a year of special training in Brussels, Belgium, before going to Africa. Both Kansas men will be teachers.

The four young women spent six weeks this summer at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y. The training stresses Bible study, theology, linguistics, area studies and world religions.



Miss Huffman



Miss Peters

Avis Morton, Oberlin, will work in home economics in Liberia. See July Area News Edition.

Judith Ann Huffman, Cunningham, will go to Korea to do educational work. A graduate of Southwestern College in 1962, she has taught in the Dodge City public schools the past two years.

Jeanne Peters, Smith Center, was a graduate in June of Kansas Wesleyan University with a degree in psychology. She will do social work in Liberia.

Katherine Louise Middleton, Oxford, will do social work in Sumatra. She was graduated in January from Kansas State University in Manhattan with a degree in home economics.



Miss Middleton



Methodists in Action

Fred R. McClanahan, Osawatomie, is one of three prominent Methodist laymen who authored resource material for Laymen's Day presentations in local churches October 11. Mr. McClanahan, a life insurance underwriter, discusses the relationship of a Christian to the business world.

• T. Russell Reitz, Manhattan, was elected secretary of The Methodist Church's Coordinating Council for the 1964-68 quadrennium.

• The Hiattsville Church, with 118 members, showed its gratitude for its nonresident, part-time supply minister this spring by giving the Rev. Cecil M. Orr a low-mileage 1960 Ford to replace the 1951 car he had been driving. "This is a remarkable and generous gift, since Hiattsville is such a small church, and most members are farmers in very modest circumstances," Mr. Orr wrote.

• A total of more than 1,500 attended the successful camp meeting at Lake Webster Methodist Camp near Stockton, July 19-26. More than 300 attended each of the Sunday evening services. Evangelist was the Rev. Lee Bedford, director of evangelism of the North Texas Conference.

Improvements added at Camp Webster this year include a rest room-shower house, seven hogans, lighting of grounds, and plantings.

Good enough to eat was the cake replica, left, of the Garfield Church, made by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wells for the 85th anniversary celebration. A new pulpit and lectern were dedicated by Dr. Oren McClure, right. With him is the Rev. Ralph Barcelo, minister of Garfield Church.

Ken's Photos



This happy group of children and teachers is the annual co-operative vacation school group in Arkansas City, with First Meth-

odist and St. James AME churches participating. This year, 91 were enrolled. The Revs. C. H. Hamm and S. L. Woodard

are in back. Juniors met at St. James; others at First Church. Teachers, in back, are from both the participating churches.

PHOTOS WANTED

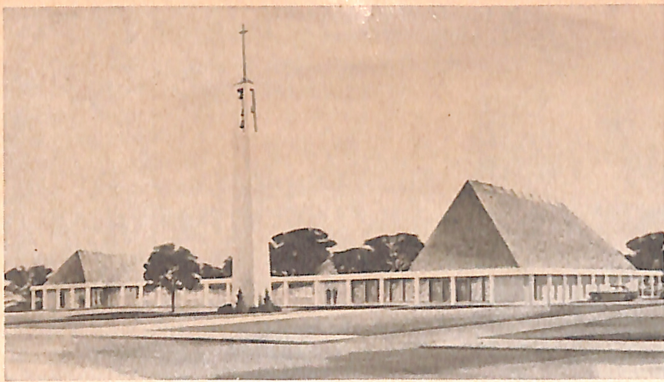
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Deaths . . .

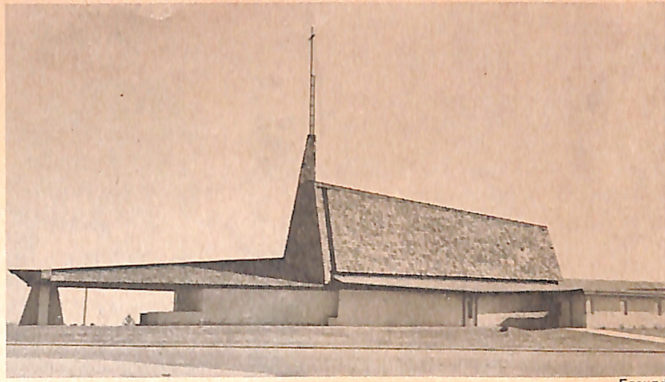
• Mrs. Mary A. Jenkins, widow of the Rev. W. H. Jenkins, died July 23 at Bangor, Pa.

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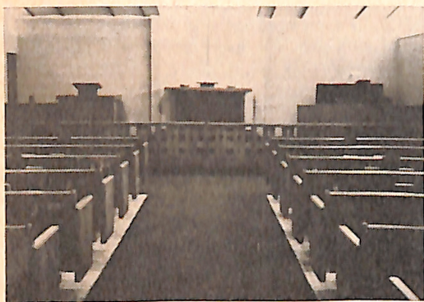
This scale model of the Mt. Vernon Church, in Southeast Wichita, was completed this summer. During the coming year the 500-seat sanctuary, parlor, and basement area will be built, and the present



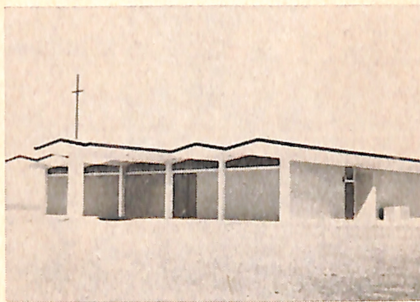
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administrative area will be remodeled. The cost will be \$200,000. Right, above, Greensburg Church, with its praying hands symbolism, cost \$350,000, was consecrated in December. It seats 400.

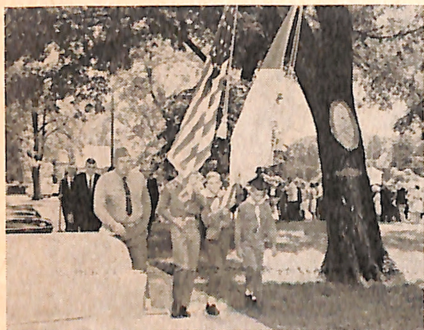
Methodist Building Goes Onward and Upward



Interior and exterior views of the new Kalvesta Church, "the friendly rural western church," says the Rev. Wm. T. Wilkoff. The Cimarron Church, part of



the same charge, joined in consecration services of the \$41,000 building, June 14. Upholstered pews and air-conditioning are included; sanctuary seats more than 100.



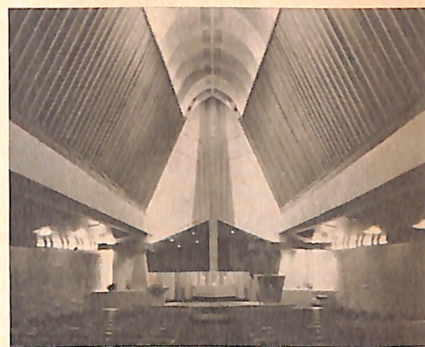
Left: Scouts and flags led the colorful procession to the site of the new Garnett educational building for ground-breaking ceremonies, June 14. Below, left, long-time members watch the leaders wield shovels.



The Glen Thompson family is enjoying this newly acquired parsonage at Lenexa. The Rev. Arthur B. Coole, now retired, is former pastor of this progressive church.

SEND TWO TEAMS THIS YEAR

Trinity Church, Kansas City, is proud of its two young missionary couples who have left for overseas fields this year. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelton left in January, he is an architectural missionary. July 3, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Youmans and their three small children left for the Congo.



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Interior of the Greensburg Church. At consecration services, December 1, a special victory offering of gratitude was taken for church's mission project in Argentina.



Professor of Biochemistry Dr. Orville Voth who will direct the purchase of chemistry equipment on Kansas Wesleyan's \$7,735 grant from National Science Foundation.

NEWS BRIEFS

First Church, Topeka, has approved plans for a new chapel and office wing, to be constructed south of the present church building; total cost to be \$230,000.

- Mrs. Grace Seaton, Salina, is the new director of Esther Hall, Methodist home for working girls in Wichita. New assistant director is Mrs. Dola Mae Gordon, Manhattan.

- To convince worshipers that informality is acceptable during the summer months the brightest sport shirt was recognized Sunday, July 5, at First Church, Leavenworth. "We'll provide our own 'fireworks,'" wrote the pastor in his newsletter.