

M. E. BISHOPS APPROVE 'MERGER' WITH TWO OTHER CHURCHES

South Group Yet to Act; Roberts Park Is Assured Of Recognition in State

Unified Organization of Three Conferences Pledge 7,200,000 Members Aid in Campaign to Lift Debt.

FT. WAYNE, Nov. 13 (U. P.).—A unified Methodist church, embracing some 7,200,000 members was one step nearer today following approval by the Methodist Episcopal Board of Bishops here this week of the proposed merger of the church with the two other Methodist churches.

With the Methodist Protestant Church already on record favorably, only the Methodist Episcopal Church South has yet to act. Results of balloting now taking place will be announced at its general conference next May. Unofficial counts to date indicate that the plan will be accepted by a 10-to-1 majority.

Result of Methodist Episcopal balloting, announced by Rev. J. Arter, Bangor, Me., was: Ministers—for, 10,375; against, 1,277. Laymen—for, 6844; against, 585.

The bishops, in their annual fall meeting here, also announced plans for a United Methodist Council on the Future of Faith and Service, "which will touch off a world wide spiritual crusade."

Council to Meet

The council, suggested by Bishop Charles Wesley Flint of Atlanta, will meet in the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Feb. 3 and 4. More than 4000 leading Methodists will attend. Notables from all Protestant churches are to be invited.

"You can't build the new order with the old men—men whose hearts are still worshipping the idols that are falling all about us," said Bishop Edgar Dale of the Detroit area, sounding the keynote of the campaign.

Bishop J. Ralph Magee of St. Paul, reported that from 1923 to 1935, nearly 3000 Sunday schools were lost, with more than 730,000 scholars dropping from the rolls.

A more intelligent approach to the problem of disseminating Christian education, fitted to different cultural levels, and a broadening of the scope of lesson materials were two methods suggested by the bishops to combat this decline. A program of adult education also was approved.

Take No Stand on War

Without taking a definite stand on the Chinese-Japanese war, the bishops called upon the nearly five million M. E. Church members to contribute to a special fund for the relief of war refugees. Sunday, Dec. 4, was designated as a "China Emergency Sunday," and collections will be taken that day in almost 25,000 churches.

The bishops spent most of their time in executive session, discussing numerous problems, particularly concerning mission work, and evening sessions were given to addresses, attended by hundreds of persons.

Among the speakers were Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, former Deputat University president and now head of the Omaha M. E. area; Bishop Adna W. Leonard of Pittsburgh, and Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Washington, senior pastor.

Marquette, O., was chosen as the site for the spring meeting next May.

Bishop Oxnam sounded a warning to democracy in his address. He declared "mere lip-service to the cause of freedom" and said that positive action was necessary before the masses "turn to the easily planned panaceas, telling of the promised land but leading men to the desert."

"There is enough engineering and political genius in the United States, coupled with a knowledge of economics, to create a society grounded on the principle of equal rights and complete justice for all men," he said.

Rally Event Is Arranged

The Central Baptist Church and Bible School, 23d St. and Park Ave., will hold their Rally Day services tomorrow at 9:30 a. m.

The church has just acquired the building on 23d St. between Park and Central Aves., formerly owned by the Seventh Day Adventists.

Short talks will be given by the Rev. Clive McGuire, Indianapolis Association of Baptist Churches secretary, and the Rev. W. R. Jewell, Indiana Baptist Convention director of religious education.

Guest Speaker Named for Fete

H. M. Glosbrenner is to be guest speaker at the Union Chapel M. E. Church when it celebrates Family and Loyalty Day tomorrow.

GRACE CHURCH COUNCIL'S HOST

Grace M. E. Church will be host to the Tuxedo Council Young People's organization at union services at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Dr. D. H. Gilliat, Indiana Central College, is to speak. Others on the program include the Rev. Ray Mueller, Wallace Street Presbyterian Church; Ralph Wilson, Linwood Christian Church, and the Rev. W. C. Calvert, Grace Church pastor.

RENAMED PASTOR FOR FIFTH YEAR

The Rev. Arthur W. Womack has been reappointed pastor of the C. M. E. Church, N. West and Drake Sts., for the fifth year. His appointment was affirmed at the annual conference in Dayton, O., this week.

The church is having a revival under the leadership of Miss Ruth Lacy, Philadelphia, Pa.

BIBLE CLASS TO PRESENT SKIT



Members of the Ammonia Bible Class of Memorial Baptist Church, shown above in costume, will present the "Old Family Album" at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the church auditorium. Class officers are Mrs. George Luetzel, president; Mrs. A. H. Hoover, vice president, and Mrs. Chester Plank, secretary-treasurer.

Homecoming Tomorrow At Morris Street M. E.

Annual homecoming services, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Morris Street Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held tomorrow in the church, 331 E. Morris St.

The morning sermon by the Rev. Kenneth G. Rogers, pastor, will begin at 9:30 o'clock. Sunday school will meet at 10:15 a. m. A basket dinner will be served at noon.

The Rev. Clifford L. Fitz, Laurel, will give the afternoon sermon. Music will be included on the afternoon program. A basket supper will be followed by the Epworth League meeting and a program by Sunday school pupils.

Plan Bazaar At St. Roch's

St. Roch's Catholic Church is to hold its 15th anniversary bazaar next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the church hall.

A jitney supper is to be held Wednesday at 5 p. m. A barbecue feast Thursday is to be in charge of Mrs. Harold Pilger, and Friday's feature is to be a pancake supper with Mrs. Lou Weber in charge.

The Altar Society, with Mrs. Pete James in charge, is to entertain with a card party at 2 p. m. Friday. Bazaar attractions are to be presented each night, and a turkey social is to climax activities at 8:30 p. m. Friday. Ed Dietz is general chairman.

Pastor to Open Sermon Series

Dr. Guy O. Carpenter, Central Avenue Methodist Church pastor, tomorrow night will deliver the first sermon of a series entitled, "Life's Choices and Responsibilities."

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Young people of the First Presbyterian Church will present a one-act play, "The Years Ahead," at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow in the church chapel. The play is a part of the centennial celebration program of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

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Baptist Fund Asked as Aid To Churches

City Groups Seek \$5000 For Flood-Damaged Institutions.

Indianapolis Baptist Churches will attempt to raise \$5000 through collections at tomorrow's services for additional aid to churches damaged in the Ohio River flood last winter.

The Rev. Reuben H. Lindstrom, Southport Baptist Church pastor, is in charge of the fund drive as chairman of the Indianapolis Baptist Association Flood Relief Committee.

First reports of the amount raised will be made at 10:30 a. m. Monday at the ministers' meeting at the First Baptist Church, with the Rev. George C. Kimsey, president, in charge.

Await News Of 2 in China

Indianapolis relatives of two Americans reported missing in the Sino-Japanese war area today awaited news of their fate.

The missing women were Mrs. Mary W. Hemmingsway and her daughter, Miss Isabel Hemmingsway, for several years workers in the Oberlin Mission Hospital in Taku, China, North Central Province.

Mrs. Hemmingsway is the sister of the Rev. John B. Ferguson, wife of the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, 312 N. Ritter Ave., Irvington Presbyterian Church pastor.

Mrs. Ferguson last heard from her sister and niece in a letter dated Sept. 30. She was informed of their disappearance by a spokesman for Lieut. Gen. Count Jui-chi Terauchi, supreme Japanese commander in North China.

The Rev. Mr. Ferguson said he and his wife were not greatly alarmed, because Mrs. Hemmingsway and her daughter had wide experience in the Orient. In their last letter they said they would seek refuge in the mountain village of Wuwei if fighting threatened their safety.

Club to Hear C. N. Green

The Sutherland Presbyterian Church Women's Auxiliary will sponsor the Breakfast Club at Wheeler City Rescue Mission, 243 N. Delaware St., at 8 a. m. tomorrow. C. Norman Green will address the gathering of unemployed men and women. President Fiedler will read the Scripture lesson.

Beginning Monday, Charles F. Weigle, evangelist from Sebring, Fla., will conduct a two weeks series of meetings at the Mission. Mr. Weigle, International Association of Evangelists past president, has conducted services in all parts of the United States.

Dr. T. T. Tindley, Baltimore, Negro tenor, also will take part in the services.

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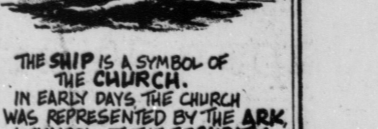
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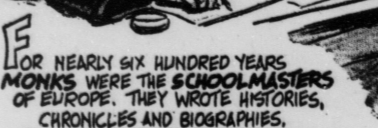
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RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS

Today

5:45 P. M.—NBC-Red: Religion in the News.

Tomorrow

7:30 A. M.—WLW: Church Forum.

7:45 A. M.—WFBM: Today's Problems.

8:00 A. M.—WIRE: Sunday Devotions.

8:30 A. M.—WIRE: East Side Church Christ.

9:00 A. M.—CBS: Church of the Air.

9:00 A. M.—NBC-Red: Radio Pulpit.

9:30 A. M.—WFBM: Christian Men Builders' Class, Third Christian Church.

10:00 A. M.—WLW: Cade Tabernacle Choir.

11:30 A. M.—CBS: Salt Lake City Tabernacle Choir.

3:00 P. M.—NBC-Blue: Sunday Vespers.

3:30 P. M.—WIRE: Lutheran Hour.

5:00 P. M.—WIRE: Catholic Hour.

Evangelic Federation Fall Session Tomorrow

The Evangelical Young Peoples Federation of Indianapolis will hold its fall meeting tomorrow at the Friedens Evangelical Church.

Miss Alberta Niemeyer will open the program at 3 p. m. with the preliminary, "Marche Pontificale," which will be followed by devotion and greetings from the host church.

A business session at 3:30 p. m. will be followed by a trombone solo, "Atlantic Zepphys," by Donald Holzhausen, St. John's Church, Cumberland.

The Rev. Paul R. Zwilling, St. Louis, will speak on "Fields of Service for Young People."

Weekly Sunday School Lesson

The Christian Minister

Text: I Timothy 4:6-16; II Timothy 2:1-4

By W. E. GILROY, D. D.

LESSON dealing with the Christian minister has particular need and appropriateness at the present time.

The value of such a lesson, however, is for all who wish to study and not merely for ministers themselves.

In Paul's letter to Timothy, whom he regarded as his son in the faith, and as a man particularly called to the ministry of the Gospel, we have before us a high ideal for all ministers.

He must be, first of all, a man of Godliness. That is, he must strive to have a character like that of the God whom he worships, and an attitude of love and graciousness toward his fellowmen in harmony with the gospel of the love of God. A true minister of Jesus Christ must be an

example to others, "in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, and in purity."

He must be a reader and a teacher, instructing others that they may also become teachers. He must not look for a life of ease, but must think of himself as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, willing to suffer hardship, and keeping himself clear from entangling alliances that he may be free to serve.

OBVIOUSLY, the power of such a minister and the effect of his ministry depend upon those who are under his care. People have a right to expect great things of ministers, but only in so far as their own hearts and lives they approve of the ideal that they set up for the minister. The worth, power, and effectiveness of the Christian minister in his church and community depend more than is commonly recognized upon the attitude of the laymen.

There is a story told of a church that had had for many years the ministry of a great and brilliant man. It is said that when the end of this man's ministry came and the responsible laymen of the church were looking for a successor, they said, "We shall not seek a man whose record and attainment are comparable to the great minister who has served us. We shall look, rather, for a young man of devotion and promise, and the church will make him."

The man whom they called became internationally known as a great preacher and leader. It was not quite true that the church made him, for he had the qualifications of greatness in him; but even this man of influence could not have wielded such power in pulpit and pastorate if he had not had the strong support and confidence of the wise laymen of that church.

When later in his life this minister went to another distinguished church, his ministry lacked something of the power and effect that it formerly had, because he did not find the support of laymen of similar vision and devotion.

IF there be a church suffering anywhere from an ineffective ministry, let the laymen take the situation to heart, not in narrow criticism, not in faultfinding, not in weakening the resources of the minister, but in giving him a new attitude of support in prayer, in encouragement, and if it be in critical suggestion, with kindness and constructive purpose.

EVANGELIST CHAS. F. WEIGLE

with E. T. TINDLEY, NEGRO TENOR of Baltimore, Md., at WHEELER MISSION, 245 N. Delaware

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