

Finance Group Handling \$16 Millions Of Church Funds, Meeting At Lake

The 33-member board which handles the central treasury of The Methodist Church and O.K.'s the annual distribution of about \$16 million of general benevolent funds met for a four-day session at Lamona, Lake Junaluska, Wednesday.

Known as the Council on World Service and Finance, this responsible body of businessmen and ministers from all parts of the nation headed by Bishop Clare Purcell of Birmingham, Ala. Its executive secretary and treasurer is the Rev. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago where the Board has its headquarters.

The practical success of the unification accomplished in 1939 by merger of the three major U.S. Methodist bodies was attested in a report exhibited by Dr. Lugg. It showed that annual giving has increased by 283% in the past three years. In 1940 the Methodist church gave \$75,608,889 for all purposes; in 1952, \$289,800,000.

Measured by purchasing power, however, this advance is reduced about 100%, Dr. Lugg stated. Church membership since unification has increased by 23.2% according to reports of Dr. Albert C. Lippert of Chicago. It now stands at 1,180,428. In addition there are 793 preparatory members. In churches on overseas mission fields there are 734,000 members.

The typical Methodist Church year distributed each dollar as it follows, it was shown: for ministerial support, 34c; for church improvements and reduction; 25c for operating expenses and 15c for benevolences. The Southern states 37% of money contributed to the churches last year went for new buildings or plant improvement. The church building boom is evident this figure is 7% higher than for the north central states.

The Methodist benevolent giving for the past year, Dr. Lugg stated as \$42,318,470. This includes \$8,586,046 raised by the denomination's Woman's Societies Christian Service for their missionary, educational and philanthropic program at home and abroad.

World Service, the name given to the general church benevolences, showed an increase of 7% over last year, Dr. Lugg stated.

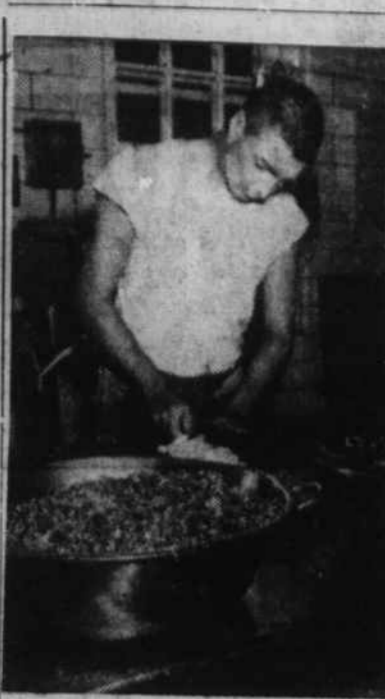
Publication of two new million dollar headquarters buildings, one for headquarters, the other for educational administration, both located in Nashville was made in reports. The Evangelism building includes offices of the Upper Room, a bi-monthly devotional publication, 2,553,323 copies, 17 editions and 17 languages.

Response to a call to the 1952 General Conference was almost 100% support of a new Interdenominational Cooperation Fund. The sum of \$7,971 raised for this fund will be distributed to meet the Methodist share in various cooperative projects carried on through the National and World Councils of Churches.

St. Salem's Centenary celebration appeared midway in a tabulation of the 35 local Methodist churches of the nation giving more than \$8,000 annually to World Service, and conference benevolences. Its 1952 gift to these was \$9,450. The only other church in this group from the Western Jurisdiction was Galveston, Texas.

An incidental report made to the council by Dr. Hoover, (A. C. Hoover, Chicago), official statistics showed that 24,431 Roman Catholics seem to have joined The Methodist Church during the 12-month period studied. 6,663 Methodists affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church during the same period.

The survey was based on an in-depth study of every 20th Methodist Church. Of the Catholics who the Methodists 57% did so out of dissatisfaction with the of their former religion, 40% made the change because of marriage.



PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.—There are always the inevitable vegetables to be cut up for tasty salads. Here, Private Miles Stamey, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Stamey, Waynesville, cuts up celery for a salad. Stamey is undergoing recruit training at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot with the Western Carolina "Mountaineer" platoon. The platoon is now on its week of mess duty as part of the training. (Marine Corps Photo).

Watermelon Feast Set For 9th At Hominy Plains

By MRS. M. SWAIM
Community Reporter

The Hominy Community meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday night at the Plains Methodist Church. A good program is being planned by the chairman and everyone is urged to attend. A watermelon slicing will be enjoyed following the program.

Miss Sara Lee Clark and her cousin, Miss Freda Clark, were honored at a picnic on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clark. Sara Lee leaves soon to enter Western Carolina College, and Freda goes to Woman's College at Greensboro.

Carl James Clark was the proud winner of one of the top prizes given at the opening celebration at Champion Motor Company last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Robinson had as their guests the past week, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dempsey, and Mrs. J. J. Perry of Greenville, S. C., parents and sister of Mrs. Robinson.

Zeke Morris returned home Sunday, after undergoing eye treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Swaim and family visited their parents in Hayesville over the week end.

Editors Of Farm Paper Touring In Haywood Today

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and five associate editors, were making a tour of Haywood county today, studying the Community Development program.

They left here at 10:30, accompanied by Wayne Franklin, county agent, and Miss Mary Cornwell, home demonstration agent, Wayne Corpening, former county agent, was here in connection with the trip.

The group visited Jonathan Creek, Iron Duff, South Clyde, Thickety, and the Pigeon Valley area.

Their schedule calls for returning here late this afternoon.

DEATHS

MRS. MARY R. GADDY
Mrs. Mary Reed Gaddy, 68, of 40 Beaverdam Street, Canton, died this morning in the Haywood County Hospital after an extended illness. She was the widow of John T. Gaddy, who died last November.

Rotarians Hear 'Tyker' Tell Of Soap Box Derby

Frank ("Tyker") Miller, winner of the Western North Carolina Soap Box Derby, told Rotarians Friday of his recent trip to compete in the National Derby in Akron, O., and some of his experiences racing his car. "Tolling Turtle". Edison Hill, one of the Jaycee sponsors from Asheville who accompanied "Tyker" to Akron, said he Waynesville boy would have won the national race and the \$5,000 scholarship first prize had it not been for the sudden high wind

which developed on the 970-foot track. "Tyker" told of the 3 months it took to construct his car at a cost of \$10 plus wheels and the extreme care which has to go into every little construction detail. One boy, he related, had the wheels on his racer turned by motor for 1600 hours as a breaking-in process. There were 152 entries from all 48 states in addition to Germany, Alaska and Canada. A crowd of

Homing Balloon
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — An observation balloon released by the Weather Bureau here recently acted like a homing pigeon—it floated eight miles away, then returned home. G. P. Crawford, meteorologist in charge of the airport station, said it was extremely unusual for a balloon to land near where it was released. Instruments showed the balloon went eight miles east after climbing to 85,000 feet.

Many Haywood Horses To Be In Canton Horse Show

Almost all of the Haywood horses which participated in the Waynesville show will be in the Horse Show in Canton on Labor Day. Many of the horses which took top honors at the Waynesville Show here on the 22nd, will be seen performing again on Monday. The Canton show is also providing a special class for colored riders, and announced that three colored Waynesville men will ride. They include Thad Howell on Monday.

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