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Lake Junaluska Platform Has Unique Decorations For World Methodist Meeting



PLATFORM of Lake Junaluska has been decorated for the Methodist Council meeting, which is expected to attract delegates from about 72 nations of the world. Shown from left: the Rev. E. Benson Perkins of Birmingham, England, secretary; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, secretary; Bishop Holt of St. Louis, Mo., president; and Dr. Harold Roberts of Richmond, Surrey, England, vice president. (Photo by Grenell)

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Behind the platform in the main auditorium at Lake Junaluska are special decorations for the conference of World Methodism which will be meeting at the lake Sept. 1-13.

Along the top of the panel of decorations are the words John Wesley, the father of Methodism, wrote in his last letter to America shortly before he died: "The Methodists are one people in all the world."

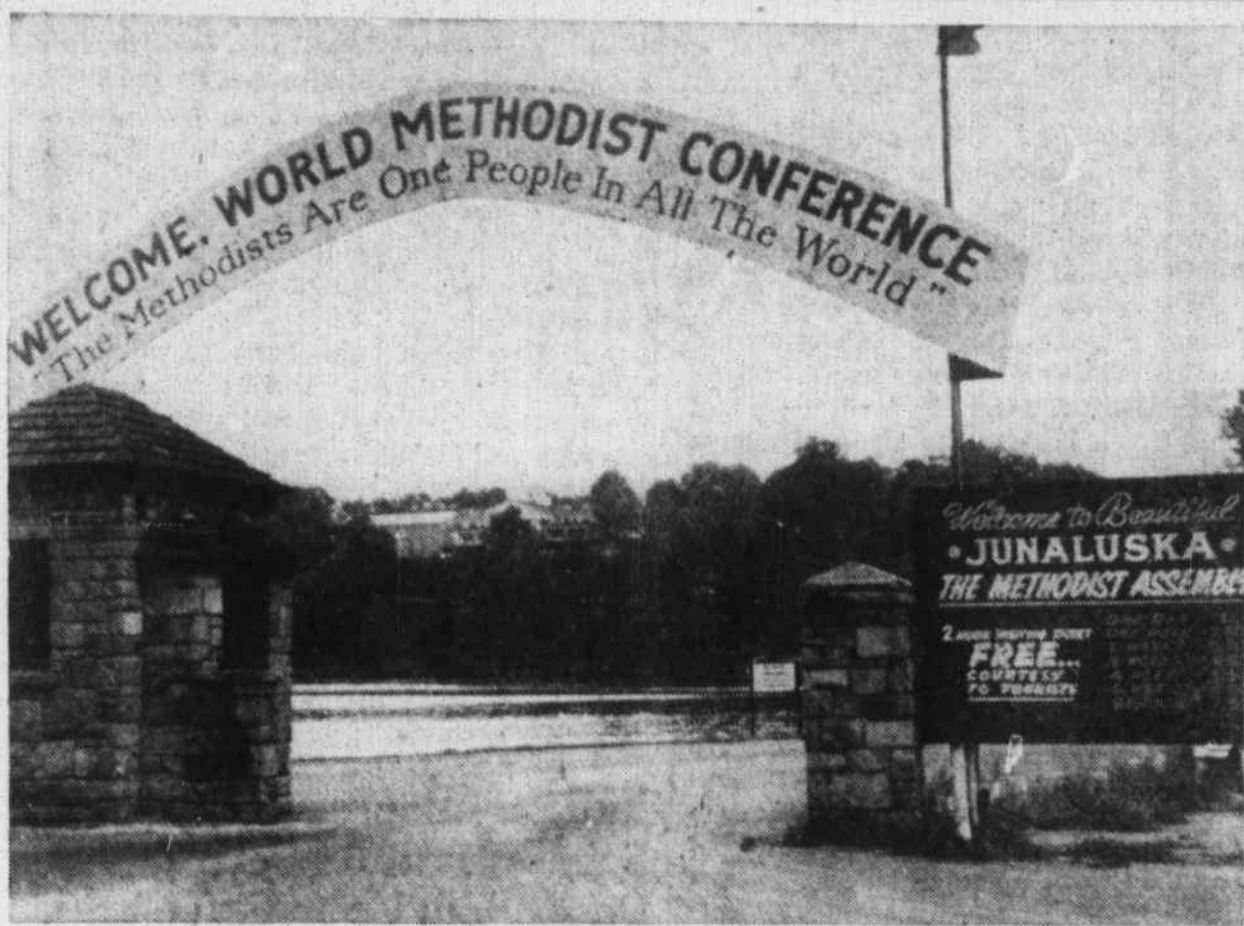
On the left side is a large poster with a portrait of Francis Asbury and the words "I am going to live with God, and to bring others to do so." A portrait of Wesley is on the right side with the words "I felt my heart strangely warmed."

In the center is a colorful design surrounded by white, draped curtains which has puzzled many persons at the lake. It is really the earliest coat of arms of the Wesley family.

For many centuries in England historic families and the nobility generally have had what are called "coats of arms." These really derive from the practice of the knights of early centuries who carried a distinctive design on their shield together with a crest. These designs and the crests became the coats of arms of the knights and their descendants.

There are many branches of the Wesley family and most of them have such a coat of arms. The oldest known is found engraved on a seal which dates from 1324.

This is the old coat of arms illustrated on the design in the Junaluska auditorium. The shield has a red ground with a white cross. On the cross are five scallop shells. These were often



LAKE JUNALUSKA'S sign of welcome to delegates to the World Methodist Conference on the assembly grounds emphasizes the unity of the

church in the words of founder John Wesley—"The Methodists Are One People in All the World." (Mountaineer Photo).

used as the sign of pilgrims, probably for the reason that the pilgrims used the scallop shell to collect alms.

The scallop shell was also used to denote one who had been on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, probably in one of the many crusades

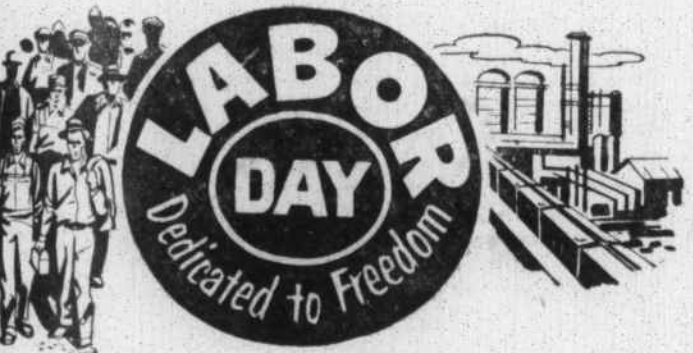
of the middle ages. It would seem to be the case, therefore, that one of the ancestors of the Wesley family went on such a crusade.

The strange figure above the shield is the crest and is called a cockatrice. This is a purely mythical animal such as the wyvern or

griffin or unicorn. The cockatrice has the head of a cock and the tail of a serpent. It is unlikely that any meaning is to be attached to this. It is to be understood as merely a distinctive crest and thus placed above (Continued on Page 7)



PRINCIPALS at the opening session Saturday of the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska include Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco, who will preside Saturday night at a special program, "Panorama of Methodism"; the Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts of England, vice president; Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Lake Junaluska, secretary, and Bishop Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco, who will preside Saturday night at a special program, "Panorama of Methodism".



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Methodist Federation Joins Council

The World Federation of Methodist Women, in session at Lake Junaluska, voted Wednesday to affiliate with the World Methodist Council.

Forty Methodist bodies in 70 countries hold membership in the council, an administrative group linking Methodists around the world.

Leaders of the women's group explained that affiliation with the council means expansion of the federation's program, but that the group will retain its individuality and special work.

The federation was to elect new officers today and request the council to confirm them. The group also voted to hold future meetings as a unit immediately prior to the council-sponsored conferences.

Action of the women delegates in affiliating with the council caused four women's groups to join the federation: They are: Methodist Women of Great Britain, Methodist Women of Australia, Methodist Women of New Zealand and women of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Delegates were told Wednesday by Mrs. Jose L. Valencia of the Philippines that "the world is in chaos because Christians do not live like Christians should."

Calling for good will, understanding and brotherhood, Mrs. Valencia said "if all the peoples around the world could be lovers of God and man there would be world citizenship, but we cannot maintain world fellowship until we strengthen our fellowship at home in small groups."

A feature of Wednesday's program was the presentation to foreign delegates of colorful Indian head necklaces as the gifts of Indian Methodist Mission Conference of Oklahoma. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ted Ware of Anadarko, Okla., an Indian delegate.

"We believe in the possibility of women, as instruments in the (Continued on Page 7)

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