

Methodists to Pay More Money

Atlantic City, N.J., Jan. 13 (AP)—Increased contributions from American Methodists are needed to offset the loss of funds from other sources in financing the church's colleges and institutions.

The plea to this country's 9,000,000 Methodists was made yesterday by Herbert Burghstahler, chancellor of Ohio Wesleyan college.

In an address to the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the Methodist church, Burghstahler said it needs heavier contributions to make up for the loss of male students to military service, decreased returns from endowment funds, loss of many GI-bill students and the reduced value of the dollar.

He told the association that Methodists have contributed an average of only 21.8 cents a year to help support the church's 125 colleges and universities. He said this amounted to \$2,013,000 annually—six per cent of the operating budget of the schools.

Burghstahler said some 160 Wesleyan Foundation (student religious foundations) in non-Methodist schools have been receiving an average of 5.5 cents a year from each church member.

Following Burghstahler's report, the association moved to ask that Methodist general conference next year to request church members to increase their contributions an average of 75 cents a year—50 cents for colleges and universities and the balance for the foundations.

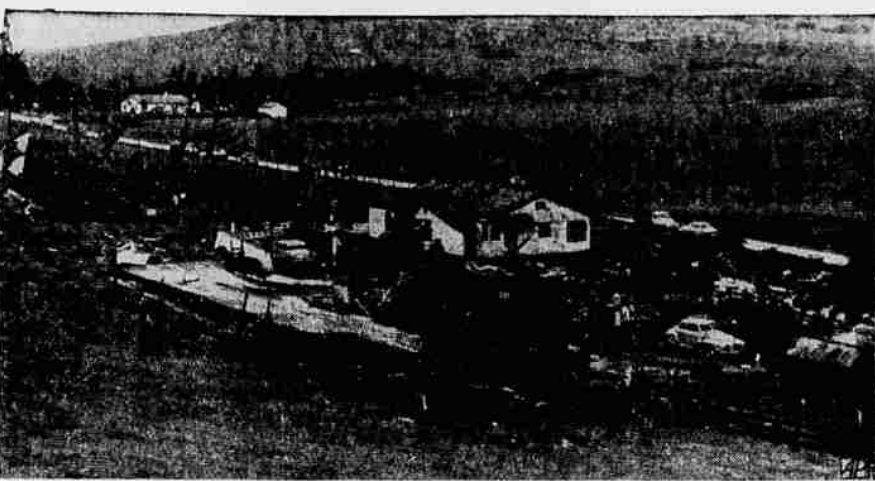
A total enrollment of 218,000 students in Methodist colleges, including students of all faiths, was reported by Dr. John O. Gross of Nashville, Tenn. He added that 350,000 Methodist students are attending colleges of all types at present.

Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, president of the College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Wash., was elected president of the association.

Minors Responsible For Much Police Work

The law enforcement division of the Oregon Liquor Control commission made more than 1,800 investigations involving minors in the fiscal year ended last June 30, a report filed with the Oregon legislature showed today.

Of the total, 1,117 were statements of age investigations. The rest were made up of arrests and



Teachers Ask Wage Boost

Albany—Albany's school teachers are seeking a 15 percent cost-of-living wage increase from the District No. 5 school board.

The request was made by the Albany Teachers' association through its president, Arnold Hagen, at a meeting of the school board.

Hagen pointed out that the last wage increase was made in 1947. Since then, he said, the cost of living has jumped about 15 percent.

Based on the median teacher's salary here, about \$3,100, such a raise would amount to approximately \$500 annually on the median scale.

"Our organization does not want you to infer that we are unhappy with the district's salary scale," Hagen declared before the board, "but we do feel that ours is a reasonable request, in view of current costs."

Board Chairman Ralph Banton indicated that the board was in favor of the proposed raise, and arranged for the question to be brought before the district's budget board January 29.

The raise requested by Hagen would become effective at the start of the 1951-52 school year, according to I. R. Halseth, school superintendent.

Duchess Nina Dies
London, Jan. 13 (AP)—Nina, duchess of Hamilton, and mother of the present duke, died yesterday at her home in London. She served for many years as chairman of the Anti-Vivisection society. Her age was not available.

Other investigations brought about 496 arrests in the period. Fines levied totaled \$44,203.

Storm Shattered Ranch—This is a general view of the Pete Christensen ranch near Two Rock, Calif., which was almost completely destroyed by a tornado. Buildings damaged or wrecked include (left to right) a house, garage, chicken house (front of garage), a new house and a barn. Several people were injured in the house at the left. Notice undamaged ranch in background. (AP Wirephoto.)

Don't Be Scared; Nothing Unusual Happening in Sky

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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A friend who lays no claim to astronomical erudition recently inquired if I considered true the report that the present unusual happenings in the skies are so alarming that the newspapers dare not print accounts of them for fear the public would be panic-stricken.

Someone has said that certain people seem to enjoy living in a state of perpetual fright regarding celestial phenomena. Those best informed on matters astronomical are constantly confronted with the notions that many quite natural sky occurrences are dire predictions of calamity or fulfillment of prophecy that the final destruction of our old world is imminent.

Such notions have been prevalent for thousands of years, and always the "sky signs" seemed to those considering them to be the most unusual since "the beginning," and to apply to terrible cosmic cataclysms in their time. But somehow old Mother Earth continues to roll serenely along.

Scientists know that occasional catastrophes do occur among the billions of "shining orbs," and that our world may sometime be so overtaken. But from an astronomical viewpoint there are no indication of "the end of the world" in the near future.

No, there is nothing unprecedented occurring in the heavens. What is taking place now is of the same nature as has been going on during all historical times.

As to the knowledge of such things throwing people into panic, only the least informed would suffer. There is terrific heat operating in our sun. Huge tongues of flame of scarlet hue arise thousands of miles above its visible surface. Comets with glowing tails millions of miles long fly at enormous speeds through the great interplanetary spaces. Meteorites are "on the loose" and occasionally dash through our atmosphere with blinding light. Distant stars sometimes "explode" with inconceivably enormous energy and light. But such occurrences have no claim on modernity. They are "as old as the hills"—surely far older.

A few years ago a pamphlet, distributed by a religious organization stated that "recently" there had been such "signs in the sky" as a huge figure of an armored soldier hanging motionless high over Greece; a flashing sword over Texas; and a luminous, twisted snake in the Brazilian sky for half an hour after "a ball of fire turned to a cup of gold."

The Grecian soldier was likely an auroral or cloud effect. The luminous serpent was doubtless a meteor train, and the cup of gold was the final burst of the fireball. Inquiry addressed to the professor of the University of Texas who was given as authority for the appearance of the "flaming sword," brought the reply that the sky effect was due to the burning of an oil well.

How applicable still are the ancient words: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Mother Prefers Son's Loss of Limbs to Korea

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 13 (AP)—A thankful mother said today she'd rather have her soldier son lose his hands and feet than stay in Korea.

"It's an awful sacrifice, but I think the amputations are better than the uncertainty and fear if he still was overseas," said Mrs. Hubert Reeves, Sr., whose son's feet were removed yesterday.

"After all, his life was spared," she said.

In 10 days or two weeks, army doctors at Percy Jones General hospital will amputate the fingers and thumb of the 19-year-old GI's left hand and the fingers of his right hand below the middle joint.

Hubert, Jr., was reported in excellent condition after the first three-hour operation. Surgeons predicted he will be able to walk again—on artificial limbs—in six months.

"I knew it would come out all right," Mrs. Reeves said after her vigil outside the operating room. "Both of us left it up to God and we knew he'd do what's best."

The Joliet, Ill., private was wounded in the battle of the Yalu river late in November and suffered severe frostbite when he "played dead" in a snowdrift to escape communist soldiers.

"Don't worry, I can get along without my feet," he told his mother last night. "It'll be wonderful when the pain is over."

Jaycees Give Coin Boxes

The Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce under the chairmanship of Stuart McElhinny is passing out the 1951 March of Dimes coin containers throughout the city.

This year's container is a cardboard miniature iron lung.

The posters are being distributed by the Boy Scouts of Troops Nos. 10, 12, 15 and 16.

Tickets are now on sale at the Salem banks for the 1951 March of Dimes dance which will be held Saturday, January 27, at the Eagles hall.

General co-chairmen are Charles Gruver and Mrs. Ed R. Gregson of the Eagles. The dance will feature two bands and two floors will be used with dancing beginning at 9:30 p.m. and continuing to a late hour.

Tickets sell for \$1.

Extension to Meet
Union Hill — Mrs. Theodore Fisher and Mrs. Elizabeth Krenz will be hostesses for the Union Hill extension unit at the Union Hill Juvenile Grange hall Tuesday, January 16, 1:30 p.m.

"Accessories for Clothes" will be the topic of instruction as presented by Mrs. Marjorie White.

East Salem Organizations Work on Welfare Projects

East Salem—The time spent in attending the meetings of women's groups by the members of East Salem organizations this week has been non projects of welfare nature.

Auburn Woman's club meeting at the home of Mrs. Ed Eggers on Norway street in Salem on Thursday was one of the busy groups. At this meeting they saw the completion of 43 blocks for afghans and a quilt top and several scrap books were worked on. In attendance were Mrs. W. G. Fisher, Mrs. R. J. Becker, Mrs. Loran Richey, Mrs. O. E. Palmateer, Mrs. Wilfred Willer, Mrs. Charles Gillming, Mrs. Alma Hatfield, Mrs. Verne Ostrander, Mrs. S. W. Burris, Mrs. E. J. Burke, Mrs. Leo Sutter, Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. Ervin Sunderlin, Mrs. Arlo McLain, Mrs. Stuart Johns and a guest, Mrs. Henry Boyes. Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Ostrander.

For the Monroe Sewing club meeting Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Wilfred Willer those present were Mrs. R. J. Becker, Mrs. Henry Hanson, Mrs. William Rahtz, Mrs. Charles Barney and Ann, Mrs. Virgil Birtell and Joan, Mrs. Elvin Holman and

sons, Mrs. Melvin Shaw and Mrs. Stuart Johns. A guest was Mrs. M. S. Pengre with her seven-weeks' old son and daughter, Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Holman were guests on Sunday in Salem at the home of Mrs. Frank Holman who is the great grandmother of the Holman children.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson were week-end guests in the Benhard Hanson home in Portland.

Rare Stamp Stolen
New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—A leading philatelist reported last night the theft of \$250,000 of rare stamp collectors' items.

The philatelist, Dr. Clarence W. Brazier, 70, told detectives his office was burglarized over the week-end while he was winding up a vacation in Florida.



Virgil A. Byers

Layman to Talk At Church of God

Virgil A. Byers, layman of Portland, will speak at the First Church of God, Hood and North Cottage streets, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The theme for his lectures for three consecutive Sunday evenings will be "The Kingdom of God and the Millennial Doctrine," as based upon prophetic books of the Bible including Daniel and The Revelation.

Miss Eleanor Hoover, of Pacific Bible college, Portland, will be guest soloist, while the congregational singing will be under the direction of John Bollinger.

1950 Liquor Profits Show Slight Drop

The Oregon liquor control commission today reported net profits during 1950 were only slightly lower than the all-time high year of 1947.

Net receipts of \$10,508,591 were contributed to the state general fund and to cities and counties as provided by the 1949 legislature. Prior to the last session of the legislature receipts were channeled directly for public welfare purposes.

The commission also reported that it is now distributing brands in accordance with public taste more than it has been able to do so since the war years, although some shortages of Scotch whiskies still exist.

More Reservists Ordered to Report

Orders were received at the Salem Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center Friday afternoon for another group of inactive naval reservists, who are to report for active duty.

Among those in the group were three Salem men and one from Albany.

Salem men are Edgar R. Carlisle, seaman, 1205 South 19th street; Glen W. Wharton, seaman, 655 North Cottage; and Joseph M. Riggs, MMLC, 375 Market street.

The Albany man is Paul J. Anderson, SH3, 526 Broadalbin street.

Flying in from Alameda in an F6F was Chief Aviation Pilot J.

Reds Want Troops Out
Moscow, Jan. 13 (AP)—The communist newspaper Pravda, commenting today on Korean cease-fire discussions in the United Nations, said that "the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops" there is an essential part of any peaceful settlement.

There Is No Substitute For Worship
9:45 and 11:00 A.M.
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Middle Grove Groups Hold Regular Scheduled Meetings

Middle Grove—Two regularly scheduled meetings were held in Middle Grove this week. Middle Grove home extension unit met Thursday in the home of Mrs. John Anglin. The meeting was opened at 10:30. Assisting hostesses for the luncheon were Mrs. Paul Fuehrer and Mrs. James Schardein.

There were 18 members and guests. Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. Bruce Peterson, Mrs. Theodore Kuenzi, Mrs. Fred Scharf, and Mrs. August Atten present. The president, Mrs. Lewis Patterson presided at a business meeting. Plans were made for a white elephant sale for the Azalea house fund at the next meeting to be held at the Leo Hammer home. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Cecil Reynolds and Mrs. Howard Miller.

Amittie club met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Roy Scofield. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. William Scharf and Mrs. Anna Wieshing. In the absence of the president, Mrs. John Van Laanen who was ill, Mrs. John Anglin presided at the business meeting. Members enjoyed a social hour playing games provided by Mrs. John Schafer, Mrs. H. E. McElroy and Mrs. Wilbur Wilson. There were 18 members present.

Norman Fletcher was reported as being ill. Officers will be elected at the February meeting.

Tommy Manville Seeks Divorce

New York, Jan. 13 (AP)—Tommy Manville is going to get a divorce for the first time. That's the news, because the first seven wives divorced him.

The 56-year-old asbestos heir said yesterday he will go to Las Vegas, Nev., to shed his eighth wife, blonde British-born Georgina Campbell, 32.

Afterwards, Manville said, he will buy a little ranch at Las Vegas and settle down. He said he plans to sell his palatial home at Mamaroneck, N. Y.

Mrs. Manville said, "I think he'll feel better about it if he brings the suit. It's better for him psychologically. He has always felt that women were running away from him."

She said she would not contest the suit and added: "Nevada should be a good place for him. If he wants to get married again he can marry them one night and divorce them the next."

Two Naval Planes Forced to Land Here

Salem's Naval Air Facility had two visiting naval planes landing there Friday afternoon, en route to Seattle. Both were forced to remain in Salem over night because of the poor flying weather to the north of Salem.

Coming-in in a Corsair that he is taking to Seattle as a replacement from Jacksonville, Fla., was Lt. E. W. Jones, member of the organized naval air reserve unit in Seattle.

Flying in from Alameda in an F6F was Chief Aviation Pilot J.

Government distribution of coins fell to a 15-year low in 1950.

D. Zapishny. He also was taking a plane to the naval air station at Seattle as a replacement.

Announcement
DR. M. E. GADWA
Osteopathic Physician and Surgeon
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will be in his offices January 15 after completing post-graduate work in Los Angeles.

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ON THE HOUSE

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER, AP Real Estate Editor

January is a good month to do your housework, says an old farmer's almanac, and in cold climates the householder does considerable housework that his heating plant will keep on functioning through the winter.

It's a good time to make a careful check-up and to plan what improvements you'll make in the spring and summer when the heat is off.

While your basement is warm and dry, you can examine what ravages last summer's condensation may have wrought. No matter what type of heating plant you have, it's a good idea to have it stand on rust-proof, fireproof blocks to keep it away from the concrete floor.

Thorough insulation will increase the efficiency of any heating system and cut your fuel bills down accordingly.

Winter is the best time to insulate hot water and steam pipes and warm air ducts. You will find all of them dry, easy to clean and they will take insulation better while they are warm.

Some people forego this insulation because they want a warm basement. But that is expensive and inefficient. A separate heating outlet for the basement is more sensible. Or in the case of warm air systems, leaving return ducts uncovered, often supplies enough warmth for the basement.

Insulating covers for pipes are usually made of corrugated or cellular asbestos, mineral wool and other fire-resistant materials. They are pre-shaped as hollow cylinders, encased in canvas, and fastened with metal bands. You can get these in sections three feet long. They are split lengthwise on one side to permit slipping them over a pipe. They can be obtained from your heating contractor or local hardware store for various pipe sizes.

Be sure that all pipes to be covered are cleaned and in good condition. Elbows and T joints



PIPE THAT PIPE—Insulating covers save heat.

are packed with asbestos cement. This should be mixed with only enough water to make it workable. The first coat, about an inch thick, is applied with your hands, or a plasterer's trowel. Scratch the surface to leave it rough as possible in order to provide a bond for the finishing coat. When the first coat is dry, the second coat about half-an-inch thick is applied and smoothed off. Canvas similar to that on pipe coverings can be wrapped over this plaster to give a neat appearance.

Asbestos cement also is used to cover steam boilers. A 100-pound bag will cover 20 to 25 feet, one-inch thick. Ten-pound bags are available for small jobs.

In covering a boiler, allow the first coat to become almost dry, then stretch wire mesh over it and apply the second coat. The stretching of the mesh may cause some cracks in the undercoat, but the mesh will reinforce both

coats.

Corrugated asbestos paper or similar insulators are used for warm air ducts. These coverings are applied in three layers. Measure around the duct and allow about an inch and a half more for overlap. After taping this layer around the duct, measure over it for the second layer and its overlap. Then measure over the second layer for the third. The ends of each layer should be staggered and wire binding or metal bands should be spaced every 18 inches or so to secure the job.

Inspection of the inside of a furnace during the heating season is a good idea. If excessive soot has accumulated it may mean inefficient combustion or wrong type of fuel.

Directions supplied by manufacturers should be carefully followed for all automatic heating plants, such as oil-burners, mechanical stokers and gas heaters. Such instructions are based on experience and field tests.

Fuel dealers often provide service for heating plants at nominal charges in connection with a year's fuel contract. Arrangements of this type with reputable dealers can be very advantageous.

Thorough spring cleaning of heating plants is very important. If soot is allowed to remain and become damp with summer condensation, chemical reaction can do much damage to metal work.

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