

Church divests of S. Africa stock

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

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AMES, IA. — The overwhelming approval Tuesday of a stinging condemnation of South Africa and the launching of what was called "the strongest divestment action by an American denomination" brought cheering and hugging delegates at the United Church of Christ (UCC) General Synod to their feet.

But after the cheering died, the head of the giant church pension boards that control some \$550 million of the denomination's estimated \$700 million investment portfolio said the boards will be guided by principles of "prudent investments" rather than the vote of the convention in deciding what, if any, stocks to sell.

"We have to operate for the benefit of the employees, not the benefit of the General Synod," John D. Ordway, executive vice president of the pension boards, said in an interview.

Audrey Smock, the corporate responsibility officer for the UCC and a strong supporter of divestment, said four

national agencies, including the pension boards, are autonomous in how they invest their funds.

But she said all the agencies are in a "covenant relationship" and the test now will be whether any parts of the 1.7 million member denomination choose to "break the covenant" by not following the clear call of the denomination's top policy-making body.

The United Church Board for World Ministries, which controls some \$40 million in investments, already has voted to divest itself of stock in any companies doing business in South Africa.

The General Synod action says: "We believe it is a sin directly or indirectly to support the present apartheid regime in South Africa. We are now called by God through Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, to withdraw the resources of

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the church from direct and indirect support of apartheid and, thus, we commit ourselves to full divestment now."

It calls on all the national agencies, along with all regional bodies, local churches and church members to "begin immediately the process of divestment and to complete divestment within two years."

The action also called for other wide-ranging actions, including a boycott of products imported from South Africa and products of companies doing business in South Africa.

That sweeping nature of the action led Smock, who also is chairwoman of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, to call it "the strongest divestment action by an American denomination."

Smock estimated that up to \$125 million of the \$700 million national church investment portfolio is with firms doing business in South Africa. Ordway estimated some \$75 million of the Pension Boards' \$550 million is with such firms.

Ted Goble, a delegate from Concord, N.H., and a retired Internal Revenue Service employee, was chairman of the committee that introduced the action. He made a strong plea for its

passage.

"There are risks," he acknowledged. "There is the risk of the loss of money."

But he reminded delegates that the Rev. Allan Boesak and other South African Christian leaders face the risk of arrest for treason for their call for such actions last week and Boesak's plea for it in a Monday speech here.

"Allan Boesak said if there are risks we must take those risks," said Goble.

"In a few years I will start getting checks from John Ordway, so I agonized a bit, but not for long," the Rev. Daniel Leavitt of Framingham, Mass., and a former missionary to Zimbabwe, told the delegates. He said the action must be taken because "apartheid is a stench in the nostrils of God."

Foster Roser of Arlington Heights,

Ill., expressed the main argument of those opposing the action. "If we divest, others will just buy those shares. If we keep those shares we will have a voice, however feeble, with the companies," he said.

In another Tuesday action, delegates approved development of an "ecumenical partnership" with the 1.2 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The two denominations have been engaged in a year courtship during which a member steering committee's whether to recommend that the ship become marriage througher.

The "ecumenical partnership" is far short of merger, but it can well lead to that down

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UCC faces 'delicate issues'

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AMES, IA. — Delegates to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ were challenged Friday to face up to some "delicate issues," including "strategic tiptoeing" by the Catholic hierarchy on ecumenism, and to join the fight to save rural America.

In his "state of the church" address, the Rev. Avery Post, 61, president of the liberal-leaning mainline denomination, said that "in the spirit of reconciliation" the "sensitive" issues must be faced.

They range from the tendency of church groups to blast U.S. policies while remaining silent on Soviet policies to a frank recognition that not everything is rosy in Catholic-Protestant and Jewish-Christian relations.

He noted "the chasm between the Roman Catholic Church and many other churches on the issue of abortion;" he expressed concern about "the seeming put-down" of liberation theology within the Catholic Church; and he lamented "some strategic tiptoeing in the ecumenical relations of the Roman Catholic Church that is a puzzling contradiction to the creative openness" in other areas between Catholics and Protestants.

Later, the Rev. David Ostendorf of Des Moines, a UCC minister and director of Prairiefire Rural Action, gave a fiery address on the rural crisis. Pleading for church action, he said "American agriculture is in a period of profound crisis and wrenching transition."

He said the latter part of this century may go down in history as the time of "the last great wave of dislocation, and displacement of the people of the land, brought about by an industrialized, capital-intensive food system bent on destroying the structure of family-farm agriculture and widely dispersed land ownership in the United States."

Post said there is truth in the oft-voiced complaint that churches are quick to criticize U.S. policy in Central America, but are silent "about what is clearly a Soviet attempt to achieve a military conquest of the people of Afghanistan."

Post said it is time to face up to "the wide gulf between the so-called evangelical right and the mainline churches." He said this is unfortunate because all Christians have so much that is important in common.

His strongest words were reserved for the Institute for Religion and Democracy (IRD) in Washington, D.C., a constant critic of the ecumenical movement and the alleged leftist tendencies of mainline Christians. He charged the IRD, "fronts for some far right critics of the churches." He condemned what he called the IRD's "appalling practices of innuendo, distortion and unbrotherliness and unsisterliness."

Post said anti-semitism is a problem within churches and society. But he said there is a tendency among some Jews to perceive criticism of the policies of Israel as springing from anti-semitism, and that this is also a problem.

Post, who is expected to be elected to a third four-year term as president on Monday, urged the denomination to stay at the forefront of pushing for social justice and Christian unity. He called for this to be accomplished within the context of evangelism and spiritual renewal.

Much of the attention at this six-day national church meeting is on the problems of rural America. Ostendorf introduced that emphasis as he stressed that our "security is not measured in missiles and bombs, but in pounds and bushels. Food security is the foundation of national security."

"We need more farms and fewer arms," he declared.

Ostendorf said the trend of "more land in fewer hands and the ability of a comparatively small number of producers and distributors to control the marketplace raises the spectre of a 'landed elite' in this nation."

UCC official ponders church unity, Lebanon

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

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AMES, IA. — Dale Bishop on Saturday was dividing his attention between the General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) under way here and the latest news about the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

The regional Middle East secretary for the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bishop could symbolize the quest for church unity.

Bishop works for both churches. His work takes on a terrible urgency as turmoil in the Mideast continues, and he is outspoken in his advocacy of steps to reconcile the warring forces there.

In an interview Saturday, he said that Reagan administration threats of retaliation against the Shiite Moslems, who are holding 39 American passengers from a TWA flight hostage, have become an obstacle in solving the crisis.

"The idea that you retaliate to 'teach them a lesson' might work some places; it doesn't work in Lebanon," he said. The Shiite Moslems are the largest minority in the tragically divided nation and have known more than their share of oppression, Bishop said.

"If you can find the actual hijackers and put them in jail, that is one thing. But to just strike out by destroying the Beirut airport or some other kind of retaliation will simply mean that the next terrorist attack will be in retaliation for that," said Bishop.

Nonviolent Response

"The only way to break the chain of violence is to commit an act of nonviolence. Retaliation will be just another link in the chain of violence."

Bishop said terrorism is "absolutely deplorable" and cannot be defended on any grounds. But he said Americans need to understand "the context in which terrorism occurs."

He said "reconciliation is at the top of the agenda" in the efforts of the churches in Lebanon.

"When Christian organizations supply food and reconstruction help for Moslems, that is a more important form of Christian witness than sitting around the table talking about the niceties of theological issues or saying that after all, we all worship the same God," said Bishop.

Ecumenical Spirit

Meanwhile, the presence here of the president of the Disciples of Christ, which holds its annual convention next month in Des Moines, illustrated that the ecumenical spirit between the UCC and Disciples still lives.

Not only is the Rev. Kenneth L. Teegarden, president and general minister of the Disciples, a delegate to the UCC, he also was a delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Indianapolis, Ind., earlier this month.

Teegarden is one of seven "ecumenical delegates" from other denominations at the UCC meeting. He said the idea is to express "a symbol of the visible unity of the whole church" in spite of the many denominations.

The Presbyterians started the practice, in which ecumenical delegates sit with regular delegates and have the right to speak on any issue, but not to vote, a few years ago.

Teegarden said the Disciples have pushed the idea a step further, two years ago changing their rules to allow four people from other denominations to become full members of the Disciples' 200-member governing board. Those four will have both voice and vote at the Aug. 2-7 General Assembly of the Disciples of Christ in Des Moines. The board runs the church between the biennial national meetings.

But ecumenical gestures are one thing; uniting splintered Christianity is another.

The UCC and the Disciples have been discussing union for six years, but a joint commission recommended instead that the "ecumenical partnership" be formed. The recommendation is on the agenda here and also will be discussed by the Disciples in August.

"That is not what my hopes and expectations were a number of years ago," said Teegarden, 64, who will retire from his top church post this year. "There was an optimism in which many of us felt that by now there would be full organic union of a number of denominations."

It calls for policies that will forestall bankruptcies, stabilize farm prices, remove highly erodible land from production, permit new people to get into farming and change tax laws to end tax shelters for investors who don't farm the land.

The pronouncement was called an effort "to redefine the social covenant between people and the land and between farm families and the rest of society."

The delegates then passed a resolution calling for a wide-ranging church program to include studying farm problems and bringing together city and country church people for talks. It calls on the churches to seek laws to end tax-shelter farming, relieve farm debt and set up a series of programs geared to benefit family farmers and discourage big-scale farm ownership.

UCC names Iowa pastor to top post

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

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AMES, IA. — A Sunday "Iowa Day" at the General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) included installation of an Iowan to head the nation's oldest foreign mission agency and passage of a strong pronouncement on the crisis in American agriculture.



REV. SCOTT
LIBBEY

A colorful morning worship drew some 5,000 people to Hilton Coliseum for the installation of the Rev. Scott Libbey, 55, to the top administrative post of the United Church Board for World Ministries. He heads a staff of 300 professionals working in 40 nations.

Libbey, who was born in Ames, pledged "to join hands with a free pilgrim people called by the Holy Spirit for the whole of God's mission, to serve God's mission in the whole of God's world."

Libbey served 13 years as president of the UCC's Iowa Conference before assuming his post heading the 175-year-old missions agency in February. Early in his ministry, he was a pastor in Red Oak.

Services Canceled

Many Iowa UCC churches canceled their Sunday services so their members could come to the Iowa State University campus to join the 700 delegates and 1,700 visitors from around the country who are here for the six-day convention of the 1.7 million member denomination.

They held a giant parking lot tailgate picnic and heard Senators Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin discuss the farm problem as they stood on a hay wagon platform. Later, 3,000 enjoyed a pig roast while being entertained by Indian dancers, a steam callopie and skydivers.

The church delegates interrupted the county-fair aspect of the Sunday celebration for some serious discussion of the deepening farm crisis.

They approved an official church pronouncement on the principles of agriculture and goals for a national farm policy. They also approved a resolution on what churches can do to help preserve the family farm.

"Malignant Inertia"

Karl Limbere of Ypsilanti, N.D., recalled that a previous administration was accused of "benign neglect" in race relations. He said that "rural America is suffering from a national policy of malignant inertia."

The church pronouncement, which appeared to pass unanimously, says the "practice of farming constitutes a community of values that transcend economic objectives."

It says there should be widespread ownership of farmland, a chance for a decent income and efforts should be made to discourage speculation in farmland.

Creative worship at D.M. churches

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

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Two basic themes of church renewal movements — worship that is creative and celebrative, rather than boring and stodgy, and the lifetime call to ministry for the laity as well as the clergy — were experienced Sunday in two big, mainline Des Moines churches.

A visitor for Sunday worship in the stately and cavernous Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ might not expect the service to be punctuated by applause, spiced by frequent laughter, sparked by hundreds of worshipers moving about in actions reminiscent of childhood Sunday School motion songs, and warmed by an occasional tear.

Unless, of course, the visitor knew that the service would be led by two men whose names have become synonymous with creative worship: The Revs. Richard Avery and Donald Marsh. Avery and Marsh are pastors at First Presbyterian Church in Port Jervis, N.Y., and are noted worship innovators and the composers of a raft of contemporary religious songs.

When an infant was about to be baptized Sunday, the Rev. Alden C. Hebard, minister of membership at Plymouth, was moved to comment: "This is normally the 'far out' part of our service. I imagine today it will be the most stodgy part." Moments later, Avery was having everyone re-enact a daily practice of Martin Luther in placing his hand on his head and forcefully reminding himself that despite all the bad stuff he was going through he was specially blessed as a baptized child of God.

It was a service in which everyone was involved, and no one dozed.

A visitor then made his way from the early service at Plymouth to one at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The sermon was given by an Anglican layman, Mark Gibbs of London, England. A former teacher, Gibbs is director of the Audenshaw Foundation, which is dedicated to the involvement

of laity in the church, and is editor of Laity Exchange, an international journal featuring articles by lay people from many churches in many countries.

Gibbs based his sermon on St. Paul's summons to members of the church in Ephesus to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called..." (Ephesians 4:1).

"When God calls, he calls us all," declared Gibbs, decrying the notion of a two-tiered church in which pastors are called and the laity go along for the ride. "The whole point of the Christian understanding of vocation is that it isn't restricted to certain people. It is everyone."

"In the gospel, the gas station attendant who serves your [pastor] has the same calling. The man who drives the 'popemobile' has the same vocation as the pope."

Christians have different jobs — one pumps gas and another preaches sermons — but one calling, Gibbs stressed. The church that is scattered in the world on Monday is just as im-

portant as the church that worships on Sunday, he said.

Gibbs expanded the concept of lay involvement in an afternoon workshop on "God's Frozen People," part of the annual Presbytery Day event at Westminster. The theme, the title of a book by Gibbs, is based on the idea that the laity forms "the great frozen capital of the church."

"One of the great difficulties of the laity is that, overall, they would rather not be called," he said. "It is much easier to put the clergy on pedestals, maybe laugh at them a little behind their backs, but be glad that they are paid to be decent fellows and to do the church's work."

Although a domineering clergy and an uncommitted laity trouble Gibbs, he sees many signs of hope for renewal in churches around the world.

"The lay movement is moving, God's people are being unfrozen, and the future looks hopeful," he said.

A tie-in between the experiences at the two churches Sunday came when Gibbs, a member of a church famed for its stodginess, called for innovation and creativity in worship.

"There is a stodginess in the mainline churches that doesn't attract me very much, and certainly wouldn't attract young people."

He said there is a need for variety in worship, and he said he was surprised to find that the 9 and 11 a.m. services at Westminster were "identical."

But to Gibbs and to Avery and Marsh, worship that is fresh and lively is still worship and not a show, not a performance.

The service at Plymouth hadn't been simply an exercise in feeling good. The theme of full-time commitment to God and to others — to answering the "vocation," as Gibbs would put it — had run throughout the service.

Early in the service Avery had read the Exodus account of the call to Moses from the burning bush while



Mark Gibbs speaks at Westminster Presbyterian Church workshop.

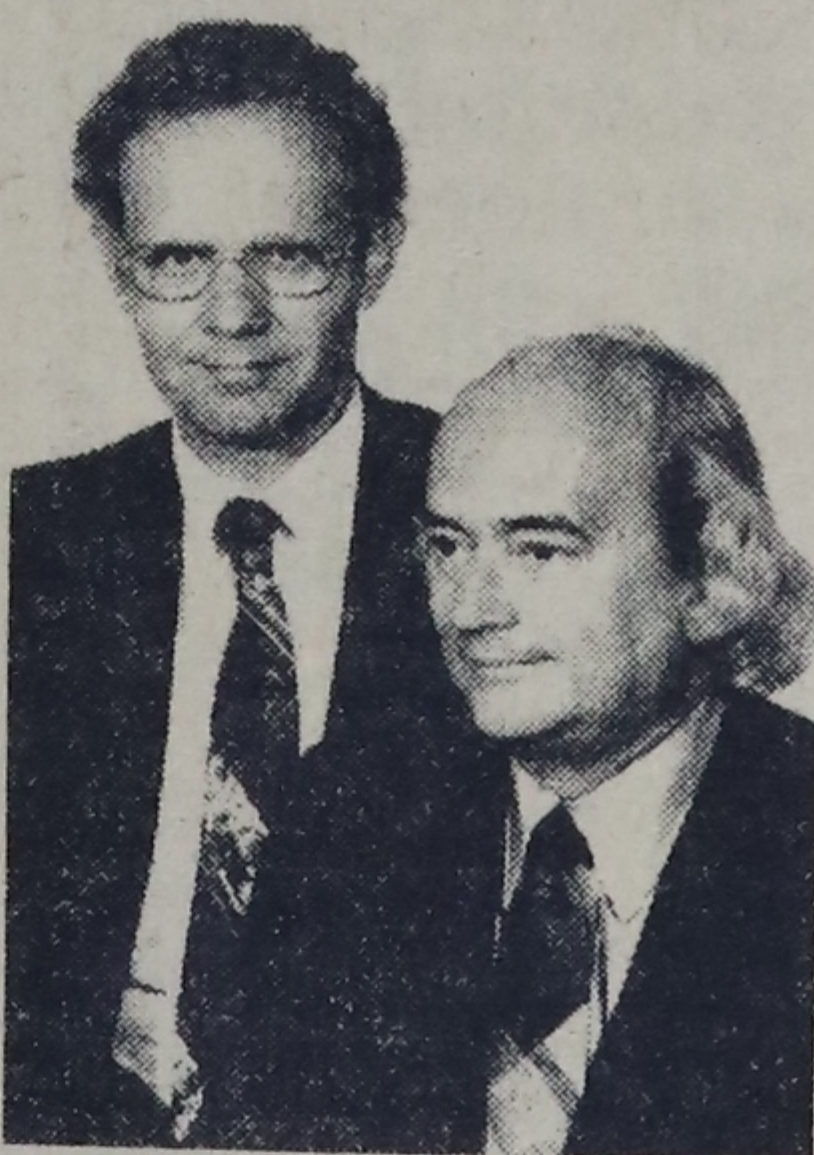
Marsh mimed the awestruck Moses faced with the incredible call of being the agent of deliverance for an enslaved nation.

The service brought a range of emotions; cheap sentimentality or an escapist feel-good religion weren't among them.

There was the singing of the sentimental "Jesus Loves Me" song of childhood. But it moved from there to a moving rendition of an anthem sung by the church's Matins Choir. In a haunting minor key, the message came from those who are angry, lonely or hungry; from abused children; the unemployed; and those on welfare that "Jesus loves me — why can't you?"

The worshipers did feel good — at least they sure acted like it. But the whole movement of the delightfully different kind of service was toward a wholehearted commitment of a positive answer to the kind of call that came to Moses in such a dramatic way, and which Gibbs was to say in the other service comes to every Christian and for all time.

As Gibbs proclaimed: "There is no retirement in the Christian vocation."



The Revs. Richard Avery, left, and Donald Marsh.

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Continuing a Des Moines Thanksgiving Day tradition, Gov. Terry Branstad will deliver the governor's Thanksgiving proclamation during the annual Pilgrim Service at 10 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Participants and many worshipers in the congregation will be dressed in the Pilgrim garb of the time of the first American Thanksgiving.

The offering money will be divided between the "Our Community Kitchen" free meals program for the needy and the new Child Care Assistance program of the Des Moines Area Religious Council.

• Flautist Jill Goettsch and organist Phyllis Mains will present a program of music for flute and organ at 3 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

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Pilgrim greeters

Worshipers attending services at Plymouth Congregational Church, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Thanksgiving Day were greeted by parishioners dressed in Pilgrim costumes. Here Bill Campbell holds the door for one of the younger worshipers. The drummer on the left is Scott Harvey.

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OBITUARIES

MELVERN E. ANDERSON JR.

Memorial services for Melvern E. Anderson Jr., 30, of 3430 Fifty-sixth St., who died of pulmonary hypertension with a heart ailment Wednesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body was cremated.



MELVERN E. ANDERSON JR.

Mr. Anderson was born in Des Moines and later lived in Colorado and Chariton before returning to Des Moines in 1982. He was an accountant at the Hy-Vee Food Store home office in Chariton and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Survivors include his parents, Melvern and Marylyn of Des Moines; three brothers, Brett, Brian and Alan, all of Des Moines; a sister, Tamara of Des Moines; paternal grandfather, Hans Anderson of Aurelia; paternal grandmother, Edith Yock of Cherokee.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to his church or Stanford University Medical Center.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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L. ELMA DENMAN

Services for L. Elma Denman, 91, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., who died of a heart ailment Wednesday at Wesley Acres, will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Denman was born in Kankakee, Ill., and lived in Des Moines since 1914. She was a housemother at a Drake University sorority and at the Theta Chi Fraternity at Iowa State University. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Elaine E. David of Hot Springs, Ark., Erma E. Gray of Worthington, Ohio, and Doris I. Schwarz of Greenbrae, Calif.; a son, J. Richard "Dick" Denman of Des Moines; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to Wesley Acres.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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HUGH D. STILES

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home for Hugh D. Stiles, 65, of 104 Fifty-first St., who died of a heart attack Sunday at his home. The body will be cremated.

Mr. Stiles, a lifelong resident of Des Moines, was a vice president of Merchants Mutual Bonding Co. for 25 years until he retired in 1980. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Baldwin-Patterson American Legion Post 274, Acanthus Masonic Lodge 632, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and Valley of Des Moines Scottish Rite. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Martha E.; a son, Hugh D. Jr. of Citrus Heights, Calif.; a brother, Ray of Des Moines; a sister, Marilyn Deich of New Orleans, La.; and a grandchild.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

LORA MILLS

Lora Ladd Mills, 95, of Grinnell, died of a heart ailment Saturday at her home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Mills was born in Sheldon and lived in Des Moines most of her life and in Grinnell the past three years. She was a former music teacher at Drake University and formerly sang in various groups and church choirs. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, PEO, Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a past president of the Des Moines Women's Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Marian Galenbeck of Des Moines and Beatrice Wall of Grinnell; a son, Scott A. Mills of Arlington, Va.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to her church or Grinnell College.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Bach's 'Mass' to be performed

Johann Sebastian Bach's "Mass in B-Minor" will be performed by the Nebraska Sinfonia and the Wartburg College Choir at 7:30 p.m. March 10 at Plymouth Congregational Church, Forty-second Street and Ingersoll Avenue.

The presentation is sponsored by the Emergency Food Pantry of the Des Moines Area Religious Council. Call 274-4018 for tickets, which also are available at the door. A \$5 contribution is requested for each ticket. Proceeds will go to the Emergency Food Pantry.

3/7/84
Candidates in Iowa's U.S. Senate race will be the first two speakers in a series of "town meetings" at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., sponsored by the church's Board of Christian Social Action. Democrat Representative Tom Harkin will appear in the Greenwood Room at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Republican Senator Roger Jepsen is tentatively scheduled to appear on April 14 at a time to be announced.

3/10/84
The 90-member Chancel Choir of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ is performing at North Central Division convention the American Choral Directors Association in Sioux Falls, S.D., which began Thursday and ends today.

Choirs to perform Bach's 'Mass'

The Nebraska Sinfonia and the Wartburg College Choir will perform the "Mass in B Minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Bach scholar Alfred Mann will conduct the concert. A native of Hamburg, West Germany, he is professor emeritus of music at Rutgers University and is professor of musicology at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.

The performance will be a benefit concert for the Emergency Food Pantry of the Des Moines Area Religious Council. Tickets are \$5.

Old excuses for church disunity now passe, says Iowa theologian

By WILLIAM SIMBRO
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Theologians are trying to tell divided Christians that the "old divisions are obsolete and if you want to stay divided you have to have new excuses," a native Iowan who is an internationally known ecumenical theologian said this week.

The Rev. Michael Kinnamon, 34, professor of theology at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Ind., was the main speaker at a three-day ministers' institute at Adventureland Inn in Altoona, which brought together Iowa pastors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ (UCC). Before joining the seminary faculty last fall, Kinnamon served three years in the Geneva, Switzerland, headquarters of the World Council of Churches (WCC) as executive secretary of the WCC Faith and Order Commission.

The theologian, who was born in Ottumwa and spent his childhood and youth in Oskaloosa and Bloomfield, played a key role in a watershed theological document the Faith and Order Commission issued at a Lima, Peru, meeting last year. The document — the culmination of some 50 years of discussions in the Faith and Order movement — was on "Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry."

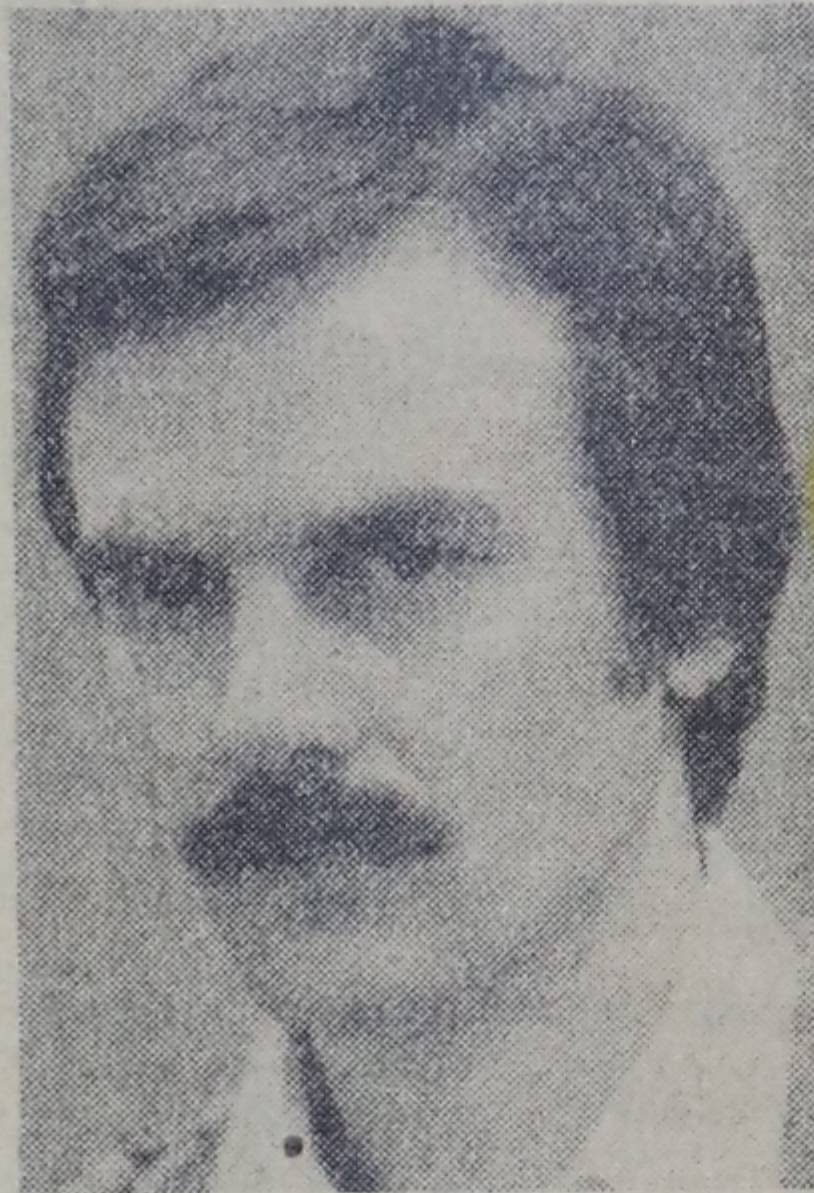
The central message of the document was that a broad spectrum of Christian theologians had finally come to a convergence of views on those three basic areas that had for centuries divided Christians. The document has been sent to the more than 300 denominations worldwide related to the WCC for study and reaction.

"The commission says it was a balanced and mature statement sufficient to move us to the next step in (Christian) unity," said Kinnamon. "The theologians are saying we have reached a sufficient convergence that the next step is mutually recognized baptism, mutual celebration of the eucharist (communion) and full recognition of ministry" among the denominations.

Kinnamon said differing ideas on baptism, eucharist and forms of ministry had been among the thorniest of theological problems and causes of division.

"The theologians have said these old divisions are obsolete," he said. "If you want to stay divided you have to have new excuses."

Kinnamon said the long process leading to the document was "almost as important as the text" of the state-



Michael Kinnamon
Ecumenical theologian

ment. "Through the process we have achieved enough ecumenical trust that we can use the gospel as the plumb line by which we measure rather than our own traditions."

He said Faith and Order discussions "in the early days were a comparative ecclesiastical game, comparing the various branches of the tree. Our goal is that together we will regain the common trunk."

The theologian said that current discussions between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ amount to "comparing two twigs of a branch" of the Christian "tree."

The three-day meeting for lectures, discussion and fellowship is an annual tradition for Iowa Disciples pastors. The UCC clergy joined in this year because of the "covenant" discussions going on between the 1.7-million member UCC and the 1.2-million member Disciples.

A 20-member steering committee from the two denominations is leading a six-year exploration of what, if any-

thing, the two churches should do together to further the cause of Christian unity. The possibilities range from a merger of the two denominations to dropping the whole matter and going their separate ways. The Rev. James O. Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines is one of the 20 members of the national steering committee.

The next step in the process will be decided at the 1985 national meetings of the two groups. By coincidence, both 1985 conventions will be held in Iowa — the UCC in Ames in the spring and the Disciples in Des Moines in the fall.

Kinnamon, an ordained Disciples minister, is a consultant to the steering committee.

"The basic question is not how do you merge church structures, but what does it mean to be the whole church living in obedience to God?" said Kinnamon.

Of the possible future of the Disciples and the UCC, Kinnamon commented: "I'm not interested in the merger of two non-episcopal (without bishops), quasi-congregational, male-centered, predominantly middle-class denominations. But together we could envision what it might be to be the church of Christ."

Real Christian unity is a much higher and more important goal than hooking denominational machinery together, he stressed. He said true Christian unity must first be achieved before it is proclaimed through merger.

"A covenant is worthless if it is a statement of intention rather than achievement," he said. "You can't achieve unity through (a church convention) resolution."

Kinnamon is a graduate of Brown University in Providence, R.I., and received masters and doctors degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School.

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Ex-Iowan to lead youth music program

Betty Ann Ramseth, a Story City native who has gained a national reputation as a director of music festivals and clinics, will lead a program on children's music next weekend at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Ramseth, of Sacramento, Calif., will conduct a workshop for school music teachers and directors of chil-

dren's choirs from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Registration is \$8 for members of sponsoring music organizations, \$10 for non-members and \$5 for students.

She also will lead rehearsals of the massed children's choir at 9 a.m. Saturday and will direct the choir in a festival service and concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

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Iowan to direct N.Y. world ministries board

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

In two weeks, the Rev. Scott Libbey will leave his familiar life as an Iowa church administrator to move into the famed "God Box" in New York City to become the top executive for the oldest mission board in the United States.

Libbey, 55, a native Iowan, has been "conference minister," or top administrator, of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ for more than 13 years. On Feb. 1, he will become the executive vice president of the United Church Board for World Ministries. His office will be in the building at 475 Riverside Drive that has become known to many as the "God Box" because it houses national offices for many denominations and ecumenical organizations, including the National Council of Churches.

Libbey will become the chief interpreter of global ministries for the 1.7 million-member United Church of Christ, will be top administrator of those ministries and will direct the work of the headquarters staff and some 250 United Church of Christ missionaries around the world.

For the next decade or so, he will help shape the future of missionary work in a time when the old ideas about missionaries as bearers of both the gospel and the American way of life are changing.

Some of the best known and most powerful U.S. church leaders have held the post, going back to the early days of American Congregationalism.

"Awe, Fear and Humility"

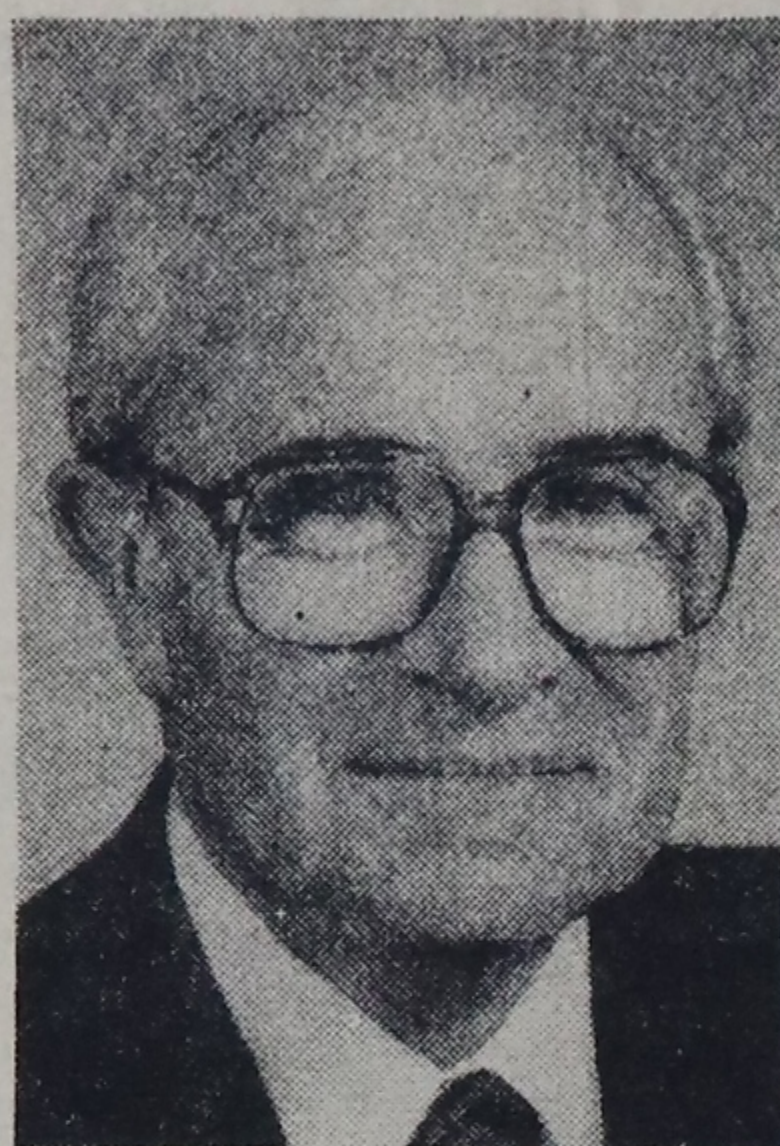
Saying he is well aware of the "mythic stories about those who have sat in this seat," Libbey approaches his new assignment with "awe, fear and humility."

Representatives from United Church congregations around the state will gather for a worship service and a program honoring Libbey and his family at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., the denomination's biggest Iowa congregation.

The Iowa church administrator, who has held numerous national denominational and ecumenical responsibilities, was the choice of a search committee and was elected unanimously by the board at its Nov. 14 meeting in Chicago, Ill.

There are a series of Iowa-related sidelights to the selection of Libbey.

He becomes the third top administrator of the longtime mission board since it became part of the 1957 merger of the old Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Church to form the United Church of Christ. Though Iowa is not a stronghold of the denomination's membership, and though some folks in other parts of the country may not



Rev. Scott Libbey

consider Iowans as internationalists, Libbey, who was born in Ames, was preceded in the post by the Rev. Alfred Carlton, an Ames native, and the Rev. David Stowe, who was from Council Bluffs.

Ames Roots

Also, long before Libbey was chosen for the post, the Iowa State University Center in Ames was selected as the site for the denomination's biennial General Synod meeting June 27 to July 2, the first time Iowa has been host for the national convention. Since formal installations to such posts take place at the meeting, it means the Libbey will be installed in the office in the city of his birth.

In an interview, Libbey noted a continuing struggle within mainline denominations to deal with the changing role of missionary work.

"The past image was that other countries needed our missionaries and, in an intended generosity, the missionaries would take along our way of life and our values and improve the situation there," he said. "We can't do that, and it is inappropriate for us to try to do it. The gospel doesn't belong to a Western lifestyle. It challenges every lifestyle. It is a plumb line against which all cultures are measured."

Missionaries, of course, continue to teach and preach the gospel. But increasingly, they work with Christians in the other countries rather than run the program. And they work in a variety of educational, agricultural, medical and other efforts to help the people improve their lives.

Libbey said it is hard for American Christians to grapple with the truth that not only is the gospel not synonymous with the American way of life, but people in other lands tend to see much that is un-Christian in the ways

Americans relate to the world.

He became dramatically aware of that in a tour he and 14 other United Church of Christ officials made to El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. He said they visited with U.S. embassy officials, church leaders, government leaders and people holding a variety of views in an effort to understand the troubles of Central America.

Returning only Monday, Libbey said he will enter his new church post with vivid memories of some of the people he met there and the convictions they expressed.

One was an ecumenical agency head in Nicaragua who said the best thing U.S. church people could do "is to get your government to stop the war. We wish the people in your country knew your tax dollars are being used to kill our children," he quoted the church leader.

The group was told by Archbishop Rivera Y Damas of El Salvador, the successor to the slain Archbishop Oscar Romero, that El Salvador needs economic aid but no military aid. Damas said people are mistaken "who think the changed vision for social change is Marxist. The primary motive for change is Christian; it is rooted in the gospel, not in Marx."

The Nicaraguan ecumenical leader told the group that "a lot of people date the revolution [in Nicaragua] as starting in 1979. The revolution started 2,000 years ago. The revolution is rooted in Jesus Christ."

Struggle for Better Life

Fernando Cardenal, the Jesuit priest who is minister of education in Nicaragua, told Libbey and the other American church leaders that the basic difference between the revolution in Nicaragua and the earlier Castro revolution in Cuba centers on the changes in the Roman Catholic Church brought about by Vatican Council II, bringing Christians into the midst of the struggle for a better life for the poor.

Libbey doesn't profess to be an expert on Central America. But he came home impressed by the people he met and moved by the suffering he observed. He assumes his new job knowing that trying to find a Christian way to speak to such situations will be one of the most difficult and important aspects of his work.

"The mission is the telling of the story [of the gospel] and the way the story is acted out in peoples' lives," said Libbey. Reaching out by supporting efforts of human aid and human rights will continue to be an important part of the church's mission, he said.

The new missions board head was born in Ames and grew up in Fort Dodge. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Chicago Theological Seminary, and has done graduate study at Cambridge and Oxford universities in England. He served five years as pastor of First Congregational Church in Red Oak, followed by three years as director of Christian education and youth ministries for the Congregational Christian Conference in Iowa. He was a member of the Christian education staff for the United Church Board for Homeland Missions from 1961 to 1969. He served as conference minister in Nebraska before taking the Iowa conference minister post in 1971.

choirs of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ will present a "Matins Madrigal Feast" — a three-hour gala including food and entertainment in a setting of 300 years ago — at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Consistory building, Sixth Avenue and Park Street. Reservations may be made by telephoning 255-3149 by Tuesday.

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12/21/84

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Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; a son, James H. of Onalaska, Wis.; a daughter, Sara Conley of Riverside, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church or the Endowment Association at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

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Got an angel? 12/1/84
Contact Plymouth Church

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Actually the search is for pictures of angels from various countries and historic periods for an Advent season showing in the church gallery. Anyone with an angel to share is asked to telephone Carol Stewart at 255-3149.

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHEA T. MARQUIS

Dorothea Tomlinson Marquis, 86, a painter whose work hangs at Iowa State University in Ames, died of a heart ailment Sunday at Ramsey Memorial Home, 1611 Twenty-seventh St., where she resided.

The body was cremated, and a memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery. Mrs. Tomlinson Marquis began painting scenes of rural farm life at the age of 16, when she sold her first work. In the 1930s she was commissioned by the U.S. Treasury Department to paint three murals for the Mount Pleasant Post Office, and they still remain intact.

Ron Mehaffy, who has been postmaster for the past three years at the post office, said Monday people still comment on the paintings that show early agriculture life near Mount Pleasant, life on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College and the town of Mount Pleasant as it appeared in the 1840s. Mehaffy said the paintings are colorful and add a nice touch to the post office walls.

Some of Marquis' paintings, including those at the post office, have a likeness of Grant Wood, with whom she once studied. Her work also may be found at Iowa State University and also at a Hoisington, Kan., post office. Marquis paintings have been included in many exhibits throughout the East and Midwest and in the 1930s were included in an exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

She later was an engineer at Climax Engineering in Clinton, Loudon Manufacturing Co. in Fairfield and Fair Play Manufacturing Co. in Des Moines. She formerly was an art instructor at Parsons College in Fairfield.

Her memberships included many art groups and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and Chapter EH of PEO.

Survivors include a daughter, Jane Corliss of Cuenca, Ecuador; two sisters, Florence Myers Wallace of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and Prudence Lyle of Panama City, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

United Church, Disciples will court but not unite

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

A national committee from the 1.7 million member United Church of Christ and the 1.1 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has recommended the two denominations develop a new "ecumenical partnership" but not push toward a merger.

"I was personally an early supporter of union between the two," said the Rev. James O. Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines and a key figure in discussions leading to the proposal. "Now I support the proposal for a close ecumenical partnership in which we explore all the possibilities, get to know each other better, and see where the Spirit leads us."

Gilliom is one of the 10 United Church of Christ members of the 20-member national steering committee appointed six years ago to explore options, including formal union. Gilliom is the only parish pastor on the United Church side of the steering committee.

The committee's final recommendations call for a commitment to work together wherever possible. It also recommends that both churches strengthen their present participation in the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union. That group has inched along for more than two decades but recently expressed a strong consensus on basic matters of faith and practice.

The steering committee's proposal calls for coordinated planning and

combined staffing where possible in such areas as education, evangelism and social action. All governing bodies within the two churches will be asked to explore adding ecumenical members with voice and vote from the other denomination.

The get-close-but-don't-merge proposal will be presented to top deliberative bodies of the Disciples and the United Church for approval. By coincidence, both denominations' national meetings will be in Iowa.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ will meet in Ames in June, and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet in Des Moines in August.

Gilliom thinks both national gatherings will adopt the recommendations.

An earlier document from the steering committee had called for moving deliberately toward union. It brought an avalanche of negative reaction from both denominations.

"Both denominations have a strong commitment to Christian unity," said Gilliom. But the steering committee discovered "Christian unity and church union are not seen to be synonymous. There has been a reluctance to commit to church union."

He thinks cultural factors played a strong role in the committee's recommendation. He said that "people yearn for and want to hang on to what is familiar."

The Rev. Kenneth Teegarden, who will retire as president of the Disciples at the Des Moines meeting in August, sees the recommendation as a step toward eventual union.

The proposed partnership, said Teegarden, is a "concrete next step so that at some point down the pike another group will present another proposal for union."

ANNA A. MCCOY 2/17/85

Services for Anna A. McCoy, 86, of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road in West Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Friday at the center, will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. McCoy was born in Dayton and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include one son, James A. of West Des Moines; one daughter, Kathryn Jeglum of Sarasota, Fla.; three sisters, Myrtle Newholm of Dayton, Ruby Johnson of Iowa Falls and Sadie Orr of Mesa, Ariz.; one brother, Ivan Skoglund of Dayton; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

KATHERINE G. CONNOR 2/10/85

A private graveside service for Katherine G. Connor, 84, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, who died of a heart ailment Thursday at the manor, will be held Monday in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Connor was born in Bloomington, Ind., and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include two sons, Robert G. of Des Moines and William of Pasadena, Calif.; one sister, Marion Dougher of Sun City, Ariz.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church.

Dunn's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Plymouth choir plans raffle, auction 1/23/85

The Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Chancel Choir is sponsoring "Magnifique Junque Boutique" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Botanical Center, 909 E. River Drive.

The event, which includes a raffle and silent auction, is a fund-raiser to sponsor the honorary performance by the Chancel Choir at the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association March 9 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The choir received an invitation to the convention following state, regional and national auditions.

Items to be sold include household goods, home-baked foods, art, collectibles, children's clothing and sporting goods. New items and services contributed for sale by area businesses include an Oriental rug, Lalique ashtray, fine wines, tax return prepared free of charge, 35 pounds of hamburger, lobsters, and a beauty make over.

For information, call the Fine Arts Department, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., 255-3149.

EMMA L. SOLOMON 1/17/85

Services for Emma Laura Sproul Solomon, 94, of Hillhaven Convalescent Center West, 1211 Vine St. in West Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Tuesday at the center, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kingsley town cemetery.

Mrs. Solomon was born in Pierson and lived in South Dakota 20 years, Sioux City 17 years and the Des Moines area the past 26 years. She was a homemaker and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Avis E. Koelle of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and numerous grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Dunn's.

RALPH J. DALBEY 1/9/85

Ralph J. "Cot" Dalbey, 81, of Penfield, N.Y., formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Sunday at a Rochester, N.Y., area hospital. The body was cremated, and a memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lane Chapel in Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Interment will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Dalbey lived in Des Moines early in his life. He was a retired broker and financial consultant and was a World War II Naval officer.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; three sons, Jack of Newport Beach, Calif., Richard of Carlsbad, Calif., and Thomas of Littleton, Colo.; three brothers, Roy and Raymond, both of Des Moines, and Robert of West Des Moines; two stepdaughters, Margaret Briggs of Lansing, N.Y., and Ann Nohl of Belmont, Mass.; one stepson, John Barr of Pittsford, N.Y.; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Clergy workshop planned for D.M. 2/17/87

A support workshop for clergy and religious professionals will be conducted Feb. 23 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., as part of the annual meeting of the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center.

"In the World, but Not Of... A Survival Workshop for Clergy and Religious Professionals" discusses the conflict between contemporary societal values and the values of faith tradition and focuses on ways for religious leaders to survive amid that conflict.

A registration fee of \$15 includes a

box lunch. Registrations can be sent to Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center, 550 39th St., Suite 100, Des Moines, Ia. 50312. Registrations are due Feb. 20.

Pastor decries networks' stand on condom ads

By WILLIAM SIMBRO
Register Religion Writer

Television executives are "hypocrites" for pushing sex without regard for its consequences in TV shows and commercials, then refusing to accept condom advertising on grounds that it might promote sexual activity, a prominent Des Moines pastor said Sunday.



JAMES O. GILLIOM

In his Sunday sermon at the 2,600-member Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the Rev. James O. Gilliom said the attitude of the commercial networks on condom advertising is an example of "the hypocrisy throughout our society regarding sexual issues."

Gilliom said the networks "broadcast shows that glamorize extramarital sex, and without any suggestion of birth control." He said they "blatantly use erotic sexual innuendo to sell everything from men's shirts to automobiles, and then refuse to accept condom ads, saying they might promote sexual activity."

"Our hypocritical society has a problem in dealing with the issue of sexuality," Gilliom said. 2/23/87

Planned Parenthood, D.M. clergy unite

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

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Planned Parenthood officials marked the 14th anniversary by seeking abortion Thursday by seeking stronger ties with Des Moines area religious leaders.

At the end of a three-hour workshop on "Reproductive Rights in Religion" some 25 religious leaders and officials of Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa endorsed a committee on religious affairs as part of the Planned Parenthood structure.

The workshop was part of a celebration of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortions legal.

The Rev. James Gilliom, pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, pushed for forma-

tion of the religious affairs committee. He said Iowa's religious community has been silent too long on the problem of teen-age pregnancy, sex education, the right of personal choice regarding abortion, and the whole range of human sexuality.

Anti-abortion forces have long targeted Planned Parenthood as a symbol of what they view as evil. The Rev. Harold Varce, executive director of the Des Moines Area Religious Council, noted that the new committee will face the problem that "in the public mind, Planned Parenthood is a code word for abortion."

"We are aware of that knee-jerk reaction," said Jill June, executive director of Planned Parenthood of

Mid-Iowa. "We are speaking with the voice of reason and concern. They are the ones who are controversial. We have allowed them to capture the language, set the issues and get the media attention."

June said it is a great hope of the organization to see the number of abortions decrease because of increased knowledge about sexuality and the use of birth control.

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Counseling plan 'an idea whose time has come'

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synagogues can offer. Religious strength and religious counseling is a very needed dimension for Planned Parenthood.

"Troubled People"

"I see troubled people in our waiting room," June said. "As they sit there holding hands I imagine they are thinking about being sinners. I would like to have appropriate material to put in their hands or to ask them if they need a minister to talk to and be able to give them a number."

Except for the Rev. John Ludwig, pastor of St. Mary of Nazareth Catholic Church, all the speakers on a panel supported the pro-choice position as being not only constitutional but also in keeping with their religious faith.

"I see it as a hopeful sign of God's Kingdom," said the Rev. Karen Chakorian, assistant pastor of Central Presbyterian Church.

"This is an idea whose time has come," said the Rev. James Nelson, a United Methodist minister who heads the Wesley Foundation at Drake University.

Rabbi Steven Fink of Temple B'nai Jeshurun said that in such areas as



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JERRY SCHMALENBERGER

adolescent pregnancies, birth control and sex education, "we have not addressed the problem together. I appreciate Planned Parenthood bringing us together," Fink said.

The Rev. Jerry Schmalenberger, pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church, said his denomination is "strongly on the side of pro-choice" in abortions. He said people "must have the freedom to choose between the lesser of evils."

Schmalenberger said in counseling he urges the use of birth control and family planning. "I encourage that there be no intercourse outside the bonds of marriage. But my counsel is that if they cannot keep from having intercourse before marriage, birth control should be used."

Opposition

While Planned Parenthood and segments of the "liberal" or "main-line" religious community move to work more closely together, it is clear that other segments remain strong in their opposition to abortion.

"The lines are drawn. As an evangelical Christian, I would start from a different premise" than those at the meeting, the Rev. Alan Hendrickson, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, said later.

"Evangelical Christians just wouldn't identify with that," said Hendrickson. He defined an evangelical as "one who accepts the lordship of Christ and the authority of scripture."

Traditional meals mark start of Lent

Traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake meals and Ash Wednesday services marking the start of Lent will be held next week in area churches.

A pancake, sausage and grapefruit luncheon will be served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 High St. Cost is \$3.

Serving of pancakes, sausage, fruit cup and beverage will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Capitol Hill Christian Church, 3322 E. 25th St. Cost is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children age 12 and under.

First Lutheran Church, East Fifth and Des Moines streets, will observe Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion at 12:05 and 7 p.m. Other Lenten services will be held at 12:05 and 7 p.m. March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 and 8. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

First Lutheran also is planning Lenten educational programs. Continental breakfasts and studies of the writings of John will be held from 7 to 7:50 a.m. each Tuesday in March and on April 7 and 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Studies of the Gospel and Letters of John will be conducted 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. each Wednesday in March and on April 1 and 8.

An Ash Wednesday service at Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, 3120 S.W. Ninth St., will be at 7:30 p.m.

The junior and senior Matins choirs will present an Ash Wednesday concert at 8 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. The concert will benefit the Family Violence Center and Philippine Children's Fund.

A 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday communion service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Ave.

Ash Wednesday services at Grace United Methodist Church, 3700 Cottage Grove Ave., will be at 7:30 p.m.

• Chiu-Ling Lin, assistant professor of piano at Drake University, will present a dedicatory concert at 3 p.m. Sunday on the new Steinway grand piano of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Plymouth choir plans trip abroad

The chancel choir of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will perform in July at the first Salzburg Church Music Festival, which is a prelude to the famous Salzburg Music Festival in Austria.

The Plymouth choir has gone on numerous tours before, but this is its first trip to Europe. Carol Stewart, director, said 62 members plan to make the trip. The Plymouth group was invited along with five other American choirs by Janos Zifra of the Roman Catholic archdiocese in Salzburg to present masterworks of American sacred literature in the Salzburg Cathedral.

The choir also will perform in Budapest, Hungary, and Vienna, Austria, while on the trip.

Other choirs performing in Salzburg will be Grace Episcopal Church of Charleston, S.C.; Central Lutheran Church of Minneapolis; Central United Methodist Church of Phoenix, Ariz.; the University of Delaware Singers of Newark, Del.; and the Austin Civic Chorus, Austin, Texas.

GRACE O. CHARLTON

Grace O. Charlton, 84, of 5241 Woodland Ave. died of a heart ailment Monday in Oakmont, Pa. There will be private graveside services at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Charlton was born in Monroe and lived in Des Moines for 60 years. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Junior League of Des Moines and Orchard Place.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Greulich of Pittsburgh, Pa., and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

D.M. insurance pioneer dies

John C. Archibald, 81, of 1704 Luin Lane in Windsor Heights, one of the executives responsible for the growth of The Bankers Life, died of cancer Wednesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



JOHN C. ARCHIBALD

Mr. Archibald, a retired senior vice president of the Des Moines insurance company now named the Principal Financial Group, was the second highest officer of the company. He managed the company's group insurance division, and premium income quadrupled under him.

"Today, group plans are the biggest part of the company, and he certainly was a key figure in building that up," said Robert Houser, the retired chairman of the company.

"He was very well-liked and highly respected by his peers in the industry and by the people who worked with him and for him," Houser added.

Mr. Archibald, a native of Seaforth, Ontario, moved to the Des Moines area when he joined The Bankers Life in 1934. He was named a vice president in 1946 and became senior vice president in 1963. He retired in 1970.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. He served as president of Plymouth Place, a Des Moines retirement home, and was a past president of Iowa Children's and Family Service. He also was a member of the Des Moines Club, Rotary Club and Prairie Club.

A memorial service will be held later at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body will be cremated.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; a son, Bruce of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a daughter, Jean Welch of Clearwater, Fla.; three brothers, A.W. of Guelph, Ontario, Frank of Chatham, Ontario, and Robert of Seaforth; two sisters, Alice Archibald of Barrie, Ontario, and Isabel Sherwood of Brockville, Ontario; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family has suggested that any memorial contribution be made to his church or to Plymouth Place Inc.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

AMY PAYE

Amy Paye, 78, of 248 51st St. died of a blockage in her lung Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



AMY
PAYE

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Canfield Cemetery in Ivy.

Mrs. Paye was born in Ivy and had lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wesley Redhead Questers, Castle Dance Club. She was one of the authors of "History of Southeast Polk County" and was an assistant ballroom dance instructor with Sylvia Zarnow Dance for more than 30 years.

Survivors include her husband, James W.; three daughters, Connie Miller of Denver, Colo., Joanie Cradick of Utica, Neb., and Katherine Cover of Des Moines; three sisters, Eva Bishop of Chicago, Ill., and Rena Atherton and Norma Grant, both of Des Moines; four brothers, Otto Bishop and Lyle Bishop, both of Des Moines, Clyde Bishop of Oregon and Bruce Bishop of Illinois; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call anytime before the service at the funeral home.

RICHARD E. WALLACE

A graveside service for Richard E. Wallace, 86, of 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of a heart attack Wednesday at home, will be at 10 a.m. today at Waukeet Cemetery.

Mr. Wallace was born in Cedar Rapids and lived in California before moving to Des Moines 12 years ago. He retired in 1965 from International Paper Co. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Clinton Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Consistory and Des Moines Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Fern B.; and a sister, Edith Current of Mount Vernon.

Friends may call at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James W. Lenhart Memorial Fund.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, more than 150 musicians from Wartburg College in Waverly will present an annual Christmas program at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" is the theme. Free tickets may be picked up in the church office.

The 150 high-school-age members of two Matins Choirs at Plymouth Congregational United Church

BRIEFLY IN RELIGION

of Christ will present "Stars on Matins Avenue," featuring a buffet dinner, cabaret acts and a pops concert from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Val Air Ballroom, 301 Ashworth Road in West Des Moines. Tickets are \$12 and may be arranged by calling 255-3149 by Wednesday. The project will benefit the choir's outreach tour fund.

Contractor John Ringland dies at age 88

By NOEL FIGUEIREDO
Register Staff Writer

Hanging in the youth center of the low-income Homes of Oakridge in Des Moines is the picture of a man with an inscription from the Gospel of John 1:6, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."



JOHN
RINGLAND

John Ringland, 88, founder of the Des Moines construction firm Ringland-Johnson-Crowley Co. and a pioneer in the revitalization of Oakridge homes, died at his home Monday of a heart ailment he had been battling since Thanksgiving.

He founded his firm in 1946 and its operations — which cover \$50 million in projects annually — have since grown statewide and also include Colorado and California. In 1964 he retired as the firm's president and became an independent consultant.

Ringland's volunteer work with the government-subsidized low-income Homes of Oakridge began in 1976. In 1982, he was tabbed Citizen of the Year by the Des Moines Mission Council for his work at the homes. That same year he was nominated for the City Council's Citizen of the Year award.

Margaret Toomey, manager of Homes of Oakridge, said Ringland engineered and oversaw \$750,000 in construction projects at the 300-unit dwellings over the past 10 years. "He didn't take a single penny" for his time, she said.

Oakridge opened in 1971. After falling into financial problems, the project was taken over by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The way Oakridge looks today is much due to John's credit," Toomey said. "When I came on, there were major problems here. Now we're all paid up on our mortgages... we have a 99 percent occupancy rate. He was a giant of a person, extremely generous. ... A giant of a man in every sense of the word."

Business partner Orville Crowley, who joined the Ringland-Johnson partnership in 1964, said, "He was probably the finest and smartest constructor the state of Iowa has ever seen. He was dedicated to quality and value for his customers."

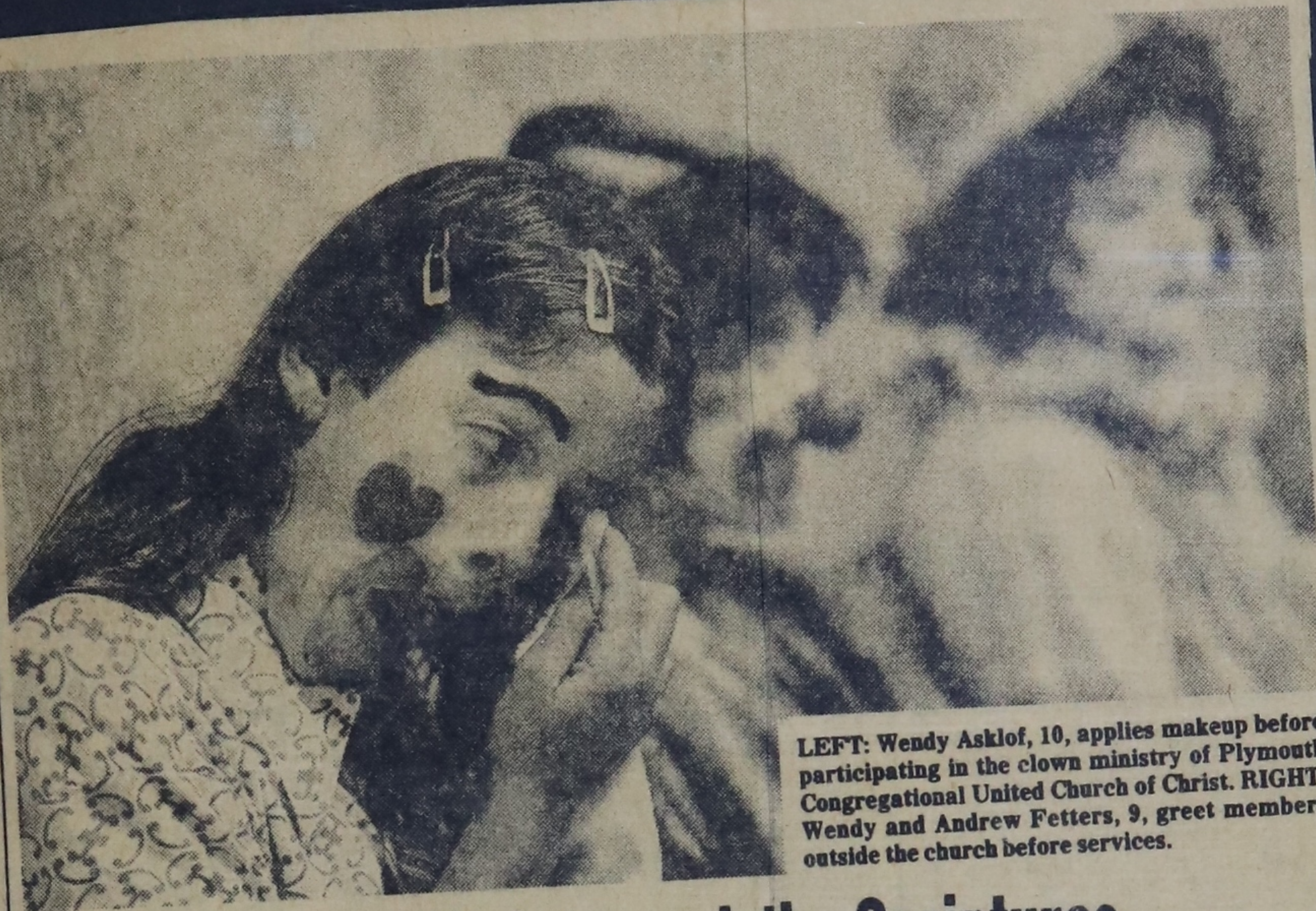
Ken Lewis, past general manager of Master Builders of Iowa, said, "John was a highly respected builder — gruff, outspoken, as honest as anybody that came along."

Ringland was born in Boone and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He attended public schools and received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the then-named Iowa State College in Ames in 1922.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, followed by burial in the Masonic Cemetery. Visitation will be at Dunn's Funeral Home after 3 p.m. today.

Survivors include his wife, Cleone; two sons, Jack of Cedar Rapids and Byron of New York, N.Y.; a stepson, Howard Hamilton of Des Moines; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Ringland Memorial Fund for Homes of Oakridge Youth-Education and Work Program or the Iowa State University Achievement Fund.



LEFT: Wendy Asklof, 10, applies makeup before participating in the clown ministry of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. RIGHT: Wendy and Andrew Fethers, 9, greet members outside the church before services.

Young clowns help interpret the Scriptures

BY BETSY WHITE
Register Staff Writer

It may not have been a strict Biblical interpretation, but the congregation of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., certainly got the point.

While the lector read from Genesis about God's bringing order to the earth by creating light and separating it from darkness, eight clowns scrambled and skipped across the chancel, climbing over pews and tripping each other in the process. They finally formed a jumbled group on the altar steps and, with a little help from their overalls-clad, barefoot leader, found their places.

When the lector finished the passage, the clowns opened their choir folders, and out of their confusion had come order. Clowns on the left displayed the word "day," and those on the right showed "night."

"And God saw that it was very good," the lector concluded, and the congregation burst into unrestrained laughter and applause.

Two years ago, Plymouth's director of child and youth education, Susan Asklof, decided that what Plymouth needed was "somebody doing something for somebody else." The church

program that has called on them to minister one-on-one with children at the Raymond Blank Memorial Children's Hospital and the Convalescent Home for Children; to visit with the elderly at Fountain West Care Center, and to interpret Scripture through mime at worship services.

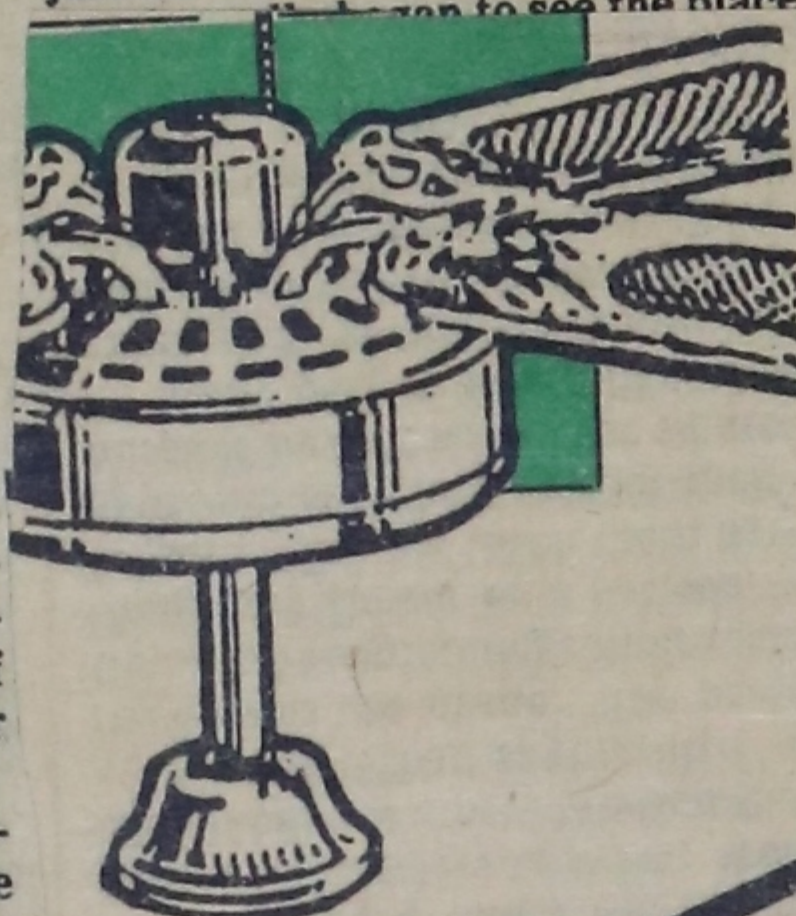
Led by Chris Jordan, Coby Kuhn and Asklof, the group is dedicated to serving others through the use of makeup and mime.

All three leaders believe clowns have a definite place in the church. "Clown Ministry is much more than a social group clowning around on a regular basis," Asklof wrote to the parents of prospective clowns. "It is a deliberate attempt to bring the art of clowning into a theological focus for young people of all ages."

Their white clown makeup symbolizes the death of Christ, while the bright colors splashed across their white faces represent the joy of the resurrection, Asklof explained.

But their theological connections didn't grant the clowns immunity from church members' doubts about the program. "At first, some people were asking, 'What are clowns doing in church?'" Asklof said. She said she

really set the stage, making fun of the issues," she said. "For example, they did a sketch on how hard it is to find a seat at the service. It made a fun situation out of something that could have been difficult, and a lot of the tension just dissolved. I think that was when



HURRY!

Labor, church leaders reflect on the holiday

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By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Staff Writer

Today is that unusual annual holiday when we honor workers by not working and by enjoying a long, late-summer weekend before plunging headlong into fall.

For many Americans, Labor Day is not a holiday that provokes a search for profound meanings. But for some it does.

If you are a labor leader, as is Jim Wengert, it may be a day for somber contemplation or a bit of bitter ventilation of feelings about the current status of organized labor in America.

If you are a preacher, as are John Wilken and Alden Hebard, it may be a day for pondering the theology of work as a participation with the Creator in the enterprise of completing, protecting and extending the creation.

This isn't the happiest Labor Day for Wengert, president of the Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, which has lost some 20,000 members the past 20 months because of layoffs, plant closings and people moving.

"It is tough to organize members in a time when the economy is lousy," Wengert said. And, he insisted, the economy is lousy, with bank failures "the highest since the Depression" and real unemployment "in some places running double" the official figures.

As Wengert sees it, the situation is darkened by a "National Labor Relations Board that is a joke," a Supreme Court that for a decade has handed down decisions "that have swung the pendulum all the way to the advantage of the business side" and an administration that he considers strongly anti-labor.

He charges the administration "solved inflation by throwing people out of work."

Wengert said that in the United States every person who is able to

Hebard: Work is more than a job

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work "absolutely should have the right to have a meaningful job. When people don't have jobs, it damages the whole fabric of society. Crime goes up, divorce goes up, child abuse goes up. In our opinion it is just stupidity for people to be out of work when the infrastructure of our nation is going to hell in a handbasket and nothing is being done about it."

His Labor Day plea is for a commitment to put people to work rebuilding that infrastructure of roads, bridges, sewers, railroads and the other ungla-morous but vital innards of society.

Preachers, too, have been thinking about the meaning of this annual holiday.

As Wilken, associate pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Des Moines, sat down to write his "Parson to Person" column in the church newsletter last week, he penned these words:

Interdependent World

"Labor Day is a time when we need to remind ourselves that this is not an age of rugged individualism, but that we are part of an interdependent world. Everyone's work does make a difference in each of our lives.

"Labor Day is a time when we should renew our commitment to see to it that everyone has an equal opportunity to work and to see to it that everyone's dignity and basic human rights are preserved in all work. As Christians, Labor Day ought to remind us our work is not just a job, it is not just a means of earning money, but rather our work is a calling, a vocation, an offering of ourselves to God, an expression of faith, a way of ministry."

Hebard, minister of membership at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, also gave his thoughts on the theology of work.

Ideally, he said, a person will find

meaning in work if he or she sees it as a "vocation" and a partnership with the Creator — not just a job. He acknowledged that it is easier for a surgeon to feel that than a person doing a repetitive job on an assembly line.

Genuine Interest

But Hebard said he has known many people who do menial jobs and feel a sense of vocation in them. For example, he said his favorite supermarket sacker is friendly and genuinely interested in his customers. The preacher senses that his sacker sees his job as a vocation.

Hebard said he was concerned about "two polarities in tension" concerning the right of each person to work. "We feel everyone should work. But how does an unregulated society provide the means for everyone to work? I don't know the answer to that."

He also is concerned about "the picture the well-to-do have about welfare. To them it is odious. They still have the idea that if people were just industrious, everyone could get a job. Affluence breeds insularity and, in some instances, insolence."

Hebard said he worries about the "great gulf" that seems to separate those who have made it and those who haven't in our society. Frequently, the most powerful factor separating the two, he said, is luck.

Whether Iowans spend the holiday lazily sipping a beer or pondering the deeper meaning of the day, they have been observing Labor Day longer than most folks.

Labor Day became an official holiday in Iowa in 1890. Four years later, in a time of financial panic when workers were fighting the powers of industrial giants, that Labor Day became a national legal holiday.

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Lenhart, former Plymouth pastor, dies in Maine

7/17/85

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

The Rev. James Wills Lenhart, a Des Moines community leader in his 17 years as senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, died of a heart attack Tuesday at his summer home in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He was 73.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Boothbay Harbor Congregational United Church of Christ. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational, where Lenhart served as senior pastor from 1960 until his 1977 retirement.

He and his wife, Martha, then moved to Sanibel Island, Fla., to start a United Church of Christ congregation among the vacationers, artists and wealthy retirees in the community. They moved to Sarasota four years later because of health problems.

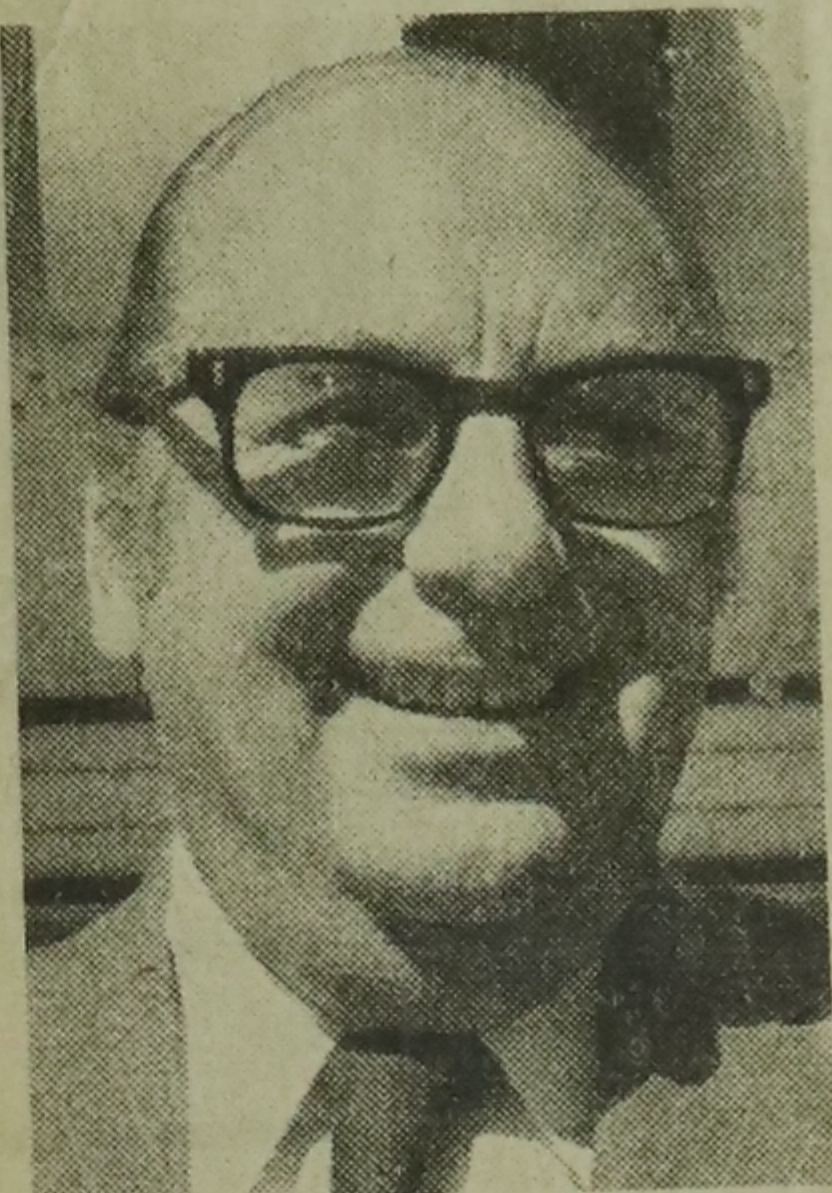
Lenhart led the development of the Homes of Oakridge low-income housing project and the 12-story Plymouth Place retirement home at 4111 Ingersoll Ave.

He "had an amazing ministry here in combining the public service in the community, a forward-looking ministry in the church and in meeting people's needs," said the Rev. James O. Gilliom, Lenhart's successor at Plymouth. "He was a man completely committed to his calling."

"Deep Thinker"

Said John McKlveen, a retired architect and longtime Plymouth member: "He had a very exciting ministry here. He was a very deep thinker and an outstanding preacher."

Before leaving Des Moines, Lenhart was honored at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Rabbi Jay Goldburg introduced Lenhart by saying, "I love this man. He is my rabbi, my teacher." Lenhart



James Wills Lenhart
"I can believe... you can too."

said of Goldburg, "Jay is my closest friend in the ministry."

"We laughed together, cried together and shared from the heart," Goldburg, now a hospital chaplain in St. Louis, Mo., said Tuesday.

Goldburg recalled a scene in Greenwood Park in the turbulent 1960s when police feared a violent confrontation between Vietnam War protesters and ruffians. "About midnight [Lenhart] walked into the park and said 'Come, let us reason together. Let's all go to the church and talk.' Within a few minutes he had them all following him to the church," Goldburg said.

Good Friend, Neighbor

Alphonse "Babe" Bisignano, a restaurateur and conservative Catholic, Tuesday fondly remembered the liber-

al Protestant minister, his good friend and neighbor. "He and his wife stayed all night with us" at the scene of the 1965 fire that destroyed the restaurant, Bisignano said. "He was a dear, dear friend."

Lenhart grew up in Canton, Ohio. He went to Yale University Divinity School in 1938 and took two years of graduate study in philosophy and theology at Yale as a Hooker Fellow. He served as pastor of the United Church on the Green in New Haven, Conn., from 1947 to 1952.

He lectured on preaching at Yale and Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and received the Freedom Foundation's George Washington Gold Medal for the best sermon in the nation in 1974.

"I've always tried to keep my amateur standing," he said in 1977. "I have most of the vices of my congregation. I hope I have a few of their virtues. I feel like a layman. I can honestly say to a man, 'I have all your problems. If I can believe in the gospel, you can too.'"

Looking back on his ministry, he said: "People have paid me to do a ministry on their behalf which, if I had the money, I'd be glad to pay them for the privilege of doing. I know that sounds pious and trite. But that is how I feel."

Besides his wife, survivors include a daughter, Jean Golden of Rochester, N.Y.; a son, James Thomas Lenhart of Washington, D.C.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines or the building fund of the Sanibel Island United Church of Christ in Florida.

'One foot in the world'

7/21/85

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He once said modestly, "I have most of the vices of my congregation; I hope I have a few of their virtues." Those who knew him — and those who knew of him — will say that James Wills Lenhart had more than a few virtues.

Groom loses rings to thief

8/13/85

For Michael Schuldt, it was every nervous groom's wedding-day nightmare, but with a twist: Just before the ceremony Saturday, he discovered that the wedding rings were missing. Someone had stolen them from a Des Moines church.

The rings had been left in a dressing room at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., while the traditional wedding photographs were being taken, police said. Schuldt noticed a man nearby who obviously was not part of the wedding party, wearing blue jeans and a blue shirt. Then, just before the march down the aisle was set to begin, Schuldt discovered the theft.

Schuldt, of Evanston, Ill., could not be reached for comment Monday; presumably he was on his honeymoon.

The suspect in the theft was described as white, in his 20s, 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing 165 pounds.

The 14 karat gold rings, valued at \$400, were inscribed "M.S. L.M. 8-10-85."

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industries council looks like a good place to start.

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Ecumenical Media Festival planned

An Ecumenical Media Festival, aimed at professional and volunteer church leaders, is scheduled Nov. 2-3 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Donn McGuirk and Sister Carol Rennie, of the National Teacher Education Project in Scottsdale, Ariz., will be key leaders. McGuirk will lead workshops on "Teaching for and from the Right Brain" and "Inexpensive Classroom Media." Rennie will lead workshops on "How to Plan Instruction to Bring Story and Theme Together," "Teaching Strategy" and "Learning Centers."

Participants may take part in either one or both days. A total of 24 workshop topics will be offered, including topics on puppets, clowns, video and computers. The festival is sponsored by six denominations. Costs are \$20 for two days or \$10 for one for members of sponsoring denominations, and \$30 for both days or \$10 for one for all others. Registration should be made with Sue Sonner, Methodist Resource Center, 1019 Chestnut St., Des Moines 50309.

Plymouth adds two to professional staff

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ at 4126 Ingersoll Ave. has named two members to its professional staff.

The Rev. Faith V. Ferre, 37, will become minister of discipleship effective Sept. 1. Thomas L. Janssen, 35, will fill the new position of director of youth music and fellowship effective Monday.

Ferre will be involved in volunteer management, adult education, adult fellowship, social action, community service and confirmation education, as well as sharing in worship and pastoral ministries. She has been associate pastor of First Christian Church in Des Moines for two years and headed United Ministries in Higher Education at Drake University from 1976 to 1982. She is a graduate of the College of Wooster and of Harvard Divinity School and is a United Church of Christ minister.

Janssen, of Ankeny, will work with youth in grades six through 12. A graduate of Drake University, Janssen was a music teacher in Iowa public schools for 10 years before becoming an insurance underwriter in 1981. He had been director of the senior choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny since 1979.

• Jon Stemkoski's Celebrant Singers of Visalia, Calif., will present a concert of contemporary gospel music at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. They recently returned from a tour of Ireland, Egypt, Greece, Yugoslavia and India.

• The fall meeting of Bread for the World, a citizens' religious organization seeking government action to deal with hunger, will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. Mikel Johnson of the American Friends Service Committee staff will discuss hunger in southern Africa, based on the month she spent there.

Clown ministry plans hospital visits

The Plymouth Clown Ministry from Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will perform for the patients of Blank Children's Hospital and the Younker

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rehabilitation Center at 6 tonight at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, 1200 Pleasant St.

The 30-member troupe of third-through ninth-graders will apply makeup and perform for the patients, and give treats.



Paper weight

Members of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Des Moines youth choir were halted temporarily during their paper drive Saturday when their semi-trailer broke through a sinkhole near the curb at Forty-second Street and Ingersoll Avenue. Waiting for a tow truck are Jim Goettsch, 14, left, Chris Rosebrook, 15, and Mark Rehberg, 16.

REGISTER PHOTO BY BOB NANDELL

6/26/84
BEATRICE TIMMIS MILLER

Services for Beatrice Stephany Timmis Miller, 91, of 3520 Grand Ave., who died Sunday of a heart ailment at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body will be cremated, with interment at Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mrs. Miller was born in Manning and later moved to Evanston, Ill. She lived in Des Moines since 1972. She taught English at the University of Illinois and retired in 1961. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the American Association of University Women and King's Daughters.

There are no immediate survivors. Memorial contributions are suggested to Plymouth Congregational Church.

9/4/84
RACHEL M. PEISEN

Services for Rachel M. Peisen, 91, of 3520 Grand Ave., who died of a heart attack Sunday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body will be cremated with interment at Eldora at a later date.



RACHEL M.
PEISEN

Mrs. Peisen was born in Eldora and lived in Ames, where she worked with student housing at Iowa State University. For the past 20 years she lived in Des Moines. She taught school in several Iowa towns and attended Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines. She was also a member of the P.E.O. Chapter GA.

Survivors include a brother, Dr. Conan J. Peisen of Des Moines; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Plymouth Congregational Church or Wesley Acres.

8/21/84
EDITH E. BECK

Services for Edith E. Beck, 94, of 335 N.W. Fiftieth St. Place, who died of a heart ailment Sunday at home, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dahlstrom Funeral Home. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery.



EDITH E.
BECK

Mrs. Beck was born in Newton and lived in Des Moines for 35 years. She was a homemaker and member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a son, R.V. Hicklin of Des Moines; a daughter, Helen Brown of California; a sister Joan Fjelland of Des Moines; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association.

Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

CAROL H. SNYDER

Graveside services for Carol H. Snyder, 89, of 1113 Walker St., who died of cancer at her home Wednesday, will be at 11 a.m. today at Riverside Cemetery at Charles City.

Born in Charles City, Miss Snyder lived in Des Moines 63 years. She retired in 1960 after teaching English and French at East High School. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the American Association of University Women, several honorary educational sororities and Chapter HK of PEO.

There are no immediate survivors.

Hauser Funeral Home in Charles City is handling arrangements.

7/6/84

8/31/84
OTTO J. CLARK

Services for Otto J. Clark, 88, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of cancer and a stroke



OTTO J.
CLARK

Wednesday at home, will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Clark was a retired deputy city assessor. Born in Shelby County, he was a Des Moines resident the past 57 years and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, West Gate Masonic Lodge 661, Des Moines Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and American Legion Argonne Post 60. He was a World War I Army veteran.

Survivors include his brother, Ward Clark of Burnsville, Minn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

8/6/85
RUTH E. HOAK

Services for Ruth E. Hoak, 73, of 4004 Grand Ave., who died of cancer Thursday at her home, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hamilton's Funeral Home. The body will be cremated, and the ashes will be interred privately.

Mrs. Hoak was born in Grinnell and lived most of her life in Des Moines. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and the Des Moines Garden Club.

Survivors include her husband, Harry; a son, Robert of Des Moines; a brother, Ralph Nason of Demarest, N.J.; and one grandchild.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Des Moines Garden Club.

Friends may call Saturday and Sunday at the funeral home.

10/8/84
MARIE H. SHAY

A memorial service for Marie H. Shay, 82, of 3100 Grand Ave., who died of a heart attack Sunday at Iowa



MARIE H.
SHAY

Methodist Medical Center, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Mrs. Shay was born in Minneapolis, Minn. and lived in

Des Moines for 31 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Pi Beta Phi, the Linden Heights Club and P.E.O.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Shay of Vail, Colo.; a daughter, Patricia Pester of Des Moines; a sister, Gladys Powers of Bethesda, Md.; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to her church.

11/1/84
ALICE ROBINSON

Services for Alice DePuy Robinson, 94, of 348 Fifty-first St., who died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home, will



ALICE
ROBINSON

be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the family home. Burial will be at noon Friday in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Robinson was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and was a homemaker. She was a 50-year member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines Women's Club and PEO chapter HT.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane R. Weaver of Bettendorf and Janice R. Burns of Des Moines; one son, Wendell C. Robinson of Hot Springs, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wesley Acres Good Samaritan Fund.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today, and the family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

4/2/85
SARA T. PEOPLES HOLT

Special Dispatch to The Register

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Sara Taphouse Peoples Holt, 87, of Phoenix, formerly of Des Moines, died of pneumonia Thursday at home. The family will hold private services in Phoenix.

Mrs. Holt had lived in the Ames and Des Moines areas from 1939 to 1981. She was a member of Chapter Q of PEO and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Graydon Peoples of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two daughters, Barbara Clark of San Ramon, Calif., and Marcia Ryan of Ankeny; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Beatitudes Campus of Care memorial fund in Phoenix.

MARGARET D. MILLIGAN

A memorial service for Margaret D. Milligan, 84, of Wesley Acres, 3520



MARGARET D. MILLIGAN

Grand Ave., who died of a heart ailment Aug. 4, will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body was cremated.

Survivors include her husband, David O.; two sons, George F. of Des Moines and James E. of Washington, D.C.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

8/21/85

MARGARET D. MILLIGAN

A private graveside service for Margaret D. Milligan, 84, Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., who died of a heart ailment Sunday at the home, will be in Jefferson. A memorial service will be planned at a later date. The body has been cremated.

Mrs. Milligan was born in Jefferson and lived in Des Moines for 50 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Volunteer Child Guidance Center, Chapter KO of P.E.O., past president of Des Moines YWCA and the Des Moines Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband, David O.; two sons, George F. of Des Moines and James E. of Washington, D.C.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 8/6/85

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FAYE RASMUSSEN

Services for Faye Rasmussen, 77, of 4641 Woodland Ave. in West Des Moines, who died of a heart attack

Wednesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Rasmussen was born in Sloan and lived in Des Moines since 1939. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Za-Ga-Zig ladies auxiliary and Shrine Chanters ladies auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence I.; a son, James of Midland, Texas; two daughters, Karen Hussisian of Barrington, Ill., and Dorothy Hoelle of Little Rock, Ark.; four sisters, Marian Johnson and Marie Schweizer, both of Sloan, Edna Heacock of Kingsley and Dorothy Trent of Fresno, Calif.; two brothers, Merle Woods of Sloan and John Woods of Fresno, Calif.; and 11 grandchildren.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospital.



FAYE RASMUSSEN

VIRGINIA W. STEPHENS

7/16/85
Services for Virginia W. Stephens, 71, of 3663 Grand Ave., who died of cancer Sunday at a Virginia, Minn.,



VIRGINIA W. STEPHENS

hospital, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Springfield, Mo., and lived in Des Moines 47 years. She was a homemaker and did volunteer work at the Convalescent Home for Children. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband, Morris; two sons, Jack of Des Moines and Tom of Palm Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Jane Ann O'Neil of Lake Forest, Ill.; a brother, Arch Watson of Springfield, Mo.; and eight grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the building fund of Des Moines Hearing and Speech Center or the American Cancer Society.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

BERTHA S. JEWETT

7/11/85
Services for Bertha S. Jewett, 84, of 3517 Jewett Lane, who died of a heart ailment Tuesday at her summer cottage at Lake Okoboji, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Jewett, a lifelong resident of Des Moines, was the widow of Gerald A. Jewett Sr., who was president and general manager of Jewett Lumber Co., and the mother of lumberman Gerald A. Jewett Jr. of Des Moines.

She was a graduate of the University of Iowa, and she taught design at the former Cumming Art School. She was an artist and a contributing member of the Iowa Art Guild since 1922. She was a member of the Des Moines, Wakonda and Embassy clubs, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Colonial Dames and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Gerald A. Jewett Jr. of Des Moines; a daughter, Constance Jewett Cory of Okoboji; a brother, Ambrose Shore of California; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today until service time at the funeral home.

JEANNETTE L. MISHLER

Services for Jeannette L. Mishler, 60, of 4809 Pleasant St., who died of a pulmonary ailment Wednesday at Luther Park Care Center, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Fairview cemetery in Bedford.

Born in Bedford, Mrs. Mishler moved to Des Moines, where she was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, James of Des Moines, and John of Pomona, Calif.; two daughters, Sara Mishler and J. Anne Mishler, both of Des Moines; and a sister, Kathleen Muir of Nashua.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. 6/6/85

GRACE M. HARRISON

Services for Grace M. Harrison, 96, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of a heart ailment Friday at her residence, will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Private burial will be at the Masonic Cemetery.



GRACE M.
HARRISON

Mrs. Harrison was born in Stuart and lived in Des Moines since 1912. She was a homemaker, a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and PEO Chapter HT. She attended Simpson College, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Roland; a son, Robert of Philadelphia, Pa.; four granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Good Brotherhood Fund of Scottish Rite Park, Historic Preservation Trust for Des Moines Consistory, Plymouth Congregational church or the Shrine Hospital.

ROBERT PATRICK

Memorial services for Robert Patrick, 78, retired senior vice president of The Bankers Life, who died of a heart attack Monday in Bella Vista, Ark., will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Drake Alumni Scholarship Fund.

6/2/85

ARDIS C. KITZMAN

Services for Ardis C. Kitzman, 62, of 7255 El Rancho Ave., who died of cancer Tuesday at Charter Community Hospital, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body will be donated to the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences.



ARDIS C.
KITZMAN

Born in Watertown, Wis., Mrs. Kitzman moved to Des Moines, where she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Leo E.; two daughters, Sadonna Wilson of Des Moines and Carlotta Schmidt of Milwaukee, Wis.; a son, David of Milwaukee, Wis.; a brother, Myron West of Watertown, Wis.; and a grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

HELENA M. KRAUSE

Services for Helena M. Krause, 79, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave., who died of a heart ailment Thursday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Steamboat Rock Cemetery.



HELENA M.
KRAUSE

Born in Becker, Minn., Mrs. Krause lived in Des Moines 50 years. She retired in 1980 as a clerk for the International Chapter PEO. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, PEO Chapter HD, National TTT Society and OES.

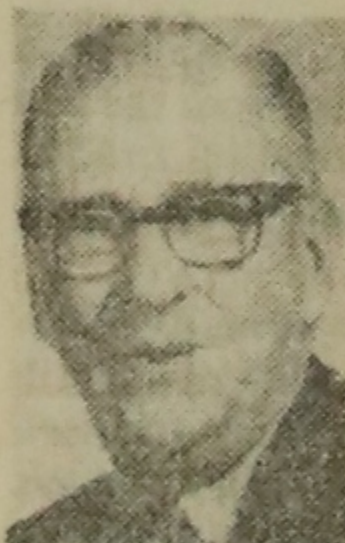
Survivors include a son, Keith of Boulder, Colo.; two brothers, Tom Eckhoff of Oskaloosa and Henry Eckhoff of Steamboat Rock; a sister, Ann Walters of Steamboat Rock; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Brokerage firm founder dies

Theodore C. Henderson, who founded the T. C. Henderson Co. brokerage firm in the heart of the Depression and



THEODORE
HENDERSON

who in 1954 became Iowa's first resident member of the New York Stock Exchange, died of pneumonia Thursday at the Good Shepherd Retirement Center in Sun City, Ariz. He was 82.

Mr. Henderson, a descendant of a Des Moines pioneer family, maintained his home at 1209 S.W. Bell Ave. but often spent the winter in Sun City. He had been at the Good Shepherd home since Nov. 1.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. Burial will be at Resthaven Cemetery.

Mr. Henderson's great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Henderson, homesteaded a farm in 1948 in what is now southwest Des Moines.

In 1930, T. C. Henderson started the Des Moines brokerage firm that bore his name until it was sold to Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood Inc. in 1970.

In addition to the New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Henderson belonged to several leading stock and commodity exchanges. In 1932 he started Supervised Shares, the oldest mutual fund west of the Mississippi River. Supervised Shares was sold to Mutual of Omaha in 1970.

He held many elective positions within the industry, including president of the Iowa Investment Bankers, district governor for the National Association of Security Dealers, governor of Midwest Stock Exchange and a member of the board of Mutual of Omaha Income Shares. He was a retired member of the board of the Meredith Corp.

He also was a member of the Pioneer Club, Plymouth Congregational Church and past president of Wakonda Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Van Dyke of Des Moines; a son, Stacey R. of Des Moines; a brother, Bert of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Memorial contributions be made to the YMCA or to the Heritage Club Endowment Fund.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Associate who is a bishop

By William Simbro
Tribune Religion Writer

Seldom, if ever, has a pastor had an opportunity to have an associate pastor who is a bishop and former head of a two-million member national church.

That will be the experience of the Rev. James Gilliom, senior minister of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, when Bishop Ananda Rao Samuel joins Plymouth's ministerial staff in September for a four-month stay.

Samuel has been a bishop of the Church of South India since 1961 and was moderator of the two-million member church from 1972 to 1980. The Church of South India dates back to a union in the late 1940s of Congregational-Christian, Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist and Lutheran churches in India.

Samuel, who will return to India in January, came to the United States under an experimental international exchange program sponsored by the United Church of Christ Board for World Ministries.

He has been teaching this academic year at several U. S. theological seminaries. He had requested a chance to experience parish life on the staff of an American church. National officials of the United Church of Christ chose the large Des Moines congregation at 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Gilliom said the bishop will be a staff member in every sense, preaching occasionally, making pastoral calls, visiting hospital patients, teaching classes, working with youth and engaging in the full range of

pastoral responsibilities.

Appropriately, the first Sunday that he is to preach at Plymouth will be World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4 — the day Christians stress their oneness as part of a worldwide Christian fellowship.

Gilliom sees the bishop's time here as a learning experience both for Samuel and the congregation. He said it will be helpful "to get his perspective on everything from the Indian, the Eastern, point of view."

Gilliom said the Church of South India is an excellent example of the results of Christian missionary work from other countries, which ultimately resulted in a "strong, indigenous" church.

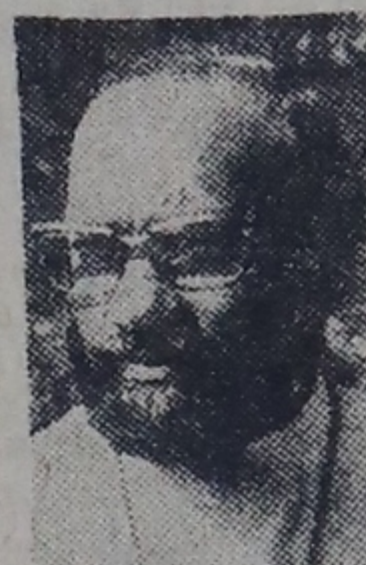
It is also an example of Christians being able to take very different traditions and bring them together in a united church. The Church of South India has an "episcopal" form of government, including bishops, drawn from its Anglican and Methodist components, but a strong sense of democracy, and local church autonomy as stressed in its other groups.

This raises another oddity in the Des Moines experiment — a bishop on the staff of a church with a strong Congregationalist heritage.

"Our concept of the ministerial office sees all ministers as equal," said Gilliom. "We see bishop as an office and not as a different (or higher) order of ministry."

It will be on that basis that the bishop becomes a member of the Plymouth ministerial team.

Gilliom said one of Samuel's special interests is the relation of faith and healing in a holistic approach to medicine. He hopes to consult with professionals in the Des Moines medical community while here.



ANANDA RAO
SAMUEL

Let's hear it for the girls, too

NOV. 1983

Because this is Veterans Day, bands will play and speakers will hail Americans, mostly young men, who served, died or were wounded in World Wars I and II, Korea and Vietnam, and now Lebanon and Grenada.

But let's also hear it for the girls.

Yes, girls. That's what young women called themselves in 1917, and in Des Moines they organized for the express purpose of entertaining the boys, which is what young men in uniform at Camp Dodge were called.

This was long before females voiced objections to being called co-eds, Missus Joe So-and-so, madam (in the polite sense), lady, toots or kiddo. Newspapers did not yet refer to women by their last names, which would have been considered disrespectful. "Ms." had not yet been invented as a prefix to a woman's name, and you could offer your bus seat to a youngish woman without her calling a cop.

Young women were girls and young men were boys. Simple, and in the manner of birds and bees, they had ways of finding each other. But if something like a war came along to upset the system, one side or the other was likely to do something about it.

So when World War I took boys



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out of circulation and confined them to Camp Dodge, the girls acted. They formed Girls Volunteer Aid (GVA), with the slogan: "Train The Girls And Trust The Soldiers."

GVA was born after a meeting in which "a number of plans for prohibitive work for girls were presented," according to a written history. "Prohibitive" isn't defined, but a committee decided, "having in mind the welfare of the girls, work should be constructive rather than prohibitive."

Makes sense.

So, led by some of Des Moines' hifalutin' socialites (Mesdames Finkbine, Carpenter, Cummins, Tomlinson, Olmsted, Coffin, McHenry, Wingate, Maulsby and others) younger women (girls) flocked to the first GVA meeting at Elmwood Elementary School, Thirty-first Street and University

Avenue. It soon became necessary to hold meetings all over town.

Why the enthusiasm? Maybe a U.S. War Department representative touched on the reason when he wrote in a 1917 GVA activities yearbook:

"One of the fears of the government was that the young ladies in cantonment cities would be neglected and the morale of the soldiers thus affected. Instead, the young ladies have been banding together with a definite patriotic aim — to serve their country first and consider themselves last."

First, last or always, those lucky guys at Camp Dodge!

Besides joining their elders at rolling bandages, knitting sweaters and whatnot, the GVA bought out the old Princess Theater and took the boys to a show.

The next event was a party at Plymouth Church. So it was in a staid church — at least everyone had a date. Word spread, and GVA grew faster. More than 1,000 girls attended one organizational picnic on the lawn of Hoyt Sherman Place.

A Unitarian social center, all city parks and many private homes hosted parties, teas, dances and picnics for the boys, accompanied by the flower of the city's womanhood.

The 1917 yearbook, owned by Hazel B. McKim of 3520 Grand Ave., says the GVA started with five strict rules limiting the number of times any group of soldiers could be entertained; girls under 18 had to have their mothers along, and no girl could leave a party with a soldier.

However, the book says other rules were added later, but it doesn't say what they were.

In any case, Mabel Dahlstrom Borg, then about 18, remembers that, "Oh, yes, there were several marriages."

Does that mean the girls and boys got around the rules?

"They corresponded," she replied.

Of course.

Besides taking soldier boys to dances, parties and picnics, the girls also entertained on the Army base, with a vocal quartet and at least one musical play, "Piff Puff." (In 1878, Broadway had a hit, "Piff Paff," with a show-stopping song, "Oh, Naughty Naughty." The 1917 GVA year book doesn't say whether the girls mean "Paff" instead of "Puff," and nothing is mentioned about any lyrics like "Naughty.")

When the killer flu epidemic

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Why hurry through Christmas? Make it last for 12 full days

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

You could safely bet the family farm that if you turn on the radio at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 26, you won't hear a Christmas carol.

The American culture's "Christmas Season," which started as the Thanksgiving Day turkey was digesting, or maybe even as the last goblin finished trick-or-treating at Halloween, will be officially over.

After a madcap round of parties, getting the cards mailed, spending too much money, eating too much food, drinking too much "Christmas cheer," hearing "White Christmas" and "Silent Night" for the thousandth time and maybe being pummeled in a toy store war fighting for possession of a Cabbage Patch doll, it is *finally* over.

Oddly, just when we've had our fill of Christmas, the church's calendar — yes, Christmas is a Christian holiday — tells us that the time to celebrate Christmas has just begun.

In an article a few years ago in U.S. Catholic magazine, Sister Patricia Knopp bravely suggested that Christians ignore the culture's Christmas season and return to the traditional observance of the "12 days of Christmas" from the Dec. 25 celebration of the birth of Jesus to the Epiphany remembrance of the visit of the Magi, the Three Wise Men.

She recalled the words of the writer, Helen McLoughlin:

"Families, who would not dream of eating their Thanksgiving turkey a week in advance or of having their Fourth of July picnic in June, give no thought to the fact that, when they awake on Dec. 25, there is not a shred of Christmas left. Every present has been opened. Every carol has been sung. The tree has dried out. Christmas is apt to be a dull day given to overeating."

Knopp made several suggestions. Instead of a mad binge of package opening, she suggested spreading out the gift giving at a leisurely pace over the 12 days, savoring each gift. Instead of struggling to "beat the Christmas rush," how about mailing out the cards after Dec. 25, in the season that for centuries was given to celebrating Christ's birth?

"One of my discoveries last Dec. 26, when the radio stations would not accommodate my wish for Christmas music, was that my own off-key caroling was more fun than listening to Perry Como or Bing Crosby," wrote Knopp.

She even suggested that, at the risk of having one's sanity questioned, one might wish friends a warm "Merry Christmas" in the days after the commercial world already has aimed its sights toward Valentine's Day.

Several pastors were asked their views on the church and culture Christmas clash. Generally, they responded that it is futile to rail at the culture, to go about shouting, "Put Christ back into Christmas."

But they also said there are some real values in efforts by the churches to observe Advent [the four weeks before Christmas] as a time of spiritual preparation, the days of Christmas as a time of celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, then the

Epiphany season as a time to stress what it means to humanity that "the Light has come into the world."

A frequent source of tension is the effort by pastors to stress the Advent themes of preparation, hope and anticipation of the coming Savior, while church folks want to start singing Christmas carols the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, chuckled as he recalled the only church controversy he has been involved in since his Nov. 1 return from a four-month sabbatical leave.

"It was the introduction of two new Advent hymns in place of Christmas carols," said Gilliom.

On the other hand, Gilliom senses "a new interest in the observance of the church year." He said Plymouth has put more emphasis this year on the meaning of the Advent themes.

"I think it is kind of neat that Christmas by the world's standards is all celebrated before Dec. 25; that when you turn on the radio, it's gone," said the Rev. James C. Scherf, pastor of First Lutheran Church, E. Fifth and Des Moines streets.

"We then have the opportunity as the church to celebrate what it really means. With all the moaning and groaning that the world has stolen Christmas, it has probably done us a favor."

Scherf noted that the days after Christmas tend to be more relaxed, families are together, many people are off work. He said those days could be made "the best of all gifts. We in the church ought to be turning our minds toward that."

"We try to move in the direction [of the traditional church observance of Advent and Christmas]," said the Rev. Carl Cooper, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave. "But by the fourth Sunday we capitulate and are singing Christmas carols."

Cooper said Knopp's ideas in the magazine article were "interesting. But we're locked into the Christmas season. I'm afraid the Christmas season for the church is Advent. We don't have any realistic hope of changing that. I do try to find ways to redeem the frantic activities of the season. But I don't rail at the culture."

"I just don't think it is realistic to try to treat it like Easter. People would be shocked if we sang 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' on Palm Sunday."

Monsignor Edward Pfeffer, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1627 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, noted that with such post-Christmas events as the Feast of the Holy Family and the Feast of the Epiphany, Roman Catholic liturgy "does celebrate the extension of Christmas."

But he, like the other pastors, quickly acknowledged the culture generally sets the pace for observance of Christmas.

"It is one of those battles you know you are going to lose before you start. I tend not to get too worked up about it."

Pfeffer said he would "wholeheartedly encourage anyone" to launch some of the post-Christmas customs called for by Knopp. "I haven't actively tried to promote it," he said. "But it would be good."

Pfeffer has fond memories from his student days of the custom in Italy — still common in Europe — of Epiphany, 12 days after Christmas, being the day of gift giving.

It is rooted in the tradition of the Magi bringing their gifts from afar. It would, said Pfeffer, "make the Feast of Christmas less caught up in gift giving."

The four pastors expressed the conviction that the church has a choice opportunity in this season to express the deeper meaning of it all.

"Our interest is not just that on Christmas Day everyone will ooh and aah about a babe in a crib," said Pfeffer. "Our hope is that the beginning of the story might draw us more deeply into the rest of that story; that it would lead us into an encounter with the adult Jesus and what he might say to us."

Gilliom sees the season as an opportunity to express a spiritual revival that he senses.

"There is a search for religious meaning. People are seeking the meaning of the faith."

"That search is there in this season, in spite of the commercialism. The church must center on the spiritual meaning of Christmas."

The message of the season, he said, "is that there is always the possibility of new beginnings in the grace of God. It is a message of hope."

Rather than railing at the culture's Christmas, "I would rather see the church and families get a renewed education about what the coming of Christ and the Epiphany mean concerning our mission in this country and the world," said Scherf.

He noted the annual outpouring of giving before Dec. 25 to make that one day a bit brighter for the poor.

As the church moves toward the Epiphany emphasis on taking the Christmas message to the world, the church could expand that concern, he said.

Then, said Scherf, would be a good time to visit nursing homes, rescue missions and give sober thought to what it means to bear the Christmas message in a world of need.

Cooper, the Presbyterian pastor, sees positive qualities in the midst of our hectic way of celebrating Christmas.

"One way the spiritual meaning comes through is the family love I see in this season," said Cooper. "Our observances in church have a special quality this time of year. People really are gripped by something special."

Christmas 1983 may well be remembered as the year of the Cabbage Patch mania.

"If people are trampling other human beings over a doll, perhaps it points out the best of what happened in Bethlehem," Scherf said. "No one was trampling anyone to get there. The gift was freely given to the world."

GLADYS L. THOMAS 5/18/85

A graveside service for Gladys L. Thomas, 83, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave., who died of cancer Thursday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Riverside Cemetery at Spencer.



GLADYS L. THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas was born in Cedar Falls and formerly lived in Spencer. She was a Des Moines resident 38 years and was a retired key punch operator for Aid Insurance Co. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Robert P. of Des Moines and Lowell A. of Overland Park, Kan.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today through Sunday at Westover Funeral

LORENA P. HARTUPEE

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home for Lorena P. Hartupée, 97, of Valley View Village, 2571 Guthrie Ave., who died of a heart ailment at her residence Thursday. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



LORENA HARTUPEE

Mrs. Hartupée was born in Lexington, Ill., and lived in Des Moines for about 77 years. She retired in 1952 as a secretary and underwriter at the Royal Insurance Co. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

There are no immediate survivors.

Friends may call after noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Valley View Village.

EDITH WEBBER

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Lane Chapel in Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ for Edith Webber, 91, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., who died of a respiratory ailment Sunday at her home. The body was donated to the University of Iowa medical school.

Mrs. Webber was a retired book reviewer for WHO radio. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Des Moines Woman's Club.

Survivors include two sons, George of New York City and Robert of Santa Maria, Calif.

Dunn's Funeral Home handled arrangements. 12/20/83

OBITUARIES

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B. Frank Noyes dies; conducted the D.M. Symphony for 37 years

B. Frank Noyes, conductor of the Des Moines symphony for its first 37 years, died of Alzheimer's disease Tuesday at Polk City Care Center. He was 82.



B. FRANK NOYES

A Des Moines resident from the 1930s until 1981 when he moved to Johnston, he was professor emeritus of music at Drake University, where he taught until 1967.

That same year, Mr. Noyes stepped down from his position as conductor of the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra, a group he helped organize during the 1930s.

He was born in Prophetstown, Ill., and received a bachelor's degree from Hastings College in Nebraska and a master's degree from the University of Iowa. He then studied violin and conducting in New York, Philadelphia and Paris before teaching violin at his alma mater in Hastings from 1925 to 1937. Mr. Noyes then was named to the music department at Drake, heading the violin department and teaching conducting. He retired after 30 years.

John Erlich, a member of the orchestra's first chair and a friend of Mr. Noyes, said he played under his

conducting for nearly 15 years. "He was very gentle, with a great sense of humor. He was able to see weaknesses in an individual and overlook them," said Erlich.

Mr. Noyes' interests went beyond music. He was a football enthusiast and formerly was the down marker man for Drake football games and was a member of the Drake Athletic Council. He also authored two books, "Fundamentals of Conducting" and "Anthology of Musical Examples for Instrumental Conducting."

A member of the Masonic Order and the Congregational Church, Mr. Noyes was a member of the American String Teachers' Association.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanice, a retired theater and voice instructor at Grand View College; a daughter, Priscilla Chatfield of Bridgeport, Conn.; a son, Peter W. of Des Moines; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Annual Violin Scholarship Fund, which is being established at Drake University.

The body will be cremated, and burial will be in Chapel Hill Gardens cemetery. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Dec. 18 at Plymouth Congregational Church.

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT B. MOORE

Robert B. Moore, 69, of 2105 Seventy-fourth St., died of a heart attack Monday at Mercy Hospital Medical



ROBERT B. MOORE

Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Westover Funeral Home, with burial at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap.

Mr. Moore was born in Dunlap and lived in Des Moines 29 years. He was a retired president of Grodt, Moore, Gregson Insurance Agency and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Scottish Rite Bodies, Izaak Walton League, Des Moines Golf and Country Club and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge 244 in Dunlap and was a past president of Independent Insurance Association of Des Moines. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Irene; a son, Barry K. of Del Mar, Calif.; a daughter, Barbara K. of North Liberty; a brother, Richard L. of Atlanta, Ga.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to his church.

Friends may call after noon today and the family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Westover's.

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Wed., Feb. 8, 1984 / 7M

OBITUARIES

VIVIEN SCATTERDAY

Vivien Watt Scatterday, 101, of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road in West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Monday at the center. The body was cremated, and a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lane chapel at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.



VIVIEN

SCATTERDAY Burial will be at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery in Akron, Ohio.

Born in Minnesota, Mrs. Scatterday lived in Ohio most of her life and the Des Moines area since 1972. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Eleanor S. Noel of West Des Moines and Elizabeth S. Soper of Edina, Minn.; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Ganson of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Home Health Aid and Mobile Meals.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.

MARGARET MORRISON

There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday in the Cambria Cemetery for Margaret Morrison, 92, who died of cancer Saturday at Hillhaven Convalescent Center West, 1211 Vine St. in West Des Moines.



MARGARET
MORRISON

Mrs. Morrison was born in Poweshiek County and lived in Des Moines for 40 years. A retired cosmetologist for Younkers, she was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church and Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. She lived at Plymouth Place for many years.

Survivors include a son, Donald W. Rolf of Grand Island, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. 2/19/84

HOWARD HERMAN KLUENDER

Memorial services for Howard Herman Kluender, 58, of 916 Thirty-seventh St. will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Private burial will be at Glendale Cemetery.



HOWARD
KLUENDER

Mr. Kluender was found dead in his home Wednesday. He died of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Kluender was born in Pipestone, Minn., and grew up on a farm near Sanborn. He worked full time at the Des Moines Register and Tribune Company for 34 years as a sports staff writer, copy editor and assistant sports editor. He retired in 1982.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Kluender and Martha Kluender, both of Des Moines; two sons, Stanton of Des Moines and Garr of Belleville, Ill.; two brothers, Earl of Cresco and Al of Hartley; and two sisters, Dorothy Hinkley and Louise Fegebank, both of Paullina.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association, Iowa Affiliate.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral home. 3/24/84

ROBERT ANTHONY ROBINSON

Services for Robert Anthony Robinson Jr., 64, of 3844 Columbia St., who died of a stroke Tuesday at Veteran's Administration Medical Center, will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was born in Des Moines, where he lived most of his life. He was a retired plumber. He was a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 33, Highland Park Kiwanis and the Masonic Home Lodge. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Jill Robinson of Des Moines; his father, Robert Anthony Robinson Sr. of Des Moines; two brothers, Charles and Richard, both of Des Moines; four sisters, Jane Sales of New Virginia, Doris Howard of Santa Barbara, Calif., Shirley Slaybaugh of Waukegan and Patricia Edwards of Daytona, Fla.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Hamilton's Funeral Home and one hour before the service at Plymouth Congregational Church. 3/24/84

DAVID MILLIGAN

A memorial service for David Milligan, 58, of Evanston, Ill., and McGregor, who died of a respiratory ailment Saturday at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital in Prairie du Chien, Wis., will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Plymouth Congregational Church. The body was cremated.

Mr. Milligan was born in Des Moines and left here eight years ago. He was vice president and financial futures broker for Conti-Commodity Services in Chicago, Ill., a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, past president of the Salvation Army Board, member of the Des Moines Advertising Club and a Navy veteran of World War II and Korea.

Survivors include his wife, Joan of Evanston, Ill.; a son, Stephen of Evansville, Ind.; a daughter, Sherry Wood of Des Moines; his parents, David and Margaret of Des Moines; two brothers, James of Washington, D.C., and George of Des Moines, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Plymouth Congregational Church.

BESSIE BOHNENKAMPER

Funeral services for Bessie M. Bohnenkamper, 52 of 3701 Breckenridge Circle, West Des Moines, who died Friday of cancer at her home, will be at 3 p.m. today at Ziegenhein and Sons Funeral Home in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Bohnenkamper was born at Atlas, Ill., and lived in West Des Moines two years. She was a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include her husband, Gene; a daughter, Debbie, at home; a son, Keith of St. Louis; four sisters, Edna Gallaher and Beulah Fink, both of St. Louis, Mildred White, Pleasant Hill, Ill., and Julia Spurling, Knoxville, Tenn.; and five brothers, Larry, Gary, Guy, James and Paul Gallaher.

RELIGION

Area churches plan Christmas activities

Many churches will present Advent and Christmas concerts, dramatic productions and children's programs next week.

A live Nativity scene may be viewed from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday through Dec. 17 on the lawn of Ivy Centennial United Methodist Church, six miles east of the Iowa State Fairgrounds on Iowa Highway 163.

The 100-voice Sanctuary Choir and 30-piece orchestra of First Assembly of God Church, 2725 Merle Hay Road, will present the musical "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus" at 7 p.m. today and Sunday.

The choir of the Johnston Evangelical Free Church, 6270 Merle Hay Road, will present the cantata "King of Love" at 7 p.m. today and Sunday.

The Sanctuary Choir and orchestra of Berean Assembly of God Church, 5225 E. University Ave. in Pleasant Hill, will present the musical "His Love Reaching" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Here are some of the special events planned for Sunday:

- The Chancel Choir of Grace Lutheran Church, Fifty-second Street and Urbandale Avenue, will present the cantata "The Promise of God's Love" in the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

- An Advent cantata will be presented by the St. Mark Lutheran Church Senior Choir and members of the Valley Orchestral Society in the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at St. Mark, Twelfth Street and Grand Avenue in West Des Moines.

- The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. by the Parish Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 High St.

- An Advent celebration, "Catch That Christmas Spirit," will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave. The event will include a children's program and filling and decorating of food boxes for 24 families. It will end with a dinner costing \$2.50 per person, or a maximum of \$10 per family.

- The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" will be presented at 4 p.m. at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Sixth Avenue and Keosauqua Way, by the St. Johns Oratorio Choir, soloists and the church's new harpsichord, which will be dedicated during the event.

- The annual Festival of Lessons and Carols by members of the Simpson College community in Indianola will be presented at 5 p.m. in Smith Memorial Chapel on the Simpson campus.

- A Christmas cantata will be given at 5 p.m. by the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 321 Euclid Ave.

- The annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented at Central Presbyterian Church, 3829 Grand Ave., starting with a 6:45 p.m. prelude with organ, flute, bagpipers and drums.

- The Valley Orchestral Society and the Des Moines Youth Chorale will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Twelfth Street and Grand Avenue in West Des Moines.

BRIEFLY IN RELIGION 6/30/84

Sister-church tie under study

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., is exploring establishment of a sister-church relationship with a congregation of the Russian Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union.

The Rev. James Gilliom, senior pastor, suggested the relationship in a January sermon. It was later endorsed by the church council. Gilliom has exchanged letters with Bishop Clement in New York City, temporary head of the Russian Orthodox Church in this country. Gilliom plans to meet with the bishop later in the year while in New York.

• Persons who have been

• Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will have a Chancel Yuletide Feast at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The program includes dinner along with special music. The event will raise funds for the choir. Tickets at \$9 each may be reserved by calling 255-3149.

Saturday 12/3/83

7/8/84

George Towne is dead at 96

George Lewis Towne, a retired real estate agent and onetime president of the Greater Des Moines Board of Realtors, died of a heart ailment Friday at Charter Community Hospital. He was 96.



GEORGE LEWIS
TOWNE

The body will be donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today at Plymouth Congregational Church.

Born in Des Moines, Mr. Towne graduated from West High School in 1907 and attended the University of Michigan. He started in the real estate business in Des Moines in 1911, joining the Board of Realtors that year. He was president of the board in 1931, was chosen its Realtor of the Year in 1935 and was made an honorary life member in 1961. He was also an honorary life member and former president of the Iowa Association of Realtors.

Mr. Towne was the instigator and first president of the Des Moines Housing Corp., which was formed to help solve a serious housing problem in the years immediately following World War II.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Des Moines Club and the Embassy Club. He was a charter member of the Home Builders Association of Des Moines, Multiple Listing Services and the Iowa Farm Brokers Association. He was also a charter member and past director of the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association, and a charter member and former president of the Reciprocity Club of Des Moines.

Mr. Towne was active in the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Board of Adjustment of the Plan and Zoning Commission for 10 years.

Survivors include his son, George L. Towne Jr. of San Jose, Calif.; two daughters, Polly Baichly of Kirkwood, Mo., and Elizabeth Wright of St. Louis, Mo.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dunn's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mon., May 7, 1984 ■ THE

MARY MURDOCH

Graveside services for Mary Murdoch, 87, of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road in West Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Saturday at the center, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Cemetery.



Mrs. Murdoch was born in Boone and lived in Des Moines for 75 years. She was a member of the Adelpic Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Robert W. Lester of Montezuma; a brother, John Ringland of Des Moines; one granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

7/1/84

CLARICE R. PLAGER

Clarice R. Plager, 74, of 3100 Grand Ave., died of complications from open heart surgery Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Born in Dunbar, Mrs. Plager lived in Des Moines for 22 years. She was a retired school teacher in the West Des Moines School District. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, P.E.O. Chapter Hx, American Association of University Women, Des Moines Home and Garden Club and Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She had served as a guide at the Des Moines Art Center.

Survivors include a son, Dean R. of Portsmouth, N.H.; two daughters, Barbara J. Plager of Philadelphia, Pa., and Joanne C. Burke of Fargo, N.D.; a sister, Mary Ellen Hintz of Fullerton, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to her church or the Art Center.

Friends may call after noon today at Westover Funeral Home.

CLARICE
PLAGER

Tuesday
May 29, 1984

NELL B. NICHOLS

Memorial services for Nell B. Nichols, 88, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., who died of cancer Monday at the home, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body was cremated, and burial will be Resthaven Cemetery.

Born in Maple Hill, Kan., Mrs. Nichols lived in Des Moines since 1960. She was an editor for the Women's Home Companion and Farm Journal magazines and a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Betsy McCracken of Des Moines; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Good Samaritan Fund at Wesley Acres nursing home.

Westover Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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THEODORE E. SPENCER

Services for Theodore E. Spencer, 97, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., who died of a heart ailment Sunday at his home, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Born in Dixon, Ill., Mr. Spencer lived in Des Moines for 35 years. He was a retired grocery salesman for McVay Groceries and a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include three brothers, Lester and Orson, both of Dixon, and Donald of Pinellas Park, Florida.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Wesley Acres.

ILA J. ARNOLD

Services for Ila Jean Arnold, 64, of 3131 Fleur Drive, who died of cancer at her home will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body will be cremated.

Born in Lansing, Mich., Mrs. Arnold lived for 15 years in Chicago and 15 years in Des Moines. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, a member of the board of Goodwill Industries and a volunteer at the Iowa Commission for the Blind.

Survivors include her husband, Donald; two sons, Mark and Scott of Des Moines; one daughter, Sue of Des Moines; her mother, Mary Fox of Lansing; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa.



ILA J.
ARNOLD

JOHN A. BLANCHARD

Services for John A. Blanchard, 78, of 6925 Del Matro Ave., who died of cancer Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone.



JOHN A.
BLANCHARD

Mr. Blanchard was a lifelong Des Moines resident. He was an attorney for Hanson, Bjork & Russell and corporate counsel for the city of Des Moines in the 1940s. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Des Moines Club, the Bohemian Club, the Des Moines Golf and Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Pioneer Club and the Acanthus Masonic Lodge. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Marettta H.; a daughter, Marilyn J. McGraw of Reserve, N.M.; three grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. today. The family will greet friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Shriners' Burn Center.

9/23/84

MARY A. GATELY

Mary Ann Gately, 46, of 745 Forty-second St., West Des Moines, died of cancer Friday at home. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of God. Burial will be in Jefferson town cemetery.



MARY A.
GATELY

Mrs. Gately was born in Des Moines and was a lifelong resident of the area. She was on the faculty at Drake University and Des Moines Area Community College and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of God. She was a past president of Des Moines Community Playhouse and Junior League of Des Moines and at the time of her death was on the boards of directors of Volunteer Services of United Way and the Des Moines Civic Center.

Survivors include her husband, Gary; a son, Charles of New Haven, Conn.; and two daughters, Catharine and Mary Lynn, both at home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa or Valley High School Special Library Fund.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home.

9/22/84

PAUL K. JONES

Services for Paul K. Jones, 88, of Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth St., who died of a heart ailment Friday at home, will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Farragut Cemetery in Farragut. The body was cremated.

Mr. Jones was born in Farragut and lived in Des Moines since 1933. He was a retired dentist and a member of the National Dental Association and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice; two daughters, Jolaine McDonald of Council Bluffs and Idamary Hines of Neosho, Mo.; a son, Paul K. of Cleveland, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Creighton University or the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Hamilton's Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

9/23/84

DOROTHY STINES

A memorial service for Dorothy Grace Stines, 51, of 729 Fifty-fourth St., who died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ. The body was cremated.



DOROTHY
STINES

Born in Illinois, Mrs. Stines lived in Des Moines for 31 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband, Fred; two sons, Steve and Scott, both of Des Moines; and a daughter, Ann Stines of Des Moines.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Iowa affiliate of the American Cancer Society.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

9/6/84

HELEN PALTRIDGE

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. today in the Masonic Cemetery for Helen Paltridge, 96, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave., who died of a heart ailment Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.

Mrs. Paltridge was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

There are no immediate survivors. Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at Dahlstrom Funeral Home.

9/8/84

HELEN MacEACHRON

Helen Dunham MacEachron, 95, of Wesley Acres, 3520 Grand Ave., died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home. The body will be cremated, and a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Aug. 2 in Lane Chapel at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Born in Kansas, Mrs. MacEachron had lived in Des Moines since 1936 and was a retired teacher at North and East high schools. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include three sons, Lendrum of St. Paul, Minn., David of New York City and John of Los Angeles, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Grinnell College.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

7/25/84

DOROTHEA R. BRADY

Services for Dorothea R. Brady, 69, of 6508 Franklin Ave., who died of cancer Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



DOROTHEA
BRADY

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Brady lived in Des Moines for 55 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the De Nova chapter of Order of the Eastern Star, and White Shrine.

Survivors include her husband, William, a daughter, Donna Marie Irwin of Des Moines; and two stepsons, W.D. Brady of Urbandale and J.R. Brady of Clive.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

7/16/84

CHARLES L. BROCKETT

Charles L. Brockett, 79, of 3663 Grand Ave. died of emphysema Tuesday at his home. The body was cremated, and a memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Interment will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Brockett was born in Runnells and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was a retired attorney and was formerly chairman of Somers Savings Bank. He was a member of Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Royal Order of Jest-ers and the Living History Farms board of governors.

Survivors include his wife, Marcel-la; a daughter, Susan McConnell of Des Moines; a sister, Mrs. John Riggs of Des Moines; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 4/3/85

MARGARET M. GRANT

Memorial services for Margaret M. Grant, 72, of Princeton, N.J., formerly of Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Jan. 29, will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body has been cremated.

Mrs. Grant was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and lived in Des Moines more than 40 years. She was retired as an investment manager in a family business.

Survivors include a sister, Mary H. Hoffman of Penneck, Minn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Congregational Church Building Fund in Des Moines.

FREDERICK J. BLANCK

Frederick J. Blanck, 74, of 2614 Fifty-third St., died of a heart ailment Monday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.



FREDERICK J. BLANCK

Private burial will be in Res-thaven Cemetery, and a memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Lane chapel at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Mr. Blanck was born in Illinois and lived in Des Moines the past five years. He formerly resided in California and was supervisor of grounds at Cal-Poly State University.

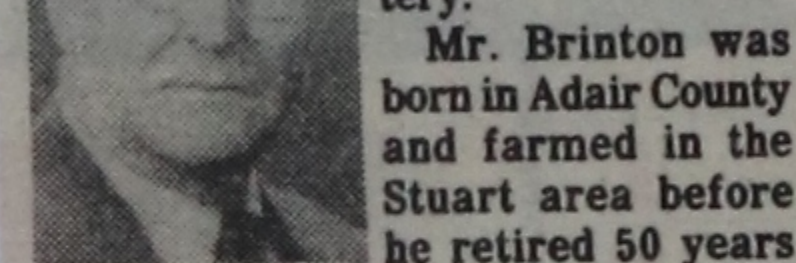
Survivors include his wife, Maurine; two daughters, Eleanor A. Mang of San Diego, Calif., and Maurine E. Stover of Puposky, Minn.; two sisters, Dora Range of Granton, Wis., and Minna Mitchell of Oakland, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, where he was a member.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. 4/24/85

GLENN G. BRINTON

A graveside service for Glenn G. Brinton, 102, of Celebrity Care Center, 721 Sixteenth St., who died of a heart ailment Monday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Glendale Cemetery.



GLENN G. BRINTON

Mr. Brinton was born in Adair County and farmed in the Stuart area before he retired 50 years ago and moved to Des Moines. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Paul Holman of Vero Beach, Fla.; a brother, William of Stuart; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ramsey Memorial Home.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home. 3/14/85

RICHARD M. KLOTZ

Services for Richard M. Klotz, 71, of 665 Forty-fourth St., who died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.



RICHARD M. KLOTZ

Mr. Klotz was born in Columbus Junction and lived in Des Moines 32 years. He was retired from management with the Farm Bureau and was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Waveland Park Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and Waveland Park Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Holly Klotz of Chicago; and a brother, Thomas of Clearwater, Fla.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Foundation or Waveland Park Masonic Lodge.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. today at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will be at 7:30 p.m. today.

Fri., Mar. 1, 1985 / 7M

OBITUARIES**ELIZABETH J. KLUENDER**

Elizabeth J. Kluender, 55, of 3323 Ingersoll Ave., died of a heart attack Thursday at her home. A private graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Glendale Cemetery and a memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.



ELIZABETH J. KLUENDER

Born in Ottumwa, Mrs. Kluender lived in Des Moines 36 years and was chief administrator for the Polk County Clerk of Court civil division. She was associated with the Des Moines Community Playhouse and Drama Workshop.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary and Martha, both of Des Moines; two sons, Garr of Phoenix, Ariz., and Stanton of Des Moines; a sister, Phyllis Burke of Ankeny; and a brother, Lynn Lancey of Ottumwa.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at Dunn's.

EVA G. GYIDENVAND

Eva Godfrey Gyidenvand, 92, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died Saturday at her residence of complications following a stroke.

Private services will be at 10 a.m. today at McLaren's Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Gyidenvand was born in Ellsworth, Minn., and taught school in Fargo, N.D. She was on the board of directors for Kenny and Gyl Co. of Des Moines. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth of Des Moines; a daughter, Betty McDonald of Lincoln, Neb.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church.

8/24/87



On tour to Salzburg

The Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ's Chancel Choir left Wednesday for Salzburg, Austria, to appear in that city's Festival of American Church Music Friday and next Saturday. It is one of four American

groups selected. Concerts also are planned in Vienna and Budapest, Hungary. Robert Sherer and Nardi Jones are shown rolling choir robes in a custom bag made by Marylynn Bennink, left. Ready to tie the roll is Keith Hartje.

BYRON M. MERKEL

Dr. Byron M. Merkel, 81, of 730 Polk Blvd., a retired ear, nose and throat specialist, died of Alzheimer's



BYRON M.
MERKEL

disease Tuesday at Wesley Acres Care Center, 3520 Grand Ave. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body will be cremated.

Dr. Merkel was born in Murdock, Neb., and lived in Ankeny before moving to Des Moines in 1938. He had served as a Veterans Administration Medical Center consultant, on the teaching staff at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and the attending staffs of Mercy Hospital Medical Center and Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

He was a life member of the Polk County Medical Society and served as its president in 1957. He was a member of American Academy of Otolaryngology, American Academy of Preventive Medicine, American Medical Association, Iowa Medical Society and Medical Library Club.

Dr. Merkel was a retired Air Force colonel and served during World War II and the Korean War. He also served in the Iowa Air National Guard for many years.

He was a past director of the Rotary Club, past president of the Des Moines Club and was active as a director of the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra. He also was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a daughter, Ann M. Barker of Davenport; a son, Lt. Col. John A. of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Donna Belle Holman of Sedalia, Mo., and Maxine M. Landis of Reno, Nev.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Byron M. Merkel Memorial Fund in care of the University of Iowa Foundation or to his church.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 7/14/87

JEAN DANIELS MERKEL

Jean Daniels Merkel, 74, of 730 Polk Blvd., the wife of the late Dr. Byron M. Merkel, died of a circulatory



JEAN

DANIELS MERKEL

had been a medical secretary for Dr. Merkel, who died July 14. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, where she served on the board of deaconesses. She had been president of Polk County Medical Society Auxiliary, treasurer for the Iowa Medical Society Auxiliary, and had been a volunteer for the Red Cross Nurses Aid during World War II at Broadlawns Medical Center and Camp Dodge. She also was active in the Des Moines Civic Music Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Merkel Barker of Davenport; a son, Lt. Col. John A. of Dayton, Ohio; a sister, Myrtilla Daniels Fones of Des Moines; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Byron M. Merkel Memorial Fund, department of otolaryngology research fund, Iowa Foundation, in care of the University of Iowa Foundation, Alumni Center in Iowa City.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 7/18/87

RUTH EAGLESON

Special Dispatch to The Register

MESA, ARIZ. — Ruth Gray Eagleson, 80, of Mesa, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Tuesday here. A private



RUTH
EAGLESON

family graveside service will be at Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Eagleson was born in Sweet, Idaho, and had lived in Des Moines for 40 years. She

moved to Arizona 17 years ago and was a homemaker. She also had been a member of Plymouth United Congregational Church of Christ in Des Moines and the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Willa Eagleson Lare of Des Moines; a brother, George Gray of Boise, Idaho; a granddaughter, Kathleen Eagleson Hoak of Des Moines; and a grandchild, Jonathan Hoak of Des Moines.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements. 7/16/87

Plymouth OKs improvements 7/18/87

About 90 percent of 150 members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ who were present and voting at a meeting last Sunday approved \$1.3 million in improvements to the church, said senior minister James Gilliom.

The improvements, including work in the sanctuary and Waveland Hall, were suggested by the church's Executive Building Study Committee.

The congregation also approved a campaign beginning this fall to raise the money for the improvements. Air-conditioning may be added if an additional \$215,000 is raised, Gilliom said.

Chancel choir, choral society to give concert

The Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ chancel choir will present a preview of the music it will perform in July at the Salzburg Church Music Festival in Salzburg, Austria, at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Augustin's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 41st Street and Grand Avenue. The Des Moines Choral Society chamber choir also will present a program of contemporary and popular show tunes at the event sponsored by St. Augustin's Parish Relations Committee.

5/30/87

• A Miskito Indian from Nicaragua, Amalia Manzanares, 27, will arrive in Des Moines Tuesday to begin a 12-day speaking tour under the sponsorship of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ. She will speak at a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., and at United Church of Christ in Ames at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Manzanares, a mother and legal secretary in a Managua law office, is one of several human rights speakers from developing countries sponsored by the denomination's Board of World Ministries.

5/10/87

WILLIAM M. WOODBURN

Special Dispatch to The Register

PRESCOTT, ARIZ. — William M. Woodburn, 64, of Prescott, formerly of Des Moines, died of complications of asthma Monday here. Services are pending here.

Mr. Woodburn was born in Des Moines, where he lived before moving to Arizona in 1979. He had been part-owner and principal architect for Woodburn and O'Neil architects in Des Moines. He was past president of the Rotary Club and was a former member of Plymouth Congregational Church, both in Des Moines. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps and flew 32 missions during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; two sons, Lawrence of San Diego, Calif., and W. Jeffrey of Prescott; a daughter, Melissa Pell of San Francisco, Calif.; his mother, Katharine Woodburn of Des Moines; three brothers, Coville of Grantham, N.H., Dr. Chester and Boynton, both of Des Moines; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines.

4/9/87

Workshop asks: 'Why Preach? Why Listen?'

5/16/87

Two Des Moines pastors and two area lay leaders will talk about "Why Preach? Why Listen?" during a panel discussion and workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Covenant United Presbyterian Church, 1025 28th St. in West Des Moines. Panel members are the Rev. James S. Barge of Westminster Presbyterian Church; the Rev. James O. Gilliam of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ; Nadine Gilmore, a youth coordinator at Westminster Church; and Garold Heslinga, an Oskaloosa lawyer.

ELSA GODFREY

6/17/87

Elsa Weitz Godfrey, 72, of 3100 Grand Ave. died of cancer Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The body has been cremated.



ELSA
GODFREY

Mrs. Godfrey was a lifelong resident of Des Moines. She retired in April as manager of the museum shop and the rental gallery at the Des Moines Art Center. She was a member of Junior League of Des Moines, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and had been a volunteer for the Iowa Children's Home Society and the United Campaign.

Survivors include her husband, Charles W.; a daughter, Greta G. Shannon of Des Moines; a son, Charles W. Jr. of Brookfield Center, Conn.; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Des Moines Art Center.

EYLEEN B. SEVERSON

6/20/87

Eyleen Bond Severson, 57, of 1652 Rio Valley Drive, Ankeny, died of cancer Thursday at home. Services



EYLEEN B.
SEVERSON

will be at noon Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Slater.

Mrs. Severson was born in Des Moines and had lived there for 12 years. She had also lived in White Oak and Alleman. She had worked as a certified medical assistant in Des Moines and was a member of the Polk County and Iowa Medical Society Auxiliaries, P.E.O. Chapter MS, the Des Moines Concert Singers and Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Wayne L.; a son, Steven R. Fausch of Ankeny; three daughters, Cinda R. Hathaway of Muscatine, and Cathy E. Keenan and Kelli J. Severson, both of Ankeny; two stepsons, Allan W. of Oceanside, Calif., and Richard D. of Culver City, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Brenda J. Thompson of Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; three sisters, Enolia Bond and Ruth Bond, both of Ankeny, and Wilma Myers of Lemon Grove, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House or the Plymouth Congregational Church Building Fund.

WILLIAM H. BRASH 5/4/87

Services for William H. Brash, 83, of 2109 52nd St., who died of a heart ailment Friday at Regency Care Center in Norwalk, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be at Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mr. Brash was born in Atesian, S.D., and had lived in Des Moines since 1956. He had worked for Fuller Brush Industrial Division until his retirement in 1972. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

PORTIA COONEY 5/7/87

Portia Evans Cooney, 92, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Wednesday at her home. Private



PORTIA
COONEY

burial services will be Friday at Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Cooney was born in Corydon and had lived in West Union and Chicago, Ill., before moving to Des Moines. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Delta Delta Delta Sorority, PEO Sisterhood and while in Chicago was president of Friends of American Writers.

Survivors include a son, James Evans of Des Moines, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

EDITH G. KRIEBS 5/19/87

Edith G. Kriebs, 87, of McAuley Terrace, 5921 Winwood Drive, Johnston, died Sunday at Bishop Drumm



EDITH G.
KRIEBS

Care Center of complications following a stroke suffered seven months ago. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church and at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John's Congregational Church in Garber.

The body will be cremated, followed by private interment in Mount Harmony Cemetery in Garber.

Mrs. Kriebs was born in Grinnell and had lived in Clayton County most of her life before moving to Des Moines in 1983. She had been a homemaker and was a member of St. John's Congregational Church in Garber.

Survivors include two sons, Roger F. of Des Moines and H. John of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Ruth Darrah of Maxwell; a brother, Harold Gonzales of Warrensburg, Mo.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

Westover Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

EDITH G. KRIEBS 5/20/87

Edith G. Kriebs, 87, of McAuley Terrace, 5921 Winwood Drive, Johnston, died Sunday at Bishop Drumm Care Center of complications following a stroke suffered seven months ago. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church and at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John's Congregational Church in Garber. Memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church or McAuley Terrace. The memorial contributions were stated incorrectly in Tuesday's obituary.

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Vatican's order creates reaffirmation, turmoil in some fertility doctors

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

It strengthened the belief of Dr. Ross Valone, a former altar boy, that he had done right in ending his inner agonizing by leaving the Roman Catholic Church and becoming a Congregationalist.

It caused Dr. Dean Spartz to stop performing artificial inseminations — at least temporarily, but he thinks a lot about those couples who want a child so badly and wonders why it would be a sin for him to resume trying to help them have children.

It stirred no ripples of doubt for Dr. Fred Lohr. "I agree with the pope wholeheartedly," he says. "I try to follow whatever his ideas are. I have no tension or conflict with him."

The "it" in each case was a recent 40-page Vatican document issued with the pope's blessing. It declares that conception achieved without a "normal" sexual act between husband and wife cannot be accepted by the church.

"Only the conjugal act is worthy of procuring the creation of a new human being," said Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, in introducing the document produced by a powerful Vatican unit that he leads.

Couples were forbidden to seek conception through scientific advances, including, for instance, artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization with donated sperm or eggs or implanting embryos in sterile women. Governments are told to forbid surrogate motherhood and embryo banks.

It was hailed by some as a reaffirmation of the spiritual nature of reproduction. It was condemned by others as being out of touch with science or the pain of childless couples.

It is considered the most significant Vatican statement on sexuality and reproduction since the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* in which Pope Paul VI upheld the ban on artificial contraception.

For Catholic physicians, especially gynecologists and obstetricians, the document joins the church's stands against birth control and abortion

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as a trinity of issues that must be faced in reconciling a doctor's faith and profession.

The answers arrived at vary widely.

Valone, a West Des Moines obstetrician-gynecologist, said in April he joined the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, after "agonizing for years" over religious and medical conflicts. That decision had already been made, but the document reaffirmed it, he said.

"Birth control was easy for me to decide on," said Valone. "In my practice, I dealt with it the same way 90 percent of American Catholics deal with it; I ignored the church. It is just ridiculous to refuse permission to use contraceptives but to approve the rhythm method. That is just refusing to use the best methods. It defies logic."

Valone said early in his career he was concerned about doing tubal ligations, but he decided a woman had the right to decide on having the procedure to prevent conception. "The first big issue was abortion," he said. He has a vivid memory of the first one he took part in.

"I finally decided that though I was personally opposed to abortion, it was for the patient to choose, and I should put my personal beliefs behind me in my practice. That was when the heat really started and people kept telling me I couldn't be a Catholic if I performed abortions."

Valone said he was in the process of setting up the Des Moines area's first fresh-donor artificial insemination program when he learned that his church forbids the procedure.

"That was when I saw how off-base the church is," he said. "That made it easier for me to leave."

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He estimated there are 80 children in the world because of his three-year artificial insemination program. "Those are situations that make practicing medicine a privilege. Those parents won't ever forget your help.

"Are those church leaders going to say those children are not a gift from God? It's preposterous; all children are a gift from God."

If Valone is at one end of the spectrum, Lohr, a Sioux City family physician who does a lot of obstetrical work, is at the other.

Lohr said he flatly refuses to prescribe or dispense contraceptives, refuses to perform abortions and will not disobey any church instruction concerning medical practice.

"I have no tension or conflict with the pope," said Lohr. "I sometimes have conflict with my patients, especially over birth control. I'm sure some will go elsewhere for such things as birth control or an abortion and then come back to me."

As to the requirement for intercourse between husband and wife as the only approved means leading to conception, Lohr said, "I just believe right down the line."

Most Iowa Catholic physicians who were interviewed insisted they will not perform abortions. Some say they do dispense contraceptives or perform artificial inseminations and some offer guarded hints that they do.

Spartz is a Sioux City obstetrician-gynecologist and active Catholic who struggles with the seemingly conflicting demands of his faith and his profession.

"I never have done abortions, and I don't think I would change even if the church did," said Spartz. He dispenses contraceptives on patient request. His rationale for following the church on one issue and not on the other:

"It is so easy to not get pregnant, [but] if you do I don't think you have the right to kill someone else, and abortion is killing. But it is very easy for me to dispense contraceptives. I have seen enough unwanted pregnancies, women who shouldn't have babies, and abortions that I feel contraceptives provide an acceptable alternative of prevention."

Spartz said he "had no idea the church didn't approve of artificial insemination" until the document came out.

"I decided to stop, at least temporarily, because the church said it was wrong, but I am giving it a lot of thought."

He said he had used donor sperm in cases when a husband was sterile and that he saw nothing wrong with that. He said the Vatican's position seems to be that in cases when a couple is unable to achieve conception it is wrong to use artificial insemination even when the husband's sperm is used.

"I find that very hard to understand," said Spartz.

"My religious convictions have never prevented me from giving patients appropriate care," said Dr. James Kelso, a Des Moines obstetrician-gynecologist.

Kelso said he won't do abortions but will counsel patients who want one and will give them a list of doctors who will if they request it. A patient who requests contraceptive information has already made a decision to use birth control, he said.

"Whether artificial or natural family planning, we make that service available to a patient," Kelso said.

What about artificial means of conception? Kelso frames his answer carefully:

"To be quite honest with you, if someone wants to have children and there is no way to conceive naturally, they will strive to find a way to have that child, and I will not be uncomfortable with that."

Your editorial language needs to be more precise. You say that because of sex, drugs, hush money and hostile takeover attempts, "it's getting hard to tell the business news from the church news."

It would be more accurate to say, "regular business news from the religion-entertainment-business news."

Church news is about such mundane daily events as visiting the sick, comforting the grieving, guiding the young, celebrating marriage, helping the community's needy, working for justice and peace, and worshipping God.

But that's not where the money's at. So there will not likely be hostile takeover attempts at the least, and therefore no, as you call it, "church news."

— James O. Gilliom, senior minister, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., Des Moines.

PLYMOUTH Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., sunrise service in the rotunda of

The Kaleidoscope, 6:30 a.m., led by Plymouth youth with the Matins Choirs. Festival services at 9:15 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary, music by chancel choirs with strings and brass. Full breakfast from 7:15 to 10:30 a.m. in Waveland Hall.

MILDRED M. PIDGEON

4/22/87

Mildred M. Pidgeon, 85, of Fountain West Health Care Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Monday at the center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lane Chapel Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Salem.

Miss Pidgeon was born in Salem and had lived in Des Moines since 1968. She was a schoolteacher for the public school system in Calumet City, Ill. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Des Moines Women's Club and American Association of University Women.

Survivors include two nieces, Jeanne Lange of Sac City and Marian McCloskey of Des Moines.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

ZONA G. FITCH

4/12/87

Special Dispatch to The Register

ANN ARBOR, MICH. — Zona G. Fitch, 79, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Des Moines, died of a stroke Thursday at a hospital here. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Masonic Mausoleum.

Mrs. Fitch was born in Spencer, Ia., and lived in Des Moines most of her adult life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Panhellenic, and Order of the Eastern Star in Redfield.

Survivors include a daughter, Zoe Ann Fitch Pearson of Ann Arbor; two sons, Lew of Des Moines and Sanford of Atherton, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

JOHN LOCKRIDGE

John Lockridge, 46, of 1330 Ninth St., a cab driver, died Tuesday at Broadlawns Medical Center of injuries suffered when he jumped from the Sixth Avenue bridge Monday night. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Dahlstrom Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



JOHN
LOCKRIDGE

Dr. R.C. Wooters, Polk County medical examiner, ruled the death a suicide.

Mr. Lockridge was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret Lockridge of Des Moines; and a brother, Richard of Minneapolis, Minn.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church. 12/19/85

HEBER M. SMITH 11/9/85

Services for Heber M. Smith, 82, of 4203 Northwest Drive, who died of a heart attack Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Westover Funeral Home. The body will be cremated.



HEBER M.
SMITH

Mr. Smith was born in Kansas City, Kan., and lived in Des Moines for 25 years. He was a retired plant engineer for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Sanibel Island Congregational Church in Sanibel Island, Fla., and Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include his wife, Adelaide; a daughter, Nikki A. Smith of Chicago, Ill.; and a grandson. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the churches.

A. CLARK ELBERT 12/15/85

Memorial services for A. Clark Elbert, 73, of 3307 Terrace Drive, who died of a heart attack Wednesday at Kahler Hotel in Rochester, Minn., will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body has been cremated.

Mr. Elbert was born in Des Moines and had lived here most of his life. He was a consulting engineer and a special manufacturers' representative for Eriez Magnetics. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and the Wakonda Club.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; a daughter, B.G. Elbert of Long Beach, Calif.; and a brother, Ben F. of Lake View, Ark.

THOMAS L. WOOD 11/12/85

A graveside service for Thomas L. Wood, 88, of Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth St., who died of a heart ailment Saturday at the manor, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Masonic Cemetery. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Heather Manor.



THOMAS L.
WOOD

Mr. Wood was a lifelong resident of Des Moines and he had worked for Allied Finance. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Adelpic Masonic Lodge No. 509 A.F. and A.M., Corinthian Chapter No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, Alpha Council No. 1 and an honorary member of Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; a daughter, Carol Ann Barnes of Bloomfield; a son, Thomas R. of Des Moines; a brother, William A. of Riverside, Calif.; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call after 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hamilton's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

JEAN A. BATTRICK

Jean A. Battrick, 86, of 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of a heart ailment Saturday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Battrick was born in Canada and had lived in Des Moines since 1934. A homemaker, she had worked in the film service department for the Des Moines Independent School District. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, P.E.O. Chapter GH and Women's Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald of Des Moines and Dennis of Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Marian McDonald of White Rock, British Columbia, Canada; a brother, Jack Adam of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; and five grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Plymouth Congregational Church. 12/29/85

DOROTHY A. BOATMAN

Dorothy A. Boatman, 77, of 5025 Lincoln Ave., a retired school teacher, died of cancer Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa.



DOROTHY A.
BOATMAN

Mrs. Boatman was born in Oskaloosa and lived in Des Moines for 30 years. She had taught at Hubbell, Windsor and Cowles schools. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Alpha Delta Kappa sorority, Des Moines Womens Club, Iowa State Education Association and O.E.S. Chapter No. 146 in Oskaloosa.

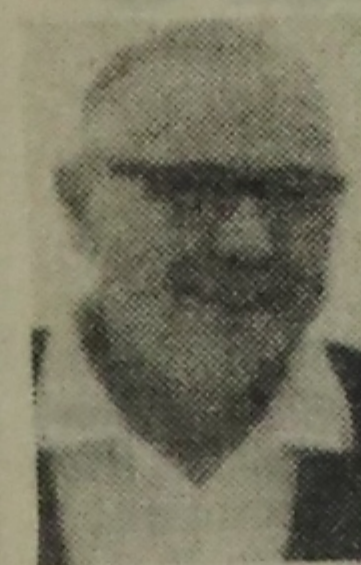
Survivors include two daughters, Susan M. Gruel of Normal, Ill., and Judith Hedstrom of Portage, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon Sunday at Westover Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or the American Cancer Society. 12/21/85

LORIN H. GRAAFF 11/11/85

Services for Lorin H. Graaff, 83, of 1121 Americana Court, who died Friday of cancer at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel. The body will be cremated. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



LORIN H.
GRAAFF

Mr. Graaff was born in Bellevue and lived in Des Moines for 50 years. He was a retired teacher at Lincoln High School. He was a member of Moingona Masonic Lodge No. 633, Plymouth Congregational Church and the NISCA National Swim Coach Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel; a son, Sohn of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Sue Jensen of Des Moines; three sisters, Ruth Metz of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Wilma Remington and Lenore Hoffman, both of Martelle; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lincoln High School swim team. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at McLaren's Resthaven Chapel.

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OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE K. BOUTIN

Services for Lawrence K. Boutin, 90, of 1434 Idaho St., who died of cancer Wednesday at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown, will be at 7 p.m. today at Hamilton's Funeral Home. Burial will be at 11 a.m. in the Hampton Cemetery in Hampton.



LAWRENCE K.
BOUTIN

Mr. Boutin was born in Hampton and has lived in Des Moines since 1939. He retired as the Eastern Sales Manager for the Automatic Washer Co. of Newton. He won the 1982 Robert Gard/ACTA Superior Citizen Volunteer Award, the 1978 Lions International of Des Moines "We Are Grateful" award and the Bicentennial Artists Recognition Award for Theater.

He graduated from the Drake University Law School; was a member of the Theater Museum Advisory Board; was commander of the Iowa Commandery Military Order of Loyal Legion of the United States; was a member of the Des Moines Community Playhouse and Workshop; was past president of and voted Board Member for life of the Iowa Community Theater Association; and was a member of the Tyrone Guthrie Theater Association and the American Community Theater Association.

Survivors include a cousin, Blanche Kennedy of Batesville, Miss.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Congregational Church.

LESTER T. JONES 10/30/85

Services for Lester T. Jones, 80, of 5701 Waterbury Road, who died of a heart ailment Tuesday at home, will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Dunn's Funeral Home. A private burial be in Masonic Cemetery.



LESTER T.
JONES

Mr. Jones was born in Uniontown, Pa., and lived in Des Moines since 1923. He was a retired president and former chairman of the board of AID Insurance Co. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Waveland Park Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and Royal Order of the Jesters, and he was past president of the Des Moines Rotary Club and the National and Iowa Associations of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha T.; two sons, B. Rees of Des Moines and Lester T. Jr. of White Bear Lake, Minn.; a daughter, Kathryn Nickelson of White Bear Lake; a sister, Alice Freed of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.

Friends may call after 3 p.m. Thursday until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospitals.

ALMEDA G. PEISEN 7/14/85

Services for Almeda G. Peisen, 83, of 3662 Ingersoll Ave., who died Sunday of cancer at her home, will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. The body will be cremated. Burial will be at a later date in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Peisen was a lifelong resident of Des Moines. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Chapter LL of PEO, the Adeline Club, Methodist Hospital Alumni and the Medical Auxiliary, and the Daughters of Union Veterans. She was a retired graduate nurse at Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Conan J.; a son, Gary L. Peisen of Los Angeles; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Central Iowa.

SARAH BARNES MARTIN SONES 12/30/85

Sarah Barnes Martin Sones, 81, of 5410 Woodland Ave., died of a heart attack Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Sones was born in Des Moines, where she lived most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, where she had served as deaconess. She was a past president of the Des Moines Home for the Aged and was a member of PEO, Des Moines Junior League and the board of directors of the Iowa Children's Home.

Survivors include a son, William Barnes Martin of West Hartford, Conn.; a stepson, Dr. Donald A. Sones of Fayetteville, Ark.; a stepdaughter, Jean Sones Mill of Covina, Calif.; three sisters, Mary Jane Barnes of Des Moines, Betty Jean Edwards of St. Louis, Mo., and Katherine Miller of Britt; and six grandchildren.

Friends may call before the services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Clement A. Sones Memorial Lecture Fund in care of Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

MAXINE M. CAMPBELL

A memorial service for Maxine M. Campbell, 79, of 909 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, who died of a heart attack Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth United Church of Christ. The body will be cremated.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Dayton and lived in Des Moines for 65 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth United Church of Christ, H.D. Art Club, Questors and the Wakonda Club.

Survivors include her husband, Bowen; three sons, Crom and Dr. Bowen Jr., both of Des Moines, and Bob of Dayton; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Des Moines Art Center.

Westover Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

H. CLARK BERRY*The Register's Iowa News Service*

GRANGER, IA. — H. Clark Berry, 82, of Granger Manor here, died of pneumonia and Parkinson's disease Sunday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Westover Funeral Home. Burial will be in Green Briar Cemetery at Bagley.

Born in Green Briar Township, Mr. Berry had lived 34 years in Des Moines. He also had lived 15 years at Omaha, Neb. He retired in 1966 from USF & G Insurance Co. as an office manager and he was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, Robert C. of Ames; five brothers, James of Rochester, N.Y., Lloyd and Neil, both of Jefferson, Blaine of Eureka, Calif., and Dee of Laguna Hills, Calif.; and two sisters, Helen Berry of Des Moines and Alice Monthei of Jefferson.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

GEORGE A. VOTH

No services are planned for George A. Voth, 91, of 5644 S. Waterbury Road, who died of a stroke Saturday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.

Mr. Voth was born in Henderson, Neb., and lived in Des Moines for 60 years. He had attended law school at Oklahoma University. He worked for the Casualty Company for Travelers Insurance for 36 years and retired as manager in 1960. He was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi social fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, Argonne American Legion Post No. 60, the Serviceman's Club, Pioneer Masonic Lodge No. 22, Des Moines Consistory, Za-ga-Zig Shrine, Hi Twelve Club and the Plymouth Congregational Church. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife Mary; a daughter, Mary Ann Cochrane of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Sue Moritz of Enid, Okla.; a brother, Judge A. L. Voth of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital or his church.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

MARGARET REED MELLOR

Margaret Reed Mellor, 90, of 4805 Grand Ave. died of a respiratory ailment Friday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will precede the service in Glendale Cemetery.



MARGARET REED MELLOR

Mrs. Mellor was a lifelong resident of Des Moines. She worked as an executive secretary from 1940 to 1965 for the Des Moines Club. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, PEO Chapter Q and Questers, and she had been first governor of Region 7 of Altrusa.

Survivors include a son, Hugh of Des Moines; and a brother, Walter G. of Ardmore, Okla.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Dunn's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Des Moines Women's Club.

MARGARET REED MELLOR

A memorial service for Margaret Reed Mellor, 90, of 4805 Grand Ave., will be at 3 p.m. today at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Burial will precede the service in Glendale Cemetery.

Mrs. Mellor was executive secretary from 1940 to 1965 for the Des Moines Women's Club. An obituary in Saturday's Register incorrectly reported the name of the club.

MABEL L. WINSOR

Mabel L. Winsor, 82, of Fountain West Health Center, 1501 Office Park Road, West Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Thursday at the center. There will be a private graveside service in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Winsor was born in Elwood and had lived in Vinton. She had worked for the Iowa Braille and Sight Saying School in Vinton and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth of West Des Moines; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines is handling arrangements.

MARTHA E. STILES

A memorial service for Martha E. Stiles, 69, of 505 36th St., who died of cancer Sunday at home, will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Lane Chapel of Plymouth Congregational Church. The body will be cremated.

Mrs. Stiles was born in Osceola and lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include a son, Dean of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, Doris Ahern of Des Moines; and a grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Hospice of Central Iowa.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

MARGARET E. PETITHORY

Margaret E. "Maggie" Petithory, 38, of 1956 S.E. Bell Ave. died of cancer Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Clemons Cemetery in Clemons, prior to which the family procession will leave Dunn's Funeral Home at 9:15 a.m. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines.



MARGARET E. PETITHORY

Mrs. Petithory was a lifelong resident of Des Moines. She was a collection manager for American Federal Savings. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, was past president of National Association of Credit Women and was associated with Hospice of Central Iowa.

Survivors include her husband, Charles E.; a daughter, Emily Lynn Pinter of Des Moines; her mother, Ellen Metier of West Des Moines; and three sisters, Carolyn Stanley and Susan Thomson, both of Des Moines, and Barbara Gilbert of West Des Moines.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Iowa.

12/2/86

MARJORIE J. RUSSELL

Special Dispatch to The Register

DALLAS, TEXAS — Marjorie J. Russell, 93, of Dallas, formerly of Des Moines, died of a heart ailment Nov. 27 here. Services in Dallas will be private. A memorial service at Plymouth Congregational Church and interment will be at a later date in Des Moines.



MARJORIE J. RUSSELL

Mrs. Russell was born in Ashton and had lived in Waterloo, Sac City and Des Moines. She was the wife of the late J. Stuart Russell, who was the first farm editor of the Des Moines Register. She was active in the League of Women Voters, P.E.O., Plymouth Congregational Church and the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet Damtoft of Dallas, a son, James of Minneapolis, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

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DALLAS, TEXAS — A memorial service for Marjorie J. Russell, 93, of Dallas, formerly of Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Nov. 27 in Dallas, will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines.

12/26/86

RICHARD J. deJONG

Special Dispatch to The Register

ROSEVILLE, CALIF. — Richard J. deJong, 61, of Roseville, formerly of Des Moines, died of complications following heart surgery Wednesday here. Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Lambert Funeral Home. The body will be cremated.

Mr. deJong was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and had lived in Des Moines most of his life. He retired as a western division manager from Pittsburgh-Des Moines Inc. in Des Moines. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a former member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Mary; a daughter, Cynthia Gens of Portland, Ore.; three sons, John of Salt Lake City, Utah, Anthony of Davis, Calif., and Eugene of Corpus Christi, Texas; two sisters, Cornelia Lundgren of Richardson, Texas, and Dorothy Lounsbury of West Lafayette, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

ROBERT W. LIVINGSTON

Robert W. Livingston, 88, of Heather Manor, 600 E. Fifth St., died of pneumonia Monday at the manor.



ROBERT W. LIVINGSTON

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mr. Livingston was born in Peoria, Ill., and had lived in Fort Dodge before moving to Des Moines 36 years ago. He retired as a sales representative in 1963 from Insulite and in 1980 from DEMCO. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Hoo Hoo Lumberman's Association and Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, June P.; two daughters, Jane Bergman of Cedar Rapids and Barbara Rathbun of Cedar Falls; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

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LORENE WEST

Lorene "Lori" West, 8, daughter of C. Jeffery and Linda West of 309 39th St., West Des Moines, died of a brain tumor Friday at the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Johnston. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body has been cremated; interment will be in Resthaven Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Miss West lived in Des Moines all her life. She was a student at Smouse Opportunity School and was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors in addition to her parents include a brother, Michael of West Des Moines; two sisters, Jennifer West and Julieanne West, both of West Des Moines; her grandparents, Jack and Doris West of Santa Maria, Calif., Doris Milligan of Chicago, Ill., and Norman Matthys of Park Ridge, Ill.; and her great-grandmother, Josephine McEwen of Thief River Falls, Minn.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Convalescent Home for Children or Amanda the Panda.

McLaren's Resthaven Chapel is handling arrangements.

MERWIN GRAHAM

Merwin Graham, 77, of 1001 43rd St. died of complications following heart surgery Tuesday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



MERWIN GRAHAM

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Graham was born in Des Moines, where he lived all his life. He retired from United Federal Savings and Loan and was a member of Capitol Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Louise; two sons, Wesley T. of Des Moines and David W. of West Des Moines; two sisters, Gretchen West and Helen Hughes, both of Des Moines; two brothers, William R. of Mesa, Ariz., and Rolland of Des Moines; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after 7 p.m. today at Hamilton's Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetic Association.

10/16/86

DIGHTON H. SMITH

Dighton H. Smith, 76, of 2909 Woodland Ave., died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Merle Hay Funeral Home. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born in Mason City and had lived in Des Moines for 41 years. He retired as an architect and senior partner of Smith-Voorhees-Jensen. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Acanthus Masonic Lodge, Des Moines Consistory, AIA and Phi Kappa Psi.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, William Howard of Springfield, Va.; a daughter, Judy Moore of Des Moines; two brothers, Howard of Barefoot Bay, Fla., and Herbert of Fort Dodge; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church or Good Brothers of Scottish Park.

WILLIAM B. STRIEF 3/25/86
William B. Strief, 82, of 4323 Grand Ave., retired certified life underwriter for Equitable of Iowa Life Insurance Co., died of pneumonia Sunday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. There will be private services. Burial will also be private in Masonic Cemetery.



WILLIAM B. STRIEF

Mr. Strief was born in Sioux City and lived in Des Moines most of his life. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines Club, Kappa Sigma fraternity, Des Moines Advertising Club, Executives Association of Des Moines, Des Moines Association of Life Underwriters, Des Moines Estate Planning Council, Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Polk County Tuberculosis Society Board, past chairman of the board of the Wakonda Club, past member of the board of directors of Polk County Savings and Loan, and had been roll call director for the Polk County American Red Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred C.; two daughters, Wendy C. Shearer of Mason City and Ann L. Beurle of Des Moines; three sons, David W. and Charles T., both of Des Moines, and Dr. John R. of Iowa City; and six grandchildren.

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3/15/86

Ministers mull salary equality, success

By WILLIAM SIMBRO

Register Religion Writer

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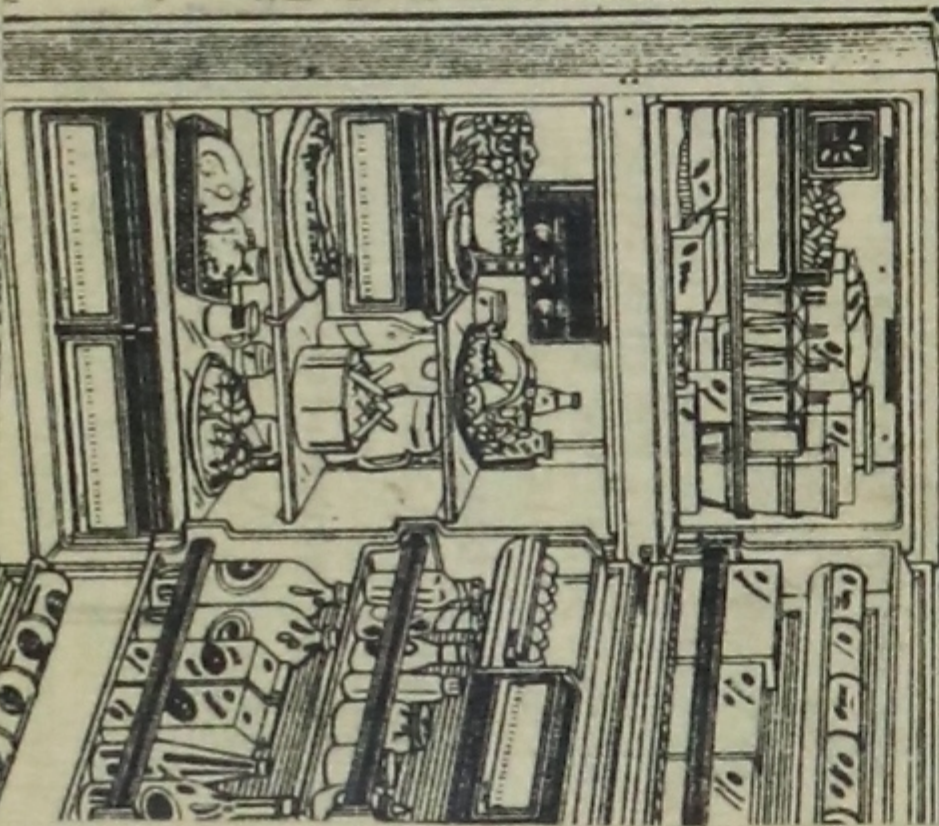
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Making a "Difference"

O'Meara said that sometimes a pastor "needs to say a hard word from the pulpit," and it is easier to do that "if they can't fire you or cut your pay."

About success, he said: "You measure it when you can go to bed at night and feel you have made a difference in peoples' lives. You have brought happiness or consolation to someone. I don't know how much money is in my wallet when I go to bed. But I can feel good about touching troubled lives or feel bad that I haven't done so."

For some pastors, salaries are supplemented by honorary fees for services such as weddings and funerals. But many denominations stress that those services fall within the regular duties of pastors, especially when they involve church members. Many pastors either refuse to accept money for them or contribute the gift to a church fund.

Nearly all denominations have some kind of pension program, usually involving contributions from both the church and the pastor.

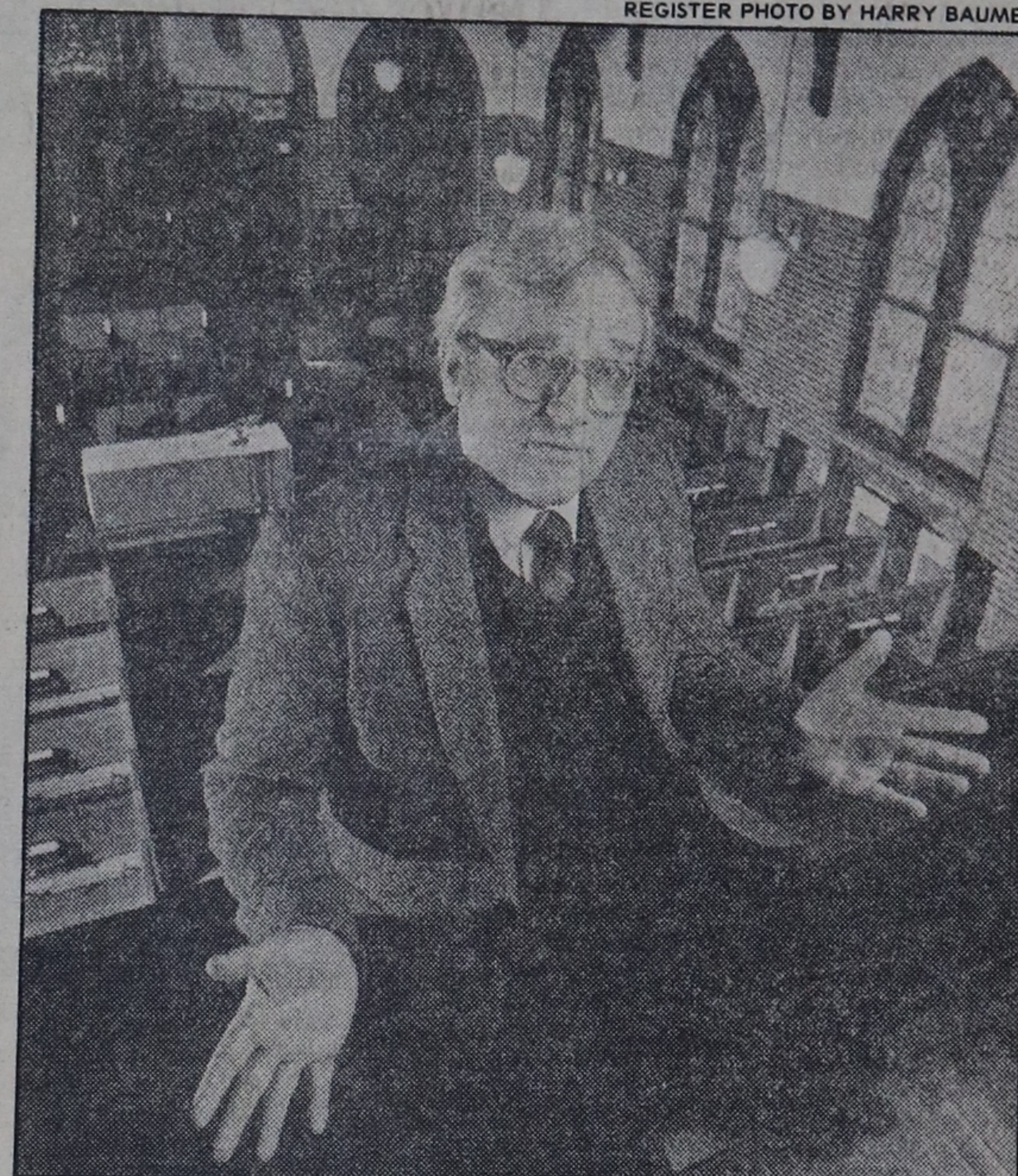
Miltner said churches had made great strides in improving salaries and benefits in the past decade but are slipping because of the rural economic crisis.

Manfred Holck Jr. of Austin, Texas, a Lutheran minister, a certified public accountant and editor of the Clergy Journal, travels across the country holding seminars for ministers on how to take advantage of federal rules that give clergy special breaks on income taxes.

Attendance "Barometer"

"I don't know any pastors who feel successful primarily from financial success," said Holck. They feel successful if they see lives being helped by their ministries, he said.

"When I was in a congregation that was what I wanted to see. But I also looked at the numbers. I always felt that average attendance was a key barometer of the effectiveness of the church and my success as a pastor. If average attendance increases, the other numbers — membership and contributions — will take care of themselves," he said.



The Rev. Durwood Buchheim, a Wartburg Theological Seminary instructor, explains why he favors equal salaries for pastors. He is shown in the college chapel.

Another Lutheran, the Rev. Durwood Buchheim, professor of preaching at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, says the measure of clergy success is troublesome.

"There is a lot of pressure from the congregation to be a promoter," says Buchheim, 62, a former big-church pastor and former Iowa ALC bishop. "We've got to get the kids back, we've got to fill this big church, maybe give trading stamps for attendance. But then there is the danger of rationalizing your failure by piously saying that you are a prophet and not a promoter."

Buchheim is promoting the idea of equal pay for clergy.

"If we could do that, we could be honest about why we want to do certain things," said Buchheim. "If someone wants to be a bishop and has the gifts for that office, fine, so long as he knows he will get the same salary he would get at" a small country church.

Those favoring equal salaries stress there should be an emphasis on adequacy of salaries as well as equality — preachers should not be kept on the edge of starvation.

"When I came out of seminary, we didn't talk about success; we just went for it," said the Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Des Moines. "We still don't talk about it enough, and when we do talk about it, we don't always talk about it honestly."

"Demonic" Ethic

He said his denomination, in which the bishop appoints the pastors each year, "was structured for success. You went up the ladder based on salary and church size. The success ethic can be seen as demonic."

LaVelle was involved in an unsuccessful attempt to sell the equal salary idea to the Iowa United Methodist Conference in the early 1970s. Though he has climbed the church success ladder since then, he still favors the idea, though he doubts it will ever be approved.

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines, one of the biggest congregations in his

denomination, says he feels no more or less successful than he did as a young minister starting a new church. "It has nothing to do with size," he said.

Gilliom said a minister is successful when he or she enables others to be involved in their own ministries. "Sometimes I have been very heroic and grandstandish by leaving the people behind. The higher we get by the normal success symbols, the harder it gets to be an enabler, to get others involved and to let them get the credit," he said.

The Rev. Marcia Smith-Wood, in her seventh year as pastor of the Bedford Christian-Presbyterian Church, says she feels successful, though she is uncomfortable with that word. She has refused an increase in her \$14,700 salary during each of the past three years because of the economic stress in her southern Iowa congregation.

"I'd rather say I am blessed than successful," she said. "I keep having happy surprises when someone is touched by faith, or I feel I am changing lives — especially my own. Every time I think of a move, then I think it has been OK here. I don't have to apologize for being a small-town, rural pastor."

Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Polk County Tuberculosis Society Board, past chairman of the board of the Wakonda Club, past member of the board of directors of Polk County Savings and Loan, and had been roll call director for the Polk County American Red Cross.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred C.; two daughters, Wendy C. Shearer of Mason City and Ann L. Beurle of Des Moines; three sons, David W. and Charles T., both of Des Moines, and Dr. John R. of Iowa City; and six grandchildren.

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3/15/86

RICHARD S. HUDSON

Richard S. Hudson, 71, a retired law professor at Drake University, died of cancer Monday in Eau Claire, Wis. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Highland Memory Gardens cemetery. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. April 20 at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Mr. Hudson had lived in Des Moines 30 years. He also taught for 10 years at the University of Missouri Law School in Kansas City, Mo. He had been a colonel in the Army and served in World War II and in Korea. He was a member of the Polk County, Iowa, Missouri and American bar associations, the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, and was a former clerk for Judge Louis Lavorato.

Survivors include two brothers, Ralph of Eau Claire, Wis., and Robert W. of Indianapolis, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Des Moines YMCA-Partnership with Youth program.

4/9/86

NELLE OSBORNE DEBOEST

Services for Nelle Osborne DeBoest, 93, of 428 Eighth St., West Des Moines, who died of a heart attack Friday at home, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery in West Des Moines.

Mrs. DeBoest was born in Stuart and lived in West Des Moines most of her life. She was the first librarian for the West Des Moines Public Library, where she worked from 1947 to 1967. A 60-year member of Chapter CJ, P.E.O., and Order of Eastern Star, she was also a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary L. Deutsche of Des Moines; and one grandson.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the West Des Moines Public Library or to her church.

NELLE OSBORNE
DEBOEST

**RUTH LINSTRUM SMITH**

Ruth Linstrum Smith, 64, of 4003 Woodland Ave., retired counselor for Planned Parenthood of Mid-Iowa-Des Moines Centers, died of cancer Wednesday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. The body will be cremated. Interment will be in Resthaven Mausoleum.

Mrs. Smith was born in Des Moines and had lived in Oskaloosa. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines Art Institute Print Club and League of Women Voters of Des Moines.

Survivors include a son, James S. of Royal Oak, Mich.; a daughter, Ellen Leavitt of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; her mother, Maude Linstrum of Des Moines; a sister, Jeanne Dowd of Sioux City; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

REYNOLD A. PETERSON

Reynold A. Peterson, 82, of 3520 Grand Ave., retired from Harper and Row Publishing, died of Parkinson's disease Wednesday at Wesley Acres. A memorial service will be at a later date. The body will be donated to the University Hospitals in Iowa City.

Mr. Peterson was born in Harcourt and had lived in Des Moines since 1936. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, Professional Bookmen of America and Iowa State Teachers Association.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a son, James of Morris, Ill.; two brothers, Clarence of Okemos, Mich., and Maurice of Yucaipa, Calif.; five sisters, Edna Gabrielson of Quimby, Ruby Harrison of Harcourt, Iva Peterson of Pasadena, Calif., Inez Greenlee of LaVerne, Calif., and Wilma Layng of Merced, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Dunn's Funeral Home handled arrangements.

REYNOLD A. PETERSON

Memorial services for Reynold A. Peterson, 82, of 3520 Grand Ave., who died of Parkinson's disease Wednesday at Wesley Acres, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lane Chapel of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. The funeral plans have been changed since Thursday's obituary.

4/4/86



REYNOLD A.
PETERSON

FRANCES E. CAMPBELL

Frances E. Campbell, 74, of 827 17th St., West Des Moines, a retired teacher, died of cancer Sunday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



FRANCES E.
CAMPBELL

Mrs. Campbell was a lifelong resident of West Des Moines. She previously was co-owner with her husband of Campbell's Department Store. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, West Des Moines Women's Club and West Des Moines Historical Society. She was the great-granddaughter of Charles Henry Good, who was a pioneer of Polk County and in 1880 founded the Good Block at Fifth and Walnut streets downtown.

Survivors include her husband, Leland; a daughter, Jeanetta Housh of West Des Moines; three sisters, Vivian Beard of Burlington, Fredabelle Curtis of Spokane, Wash., and Margaret Moen of Yuma, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

4/1/86

GLADYS C. WOOD

Memorial services for Gladys C. Wood, 86, of Calvin Manor, 4210 Hickman Road, who died of pneumonia Saturday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



GLADYS C.
WOOD

Miss Wood was born in Kasson, Minn., and had lived in Des Moines most of her life. A homemaker, she was a 40-year member of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ and OES.

Survivors include a cousin, Helen Wood of Des Moines.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. today to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

3/17/86

RUBY D. THOMPSON

A private service will be held for Ruby D. Thompson, 93, of 1800 Watrous Ave., who died Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center of a heart attack. Burial will be in the Resthaven Mausoleum in West Des Moines.

Mrs. Thompson, a homemaker, was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., and lived in Des Moines for 27 years. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorothy McClland of Des Moines, Maxine Hopkins of Denver, Colo., Joanne Puth of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 5/12/86

GERTRUDE N. REIS

Services for Gertrude N. Reis, 85, of Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., who died of a heart attack Friday at home, will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Glendale Cemetery.



GERTRUDE N. REIS

Mrs. Reis was born in Faribault, Minn., and had lived in Des Moines since 1921. A homemaker, she was a member of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Chi Omega Sorority and the Des Moines Women's Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara R. Sandblom of Paradise Valley, Ariz.; a brother, Kurt Neumann of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two sisters, Margaret Mochel of Downers Grove, Ill., and Ami Wolf of Clearwater, Fla.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call after noon today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church. 4/27/86

BARBARA D. GOETTSCH

Services for Barbara D. Goettsch, 43, of 2001 Crown Flair Drive, West Des Moines, who died of a heart ailment Monday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.



BARBARA D. GOETTSCH

Mrs. Goettsch was born in Muskogee, Okla., and lived in Des Moines 41 years. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Goettsch was an officer of the Junior League of Des Moines Inc. and Mercy Guild. She was a member of the parent faculty club board of Fairmeadows School and the board of directors of the school's talented and gifted program, a Girl Scouts of America leader, a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, and a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil L. II; a daughter, Laurilyn A. Goettsch of West Des Moines; two sons, James G. and Matthew L. of West Des Moines; her mother, Dee Sullivan of Des Moines; and two sisters, Karin Ahrold of Des Moines and Christine Sanner of Appleton, Wis.

A rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today at Dunn's Funeral Home, where friends may call after 3 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara D. Goettsch Memorial Fund. 5/13/86

GENEVIEVE B. FRYE

Services for Genevieve B. Frye, 73, of 3663 Grand Ave., who died of a heart ailment Sunday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Dunn's Funeral Home. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Mrs. Frye was born in Clinton and had lived in Des Moines most of her life. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors include two sons, Mike and Tom, both of Des Moines; two brothers, Bill Bulow of Albuquerque, N.M., and Harry Bulow of San Marcos, Calif.; and one grandson.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association. 7/1/86

OBITUARIES 7/5/86**Ex-Pioneer official Urban dead at 81**

Nelson Urban, 81, of 3600 Southern Hills Drive died of cancer Thursday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. A memorial service will be at 3:30 p.m. July 13 at Plymouth Congregational Church. The body has been donated to the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences.



NELSON URBAN

Mr. Urban was born in Dayton, Ohio. After working for the United States League of Nations Association, he moved to Des Moines and lived here for 56 years. He was executive vice president of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, where he had worked for 38 years before his retirement in 1970.

He was a member of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the Des Moines Club, Wakonda Club and Prairie Club. He served on the boards of U.S. Feed Grains Council, Iowa and Polk County Mental Health Association, United Nations Association of Iowa, Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Service, Des Moines Arts and Recreational Council, Child Guidance Center, Small Business Association and the Iowa Children's Convalescent Home.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; four sons, Thomas and Timothy of Des Moines, Theodore of Orinda, Calif., and David of Greenwich, Conn.; a daughter, Susan Horsey of Gladwyne, Pa.; and 15 grandchildren.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to Court Garden at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ or to the Iowa Children's Convalescent Home.

Dunn's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MARY DAPHNE W. SHERER

A memorial service for Mary Daphne W. Sherer, 48, of 2212 Carpenter Ave., who died of a heart attack Thursday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Sherer was a retired supervisor of merchandise returns at Younkers. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; her father and stepmother, Benjamin and Zelda Wintersteen Sr. of Des Moines; three step-sisters, Aileen Bigler of Mingo, Helen Spangler of Des Moines and Margie Sullivan of Waterloo; and two stepbrothers, Warren Ellsworth of Des Moines and Don Ellsworth of San Pedro, Calif.



MARY DAPHNE W. SHERER

CHARLES A. DUTT

Charles A. Dutt, 90, of 600 E. Fifth St., a retired architect, died of a heart ailment Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth Congregational Church. There will be a private burial in Resthaven Cemetery.



CHARLES A. DUTT

Mr. Dutt was born in Alma, Mich., and had lived in Des Moines for 50 years. He retired in 1961 from Tinsley, Higgins, Lighter and Lyon. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and had served in the Army during World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve; a son, Dale M. of Lacona; a grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church.

Dunn's Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

LOUIS M. RICH

Special Dispatch to The Register

RANCHO BERNARDO, CALIF. —

Louis M. Rich, 78, of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., a former national advertising manager for the Des Moines Register and Tribune, died of Alzheimer's disease Aug. 15 in Rancho Bernardo. A memorial service will be at a later date at Rancho Bernardo Community Church.

Mr. Rich was born in Washington, Ia. He began working for the Des Moines Register and Tribune in 1932. In 1960 he became vice president of the Detroit, Mich., office of the Newspaper Bureau of Advertising. The International Advertising and Marketing Executives Association conferred an honorary life membership, and he also won the Distinguished Service Award from the Bureau of Advertising of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, the Des Moines Club, the Embassy Club and several advertising clubs.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; a daughter, Carma Lou Saathoff of Lake Elsinore, Calif.; two sisters; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Family Center in Escondido, Calif.

JULIE STAVNEAK

Julie Stavneak, 37, of 1475 N.W. 90th Court died of cancer Friday at Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



JULIE STAVNEAK

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church. Burial will be in Schaller Cemetery in Schaller.

Mrs. Stavneak was born in Sac City and had lived in Green Bay, Wis., and Omaha, Neb., before moving to Des Moines three years ago. She had been a teacher for Omaha-Plattsmouth schools for nine years. She was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church and Phi Delta Kappa.

Survivors include her husband, Jim; two brothers, Gary Currie of Carroll and Kevin Currie of Auburn, Wash.; two sisters, Linda Kuehner of Hampton and Wendy Currie of Sioux City; her stepmother, Doris Currie of Nemaha; two stepsisters, Dawn Christiansen of Early and Joan Ross of Des Moines; and two stepbrothers, Steve Wedeking of Ankeny and Lance Wedeking of Nemaha.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. today at Westover Funeral Home, where the family will receive visitors at 5 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

MAIMIE O. WARREN

Maimie O. Warren, 77, of 4111 Ingersoll Ave. died of cancer Tuesday at Iowa Methodist Medical Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at McLaren's Resthaven Funeral Chapel in West Des Moines. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery there.

Mrs. Warren was born in Clarke County and had lived in Corydon before moving to Des Moines five years ago. She was a member of Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Plymouth Congregational Church and Plymouth Rock.

Survivors include a son, Larry of Des Moines; a daughter, Mardelle Klein of Marengo; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel, where the family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church.

Pentecost worship by district Disciples

Thirty-three Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations in the Des Moines District will gather at 7 p.m. Sunday for a mass Pentecost worship service at First Christian Church, Twenty-fifth Street and University Avenue. The Rev. James Gilliom, senior minister of Plymouth Congregational Church, will preach. The service will include a procession of banners, special music from a mass choir, liturgical dance and a time of fellowship.

Ex-Drake dean Johnson dies in San Diego

By PERRY BEEMAN

Register Staff Writer

Former Drake University men's dean Willard L. Johnson, whose fight against world hunger and discrimination led him to top posts with Planned Parenthood, the United Nations and the National Conference of Christians and Jews, died July 2 at his home in San Diego, Calif. He was 80.

Memorial services were held Sunday in San Diego. The body was cremated.

Born in Sterling, Ill., Johnson grew up in Redfield and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Drake. He later became an international authority on population and world hunger issues and civil rights.

In addition to his stint on the Drake staff from 1934 to 1938, Johnson was minister at Rising Sun Church of Christ in Rising Sun and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Des Moines. He was chairman of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union.

Johnson directed the Des Moines area office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and later became a national leader in the organization. After he left Des Moines, he held top posts in Planned Parenthood, CARE, the United Nations, the Committee for International Economic Growth, Zero Population Growth and the Geneva-based Council on World Tensions, part of World Brotherhood.

"He was all over the world with different organizations," said one of Johnson's sisters, Vera Hanes of 1424 46th St.

He wasn't afraid to roll up his sleeves. "He helped hand out toothpaste and soap in Berlin with CARE. He loved people and he loved the organizations. He never went backwards, he just went forwards," Hanes said.

"My friends called him 'The Educator,'" she said.

Johnson's death followed a series of strokes and a battle with bladder cancer, she said.

Johnson, who had a divinity degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., started a religious program on WHO radio and got his start in the ministry by preaching in Rising Sun, Hanes said. At night, he would flag down a train for the ride back to Des Moines.

"Mother worried about him standing out on those tracks in the rain," Hanes recalled.

The rain didn't compare with the snow that delayed his wedding to Des Moines music teacher Marjorie E. Hackenberg in 1936.

"They were to be married at my grandmother's house in Redfield," Hanes recalled. "It was so bad you couldn't see the roads or the ditches ..."

The wedding was delayed as the groom pushed his car through snow banks on his way from Des Moines to Redfield, but the couple was married that night by Johnson's father, James W. of Bridgewater, a Register article said.

When he retired, Johnson was publishing a newsletter on population issues for the United Nations, Hanes said. He lived in San Diego the past 20 years. Before that he traveled to assignments in Germany, Switzerland, Washington, D.C., New York and Paris.

In addition to his wife, Marjorie, and sister, other survivors include his son, Willard Jr. of Vista, Calif.; a daughter, Miriam Johnson Breau of

• The Chancel and Matins choirs of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will present a Lenten concert at 4 p.m. Sunday. The Chancel Choir will present the program it recently gave at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association. An offering will be received for the Iowa Rural Crisis Fund. 3/16/85

Plymouth church holds choral clinic

A choral clinic at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave., will conclude with a free public Festival Concert at 4 p.m. today. Howard Swan of Irvine, Calif. — a choral conductor, lecturer and author — has led the clinic since Thursday and will be guest conductor at the concert. Invited choirs taking part include St. Johns Lutheran Church chancel choir, Bel Canto Chorale from Burlington and Plymouth's chancel choir. Swan also will conduct the music and speak on "Why Art?" in the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sunday at Plymouth. 4/20/85

11/2/85
• Candidates for the Des Moines City Council in Tuesday's election will take part in a candidate's forum at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Greenwood Lounge of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

11/9/85
• Carol Pitts, assistant Metro/Iowa editor of The Des Moines Register, will speak on "Politics and Paradoxes in the Holy Land" at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

Peace Caravan to end in worship 9/29/84

The culmination of the Iowa Church Leaders Peace Caravan next week will be an ecumenical worship service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 at First Christian Church, Twenty-fifth Street and University Avenue.

The Rev. Scott Libbey, top administrator for the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be the main speaker. The choir of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ will present a peace anthem, "Hymn to Human Rights," by Knute Nystedt, which was commissioned by

the church. Others among the three Catholic bishops and 16 state Protestant leaders who will be on the caravan will take part in the service. A feature will be a ceremonial creation of a "peace chain" of signatures obtained from around the state on a covenant for peace.

The busload of state religious leaders will begin their tour Tuesday. They will fan out in small groups each day, with evening services in Davenport, Waterloo, Storm Lake and Council Bluffs before the Oct. 6 finale in Des Moines.

Prayer service for summit planned 11/2/85

"Clamor for Accord at the Summit" will be the theme of an interfaith prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Sixth Avenue and Keosauqua Way. Participants will be praying for the success of the U.S.-Soviet summit talks scheduled in Geneva, Switzerland, two weeks later.

The Rev. James O. Gilliom, senior pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, will be the speaker. The service will be preceded by an around-the clock prayer vigil starting at 8 p.m. Tuesday at St. Ambrose Cathedral, Sixth Avenue and High Street. Individuals and groups are invited to go to the cathedral during the vigil.

The vigil and the interfaith service are sponsored by a number of groups, including the Des Moines Ministerial Association, the Commission on International Peace and Reconciliation, the Iowa Peace Network, the Catholic Peace Ministry, the Iowa Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign and the American Friends Service Committee.

Other sponsors include Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting, the Stop the Arms Race Political Action Committee, St. Johns Lutheran Church and St. Ambrose Cathedral.

Searching for keys to happy retirement

By PATRICIA COONEY

Register Staff Writer

No matter how old you are right now, you probably should give more thought to retirement.

With new ground rules going into effect Jan. 1, extending the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70, that is exactly what many Iowans are doing.

The new legislation does not mean that people will have to stay on the job until 70. They still may retire with full Social Security benefits at 65. And employers do not have to keep older employees on the payroll. Workers of any age may be dismissed for cause.

One 68-year-old man who retired at 65 because it was mandatory said, "I would rather be told 'you have to get out because you are 65' than be told 'you no longer are capable of doing the job.'"

How important is it to plan far ahead for the time when you no longer will be working? What are some advantages to staying on in your own home? What about moving to a more moderate climate? How can you plan ahead financially? What will you do with all of that time after R-Day? Have you thought about practicing for retirement?

In a book, "Retirement Rehearsal Guidebook," by Elmer Otte, published by Pictoral, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., the author writes, "When you retired you got off an awfully busy bus. Where you got off is not a very busy place, unless you create your own kind of busyness."

In an effort to obtain some of the answers to questions facing prospective retirees, we talked with Iowans in different stages of retirement. Here is what some had to say.

•What to do with the time?

Kenneth Wells, 67, of Des Moines believes the interests one has during the working years carry over into retirement. That is the way it has worked for him.

Wells plays tennis two or three times a day year-around, golfs, bowls, walks four miles to his garden and occasionally bikes 26 miles to Jester Park. He plays a little squash, too.

It irks him that so many people dub persons in his age group as being "over the hill." Wells was a coach and athletic director at Ames High School for 29 years and later served as executive director of the Iowa State Education Association for 11 years.

He retired at 64. He could have worked another year.

"But I spent 43 years working so that I *could* retire, and I get lots of enjoyment doing the things I want to do when I want to do them," says Wells.

For him, retirement is no death sentence. "Aging is an individual process mentally and physically," he adds. Wells takes three daily newspapers, reads a lot, and is active in Kiwanis, Des Moines Community Playhouse and Plymouth Congregational Church.

He and his wife, Ila, live in a two-bedroom brick, ranch-style home they bought 14 years ago. He believes that a person who retires at 65, ought to be able to keep up his home for at least another 10 years.

•How important is planning?

Blanche Davis, 66, retired a few months ago as city clerk of Windsor Heights, but she started planning 12 years ago. One mistake she made, she says, is that she didn't start earlier.

Davis had served as clerk since 1960 and her retirement was not mandatory. She describes herself as "a worrier" and hers as a "pressure job." It was beginning to tell, says Davis, so she decided to get out.

"You have to have a plan, so a dozen years ago I started taking inventory, realizing retirement was not as far off as I might think," she says.

She started salting away a little more into savings and bought a four-room house.

Through the years, she has made major improvements in the home — installing a new furnace and bathroom — to get the place in shape so she could retire comfortably there.

Davis has a sister in Florida and a son and three grandchildren in Michigan, her native state. They cannot understand why she would want to retire in Windsor Heights where she has no family — "just a world of friends."

"The friends you make in later life are the ones you probably want to associate with in retirement," says Davis, "and I love Iowa and it's people."

She has given thought about what to do with her time. She is active in clubs and service organizations. There will be more time now for



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some things she missed during working years — playing golf, bridge, and cutting down that cherry harvest table she made.

•What about a new environment?

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Howard and Frances Smith of Des Moines did both. They are 70 years old. In June, the couple sold their snow blower and lawn mower, packed their belongings (including his hunting dog and her grand piano) and headed for Sedona, Ariz.

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mountains 30 miles south of Flagstaff, Ariz. They "discovered" the town 12 months there each winter for six years.

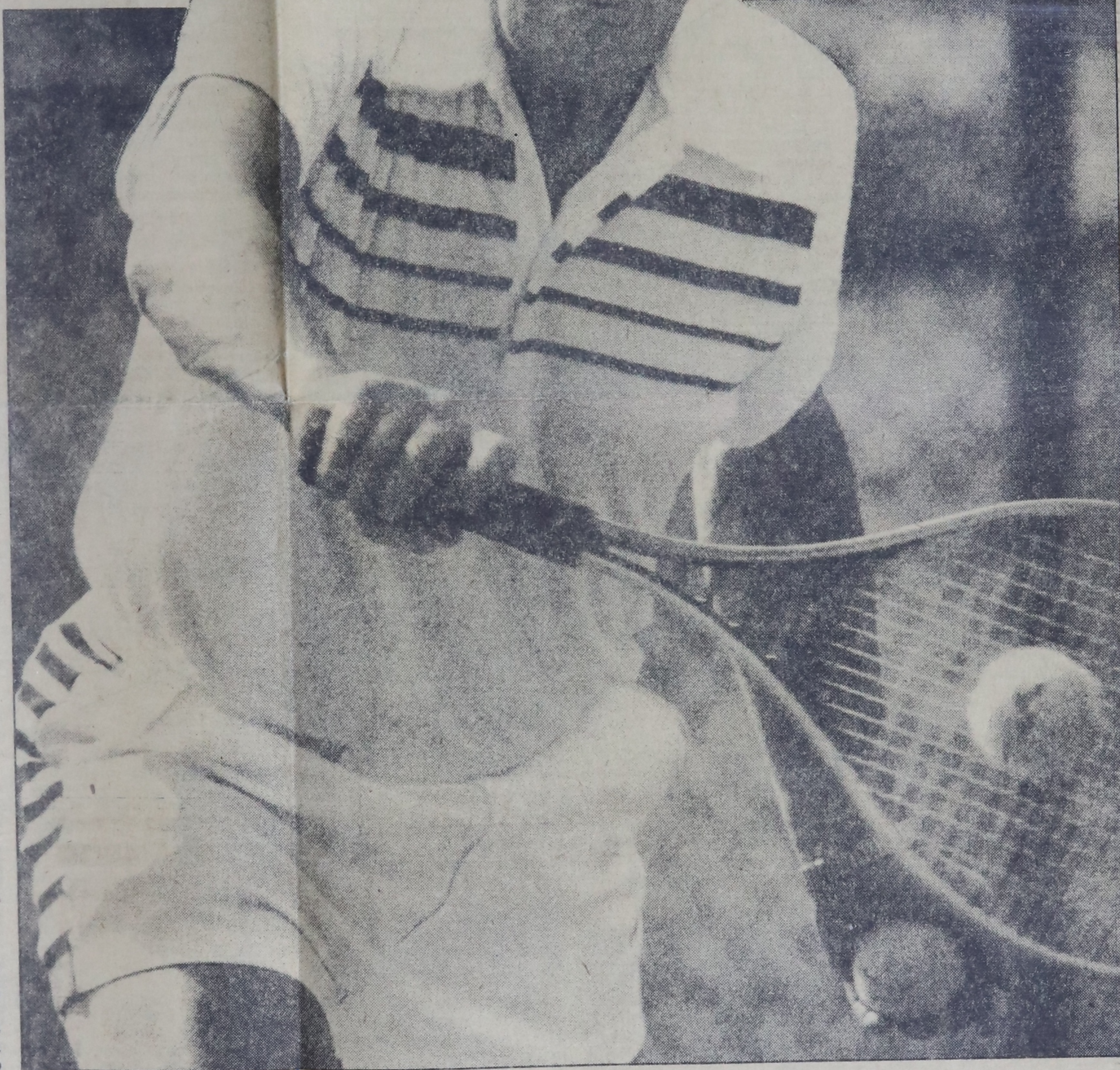
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Photo by BOB NANDELL



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mountains 30 miles south of Flagstaff. It is familiar country to the Smiths. They "discovered" the town 15 years ago and have spent two months there each winter for six years. His brother lives in Sedona, too.

Still, Howard knows there will be a lot of adjusting. But he has adjusted before. Smith sold his business, the 10-X Manufacturing Co., when he was 61. He had founded the firm which made sporting clothing in 1934. It grew out of a hunting hobby. Smith says he was not ready to be dumped into retirement at 61. He stayed on as a consultant for six years, but that was not enough to fill his time.

He is a member of the board of directors of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny and in recent years has traveled around the state

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It pays to rehearse for your retirement

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about three days a week doing volunteer work for the college.

Smith says a friend once advised him to plan every night something for the day ahead. He has followed this advice and found it to be a sound idea, but last January's cruel weather in Iowa disrupted some of those daily plans. Smith said he was miserable and restless.

The Smiths didn't want to keep up two houses, so they sold the home in Grandview Park here and bought a house right on the golf course at Sedona. There are quail in the mountains for hunting and an artists' colony. Frances, a painter, is looking forward to that.

•How can you afford to retire?

Otte, whose book ("Retirement Rehearsal Guidebook," available for \$4.95 from Retirement Research, P.O. Box 401, Appleton, Wis. 54912) is aimed at pre-retirees, doesn't fill in the reader with all of the answers. He lets you do that by suggesting you take inventory, fill out the charts and rehearse. Each person's retirement is a personal change in lifestyle.

Some of the financial hurdles he suggests you look into thoroughly are mortgage obligations ("How paid up are they — and will you be able to complete payment before lack of regular income makes this a problem?") What is the status of your life insurance coverage? Who's counting on your support ("Any educational payment obligations left?")

Obviously, inflation minimizes buying power of your dollars. But have you taken into consideration that you are going to be paying less taxes on a lower income? Most people can figure on having about 65 to 70 percent of their working income for retirement, Otte estimates.

In a telephone interview from his home, he said he does not foresee any great trend to staying on the job until 70 or later. "Right now, 50 percent of the workers take their Social Security at 62 years and 62 percent are on Social Security by 65."

Some changes may need to be made in the day-to-day routine to accommodate life with a lessened income. As Otte points out, "Less is what you probably expect to receive — less of the handy green stuff it takes to live it up. But lots of happy retirees manage just fine and so should you."

Even those interviewed who admitted they retired "well," said inflation was more damaging to retired persons on fixed incomes than to any other single group.

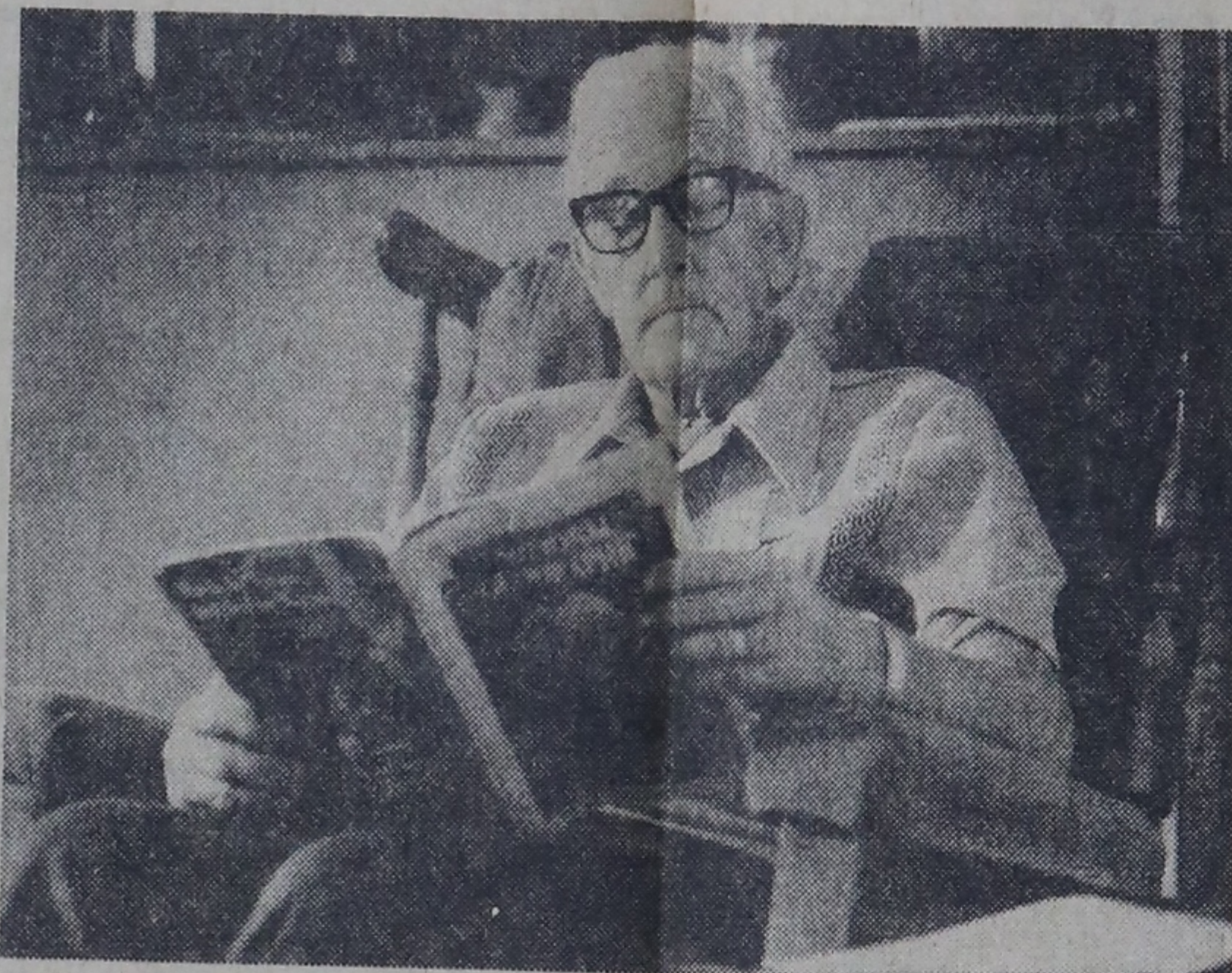
One couple who said they are living near the same economic level as before R-day now are looking for more "specials" and shop the discount stores.

A 73-year-old woman who retired when she was 65 because the company said she must, would love to have liked to stay on for a few more years. She is sure she could have "cut the mustard" because she did the same type work parttime for another firm after her retirement.

Salaries and pensions were lower when she retired. She has not been able to travel as she had planned. A \$3,000 dental bill took a chunk of her savings. And she recently was notified that rent will be raised.

Otte points out it is difficult to anticipate health costs. But he adds that "whatever health and wealth we have, we should protect and conserve." Medicare's Plan A, covering hospitalization, is for everyone 65 and over. Medicare's Plan B, covering medical and surgical costs, as of July 1 is \$8.20 a month.

Lillie Foster, 93, isn't complaining about rising food costs because she grows all of her fruits and vegetables. Work is her "second name," says Lillie. That's the reason she didn't retire as a waitress and dining room hostess until she was 81.



Kenneth Wells, 67, does some armchair traveling in a rare moment of quiet. Besides reading, he enjoys tennis, golf, biking and walking.

Lillie worked at Veteran's Auditorium and some of the best hotels in Des Moines. Very little of Lillie's retirement income goes for medicine. "People are too quick to take a pill for this and a pill for that every time they get a little pain or ache," she says.

She adds that last winter she had the flu and cured it with a rub-on mixture of goose grease, camphor and kerosene.

•How about a second career?

Joseph A. Wall, 54, of Earlham, a retired Air Force sergeant, is into his second career as fiscal division manager with the Iowa Commission on the Aging. Wall says that if his health holds out his next retirement is at least 10 years away, and even then he probably won't quit completely.

"I know too many persons who retired and six months later were six feet under," he adds.

Enlisted personnel in the Air Force are retired after serving 30 years or reaching age 65. With 20 months to go until his fifty-fifth birthday, Wall decided he was ready to try something else. He had no intention of retiring from active work life because of his young age, and the Air Force retirement pay wasn't quite enough to hack it anyhow.

He was a fiscal analyst in the military and his new job is similar, but the environment is quite a change. For Wall, his wife and children, their average stay in one place was three years. Much of their military life was spent in the Far East.

"Without planning ahead, the change could have been drastic," Wall says.

In his job here, he has become acquainted with many older persons in the state. "I think it has been a mistake to get rid of older persons in jobs. Better use should be made of their experience and expertise," he says.

"There is a spirit of adventure in most of us," Wall says. "Look at Miss Lillian. She was 70 when she joined the Peace Corps and went to India."