



TWO OF THE OLDEST MEMBERS of North Methodist Church are Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Zinn, who are shown above at their home, 285 W. Kenworth Rd, getting ready to attend the Diamond Jubilee banquet at the church.

Church Honors Oldest Members

Three Columbus residents will be honored at the Diamond Jubilee Banquet of North Methodist Church, Thursday, Oct. 13.

Among the oldest members of the church are Mrs. William Swolish, 70 year-member; J. Harvey Zinn, 72 year-member and Mrs. Harvey Zinn, 70 year-member.

Bishop Hazen G. Warner will give the address at the 6:30 p. m. banquet during which time a huge cake with 75 candles will be unveiled.

AT THE "GOLD" TABLE will be seated the 25 members who have been affiliated with the North Methodist Church for over half a century.

Seated at the "silver" table will be 55 members who have been members from 40 to 49 years.

DR. JOHN DICHLAUT, superintendent of the Columbus district will give the evening prayer followed by Rev. C. B. Harrison's highlights of the church's history.

Closing the evening's activities will be the unveiling of a large diamond with shining facets bearing the names of the organizations of the church.



Mrs. William Swolish



J. Harvey Zinn



Mrs. J. H. Zinn

Columbus Mother Asks God To Protect Her Son

Inspired by a burning candle in her window, Mrs. Susan Howard of 1675 Elmwood-av. has written a prayer for her son who served with the U. S. Army but failed to return home after his discharge.

"I wrote this prayer," said Mrs. Howard, "because I know that sometime my son will hear it and return. For the past five years, I have kept a candle lighted in my window for his return," she added. "It was this candle that inspired me to write the prayer, 'Just For My Son.'"

"There are many mothers in the world whose sons are in the service or away from home and I know they would appreciate sending them this message," she concluded.

"Dear God, Father of freedom, look after this boy of mine, wherever he may be. Look in upon him, talk to him during the silent watches of the night, spare him to bravery when he faces the cruel foe.

Transfer my prayer to his heart. Keep my boy inspired by the never dying faith in his God throughout the long days of hopeful victory. Whenever his business takes him, keep his spirit high and his purpose uncovering. Make him a loyal friend, nourish him with the love that I pour to him at birth and satisfy the hunger of his soul, with the knowledge of my daily prayer.

He is my precious treasure. Take care of him God. Keep him in good health and sustain him under all possible circumstances. Touch him with my smile, cheer and comfort him.

I once warmed him under my heart, you warm him now under the shelter of the stars. Fail him not, or may he not fail you, nor the little mother who bore him.

Citizen

Members of Same Church for 50 Years



Methodists to Observe Aldersgate Sunday

N. M. E. To Feature Its Celebration by Honoring Long-Time Members; Wesley Hymns, Special Sermons Are On Other Programs.

METHODISTS around the world will join in observing Aldersgate Sunday tomorrow in observance of the 200th anniversary of the beginning of Methodism. The occasion dates from the heart-warming experience of John Wesley at a Moravian service in Aldersgate Street chapel in London, on May 24, 1738. The world observance will culminate in London on Tuesday.

In connection with this world-wide celebration, special honor is to be paid long-time members at North M. E. church, at the Sunday morning service. Twelve members who have been with that church for 50 years or more will be presented with golden roses.

The Dispatch photographer snapped a picture of the Half-Century group last week at the church which is reproduced above. Members of this group are: Seated, left to right, Mrs. Edward C. Grove, Mrs. Harry Snyder, Mrs. Elizabeth Zinn, Mrs. Mary Slyn, Mrs. William R. Swedish. Standing, left to right, Edward C. Grove, Mrs. Walter T. Herron, J. Harvey Zinn, Mrs. H. B. Zinn and Mrs. J. Harvey Zinn, Mrs. Callie Slyn and William R. Swedish. The other two members of the group are not in the picture.

Others to Be Honored

Red roses will be given the 14 who have been members from 40 to 49 years, as follows: Harry Snyder, Alex Immet, Mrs. S. E. Maize, Mrs. Elizabeth Pease, Frank M. Howard, H. B. Herron, Mrs. Carl T. Evans, Mrs. J. J. Hangers, Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Lantz, Mrs. David Knox, Mrs. Edward Thrush, Walter T. Herron and Mrs. Annie Gabbert.

White roses are for those members who have been Methodist anywhere, the longest, as follows: Mrs. E. E. Grashel, 71 years; Mrs. Edward Thrush, 66 years, and Rev. E. J. Curtis, 66 years.

The rose bearers will be: Marcia Louise Stewart, great-granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Zinn, who will carry the golden roses; Mary Ellen Grashel, granddaughter of Mrs. E. E. Grashel, who will present the red roses; Joyce Elaine Rutherford, great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grove, will give the white roses.

The sermon by Rev. C. E. Harrison, the pastor, will deal with "John Wesley, the Great Itinerant."

North Methodist Celebrates Diamond Jubilee Thursday

The North Methodist Church will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary at a Diamond Jubilee banquet Thursday in the church, with special honors for those who have been members for 40 years or more. A highlight of the evening will be the unveiling of a huge celebration cake surrounded by 75 lighted candles. The history of the church will be reviewed by Dr. C. B. Harrison, who has been pastor for 19 years, longest in the church's history.

Featured speaker will be Bishop Hazen G. Werner of the Ohio Area Methodist Church.

Dr. John W. Dickhaut, superintendent of the Columbus district, also will speak.



J. H. Zinn

Members of 50 years or more will be seated at a "gold" table highlighted with yellow roses. Those who have been members for 40 to 49 years will be seated at the "white" table decorated with white flowers.

ONE OF THE SPECIAL GUESTS of the evening will be J. Harvey Zinn of 285 W. Kenworth Rd., who for 72 of his 84 years has been a member of the church during the ministry of 10 pastors.

Zinn, owner of a North Side lumber firm and a bank director, recalls joining the church when it first was located in a two-room schoolhouse when his parents told him he was "old enough to know right and wrong, and to take a stand."

From the schoolhouse at Neil Ave. and Hudson St., Zinn remembers the move to a new location at Duncan and High Sts., and finally in 1895, the building of the new edifice at East and Tompkins Aves. It burned down and was rebuilt about 15 years ago.

ZINN SAID HE could see little difference in the churchgoer of today and that of his youth.

"The congregation was a more settled thing then," Zinn recalled, noting that presently people are more transient and don't settle as quickly in one spot.

"It means meeting more new people each year rather than the same people," Zinn said, "but really it only makes the pastor's job harder because of the many new members he has to meet."

Reflecting on the pastor's job, Zinn said it is better managed today because each is given his own church rather than a circuit of several, while increased salaries have brought better men to church leadership.

All in all, Zinn said, there has been no change in the church in his years, other than members seems to be on the increase, adding, "the faces are different, the thought is still the same."

