Presbyterians pay their pastors more

World Of Religion
By LOUIS CASSELS
UPI Religion Writer

A survey by the United Presbyterian Church indicates the salaries of its ministers have increased about 30 per cent over the past five years. The average salary is now $10,055 a year.

That sounds like pretty good news for preachers. But there are a lot of angles that need to be taken into account.

First, the membership of the United Presbyterian Church has a higher average income than most other Protestant bodies, so ministers of that denomination are among the highest paid in the profession.

Second, the survey covered only ministers who are currently serving as pastors or assistant pastors of congregations. Excluded were such people as chaplains, foreign missionaries, and retired ministers called back to fill pulpit vacancies. Since these types of clergy generally are paid less than congregational pastors, their inclusion would have brought the average down.

Third, an average figure may cloak wide disparities. A more meaningful figure, many statisticians believe, is the median — the half-way point on the scale of all actual salaries. For United Presbyterian pastors, the median salary in August, 1970, was $9,430 —about $600 less than the average.

This means half of the pastors were being paid less than $9,430. And that figure, remember, includes an estimated rental value of the manse, or parsonage, furnished by the church.

Contrary to an impression widely held by laymen, clergy income is not appreciably supplemented by fees or honoraria which ministers receive on the side for conducting weddings, funerals, etc. A 1968 survey by the Ministers Life and Casualty Union of Minneapolis showed that the median intake from these extra fees is only $166 a year.

The fourth thing that needs to be taken into account is that a salary increase averaging 6 per cent a year —which is what Presbyterian pastors have received over the past five years —is barely enough to keep pace with the rise in living costs resulting from price inflation.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics calculated in the spring of 1969 that it then cost $10,077 a year to maintain a "moderate" living standard for an urban family of four. The cost of living has gone up at least 5 per cent since then, so the comparable figure today would be around $10,600.

Thus, even with his raises over the last five years, the average Presbyterian minister is still being paid too little to maintain his family in moderate comfort. And thousands of clergymen are well below average in salary.

NEHAWKA

Mrs Arthur Jones

Mrs Estle Phillips has returned from Stockton, Mo., where she was staying with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Arthur Wynes for four months.

Mrs Stella Gannaway returned to Dunnigan, Mo., with her son, Warren Gannaway, of Augusta, Mo. She visited the Tony Gannaways.

Mrs Pearl Kime, Mrs Lois Spear and Mrs Dorothy Dodson attended the rock show in Nebraska City.

Jeffrey La Montagne visited his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Merle Meyer, while his parents, Mr and Mrs Dave LaMontagne vacationed in Colorado.

Mrs Emma Nutzman and Mildred attended the Republican barbecue in Syracuse.

Mr and Mrs Hal Hansen and Kristi spent the weekend at York with Mr and Mrs Herb Kuntz. Other guests were Mr and Mrs Lloyd Prante of LaCanada, Calif., and Mrs Wallace Kuntz and sons, Todd and Thomas, of Campbell, California.

BROCK

Mrs Arthur Dougherty

Two of Johnson-Brock high school teachers, Duane Arends and Merlin Wright, participated in the "campout" at 4-H camp in Halsey National Forest.

Mr and Mrs Harold Barnhart attended a Four County Rural Letter Carriers meeting at DeWitt.

Miss Linda Anderson of Lincoln spent the weekend at the Dale Eppler home.

Word was received of the death of Mrs Millie A. Smedley, 72, at her home in Corvallis, Oregon, September 29. She is survived by her son, George of Caldwell, Idaho, daughters, Marilyn of Burlingame, Calif., and Mrs Roselee Metzer, San Rafael, Calif., sister Rose Portard also of Carvallis. She was born and raised at Brock.

Mr and Mrs Jim Bowen and Crystal of Lorton visited their aunts, Mrs Frances Shaw of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs Athlene Paseka of San Francisco, Calif., at the Alvie Bowen home.

C.P. Lockwood attended a dinner honoring his son-in-law, Charles Hawley, Auburn, on his birthday. Mr and Mrs Virgil Bohling were the hosts. Others from Brock attending were Mr and Mrs Leo Lockwood, Mr and Mrs Fred Lockwood, Mr and Mrs Dwight Hawley and Sam and Chuck, Mr and Mrs John Hawley and children. Others were from Ceresco and Omaha.

Harold Nichols has returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where he was hospitalized in May because of multiple injuries received in an automobile accident. His father, Lloyd Nichols and brother, Bob, flew with a pilot to Indianapolis for him. Harold is in a full body cast but is happy to be home.

The new house being built by the Lyle Betts family in south Brock is progressing. They are building the house.

Mrs Athlene Pasecka of San Francisco, Calif., and Mrs Frances Shaw of Lousiville, Ky., house guests of their parents, Mr and Mrs Alvie Bowen for 10 days, were overnight guests of Mrs Della Holleman at Hamburg, Iowa. They also visited Mr and Mrs Olna Current at Hamburg. Mr and Mrs Bowen and their visiting daughters and the Floydd Bowens, Steve Bowen family and the Jim Bowens of Lorton were dinner guests of Mr and Mrs George Schmucker.

A family reunion and dinner was held at the Alvie Bowen home. Guests were from Omaha, Lorton and Brock and Hamburg, Iowa.

Mr and Mrs Floydd Bowen entertained his parents and sisters at dinner and also he took them to Omaha to visit relatives there. They returned to their home by plane.

QUICK QUIZ

Q—Which state had the first gold rush in America?

A—Georgia, in 1828 But the great gold rush to California in 1849 probably was the most famous.

Q—What American tree is named for the inventor of an alphabet?

A—The sequoia. The name comes from that of a Cherokee Indian chief who invented a written alphabet for his tribe



Jim Olsen of Otoe Concrete Products and Materials company looks over the paving project on Twelfth Corso west of Eleventh Street. Weather bogged down the operation but crews were back on the job this week. Pictured in the background are Earl Colbert and Richard Hein.



W.A. Letellier, 1142 Twelfth Corso, is pictured with next to the South Thirteenth Street paving project equipment. Jim Olsen of Otoe Concrete Products and Materials company, said the project extends south to Airplane Heights.

AVOCA

Mrs Henry Maseman

United Church of Christ at Weeping Water joined the Avoca church congregation for a cooperative dinner. There was a song fest of old familiar songs. Mrs Louise Stock, pastor, gave the history of several. Pastor Campbell of the Weeping Water church gave a brief history of the landing of the Pilgrims 350 years ago from which the Congregational church was started. Mrs Maynard Geschke sang a solo. Maynard Geschke Jr., and Rick Bruns sang a duet. Mrs Henry Maseman and Mrs Smith played several selections on organ and piano.

Sunday morning the Avoca church joined the Weeping Water church for a service of worship and communion. Pastor Campbell preached the sermon. Mrs Freeman was the organist.

Bill Wolph of Washington D.C. is visiting his mother, Mrs Paul Wolph. They visited John Wolph in Lincoln and with Steve Wolph who has recently returned from a year in Okinawa with the Marines.

GOLDENROD CLUB — Mrs Elmer Hallstrom was hostess for the Goldenrod Garden club October meeting. Mrs John Emshoff gave the lesson and each member made a terrarium.

Mrs Wm Maddox was hostess for the Greenthumber Garden club October meeting at her home in Syracuse. Mrs Fritz Brockhoff, program chairman, surprised the group by all going to see Mrs Henry Amende's antiques. They returned to the Maddox home and made recipe folders. Mrs Alfred Ebert received the hostess gift.

Willing Workers Extension club toured Lincoln and ate at a cafe. They attended the show "Airport."

Mrs H. Marquardt was hostess for the Woman's Fellowship October meeting. Mrs Edith Maseman had the devotions on prayer and read the poem "Teach me to Pray."

Mr and Mrs Hans Jensen attended a surprise birthday dinner for Rasmus Jensen in Lincoln.

Mr and Mrs Hans Jensen, Frances Ruge and Mrs Edith Masemen assisted Mrs Joe Kover celebrate her birthday. Callers were Mrs James Jensen and children.

The members of the Woman's Fellowship attended the United Methodist Women's meeting at Murdock. The Murdock High school chorus and Triple Trio sang several songs.

Mr and Mrs Carroll Carsten of Hershey report the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Jayne, on October 11. The couple has a four year old son Stewart. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Calvin Carsten and great-grandmother is Mrs Martha Ruge, all of Avoca.

Mr and Mrs Wm Dettmer, Mr and Mrs Harlan Kirchoff and family and Mr and Mrs Bob Kirchoff and sons called on Fred Kirchoff on his birthday.

Several from here attended the dinner and open house at the Fair Center, Syracuse, for the Ralph Martin's wedding anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Elmer Kepler and Cheryl went to Grand Island and visited the Roger Essinks.

Mr and Mrs Henry Dankleff visited Mrs Sena Hanson at Neligh.

The buck Ends here . . . .

By Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Someone pointed out the other day that 200 to 300 pigeons have been counted on the roof of the Otoe county courthouse and the town may have to have a piegon shoot.

We have a few that roost and splatter the second floor window sills on the south side of the News-Press building. Perhaps they could be "entered" in the shoot.

The best place to get rid of pigeons we know of is at Paul's tavern in Paul, Nebr. And if you haven't been to Paul's on a Saturday night, then you've missed the gang.

The Wehlings served free roasted pigeon and dressing the last time we were there.

+ + +

That was the same night that Al Schmitz said he had so many phone calls on his News-Press want ad of an old Plymouth for sale, that he sold the car to a caller and had to leave the house because of the continued calls.

+ + +

We will look forward to seeing Gary Blakeman re-seated on the Board of Education. He's an asset to the school system. He also has a personal interest because he has two children of his own.

Wayne Brown, board president, said Blakeman was the choice to fill the year and a half term of Mort Porter who resigned, because he had just gotten off the board last spring and is well acquainted with school work.

It was a tough decision for the board because the other two named candidates were Glen Cohn and Don Wolfe, Union, who wanted the job bad enough last spring to file for the office in the City election.

+ + +

There may be one obvious unmentioned point in Blakeman's appointment — labor negotiations. That will be coming up soon. It takes a great deal of night meetings and much patience. Blakeman is experienced as manager of American Meter company and he also has served as chairman of the school's negotiating team.

+ + +

Nebraska City volunteer firemen and rescue squadsmen said a big "thanks to everyone" for the votes that carried the bond issue on a new city building.

The Optimist poll said the issue would carry by 59 percent It carried by 56 percent.

Actually, it didn't carry by any wide margin. In fact, it barely made it over the hump regardless of the simple majority rule.

+ + +

Understand there were at least 10 firemen (and perhaps their wives) who did not vote. Nebraska City has about 50 firemen.

Congratulations to George Lathrop, Dick Niemann, Carl Overton, Bill Porter and Guy Mickle. They will be recognized with 50-year Masonic pins next month by Grand Lodge officers.

+ + +

We joined the few people who were at Grundman airport when former governor Frank Morrison landed here the other day on a campaign trip.

It brought back memories when two DC3's circled over the Otoe county courthouse and landed at the airport carrying Sen. Eugene McCarthy and his camp to Nebraska City.

The planes are the largest to land at Grundman's. And they didn't land on the 2,500-foot asphalt strip. They landed on the sod next to the strip. The pilots said it was "no trouble at all."

Sen. Robert Kennedy was here also only he came in a motorcade. Both the Democratic presidential candidates spoke to voters and surely fans, on the courthouse lawn.

+ + +

Bud Wilkins, publisher of the Syracuse Journal - Democrat wrote some complimentary remarks about B.A. Johnson that we'd like to second.

"The Syracuse high school band under B.A. Johnson is like old man river. . .it just keeps rolling along and piling up Division I trophies until there is a question as to space to put them.

"One reason for the continued success is a strong Cadet and Beginner program. Replacements from these bands have filled graduation gaps with remarkable success. The long victory skein has produced another thing working for continued success. That is the tradition of victory. Nothing succeeds success like success.

"There is also one other big factor in the band's success. That is B.A. Johnson himself. Perhaps Jack Snider of the University Band best expressed when he wrote Johnson, 'they (the band) responded as only you could get them to do.'

"Since B.A. got his A.B. degree only lately it kind of puts the crimp in that argument that people must possess a Master's Degree before they can really teach."

Forged checks are processed

OMAHA (UPI)—Fred Sorensen, Democratic nominee for state auditor, said Friday 22 forged welfare checks were processed through the state treasurer's office on Oct. 15 and a number more prior to that date.

He asked how long taxpayers will tolerate "this mismanagement of the Welfare Department."

Sorensen said the processing of vouchers and writing of state warrants should be returned to the auditor's office.

READ THE WANT ADS

The

Covenant Players

will present an evening's program

Tuesday, October 20

7:30 P.M.

At The

NCHS Auditorium

Sponsored by the Nebraska City Ministerial Association

A Motivational Drama to Relate Christianity to the Modern World

E-X-T-R-A CIRCULATION

Attention Merchants!

Annual OCTOBER
Harvest of Bargains
Special with extra circulation –

873-3334

DEADLINE

For Advertising Copy Is

Monday, October 19

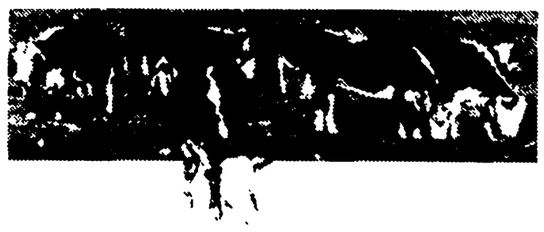
5 P.M.

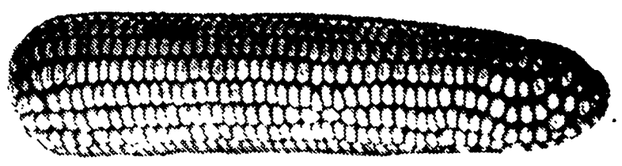
THE NEWS-PRESS

WHAT IS $1,000,000?

Well . . .

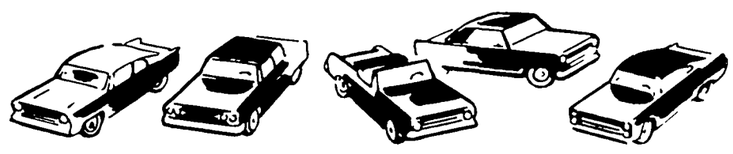
In Cattle it is approximately 5,000 head





In Corn it is approximately 781,250 bushels

In Transportation it is 334 Cars





In Education it will send 1,667 Children to school for a year

It Is Also The Capital Structure Of Our Bank, ...Carried In Reserve To Protect Your Deposits

We also carry federal insurance of $20,000 per account.

OTOE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK

Each depositor insured to $20,000 FDIC FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Otoe County's Oldest and Biggest Bank. . . .Capital Accounts Over a Million Dollars