

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
 PERMITS IN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICTS
 NOVEMBER 16, 2020
 1406 ETHRIDGE AVENUE
 GF-2020-162558
 OLD WEST AUSTIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

PROPOSAL

Demolish and reconstruct front porch; apply mortar wash; construct rear and garage addition; replace windows, doors, and siding.

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- 1) Demolish existing front porch. Replace with full-width porch with metal roof and exposed rafter tails.
- 2) Apply mortar wash to existing stone that will leave some stone exposed.
- 3) Construct an addition. The proposed 1.5-story portion of the addition, clad in vertical wood siding, combines a garage with entry at the east (main) elevation with living space above. It features a side-gabled roof and metal-roofed shed dormers. The 2-story portion of the proposed addition is clad in stone veneer and combines a gabled tile roof with standing-seam metal shed accents atop exposed rafter tails.
- 4) Apply new wood shutters to east elevation.
- 5) Replace all windows and doors.
- 6) Replace metal roof with tile.

RESEARCH

The house at 1406 Ethridge Avenue was built in 1939 for Reverend Edmund Heinsohn, a lawyer and minister, and his family. Heinsohn served as the pastor of University Methodist Church for over a quarter-century, setting a record for the longest stay in a single congregation for a Methodist minister. Heinsohn was a trustee of Southwestern University for nearly forty years and chairman of the board of trustees at Huston-Tillotson College for thirty. He served on the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for twenty-five years. In 1958, Heinsohn was honored as the city's "Most Worthy Citizen" by the Austin Real Estate Board for his long career in ministry and service.

Heinsohn's Austin legacy is rooted in his anti-war and anti-segregation activism throughout the twentieth century. In the 1930s and 1940s, he spoke up for American neutrality, opposed the religious oppression perpetrated by the Nazi regime, and promoted nonviolence as vice-president of the Methodist Commission on World Peace. University Methodist became one of the first historically white churches to accept Black parishioners in 1957, and Heinsohn chaired the Commission on Human Relations two years later in a bid to prevent violence against civil rights protestors. The reverend's reputation for inclusivity led to him to maintain friendships among a diverse group of prominent Austinites of all creeds, from Supreme Court judges to J. Frank Dobie. Described as a "legend in his own lifetime" by the Austin American-Statesman in 1979, Heinsohn passed away in 1989 at the age of 100.

STANDARDS FOR REVIEW

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation are used to evaluate new construction projects in National Register historic districts. Applicable standards include:

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The proposed modifications remove historic fenestration and porch, and obscure historic masonry.

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

Historic-age windows and doors will be removed. The proposed mortar wash and porch construction mimic an older style of building while obscuring or removing character-defining materials.

While the wood-clad portion of the addition is appropriately differentiated, the matching masonry treatment makes the 2-story stone addition less so. The garage addition's placement on the lot may alter the building's relationship to the street, while its cladding, irregular roofline, and front-facing garage do not appear compatible with the historic structure or surrounding contributing buildings.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

If removed in the future, the proposed modifications would require significant work to reverse.

The proposed project does not meet the applicable standards.

STAFF COMMENTS

The house contributes to the Old West Austin National Register Historic District.

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark




- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC §25-2-352):
 - a. *Architecture.* The building displays Colonial Revival influences.
 - b. *Historical association.* The building is associated with Reverend Edmund Heinsohn.
 - c. *Archaeology.* The building was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d. *Community value.* The building does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a demographic group.
 - e. *Landscape feature.* The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider initiation of historic zoning based on the building's association with Reverend E. Heinsohn and referral to the November 30 meeting of the Architectural Review Committee. Should the Commission decide against initiation and referral, comment on the plans, recommending retaining significant features of the front façade, and release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
 PENDING CASE
 ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS

CASE#: GF 20-162558
 LOCATION: 1406 ETHRIDGE AVENUE



1" = 167'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Source: City Historic Preservation Office, 2020

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, 2020

Note: Post-1959 directory research is unavailable due to facility closure.

1959	Rev. Edmund Heinsohn, renter
1957	Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters Pastor, University Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe Street Laura L. Heinsohn, renter Student Louise Heinsohn, renter (Widow of C. J. Heinsohn)
1955	Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters

- Pastor, University Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe Street
- Laura L. Heinsohn, renter
Clerk, State Comptroller
- 1952 Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters
Pastor, University Methodist Church, 306 W. 24th Street
- 1949 Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters
Pastor, University Methodist Church, 306 W. 24th Street
- Laura G. Heinsohn, renter
Clerk, State Comptroller
- 1947 Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters
Pastor, University Methodist Church, 306 W. 24th Street
- Laura G. Heinsohn, renter
Clerk State Employment Service
- 1944-45 Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters
Pastor, University Methodist Church, 306 W. 24th Street
- Fay Heinsohn, renter
Student, UT
- Laura L. Heinsohn, renter
Clerk, Texas Insurance Checking Office
- Louis Heinsohn, renter
- 1941 Rev. Edmund and Lollie Heinsohn, renters
Pastor, University Methodist Church, 306 W. 24th Street
- Laura L. Heinsohn, renter
Student
- 1939 Address not listed.

Biographical Information

HEINSOHN, EDMUND (1888–1989). Edmund Heinsohn, lawyer and Methodist minister, son of Charles and Louise (Schwecke) Heinsohn, was born in Fayetteville, Texas, on July 17, 1888. The family later moved to Bartlett, where Edmund graduated from high school in 1905. He received A.B. and LL. B. degrees in 1911 and 1912 from the University of Texas and opened a law office in Temple in 1912. He was also appointed assistant county attorney for Bell County at that time. After eleven years in the legal profession he entered the Methodist ministry, in October 1923. Following various assignments, including six years at the First Methodist Church in Georgetown, where he served at Southwestern University, he was assigned to the University Methodist Church in Austin in 1934. From 1931 to 1959 he was a trustee of Southwestern University, from which he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1931. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Huston-Tillotson College, which awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1946. He was also the first alumnus to receive the J.D. degree from the University of Texas law school when that degree was first offered.

Heinsohn was a member of the Texas State Library and Historical Commission (later the [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#)) for twenty-five years and was twice chairman. He was a member of the Austin Town and Gown Club. He was a Lion, a Rotarian, and a Kiwanian and was selected Most Worthy Citizen of the City of Austin in 1959. Though he was the grandson of a slaveowner, Heinsohn worked to abolish segregation in the [Methodist Church](#) and the University of Texas. In 1957 his church became one of the first in Austin to accept black parishioners. He was opposed to war and was named vice president of the Methodist Commission on World Peace in 1940. He married Lollie Grimes in 1917, and they had three daughters. Mrs. Heinsohn died in 1979. Heinsohn preached his last sermon

at the age of eighty-five in observance of the 100th anniversary of Southwestern University. He died on August 12, 1989, and was buried at Austin Memorial Park.

Les Gronberg, "Heinsohn, Edmund," Handbook of Texas Online, accessed November 09, 2020, <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/heinsohn-edmund>.

Mrs. Grimes Rites Set For Monday

Mrs. W. A. Grimes, 90, died at home of her daughter, Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn, 1406 Ethridge, Saturday morning. She had been a resident of Austin for 14 years. She was born in Moffat in Bell County and lived there before coming to Austin. She was an active member of the Methodist Church for 73 years, and had been a member of the Brown Bible Class of the University Methodist Church for 14 years.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. L. H. Nichols, Temple and Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn, Austin; three sons, W. F. Grimes, Houston; Payton P. Grimes, Temple; L. E. Grimes, Lubbock; two brothers, E. A. Kirk, Mangum, Okla. and W. R. Grimes, Temple. Sixteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the University Methodist Church Monday at 2 p.m. with graveside services to follow at 5 p.m. in Moffat Cemetery near Belton. The Rev. Wood Patrick and the Rev. Calvin W. Froehner will officiate. The body will be at the Weed-Corley Funeral Home until noon Monday when it will be taken to the church to lie in state one hour preceding the service. The family has requested that flowers be omitted.

The Austin American (1914-1973): Jul 15, 1951; *The Austin Statesman* (1921-1973): Feb 15, 1957

Death Claims Mother Of Pastor Here

Mrs. Louise Schwecke Heinsohn, mother of Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, longtime pastor of University Methodist Church, died early Friday. She was 91.

Mrs. Heinsohn had resided with her son at 1406 Ethridge since her husband's death in 1942.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church in Bartlett. Dr. Robert F. Gribble of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will officiate.

In addition to her son, she is survived by three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

HEINSOHN, Mrs. Edmund (Lollie G.), 87, 4100 Jackson, died Monday. Services pending at Weed-Corley Funeral Home. Survivors: husband, Dr. Edmund Heinsohn of Austin; daughters, Laura Louise Heinsohn of Austin, Fay Heinsohn Woolrich of Kalamazoo, Mich.; brother, L.E. Grimes of Lubbock; eight grandchildren.

The Austin American Statesman (1973-1987): Nov 12, 1979

Farewell Is Said By Rev. Heinsohn

GEORGETOWN, Nov. 6.—(Spl) The Williamson county league union met in the First Methodist church in Georgetown Friday evening. Gaynor Britt of Round Rock, president, presided. After a short program, Rev. Edmund Heinsohn, retiring pastor of the First Methodist church of Georgetown, gave his farewell talk. A communion service, candle lighted, was then observed. After the close of the program recreational activities were held in the educational building. Refreshments were served.

Dr. Heinsohn Speaks

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn of Austin delivered the commencement address for the August graduating class of Southwestern university Saturday night. Georgetown students receiving degrees were Lois Albert May, Frances Lodbetter Mayo, Melvin Johnson Price, who received the bachelor of arts degree, and Clem Lenair Richardson who received the bachelor of fine arts in music.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973): Nov 6, 1933 and *The Austin American* (1914-1973): Aug 2, 1936

Building Here Goes Forward

Yearly Total Nears
\$6,000,000 Mark

With 55 permits registered, Austin building took another advance forward during the past week when projects valued at \$62,950 were started and caused the yearly total to approach the \$6,000,000 mark. The total for the year stood at \$5,035,396, according to an unofficial compilation of the building records.

The two largest single permits—for \$8,500 each—were issued for the construction a brick veneer residence and concrete garage underground at 2902 Bowman avenue for W. P. Moore and for the new brick veneer parsonage of the University Methodist church at 1406 Ethridge Drive. The Moore residence, comprising ten rooms and two baths, was designed by Roger Q. Small, Austin architect, and Ed Mallett has been given the general contract. Frank Rundell holds the general contract on the new Methodist parsonage.

Ministers To Talk On Neutrality

Ministers of various Texas cities will assemble in a statewide ministers convention Dec. 6 at the Wesley Bible chair to discuss the subject "How to Keep America Out of War?" in a program sponsored by the Austin branch of the League of Women Voters in conjunction with the Austin neutrality committee. Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of the University Methodist church, will be host pastor.

Dr. Heinsohn will open the convention shortly after 10 a. m. The Rev. Louis Martin, rector of St. Andrews chapel, Fort Worth, will lead the devotional and Dr. Max Strang, Congregationalist minister of Dallas, will give the evening address. Discussions will feature the remainder of the day.

The Austin American (1914-1973): Oct 8, 1939; *The Austin American* (1914-1973): Dec 3, 1939

Thesis Urged By Lindbergh's Wife Vetoed

Pastor Delivers
Strong Argument
Against Defeatism

By LORRAINE BARNES

A firmly spoken argument against defeatism was Austin's Good Friday message.

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, concluding Holy Week services which a group of Austin pastors sponsored at the First Presbyterian church, told noon-day worshipers:

Belief in God's divine will does not mean acceptance of what goes on in the world today as "inevitable."

God is not "through" with the world, but is working through individuals and great movements to teach man the lesson he needs most to learn—the futility of hate.

Book Singled Out

Its very roots in theological reasoning, the minister's message was a powerful criticism of accepting aggression as inevitable, as a process against which man is powerless to struggle.

The University Methodist pastor singled out Anne Lindbergh's "Wave of the Future," in which the woman writer views the present European form political reactionism as a step in a new world order, and declared it is "not necessary for us to accept" that thesis. Later he singled out the work of Mrs. Lindbergh's father, Dwight Morrow, in promoting Mexican-American understanding as one triumph of international friendship.

Noting that "some go so far" as to say the acts of aggressors are inevitable, the speaker said: "Let's accept those acts for what they are—a horrible retrogression, a throw-back to barbarism itself."

He suggested that "perhaps by the hard way," God is teaching the world today some of the lessons it sorely needs—lessons against hate, against war, against injustice. Though the bayonets and the bombers have not touched this nation itself, still the people of this nation cannot disregard the fact that "on the other side of the Atlantic some very realistic things are taking place."

"Hitler Writing Own Doom"

Man could have admiration for the courage with which individuals, in the old days, faced each other in personal combat. Man today can have nothing but horror at the success modern warfare has achieved.

"It can take a beautiful child and make it look like a bundle of dirty rags and a basket of cat meat. Nauseating? Of course, it is!"

Such horrors are but part of the creed of hate on which Hitler believes he can find success, Dr. Heinsohn said. "But by such procedure, he is writing his own doom."

"God is teaching us the futility of hate. . . He is teaching us that is realism, stark realism, to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Dr. Heinsohn likewise criticized those who say God, having created the world, has thrown up His hands at the world today. The Creator, he declared, is as much with the world today as He was when Christ hung on the cross, as He was when the Assyrian hordes—aggressors in their day—invaded the Holy Land.

"No, God is working today through individuals and great movements, and He is doing something to and for individuals in this world today. God is not through. . . He is giving adequacy to life."

Attendance Grows

Dr. Heinsohn further suggested that better employee-employer relations, the fact that "capital and labor are beginning to see an inter-dependence and a trusteeship," the greater responsibility that office-holders owe to their people are outward signs of spiritual force.

Despite the fact that busy people hurry past church doors and superficial thinkers declare the world is through with theology, "God is in the thinking of our people as God has not been in many generations."

Mrs. Carl Marquis has served as organist for the 30-minute daily period of spiritual retreat.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 11, 1941



Douglass, Neal. [Reverend Edmund Heinsohn Bon Voyage Party - University Methodist Church], photograph, July 25, 1951; (<https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph74692/m1/1/>; accessed November 9, 2020)

Dr. Heinsohn Named To World Council

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of Austin's University Methodist Church, has been named to the World Methodist Council along with three other Texans.

The others are Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University in Dallas; Ray Nichols, president of the General Board of Lay Activities, Vernon; and J. J. Perkins, Wichita Falls philanthropist.

They were named at a meeting of Methodists of the world at Oxford, England, August 27 to September 7. The Methodists adopted plans for a world wide evangelism campaign in 1952-53 and changed the name of their organization to the World Methodist Council. They also set up a permanent secretariat.

Bishop Ivan Lee Molt of St. Louis was named president.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Sep 23, 1951

Mrs. E. Heinsohn Heads Church Women

Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn is the new president of the Austin Council of Church Women. She was installed, with other officers, Friday, May Fellowship Day, in Harris Memorial Chapel of the University Methodist Church.

Dr. Lewis Speaker of the First English Lutheran Church conduct-

ed the installing service and spoke at the luncheon afterwards. More than 200 women attended the meeting.

Other officers are Mrs. Irby Caruth of the University Christian Church, first vice president; Mrs. R. V. Miller of All Saints' Episcopal Church, second vice president; Mrs.

B. P. Clark of University Presbyterian, third vice president; Mrs. T. A. Coldwell of University Methodist, fourth vice president; Mrs. Homer Garrison of First Methodist, recording secretary; Mrs. James L. Grizzard of University Presbyterian, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harvey V. Nelson of First

English Lutheran, historian; Mrs. J. L. Love of Central Christian, parliamentarian; and Mrs. L. A. Pedigo of Central Christian, treasurer.

Counselors at large are Mrs. C. B. Cox of Church of the Good Shepherd; Mrs. H. P. Becker, Gethsemane Lutheran; Mrs. David Trainer, Trinity Methodist; Mrs. Arthur Sandlin, University Christian; and Mrs. C. R. Real, Westminster Presbyterian.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 6, 1952



The congregation of the University Methodist Church will honor Dr. Edmund Heinsohn Sunday, June 15, as he begins his 25th year as pastor there.

It will be the second time the dean of Methodist pastors in Austin has been so honored by his congregation. The first was five years ago.

25th Year Starts For Dr. Heinsohn

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, the dean of Austin Methodist pastors, is starting his 25th year of service this month as pastor of the University Methodist Church.

Hundreds of men and women who have felt the influence of his sermons or the touch of his helping hand during the past quarter of a century will return a measure of appreciation to him in a reception and open house Sunday, June 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 24th and Guadalupe Streets.

It will be the second time the congregation and hundreds of friends in Austin and the Southwest have honored Dr. Heinsohn, his wife, Mrs. Lolla Grimes Heinsohn, and their family on the occasion of his reappointment to the University Methodist pastorate by Bishop A. Frank Smith, also a former pastor of that church.

Five years ago the appreciation tributes came in a special worship service and a rather elaborate reception which was topped

with the presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Heinsohn of a leather-bound volume containing some 2,000 letters, articles and other items of appreciation for his long service.

Since that reception death has entered the family ranks and claimed the mother of the pastor, Mrs. C. J. Heinsohn, but that loss has been consoled in part by the birth of a granddaughter, 18-months-old Lavonne Heacock, daughter of Edwina Heinsohn Heacock, the wife of the Rev. Richard K. Heacock Jr., now pastor of the First Methodist Church in Juneau, Alaska.

The Rev. and Mrs. Heacock and their children, Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea and Lavonne, are expected here for the reception, since they are on furlough for the first time since beginning their service in Alaska. They will return later for another three years at Juneau.

Living with her parents here is another daughter, Miss Laura (See PASTOR, Page A-1)

MORE ON PASTOR

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Louise Heinsohn. A third daughter, Mrs. Fay Heinsohn Woolrich, lives with her husband, Paul Woolrich, son of Dean and Mrs. W. R. Woolrich of Austin, and their four children, Debbie, Jo, Georgia and Becky in Cincinnati, Ohio.

James D. Lemon, executive assistant at the University Methodist Church, announced that the

reception June 15 will be a "come and go" affair to permit friends of Dr. and Mrs. Heinsohn to extend their felicitations. Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by a string ensemble.

Meantime, Dr. Heinsohn will preach the sermon this Sunday at both the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The pulpit at the 7:30

p.m. service will be filled by Dr. Heinsohn's new associate, the Rev. Jess Mothersbaugh, who recently received his bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Sunday School will be held at 9:45 a.m. to complete the program for this Sunday.

In the reception five years ago, Dr. Heinsohn was hailed as the pastor with the longest service in the annals of the Methodist Church in the South.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 8, 1958

Dr. Heinsohn Named Most Worthy

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of the University Methodist Church since June 1, 1931, was named Austin's Most Worthy Citizen for 1958 by directors of the Austin Real Estate Board.

He will receive an engraved silver plaque and public honor in the annual dinner of the realty group Tuesday night, Feb. 10, at the Driskill Hotel. The plaque will be presented by Miss Lolla Peterson, Austin's Most Worthy Citizen for 1957, and the principal speech of the occasion will be made by Judge Mace B. Thurman Jr. of the Criminal District Court of Travis County.

The dinner also will mark the installation of the 1959 officers and directors of the Austin Real Estate Board. Judge Charles O. Betts of 98th District Court will serve as installing officer. Claude D. Wilson, chairman of the Texas Real Estate Commission, will be master of ceremonies.

Dr. Heinsohn, 70-year-old native Central Texan, was named as Most Worthy Citizen from a field of 19 persons whose nominations were contained in 122 letters received by the board's selection committee. Dr. Heinsohn was nominated by 66 different persons.

The new honor citizen will round out 25 years of service as pastor of the University Methodist Church on June 1 of this year when he plans to retire and continue his residence here. He has been identified with the Austin scene since 1905 when he entered the Univer-

sity of Texas as a freshman pre-law student.

Dr. Heinsohn was born in Fayetteville, Texas, July 17, 1888, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Heinsohn. His wife is the former Lollie Grimes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grimes of Temple. Dr. and Mrs. Heinsohn are parents of three daughters and grandparents of eight girls. Daughters are Miss Laura Louise Heinsohn of Austin, Mrs. Paul Woolrich of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Richard K. Heacock Jr. Juneau, Alaska. Granddaughters are Georgia, Jo, Becky and Debbie Woolrich and Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea and Lavonne Heacock.

Dr. Heinsohn was awarded his BA degree in 1911 and his LL.B. degree in 1912 from the University of Texas. He practiced law in Temple for 11 years before entering the Methodist ministry in 1923 as a circuit rider in Ellis County. Before coming to Austin as pastor of the University Methodist Church, he served pastorates in Fort Worth, Georgetown and San Angelo.

During his long tenure as a Methodist pastor, he has been honored locally and nationally by the Methodist Church. He has been a delegate to every general conference since 1938 and attended the Methodist ecumenical conferences of the Methodist Church at Springfield, Mass., in 1947 and in Oxford, England, in 1951. He is a past president of the Board of Education and of the Board of Missions of the Southwest Texas Methodist Conference. He is a past chairman of the conference's Interboard Council and a past

chairman of the Coordinating Commission of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. He is presently chairman of that conference's Commission on Appeals. He is a past chairman of the Methodist Church Commission on World Peace.

Dr. Heinsohn is a past president of the Austin Ministerial Alliance and a past president of the Austin Council of Churches. He is vice-chairman of the Austin Housing Authority on which he has served since 1951. He is a member of the State Library and Historical Commission, having been appointed by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel and has served through five consecutive administrations.

Dr. Heinsohn is a member of the Austin Kiwanis Club and of the Austin Town and Gown Club. He has served as a member of the board of trustees of Southwestern University of Georgetown since 1931. He is chairman of the board of trustees of Huston-Tillotson College and was chairman of the executive committee of Samuel Huston College from 1939 until the merger of that college with Tillotson College a few years ago.

For 25 years Dr. Heinsohn has visited his member-patients in the hospital between 8 and 9 a. m. daily and he knows the names of the 2800 members in his congregation.

This is the second time Dr. Heinsohn has been honored because of his long ministry here. Five years ago his congregation and hundreds of friends attended a reception in his honor on the occasion of his 20th anniversary as pastor of the local church.

Dr. Heinsohn Paid Honor, Gets Plaque

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of University Methodist Church, Tuesday night officially became the 10th Most Worthy Citizen to be honored by the Austin Real Estate Board and presented the attesting engraved silver plaque.

The honor came in the board's annual dinner at the Driskill Hotel attended by more than 300 persons, including a number of men and women from Georgetown and Southwestern University where Dr. Heinsohn served a ministry before coming to the Austin Church in 1931.

Taking the theme of the dinner—worthy citizenship—Judge Mace B. Thurman of Criminal District Court enlisted the support of the realtors and of Austinites generally for the adult probation system through which, he declared, many young men between 17 and 27, who pass his bench as transgressors of the law can be rehabilitated to become worthwhile citizens.

Judge Thurman asserted that "a good citizen is a person who helps others become good citizens. A citizen who helps a man who has lost his right to citizenship to become a good citizen in addition to helping that particular individual would be becoming a better citizen himself."

After he concluded, Miss Lolla Peterson, Austin's Most Worthy Citizen for 1957, presented the plaque to Dr. Heinsohn, telling the audience that the Methodist pastor in 1918 could have been elected a bishop in the Methodist Church but chose to remain with the Austin congregation. She declared that during Dr. Heinsohn's ministry since June 1, 1931, the congregation of his church had grown from 500 to 3,000 members.

"This show of friendship is electric in its effect upon us," Dr. Heinsohn responded in appreciation for the honor given him.

"It is with an indescribable joy that Mrs. Heinsohn and I accept this plaque," he added.

Dr. Heinsohn related that he came to Austin as a student of the University in 1905 when Austin had fewer than 30,000 inhabitants, there were only 1,100 students on the University of Texas campus, and Guadalupe Street was unpaved and dusty. When he graduated in 1912, Austin had grown to more than 50,000 and the UT student population had doubled.

"When we prepared to return to Austin in 1934, Mrs. Heinsohn told me I would not find the Austin that I once knew. I didn't. I found Austin to be an even better place. And some of the finest days are still ahead for Austin."

Earlier Claude D. Wilson, chairman of the Texas Real Estate Commission, as master of ceremonies presented E. H. Saulson, director of Hillel Foundation, for the invocation and Willard Dyer who provided dinner music. Frank Montgomery, retiring president, reviewed the board's activities for the past year.

Judge Charles O. Betts of 98th District Court installed the new officers and directors of the board headed by Sidney S. Smith as president. Smith outlined plans and programs for the Austin Real Estate Board in his acceptance talk.

Officers installed besides Smith were Arthur E. Pihlgren, first vice president; Forrest J. Cherico, second vice president, and John D. Barton, secretary-treasurer. Doug Coopwood serves as executive secretary.

Directors for the year are John Barton, A. B. Beddow, Forrest Cherico, Chester Buratti, Mrs. Leslie Crockett, Tom Graham, Roger Hanks, Edgar E. Jackson, Frank E. Montgomery, Arthur Pihlgren, Nash Phillips, Nelson Puett and Sidney S. Smith.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Feb 11, 1959

Dr. Heinsohn Ends Career Here Sunday

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn will close an illustrious career in the active ministry Sunday, completing 25 years of continuous service as pastor of University Methodist Church.

The minister will deliver the sermons at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services and will address McCallum High School seniors at baccalaureate services at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Dr. and Mrs. Heinsohn will be honored Sunday afternoon at a reception in their new home, 2207 Bonita, with friends throughout the city and from Central Texas communities calling to extend their good wishes. The open house will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The residence in Tarrytown is a gift to the Heinsohns from the University Methodist congregation.

Dr. Heinsohn's sermon topic Sunday morning will be "It Doth Not Yet Appear." His theme for the McCallum baccalaureate is "In a Competitive World."

Dr. Heinsohn will also address University of Texas June graduates at baccalaureate services June 6 in Hogg Auditorium, with "The City of God" as his sermon subject.

The title of pastor emeritus has been conferred on Dr. Heinsohn—the first such title in the history of the University-area church. The Rev. James William Morgan of San Antonio will begin his pastoral duties and preach his first sermon here June 7. On the following Sunday, June 11, the new minister and his family will be honored at a reception from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn

A preacher who preached to and not at his congregation for 25 years in Austin and 36 years in his lifetime of devotion to the ministry retired Sunday!

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, whose devotion to his pastorate and whose stirring and inspirational sermons gave him the reputation of being not alone one of the great preachers of Texas, but of the nation, built, with the aid of devoted members whom he unfailingly inspired to helpful accomplishment, the University Methodist Church into one of the great churches of the country.

The term retirement sounded ominous with its suggestion of withdrawal and the reaching of a point of no return. But for Dr. Heinsohn and his lovely wife it means not the quitting of an old pattern of life, but the donning of a new, in which except for his pastorate he will give the remainder of a life rich in devotion and accomplishment to continued bringing of the message of God.

His congregation, those of all faiths to whom he has ministered in sickness and in trouble, and all who know him will hope that he will find time now for some needed rest.

For years he was prodigal of his strength, uncomplaining of the tasks which his conception of his duty as a servant of God and to his fellow man thrust upon him. He diligently sought out the lost lambs. Thousands of Austin folk have been the recipients of his thoughtful and sympathetic visitations in illnesses in Austin's hospitals or their homes.

Dr. Heinsohn brought sunlight wherever he went, and his prayers at the bedsides of the fatally stricken allayed their fears and revived their faith and hope in their dark hour.

Dr. Heinsohn will be greatly missed as the regular occupant of his pulpit. But it is fine for his friends, and to the city of Austin, that he and Mrs. Heinsohn, whose roots run deep in our city, will remain here, and in the fine home which has been the gift of members of his congregation, as well as non-members, to them.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); May 19, 1959 and May 26, 1959

Dr. Heinsohn To Head Up Race Panel

The Rev. **Edmund Heinsohn** was elected chairman of the Austin Commission on Human Relations in a meeting in the Austin National Bank Auditorium this week.

Other officers are Dr. W. Astor Kirk, vice chairman; Mrs. Louis Furushiro, secretary; Miss Azie Taylor, treasurer; Bob Breihan, outgoing chairman, one year member-at-large; John T. King and E. H. Saulsen, members of the board.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Oct 18, 1959;

Talks Called Here Today To Avert Possible 'Sit-Ins'

Eating Places Affected

By WRAY WEDDELL JR.

Operators of downtown eating establishments were due to meet with Negro leaders and students Wednesday afternoon in what a minister said was an effort to avert "sit-in" demonstrations here.

The conference was arranged against the backdrop of a statement that Austin Negroes are ready to demonstrate against segregated serving policies and have been making plans for sit-ins for a month.

The meeting — a closed affair — was scheduled for 2:30 p. m. in a meeting room in the Austin National Bank. It was arranged by the Austin Commission on Human Relations, an inter-racial, inter-cultural and interreligious organization of some 300 members.

The Rev. Brandoch Lovely, a member of the commission's executive committee and pastor of the Austin Unitarian Church, said operators of "quick service" eating places on Congress Avenue such as cafeterias, small cafes and lunch counters were invited to attend.

"After the meeting we ought to know something," Lovely said. He said it was hoped the result would be "peaceable adjustment."

Lovely said the Negro delegation would include students and East Austin community leaders.

"There is a necessity for both sides to act with responsibility," said the minister. "Negro students have shown a willingness to negotiate, and I hope the restaurant operators will adopt the same attitude."

"The Negro students have been organized and ready to demonstrate for a month," Lovely said.

Negro students from the University of Texas, Huston-Tillotson College, and two seminaries met in the University YMCA Tuesday night in a closed session.

The group's press spokesman, Don Huey, said some 50 students attended and decided to send a "voluntary delegation" to the commission meeting. "Further action will await that discussion," said Huey.

The human relations commission, according to its by-laws, is devoted "to providing for establishing attitudes of confidence and good will and dispelling suspicion and fear," and "for engaging in concrete action for effecting constructive changes in inter-group relations."

Lovely said the commission, headed by Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus of University Methodist Church, has no "external connections whatsoever."

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 20, 1960

Reaction To Sit-ins Is Varied

Negroes were served individually and in groups of two and three at some lunch counters along Congress Avenue Saturday.

However, sit-ins were reported at the Renfro Drug Store at 922 Congress and four other Renfro stores in the city. All the Renfro stores followed a company policy of not serving Negroes.

Besides the store at 922 Congress, sit-ins were reported at the University Renfro Drug Store on the Drag, 914 West 12th, 1500 Guadalupe, and 1708 West 35th. The groups ranged from 6 to 10 persons. The employee at the Renfro store at 412 Congress said no sit-in was made at their store.

Joe F. Renfro, owner of the chain, said, "I see no change in the near future in my policy."

Negroes approached the downtown five-and-dime store lunch counters individually and as many as three at a time during the Saturday lunch hour, seated themselves and were served. They left and were followed by others throughout the lunch-hour period.

In another development Saturday the Austin Commission on Human Relations issued a statement "commending the Austin merchants who have indicated a willingness to serve regardless of race and color" and announced its support of Judge St. John Garwood's chairmanship of the bi-racial Citizens Committee. The committee was established earlier in the week at a meeting called by Mayor Tom Miller as students picketed the Avenue in protest against segregated lunch counters.

The statement, issued under the names of Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, chairman of the commission, and other members said:

"We of the Austin Commission have confidence in the deep concern and fairness of Judge Garwood."

The statement said that representatives of the commission have been appointed to contact leaders of the Austin student "coalition"—which has been conducting the demonstrations against segregated eating places—"to request of them prompt establishment of communication between students and the Citizens Committee."

The commission also appealed to the community of Austin to unite behind Judge Garwood and others serving on the bi-racial committee in their efforts to resolve differences evolving out of the lunch counter situation.

It also reaffirmed its earlier resolution recognizing "the democratic and moral rights of Negroes to equality of service at lunch counters of stores serving the public."

The Austin American (1914-1973); May 1, 1960

Southwestern Has New Faculty, Staff Members

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of the University Methodist church in Austin has been named acting

chaplain to replace David Switzer who will do graduate work this coming school year. He holds the LLB degree, the LLD and DD degrees. Dr. Heinsohn served for many years on the Southwestern University Board of Trustees. In 1958 he was named "Most Worthy Citizen" of Austin. His 25 years as pastor of the University Methodist church in Austin is a record for a Methodist minister in the South.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jun 23, 1960

Time To Recall

By MARJ WIGHTMAN

This is the time in our century Roundup of '62, when University of Texas old grads of 50 years ago take the time to shake the dust off their memories.

One brush of the hand across the past . . . and again the 40 Acres is a place where a bicycle ride across campus is a luxury and old "B" Hall rings with the arguments that once made it "the citadel of democracy in Texas."

Law students carry their books into basement classrooms under the Old Main Building east wing and "Joe Bailey Clubs" on campus have raised the hackles of the Texas Legislature so high they threaten the appropriations for the next two years.

"Those were great days," Dr. Edmund Heinsoln, a member of the Law Class of 1912, recalls. Then, like thousands of other men who have sat back to re-live their college days before him have always done, he smiled.

This is a time for pleasant thoughts, a time for sitting where the sun comes through the window to brighten the texture of white hair and book lined walls. It is a time for reminiscing.

"When I entered the University in 1905, we had 1,100 students on the campus and by the time I got my law degree in 1912 we had gone to 2,200.

"You know, there was something special about a small student body. We got to know our professors and they knew us."

Dr. Heinsoln, retired now from two professions — the law and the ministry — never forgot them. For this member of the Class of 1912, Senator Robert Culp and Charles Potts, Judge B. D. Tarleton and Judge Lauch McLaurin are people still.

"Judge McLaurin would call a student's name and you'd get out of your chair and stand. Then he'd

ask the question. Maybe you didn't know the answer. The judge would lower his glasses on his nose and stare at you from under the blackest eyebrows I've ever seen.

"Young man," he would say, 'your grade is zero.'

"I remember one day he stared that way at a man in our class. (See UT, Page A6)

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Then, two days later he asked the same student to stand.

"Young man," Judge McLaurin said, 'I have since learned that you had just returned to Austin from the funeral of your father. Of course, you had no time to study. I did you a grave injustice and I am sorry. I apologize.'

"What a way to learn about justice! It was a lesson none of us ever forgot."

Although he turned to the Methodist ministry after 11 years as a lawyer in Bell County, Dr. Heinsoln still holds a tender spot in his heart for the legal profession.

"I like to see the young lawyers go out to the small county seat towns to practice because they'll never find any more freedom anywhere else in the world.

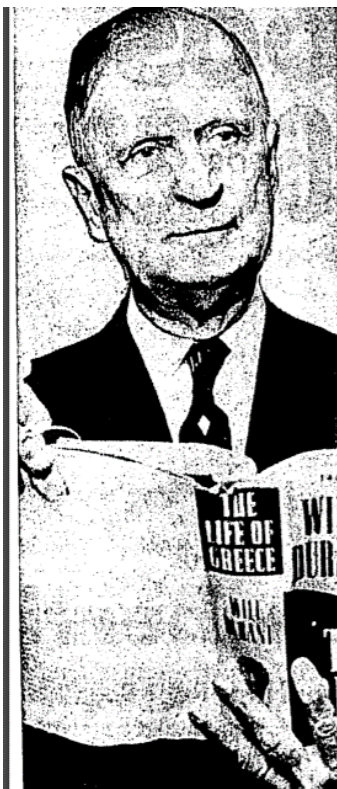
"If a man works for a big firm that has perhaps two or three big corporate clients, he can't always speak his mind. But, out in the county seat you can make six clients angry — and still earn a living."

Although he's not the sort his classmates of 1912 would call "the angry young man," Edmund Heinsoln did have his boiling point.

"I remember one time when the food in 'B' Hall kept getting worse and the radiators kept right on getting colder. I'd lived in Room 30 four years, but this was too much.

"Twenty-five of us got together and threatened to move out unless things improved. They didn't and we did. I never went back."

Now, 50 years later, the time for looking back is a quiet afternoon in the sun where the books are handy and the old photos of the Class of 1912 bring back memories that are still young.



DR. EDMUND HEINSOLN RECALLS EARLY DAYS
Class of 1912 is honored at U.T. Roundup.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Apr 5, 1962



Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus of the University Methodist Church, examines a book of newspaper clippings from the early days of the church's history. Sunday the University Methodists will begin a four-day observance of their church's 75th anniversary. Ser-

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mons by Dr. Heinsohn; by the pastor, Dr. James William Morgan; and a lecture series by Dr. N. Gordon Cosby, minister of the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D. C., will highlight the observance.

Church Looks Back On 75 Good Years

Seventy-five years have passed since 13 members of the old 10th Street Methodist Church in downtown Austin decided to found a church 14 blocks north, near the infant University of Texas.

This church, the University Methodist Church, Sunday begins a four-day celebration of its 75th birthday and a summing up of its place in the life of this city and this state.

The pastor, Dr. James William Morgan, will open the special observance at the Sunday worship service with a sermon of praise and thanksgiving.

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus after a quarter century of active ministry in the church at the corner of the campus, will deliver the sermon Sunday night. Another former pastor, Dr. L. U. Spellman, will be a special guest. A reception will be held after the night service at which many out-of-town guests are expected.

Dr. N. Gordon Cosby, minister of the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C., will deliver the Heinsohn Lectures Nov. 5, 6 and 7.

"How has the University Methodist Church, in these 75 years, unfolded and developed and come to be what it is?" is the question put to Dr. Heinsohn in a search to understand the philosophical history of this influential church.

"It has been sensitive to and responsible to the needs of the

environment," answered Dr. Heinsohn. "The church has influenced the environment, and in turn been influenced by it.

"The church has tried to speak of things as they are in terms of the way they ought to be, in the language of the Eternal."

Dr. Heinsohn said there is an everlasting, an unending tension between the University Methodist Church and its environment. This tension has made for strength and excitement. This church has seen many crises—including wars, depression, racial integration and the brink of nuclear war—and through each, the community has looked to the church for leadership.

The University Methodist Church has bypassed some of the pitfalls handy to campus churches.

"Too often, a campus church has not had sufficient local base to provide the kind of a church a campus needs," said Dr. Heinsohn.

Although the student membership constantly changes, the membership of the University Methodist Church has been more stable than most big city churches. Not long ago, the church found it has 102 members who have been members for more than 40 years. Nearly 150 members of the staff, faculty and administration of the University are members of the University Methodist Church.

"A university, campus church must stand on four strong legs," pointed out Dr. Heinsohn. "These

the corner of Guadalupe and 24th Street in these 75 years has been built on a sense of respect for others, and a sense of commitment.

Legal Rights For Women Discussed

Dallas attorney Hermine Tabolowsky and Dr. Edmund Heinsohn presented their viewpoints on equal legal rights for women Monday at a dinner meeting of the Federated Business and Professional Women's Club.

Both speakers received LLB degrees from The University of Texas. Dr. Heinsohn also received his AB degree from the University and his DD from Southwestern University.

Mrs. Tabolowsky brought members up-to-date on women's legal status. The battle for equal legal rights for women is not a battle between the sexes, she said, because men are hurt by these laws as well as women. She cited cases in which husbands and children, as well as wives, have been hurt by laws that discriminate against women.

Dr. Heinsohn, who was pastor of the University Methodist Church for 25 years, practiced law in Temple 11 years and entered the Methodist ministry in 1923. He received Austin's "most worthy citizen award" in 1958 and has written a book, "The New World."

He remarked that quality of political life has not been improved by woman suffrage; the reason for this, he said, is that women have been the counterpart of men. The new approach to women's rights, he said, is in thinking of women in their own right making their contributions.



DR. EDMUND HEINSOHN

Heinsohn Featured By PRSA

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, minister emeritus, University Methodist Church, Austin, will speak to the CenTex Chapter, Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Friday at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant, San Antonio.

The bi-monthly meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

The CenTex Chapter, PRSA, is composed of public relations practitioners from Austin, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi.

Dr. Heinsohn, who has served one church longer than any other Methodist minister in the South, has entitled his talk, "Public Relations Aspect of the Civil Rights Bill."

Heinsohn, a native of Fayetteville, Texas, was chosen as Austin's Most Worthy Citizen in 1958. His book, "New World," was written after the Dr. visited Europe and the Holy Land in 1947.

All persons interested in attending this meeting may make reservations by calling Senator Walter Richter, Austin, GR 7-8737, or Jack Mullen, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, GE 2-7821.

Dr. Heinsohn Gives Sermon

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor emeritus of the University Methodist Church, Sunday delivered the first of a series of guest sermons at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in commemoration of the founding of that church 99 years ago in the basement of the old First Methodist Church at 10th and Brazos Streets.

The church, founded March 4, 1865, erected its first building during the year 1874-75 at Fourth Street and Congress Avenue. The church showed good growth and in the spring of 1882, the cornerstone of a new edifice was laid at the corner of Ninth and Neches Streets.

During its occupancy of this building, the Wesley Church congregation took an active part in the reorganization of Samuel Houston College (now Houston - Tillotson College). Dr. Heinsohn, Sunday's guest preacher, is chairman of the board of trustees of Houston - Tillotson College. In 1928, the Austin School Board acquired the church property and a new church, now occupied, was built at Hackberry and San Bernard Streets.

Last Rites Conducted For Pastor's Daughter

Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn have returned to Austin from a sad journey to Juneau, Alaska, where their daughter, Edwina, died on Nov. 14.

Edwina, who was named for her father, was the wife of Rev. Richard K. Heacock Jr., pastor of the Juneau Methodist Church.

She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Juneau, alongside other builders of Alaska. Although Mrs. Heacock was born in Central Texas (in Georgetown) and grew up in Texas parsonages, her enthusiastic work in Alaska with her husband made her a true pioneer of the new state.

Mrs. Heacock entered into the drive for Alaskan statehood with great enthusiasm. "One of her great dreams was that Alaska might become a bridge of world trade, travel and understanding," said her father. "She took much pleasure, just before her final bout with an incurable illness, in the visit of 30 United Nations delegates to Juneau last September."

The Heacocks have lived in Alaska since 1955, and have carved there a lasting monument to Mrs. Heacock, who since girlhood planned to devote her life to Christian service in other lands.

As a high school student she planned to go to Bolivia to work in Christian service. It was, in fact, with great difficulty and only after promising that he, too, wanted to go to other lands to work, that a young minister, Richard K. Heacock Jr., persuaded Edwina Heinsohn to marry him.

The Heacocks had four daughters — Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea and Lavonne. The first three were born in Texas, and Lavonne in Juneau. Besides her husband, daughters and parents, she has two surviving sisters — Laura Louise Heinsohn of Austin and Mrs. Paul F. (Fay) Woolrich of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Heacock was born in Georgetown Oct. 8, 1930. As the daughter of a Methodist minister, she grew up in Texas parsonages. She lived most of her early life in Austin, where her father was pastor of the University Methodist Church. He is now pastor emeritus of that church.

She attended public schools in Austin and her higher education was received at Southwestern University in Georgetown, where she met her husband. She also attended Southern Methodist University, majoring in education. She was a member of Delta Nu chapter of Delta Omicron, a national professional music fraternity. An article she wrote in high school has been published in a college textbook for high school teachers of English.

swept rocks by the Alaskan sea.

- washing dishes in the basement of the Juneau church after a Methodist Men's luncheon.
- at a laboratory school, where she combined her interest in children's education with her dedication to Christian service.

- returning home after a summer visit with her family in Austin, Texas.

- entertaining guests in her home when the UN delegation visited Juneau.

- confined to her room in recent weeks.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant,

presiding Methodist bishop of the Portland area (including Alaska) said of Mrs. Heacock:

"Majestic modesty was another jewel in her diadem . . . She lent a charm to the virtue of humility . . . although immersed in the mundance, she by - passed the trifling, emphasized the enduring . . ."

"She lived in Juneau, but was a citizen of the world."

Friends wishing to make memorial gifts may send contributions to the Church Center for the United Nations in care of the University Methodist Church in Austin.



MRS. EDWINA HEACOCK
... a true builder.

Memorial services for Mrs. Heacock were held in Juneau. The minister who conducted the service said his memories of Edwina Heacock included her:

- absorption in caring for a sick daughter.
- at a picnic on the wind-

Brotherhood Fete To Laud Heinsohn

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, who served one church longer than any other Methodist minister in the South, will be among the honorees at a brotherhood banquet Monday sponsored by the Austin chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The dinner will be held in the Driskill Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

Dr. Heinsohn will be cited for furthering brotherhood through his long service at the University Methodist Church, where he is now minister emeritus.

In 1959 Dr. Heinsohn received Austin's most worthy citizen award. He has been chairman of the board of trustees of Huston-Tillotson College for 25 years and a trustee of Southwestern University for 34 years.

Before entering the ministry

in 1923, Dr. Heinsohn received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees from The University of Texas. He was engaged in the practice of law for several years.

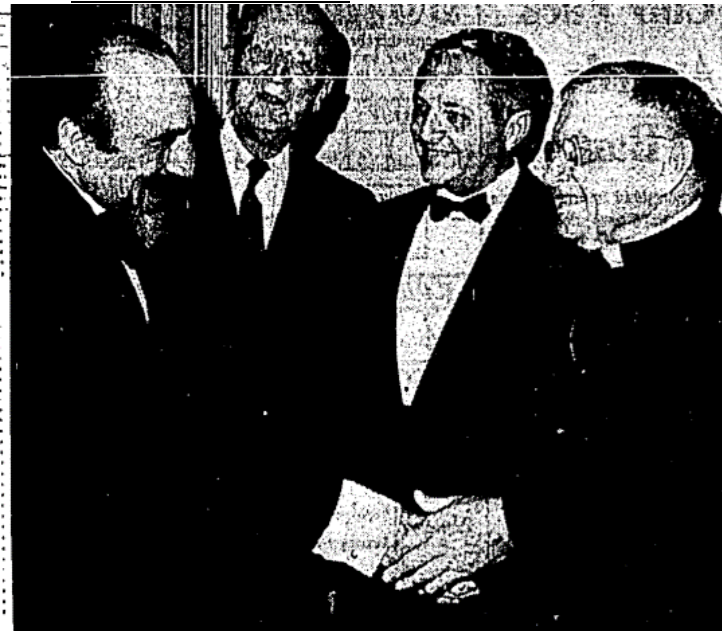
He is the author of a book, "The New World," about his visit to Europe and the Holy Land.

Guest speakers for the brotherhood banquet will be Dr. Sterling W. Brown of New York City, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and television star Mitch Miller.

Ticket reservations can be made by calling GR 8-9539.



The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 9, 1966



BROTHERHOOD HONOR — Three Austinites are congratulated by Mitch Miller after being honored by the Austin Chapter, National Conference of Christians and Jews, at a Monday night banquet. From left are Miller; Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, minister emeritus of the University

Methodist Church, honored for Protestant leadership; Victor W. Ravel, president of Austin Paper Company, Jewish leader; and the Most Rev. Louis J. Reicher, Bishop of Austin, Catholic leader. Speaker along with Miller was Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of NCCJ.

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The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Mar 15, 1966

Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn — prominent, long-time Austinites — will be honored next Sunday at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The party is planned from 7 to 10 p.m. at the University Methodist Church and hosting it will be the couple's children and granddaughters. All their friends are invited, but the Heinsohns request no gifts.

Dr. Heinsohn is now minister emeritus of University Methodist (this is the second time he's retired), and his wife is president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. For 25 years he served as pastor of the church, refusing the many other offers and opportunities that came his way.

In their early married life, Dr. Heinsohn chose not between churches, but between professions. He was practicing as an attorney in Temple when he met Lollie Grimes, a pretty young teacher at Troy.

It was in San Gabriel Park in Georgetown that he gave her a diamond engagement ring one afternoon (and later, a friend gave them a painting of the park).

After their marriage, he tried cases in the courts of Williamson County and in the appellate courts of Austin. Then he went into the ministry, and served a six-year pastorate at the First Methodist Church of Georgetown before coming to the University Methodist Church.

Four daughters — Laura Louise, Eugenia, Fay and Edwina — were born to the Heinsohns.

Laura Louise has been with the State Comptroller's office for nearly 19 years. Eugenia died in early childhood. Fay married Paul Woolrich, now chief environmental health specialist for Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co. in Kalamazoo, Mich. Edwina married Rev. Richard K. Heacock Jr., and they were serving as missionaries in Junco at the time of her death in 1964. Rev. Heacock is now with the Church Center at the UN.

The Heinsohns also have eight grandchildren: Georgia, Jo, Becky and Debbie Woolrich, and Luanne, Lorelle, Linnea and Lavenne Heacock.

When Dr. Heinsohn left Temple in 1923 to go into the ministry, the Bell County Bar Association honored him at a banquet. He hasn't been back with that association since, but next month he has been invited to speak to them at a banquet.

He has kept his ties and his interest in the law through the years. He has been a member of the Texas State Bar for more than a half century, and at one time had 47 lawyers in his congregation. At another time, there was an actual quorum of the Texas State Supreme Court at the



DR. AND MRS. EDMUND HEINSOHN
To celebrate golden wedding anniversary

University Methodist Church. Opportunities Corporation, the Austin Housing Authority and Gown.

For 36 years he has been a member of the board of trustees of Southwestern University, and for 27 years he has been chairman of the board of Huston-Tillotson College.

He is vice chairman of the Austin Housing Authority and a member of the Human

His wife is equally active. Mrs. Heinsohn is also a member of the Austin Woman's Federation, the Book Trailers, the Friendship Book Club and PEO. Too, she has done much work, and has served on the board of Methodist Friendship Service.

The Austin American (1914-1973); Jun 11, 1967

Methodists Salute 80th Year, Pastor

By CHRIS ROBB
Staff Writer

For 80 years there has been a congregation at the University Methodist Church and for many of those years Dr. Edmund Heinsohn was its pastor.

Now pastor emeritus, he will deliver an anniversary talk at the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Sunday at the church located at 24th Street and Guadalupe Street.

Sitting in a room crowded with books, as he looked out on a small but well cared for backyard, Dr. Heinsohn delved into

the needs for the church and its traditions.

"There is a bridge in San Francisco whose buttresses are hidden in a fog. These buttresses are tremendously important. So too are the traditions in the church," he said.

He feels that all the current attacks on the church, including the "God is Dead" theories, will end with more persons more deeply involved in the church.

"They will become disillusioned with what they are trying and return to the church," he said.

Dr. Heinsohn said the church must make its weight known in indirect ways. Be they Christians, Jews or Hindus, people who are devout in their religion will become the civilization's leaders, he said.

The function and the goals of religion are the same in Dr. Heinsohn's eyes.

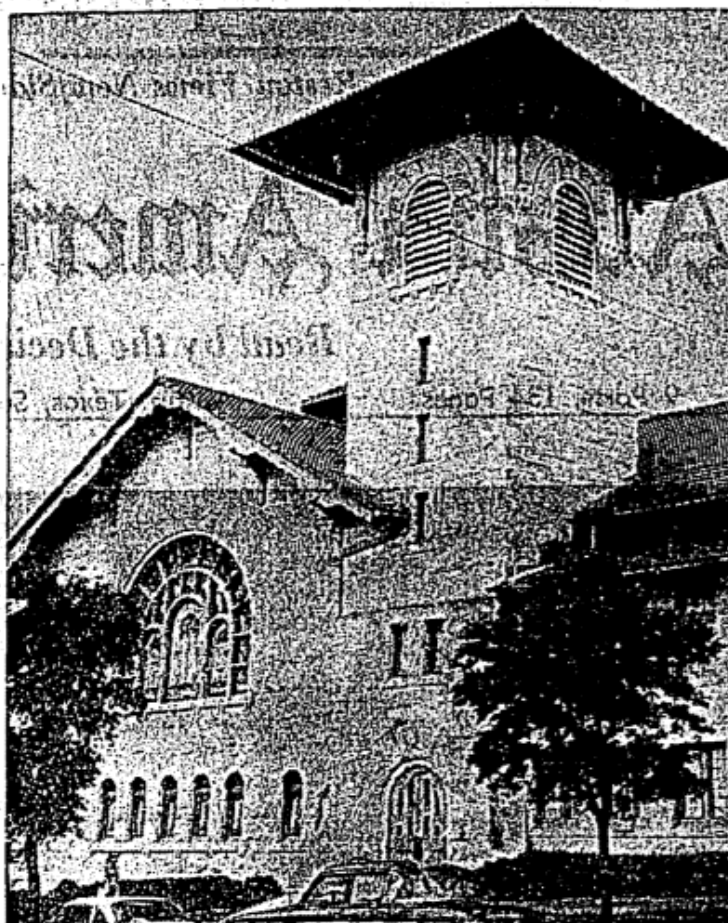
"If the church can only help the personal needs to help the social order..."

Educational needs are one of the most pressing problems facing the church and the society, said he.

"The fact that jobs are opening up is a stimulant for study". A circle can thus be established, he said. Jobs create stimulants for study, which will create more people able to take better jobs.

Dr. Heinsohn sees no church as a mature one. "I don't think there will ever be a 'mature' church. At best they will be struggling and maturing."

As soon as the church and society conquer one task, others will spring up. No church, he feels, will be mature until all problems are solved.



EIGHTY-YEAR-OLD UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHURCH
Celebrates anniversary of founding on Sunday



DR. EDMUND HEINSOHN
Gives special sermon

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Jul 14, 1968



DR. EDMUND HEINSOHN
Will speak Sunday

Dr. Heinsohn Guest Speaker

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, pastor of University United Methodist Church in Austin for 25 years before his retirement, will be the guest speaker at Haynie Chapel United Methodist Church Sunday at the 11 a.m. service.

Dr. Heinsohn served on the Board of Trustees of Huston-Tillotson College for 29 years and was a member of the Board

of Trustees of Southwestern University for 38 years. He was also a member of the Austin Housing Authority and of the Texas Historical and Library Commission.

The youth of the church will conduct a brief candle lighting program during the service in recognition of the first Sunday in Advent.

At the close of the service a covered dish supper will be served in Fowler Annex at the church.

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Nov 29, 1969

His mother and father were native Texans. His two grandmothers were. He himself was born in Texas in 1888.

But other reasons must be found besides lengthy Texas genealogy to explain the splendid widespread public approval Edmund Heinsohn

has enjoyed during his ministry — particularly from his congregation.

He says he fears for his place in heaven should he ever resort to criticizing a man unjustly. That may be a reason. Undoubtedly other people have other reasons — probably as many as there are people who know him. Certainly his drive to find good in people, however glossed-over it may be, tends to bring their good out, and this is often expressed in their affection for him.

Whatever the reason, we have here a man who has written two books, organized numerous legal briefs as a practicing lawyer for more than a decade, penned a number of articles for magazines including a monthly column for the Kiwanis publication, and composed countless sermons which, though written, were never read to his congregation.

"When I went into the pulpit on Sundays, I was prepared; I knew what I was going to say; I met my people eyeball to eyeball."

His method of writing was different than most.

"Mondays were my most productive days, as thoughts came into the vacuum formed by the pouring-forth of the day before. Ideas would flood in, and I'd make notes of them on anything — envelopes, scraps of paper, anything."

"On Thursdays I'd dictate what I wanted to say on a dictaphone and my secretary would transcribe it Fridays. Saturdays I'd have it down on paper, and I'd sit on the outside of it during the day so that, by Sunday I could give it without reference to the manuscript."

This wasn't the way life started out for Edmund Heinsohn, only child of a lumberman in the Central Texas village of Fayetteville. Rural life 20 years after the Civil War may not have been easy, but it had its pleasant moments.

"At the age of 9, we moved to Bartlett," another crossroads village just north of Taylor, where the habit of reading which the young Heinsohn boy had begun continued and expanded.

"I remember reading 'David Copperfield' while lying on my stomach grazing our old cow."

At 17 he came to Austin to attend the University of Texas

but because he had been going to an unaccredited high school, he first entered the Austin Academy for Boys, operated on 19th and Rio Grande by a professor named Stanley Ford.

"He'd feed us what he knew we would have to know to pass the UT entrance examinations, and we'd regurgitate it when we took the tests."

The legal profession soon filled his thoughts, and after two years at UT in academic courses, he switched to pre-law, later earning an AB degree in history in 1911, and a law degree in 1912.

"They gave us an LLB degree then, but changed it to JD, which I was later awarded."

At UT Edmund Heinsohn debated with the Athenaeum Society, was president of the junior law class, president of

the Presbyterian Student Movement, and president of the UT YMCA.

He had gotten interested in the church just before leaving Bartlett for Austin, and it was his Bartlett pastor who wrote a friend at UT, Dr. Dan Penick, to look after the young boy.

"Dr. Penick became my mentor."

Edmund Heinsohn had taken a year out of his college studies to travel the state in a financial drive for the University Presbyterian Church, but he says law was still his goal — not the ministry. This year of travel, however, was undoubtedly one of the reasons for his subsequent switch of professions.

First, however, he took his new law degree and headed for Temple as an assistant county attorney for three

years. Then he and a fellow named Farrar Grimes formed a law partnership which was a fortuitous move indeed. Farrar had a sister named Lollie. The legal partnership lasted until 1923; the partnership Edmund Heinsohn made with Lollie is active yet.

They were married in 1917. Mrs. Heinsohn, a Methodist, switched to Presbyterian to be with her husband, but four years later, because of a factional fight between two Presbyterian churches in Temple, they both switched to the Methodist Church, and in two more years the big decision was made to leave the legal profession and go into the ministry.

"Probing by Mrs. Heinsohn made me admit that I had previously considered going into the ministry, but it

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seemed impossible to pull up roots of the legal profession and start anew."

In this state of flux, the Heinsohn's second daughter died while in infancy, and this sad event became the catalyst. The ministry it would be.

"Unspoiled by seminary training," as Homer Rainey one day described his situation, Edmund Heinsohn's first pastorate was Red Oak, 20 miles south of Dallas. After two years, he was transferred to Fort Worth for two more. Then came six years in the Georgetown pulpit and one year in San Angelo before moving to the University Methodist Church here in

Austin in 1935. It would be 1959, a quarter century later, before he would leave this pulpit.

Though writing sermons began immediately, and continued constantly, his first book did not arrive until 1961, published by Steck. It was the report to his congregation in the form of 10 sermons of the trip he and Mrs. Heinsohn took the year he was a delegate to the Methodist Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England. In another instance of the affection his congregation had for their minister, they sent Mrs. Heinsohn along with him, and then extended their travels to Belgium, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Italy, and finally the Holy Land.

His latest book, "50 Years: Courtroom, Pulpit," San Felipe Press, was not written his usual way.

"I began it about two years ago -- wrote it all in longhand, then a typist transcribed it. Many people helped and pushed me or it may not have been done. It came out last month."

The book is his autobiography. Reading it may bring out clues why Edmund Heinsohn has such a grateful congregation -- a congregation that even gave him a home on retirement in 1959, and that plans an upcoming gala at the church to help launch the sale of this latest book -- but it may also be a clue at that because it's a nebulous thing. Things of the spirit seem to be.



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DR. EDMUND HEINSOHN, FRIEND OF ANYONE HE KNEW
Well-known pastor ponders a question about his lifetime

The Austin Statesman (1921-1973); Oct 22, 1972

Lawyer Pastor

Fifty Years: Courtroom and Pulpit; by Edmund Heinsohn; San Felipe Press; 262 pages; \$5.95.

By BILL WARREN

That great number of people who know the Heinsohns, and those few who have heard of them, will enjoy reading this book he has written about himself.

Beginning with his birth in Fayetteville, Texas, Edmund Heinsohn carries his story into the University of Texas Law School, to Temple where he started his law practice and began his married life, and to the night of decision to switch from law to the ministry.

From Red Oak, his first ministry south of Dallas, he hits briefly his experiences in three or four other ministries until coming to the University Methodist Church on 24th and Guadalupe, where he was to set a record for Methodist preachers in staying in one place.

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'Conscience of Austin' leads legendary life

By LEE KELLY
American-Statesman Staff

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn, to paraphrase poet Dylan Thomas, will not go gently into that good night of old age.

"No man wants to survive his silence," Heinsohn says simply.

At 90, Heinsohn does not fear death.

He does fear prolonged invalidism, disease or senility that would still his thoughts and words.

Heinsohn is an Austin minister who is a legend in his own lifetime.

And, beginning in April, persons who want to recapture the spirit and depth of his thinking can do so at the Austin-Travis County Collection. A series of one-hour taped interviews with Heinsohn, led by Austin public relations woman Pat Gössett, will join the library's oral history collection then.

The sermons that Heinsohn preached from the pulpit of University Methodist Church for 25 years until his retirement in 1959 earned him the unofficial title of the conscience of Austin.

He was a leader in calling for the integration of city — and denominational — churches.

The social liberal was a champion of peace movements during World War II when pacifism was a dirty word.

Many considered him unpatriotic.

He advocated the right to be an atheist, because to deny that freedom to others threatened the prerogatives of believers.

Some questioned his own religious beliefs.

He counted governors, legislators and Supreme Court judges among his friends and parishoners. Once, back in the 1930s, the late Supreme Court Judge William



Staff Photo by Tom Linkes

Dr. Edmund Heinsohn: At 90 years of age, Austin minister is a living legend.

Taylor glanced around the church, saw several fellow members of the bench, told Heinsohn a quorum was present, and the service could begin.

He tells the story, chuckling as he relates it. He believed and practiced the theory that to be a good pastor a person

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must first be a good friend to members of his congregation.

And Heinsohn's congregation and friends were not just limited to those who sat in the church pews Sundays.

Heinsohn conducted funeral services for the self-described atheists and agnostics J. Frank Doble, the eminent Southwestern writer; Walter Prescott Webb, the renowned historian; and naturalist Roy Bedichek.

"Some of my best friends were men with whom I had serious differences . . . with whom I sharply disagreed," Heinsohn says.

Some of his friends, too, were the members of Austin minority groups. He was the chairman of the board of trustees of Huston-Tillotson College and two years ago donated his library to the school.

He headed countless denominational and local church committees, was vice chairman of the Austin Housing Author-

ity for 16 years and served on the State Library and Historical Commission under five governors.

His pulpit style was more direct than dramatic or conversational.

Heinsohn, who practiced law for 11 years in Temple before becoming an ordained minister at age 35, described his sermons "as an appeal for a verdict."

"I wanted people to make a decision about ideas, their thinking . . . not just sit there."

The Austin American Statesman (1973-1987); Mar 19, 1979

City's clergy gain stature

First of a series

By LEE KELLY
American Statesman Staff



From mammoth, many-spired cathedrals to clapboard churches in rural towns, organized religion reverberated with the earthquake of doubt in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Church attendance fell. Collection plates suffered. Seminary enrollments dropped. Doomsayers predicted the death of the established church as cults proliferated, people sought solace from self-proclaimed gurus, and psychic groups and occult religions gained mainline dropouts.

Where were the ministers of vision then?

Sitting back, debating social action vs. personal salvation, still reeling from the God is Dead movement, shellshocked like the rest of us by assassinations, Vietnam and Watergate.

Pondering the emergence of the charismatics and the healers, analyzing rein-

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The Rev. Joe Znotas, who died in August and was pastor of Saint Julia Catholic Church, was the sole exception in the '70s. He, too, led his people from the pulpits into the streets to champion the rights of blacks, Mexican-Americans and the elderly.

Others say ministers of real influence are still leaving Texas churches, but they look toward Dallas where W.A. Criswell pastors the largest Southern Baptist church in the United States.

To San Antonio, the home of former Southern Baptist Convention president Jimmy Allen and Roman Catholic Archbishop Patrick Flores, who were two of nine U.S. clergymen invited by Carter to Camp David last July to discuss the apparent moral decay and lack of respect for authority in society.

And even — heads shake — to Corpus Christi, the home of Lester Roloff, the man credited by some with swinging the gubernatorial election from former Attorney General John Hill to Bill Clements.

But there are some signs that organized religion is in the process of regrouping and renewing.

Even non-Catholics point to the hero's welcome accorded Pope John Paul II during his American tour last fall. The charismatics, some say, are looking beneath their emotional fervor to study in-depth their biblical moorings. And some parents, whose children have joined cults, are starting groups to offer each other emotional support and information to win their offspring back to the family and established church fold.

A new National Council of Churches study reports that there was an 11 percent rise in per-capita giving to 10 major Protestant denominations last year. However, it was converted to a small net loss by inflation and slumping membership.

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carnation and exorcisms, looking askance at the so-called new morality and practicing transcendental meditation, says one observer only half tongue-in-cheek.

Where are those ministers of influence now?

Still trying to cope with what President Carter termed a malaise of the spirit?

Still aghast at Guyana? Appalled by the Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini?

Shaking their heads over the once highly respected psychiatrist Elizabeth Kubler-Ross' conversion to the Church of the Facet of Divinity? (That church near San Diego is led by a psychic who conducts seances that include sexual intercourse between participants and "entities" from the spirit world.)

In particular, who are the influential ministers in Austin, and what are they doing to help overcome what one minister describes as the crisis of faith?

Some of Austin's clergy described as most influential by others say the days when the city listened to its ministers and acted on their theology ended in the '40s, '50s and '60s with the pastorates of the late Eugene Blake Smith of University Baptist, the late Carlyle Marney of First Baptist, Kenneth Pope of First Methodist, **Edmund Heinsohn** of University Methodist and John Barclay of Central Christian.

Signs of renewal are sprouting in Austin, too. Last winter, black pastors, irked by a comment by Clements that churches have no place in politics, voted to re-enter the political arena as an organized force. A group similar to the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance existed in East Austin for years but disbanded eight years ago.

Also, a new organization under the leadership of former Gov. Price Daniel Sr. aimed at evangelizing middle- and upper-class businessmen was started last summer. More than 200 persons, including judges, doctors, lawyers, and government workers, attended the November meeting of the Austin Christian Men's Association.

And some people — from Austin's mayor, some Texas legislators and community leaders — say there are ministers here whom people are beginning to listen to once again.

Who are these ministers who are exerting an influence both inside and outside of their immediate congregations?

Based on a survey that included many church leaders, the *American Statesman* chose to profile in coming installments 10 local clergy most likely to offer leadership into the '80s. The choices are, of course, arguable by individual congregations that see their particular church leader as No. 1. The selections — and a close list of runners-up — were decided primarily on the basis of the clergy's past and potential impact on all of Austin, not just within individual churches.

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Permits

Connect Charge \$ 16.38 No. 16195
 APPLICATION FOR SEWER CONNECTION.
 Austin, Texas, 10-4 1939
 To the Superintendent of Sewer and Public Improvements,
 City of Austin, Texas
 Sir:—
 I hereby make application for sewer connection and instructions
 on premises owned by Univ. Methodist Church
 at 1406 Ethridge Street.
 further described as lot E 50' of 14 block 28, outlot
 subdivision Pemberton Hts. division _____, plat 159
 which is to be used as a Church Parsonage
 In this place there are to be installed 13 fixtures
 I agree to pay the City Sewer Department the regular ordinance
 charge \$47.00 Respectfully,
G. W. L. L.
 Sub. Out Oct 10
 Connected _____ 19 39 Permit Ph
10-4-39

Water tap permit, 10-4-39

Univ. Methodist Church 1406 Ethridge Ave.
 E. 50' of 14 & N. 25'
 28 of 13

Pemberton Hgts.

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Building permit, 10-4-39

OWNER	University Methodist Church	ADDRESS	1406 Ethridge Avenue
PLAT	159	LOT	E 50' of 14 & W 25' of 13
		BLK	28
SUBDIVISION	Pemberton Hts.		
OCCUPANCY	Parsonage		
BLD PERMIT #	114750	DATE	10-7-69
		OWNERS ESTIMATE	\$18,000.00
CONTRACTOR	Ernest Parker		NO. OF FIXTURES
			several
WATER TAP REC #	Exist	SEWER TAP REC #	Exist

Remodel exist parsonage

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