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Any resulting reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, corporation or individual published in these columns will be corrected upon it being brought to the attention of the publisher."Chapelwood Singers" From Houston To Take Part
In Methodist "Celebration" Feb. 17-20Now When You Take
A Bible - It's Okay

Churches of the United States and Canada are joining hands with the World Home Bible League in an effort to place a copy of *Reach Out*, the New Testament portion of *The Living Bible*, in every motel room on this continent, according to the Rev. John DeVries, international director of *WIBL*.

The project is about two years old at this point and has been set up in 32 states and three provinces. Of the 1,200,000 motel rooms in the United States, 200,000 countries around the world.

The World Home Bible League, in cooperation with the New York Bible Society, is responsible for the publication of 95 per cent of the translations produced by *WIBL*.

During the next five years the World Home Bible League is undertaking a campaign to bring a gospel portion of every literate person in India. The organization is a service agency which works through existing churches and mission points.

Paradoxically, the aim of the ministry is to have transients take the New Testament with them and to encourage Bible reading in this way. One month this year 100,000 copies of the modern English New Testaments were taken by tourists. Printed on most hotel Bibles are the words "Please Leave In Hotel."

The effectiveness of the Bible distribution ministry is seen in this true story:

A rather discouraged and lonely young serviceman was spending his last night in the U.S. in a motel room in southern California. He noticed an unusual looking New Testament called *Reach Out*.

Heaves will be held in different homes after each of the services.

The director is Mrs. Charles Low, Music Advisor and the organist is Mrs. Elizabeth Wilkins, Church Organist. Ray Evans is the Director.

"The Joyful Echo" choir

Ministry of Music of Chapelwood and Dr. Kelly Williams is Pastor.

This choir will appear on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 in Colly Memorial United Methodist Church.

The local Methodist will have a series of services Feb. 17 through 20 called "Celebration" with Dr. Don Favelle, First Methodist Church of Corpus Christi as the principle speaker each evening.

"The Joyful Echo" choir

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church of Houston will be the host church.

Dennis and Roger DeLaughter on Tuesday evening and the United Church of Christ on Wednesday.

The regular worship services at the United Methodist Church, directed by Mrs. Arthur Brem, the former Miss Karen Cook of this city, on Wednesday night.

Transients will be invited to attend any or all of these inspiring services.

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