

# THE THOMAS MERTON LEGACY TRUST

Three significant events affecting the Thomas Merton Legacy Trust have occurred since the last issue of the SEASONAL. We feel that, since the Trustees control publication and access to the Merton corpus, it is important for our readers to know of the changes in Trust personnel.

NAOMI BURTON STONE, long-time friend and editor of Merton's, has resigned as a Trustee of the Thomas Merton Legacy Trust, effective December 31, 1981. She is the first of the original Trustees designated by Merton to resign. Her expertise, her knowledge, her unerring sense of propriety will be missed in the conduct of Merton affairs.

The Trust Agreement, Article IV, states: "If any one of the Trustees shall die, resign, become incapacitated, or refuse to act as a Trustee hereunder, then I appoint JAMES WYGAL, M.D., Anchorage, Kentucky, to be the first alternate Trustee. After the appointment of Dr. Wygal as my first alternate Trustee, then in the event of the death, resignation, incapacity, or refusal to act of any of my Trustees, the remaining Trustees shall have the power to appoint a successor Trustee." Dr. James Wygal, psychiatrist and another long-term Merton friend, accepted the post as first alternate Trustee and attended the Trustees' meeting held at the Merton Center, November 9 and 10, 1981. Unfortunately, Dr. Wygal died suddenly in Anchorage, Kentucky, on December 14, 1981, before he actually began his duties as a Trustee.

The remaining two Trustees, JAMES LAUGHLIN and TOMMIE O'CALLAGHAN, have exercised their prerogative and have "appointed" the second alternate Trustee, ROBERT GIROUX, partner of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, publishers of several major Merton works. Mr. Giroux has accepted the position.

## TRUST PERSONNEL 1982

Trustee Emeritus: Mrs. Naomi Burton Stone, York, Maine.

Trustees: 1. Mr. James Laughlin, Norfolk, Connecticut.  
2. Mrs. Frank E. O'Callaghan, III (Tommie), Louisville, Kentucky.  
3. Mr. Robert Giroux, New York, New York.

Administrator, Rights and Contracts: Mrs. Anne H. McCormick, New York, New York.

Chief of Research: Dr. Robert Daggy, Louisville, Kentucky.

Attorney: Mr. John J. Ford, Louisville, Kentucky.

Liaison, Abbey of Gethsemani: Br. Patrick Hart, O.C.S.O.



*NAOMI BURTON STONE*

Editor and Trustee  
Thomas Merton Legacy Trust  
1968 - 1981

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In Memoriam

*JAMES WYGAL, M.D.*

Psychiatrist and Friend of Merton  
First Merton Successor Trustee

Died December 14, 1981

