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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHERN CHURCH
3611 Upton Avenue

VOLUME I DECEMBER, 1946 NUMBER 4

Prince Of Peace Contest

The local church phase of the annual Prince of Peace Contest sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches was held in the Upton Church on November 10th with Miss Ione Martindale and Miss Doris Turner participating. Both very ably gave their messages in the interest of world peace. Miss Martindale will represent the church in the county contest to be held December 8th.

Judges were: Mrs. John Blanchard, J. C. Siddal and D. W. Pugh.

Weddings

Upton Church was the scene of the marriage of Miss Betty Troup, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Troup, and Mr. Richard Salhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Salhoff, at 7:30 P. M. on November 15th.

The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with palms, candelabra and a cathedral basket bouquet.

The bride, given by her father, gowned in beautiful white satin and carried a bouquet of white.

The pastor, Rev. O. E. Johnson, read the impressive double ring ceremony. The couple will be at home at 2016 Talbot St.

New Members

The following became members of the new Evangelical United Brethren church on Anniversary Day, November 17th:

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hoel, 3861 Homewood, La. 8062

Mariam and Helen Hoel, 3861 Homewood, La. 8062

Joanne Baker, 2137 Talbot

Mrs. Anna Mae Harbaugh, 2107 Brookwood

Mrs. Gladys Shreves, 1820 Marlow, La. 6269

Patricia Ann Shreves, 1820 Marlow, La. 6269

We extend to them our best in the fellowship of our church.

Note: Add these names to your Church Directory.

New Arrivals

A baby boy on December 5th to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Keller. Mrs. Keller and baby are in Riverside Hospital.

PLEASE

1. Please! Notify us immediately of any change in address or phone numbers.
2. Please! Notify us immediately when persons are taken to the hospital or are seriously ill at home.
3. Please! Notify your pastor when you have a specific need that he call.
4. Please! Remember that the Pastor is always at your service for consultation by appointment.
5. Please! Notify your pastor when he can help others who are in need.
6. Please! Feel free to call upon your pastor in any case where you feel that he can help.
7. Please! Don't expect your pastor to ferret out all cases of need, or to help where he knows of no need. Help him by notifying him.

CALENDAR

SPECIAL DATES

December 31st—Watch Night Services of Evangelical United Brethren Churches of Toledo. Young People's Service in Somerset church—Adult service in Salem church.

January 5th-19th Incl. Evangelistic Services each night at 7:30 P. M. except Mondays and Saturdays.

January 22, 5:30-7:30 Public Supper. Note change in date. Everybody welcome.

* * * *

Sunday, 9:30 A. M., Sunday School

Sunday, 10:30 A. M., Worship

Sunday, 6:30 P. M., Christian Endeavor

Monday, 7:30 P. M., Boy Scouts

Monday, 7:30 P. M., Mantle Club

Thursday, 8:00 P. M., Choir Rehearsal

First Tues., 1:30 P. M., Ladies' Aid

First Tues., 8:00 P. M., Official Board

First Fri., 8:00 P. M., Women's Missionary

Second Wed., 8:00 P. M., Otterbein Guild

Third Sun. Eve., 7:30 P. M., Jack and Jill Class.

Third Mon., 7:30 P. M., Mantle Club

Third Tues., 8:00 P. M., Trustee board

Third Fri., 8:00 P. M., Otterbein Class

Fourth Tues., 8:00 P. M., S. S. Board

Fourth Wed., 5-7:30 P. M., Public Supper

Fourth Wed., 8:00 P. M., Willing Workers Class

Pastor's Column

Gratitude

Words are inadequate in the expression of our gratitude to our people who make for the advance of Christ's Kingdom in the giving of their time, talents and things. Vows taken before God and man when one joins the church state that one will support Christ's cause through the dedication and expenditure of life's resources through *this* Church. It is a good vow and it is good to see so many keeping it.

The Anniversary Day offering assured \$2500 plus the interest for debt reduction, payment to be made Jan. 1, 1947. This leaves but \$2500 remaining indebtedness. Through the cooperation of all we will completely liquidate the debt by this coming Easter.

Attendance

Attendance at the worship hour of the church during November exceeded that of a year ago but a word of warning and admonition is in order for November's attendance did not equal October's. Make this a matter of inventory in your own life. Were you as faithful in November as in October? Indeed, I wonder if there are not those who being absent during both these months might not resolve to "go up unto the House of the Lord." What profit to yourself, what encouragement to your church! Pray about this matter.

A church attendance and loyalty campaign will be launched at the beginning of 1947. Plan now to participate. Let's make this the greatest New Year for the cause of Christ and the Church that we have ever known.

Evangelical United Brethren

Beginning January 1st we will be officially operating, locally, as the Upton Church of the Evangelical United Brethren. Changes will be for the most part minor in procedure but major in significance.

Every family should keep abreast these changes. There is no better way to do so than to subscribe for the Church paper, *The Telescope-Messenger*. See Mrs. Marvelle Baker, 1745 Fairfax, La. 3162. Price is \$2.50 per year. A fine Christmas present for classes to give their teacher or for departments to give their leaders would be a year's subscription to this paper.

Evangelistic Meetings

Our Evangelistic services will be held beginning Sunday, Jan. 5th and concluding (Continued on page 2)

Important

The following material on Camp St. Marys appears in a pamphlet circulated throughout the Conference. Read every word that follows. Become acquainted with this cause.

CAMP ST. MARYS
Owned and Operated by the
Sandusky Annual Conference

**CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN
IN CHRIST**

Camp St. Marys contains approximately 83 acres of land, situated at the southeast corner of Lake St. Marys on State Highway 364 and is about four miles west and south of St. Marys, Ohio, where one of the finest parishes of Sandusky Conference is located.

The site was secured from Mr. John I. Young of St. Marys. The conference Board of Trustees holds a warranty deed for the property. The land was deeded by Mr. Young to the Conference with an understanding secured by contract that the Conference pay him an annuity of \$1200 a year for the period of his natural life. At his death all obligations cease.

Mr. Young is past 62 years of age and has for many years been a friend of Dr. V. H. Allman and the United Brethren Church. In view of the fact that for many years our conference Youth Camps have been paying considerably more than \$1200 a year as rental for the facilities of Lakeside and Bluffton College, the annuity to Mr. Young is deemed a reasonable consideration.

What We Have At Camp St. Marys

1. Five cottages, four of them rented and occupied, the fifth housing one of our workers employed by the Camp. This area contains ample ground for an auditorium, mess hall and dormitories, with other necessary Camp installations.

2. A well 160 feet deep, never pumped dry, assuring a plentiful water supply.

3. Many valuable and venerable trees and an uncounted number of shorter-lived trees of lesser value.

4. A grassy plot of several acres, our highest ground, surrounded by trees, and reserved as an athletic field. It also forms a natural amphi-theatre, ideally situated for out-of-door gatherings and services.

5. A shoreline on Lake St. Marys of three-quarters of a mile. The reeds which line part of the shore provide the best fishing on Lake St. Marys. Very ample bathing space is offered, and a hard sandy floor sloping gently into the Lake. A beautiful sandy spot is afforded on the beach for the pleasure of bathers and swimmers.

6. A considerable acreage of unreclaimed land which can be developed and utilized. The State of Ohio has graciously pledged assistance in channeling and reclaiming that part of the Camp site.

7. The possibility of almost limitless future development, providing opportunity for scores of cottages to be erected by minis-

ters, members and churches of Sandusky Conference.

Our Task

Our task, though of major proportions, should be a pleasant and profitable enterprise. The cost of initial Camp development must be paid by the generous giving of Sandusky Conference. Improvement and construction are now in progress. We hope that we may be able to open the Camp sometime next summer. The future, long-range development will be most largely financed by lessees of lots and cottage owners.

During October, 1946, members of Sandusky Conference were given opportunity to contribute to the Camp Building Fund in cash contributions and pledges.

In this project we are doing something "for us"! by serving OUR Conference youth; providing an all-summer program of activities; affording instruction, recreation, inspiration for every age-group of the Conference, assuredly including adults.

Testimonials

Mr. George K. Losher, Mayor of the city of St. Marys: "I wish to commend the Sandusky Conference Board of Trustees for this wonderful undertaking. This is a great work which deserves the praise and good will of all our citizens. Therefore we say, 'Go forward with this splendid work.' We have every right to believe that you will make it one of the most beautiful Camp Grounds, second to none in all the State. As Mayor, I sincerely believe you have chosen wisely, both in the selection of the grounds, and of the name. I was overjoyed when I learned that the Board had officially named the camp after the name of our city. I am expressing the sentiment of our citizens. We are with you one-hundred percent."

In a recent meeting the Rotary Club of St. Marys passed a resolution "commending the Church of the United Brethren in Christ for their decision to establish an educational and Bible Conference camp at Lake St. Marys," and assured the Church of the Club's cooperation and support.

Recently I thoroughly walked over the eighty-three (83) acre parcel of land our church secured for development fronting on Lake St. Marys, and weighed the possibility as to the present and future.

Securing this camp has been a fine move toward church expansion and will bridge a gap the church has been contending with in the past.

This opportunity presenting itself to us as a church and all of us pulling together, along with good management for its completion, will result in a great advancement for Sandusky Annual Conference.

C. L. Mergenthaler
Bascom Charge,
Hancock County Recorder

Upon viewing the plot-of-ground at St. Marys I would know of no reason why it could not be made a beautiful place. If we do not make use of it—someone else will. I feel a conference as large as ours can

finance it without placing hardship on any one, and we would have a summer camp of our own that would mean much to the church in the future.

O. K. Austin, farmer, member
of Ohio Grange,
County Com. in Huron Co.

Surely many will want to contribute to this project. Some gifts of \$500 and \$1000 have been received from members of our churches of our conference. Many of our people will be seen for gifts during the month of January. These gifts will be secured in the form of pledges to be paid within three years in four payments. Pray about it and give as liberally as possible.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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ing Jan. 19th. Services at 7:30 P. M. each evening excepting Mondays and Saturdays. Everyone is welcome. This affords us all a chance to draw a little closer to our Master. We ask that you set aside these dates and attend the services. Pray for them.

Reports For The Challenger

Reports are due the 5th of the month. Please! We appreciate the promptness of the people but this month we miss the C. E., the Brotherhood, and the Primary Department.

Toledo Council of Churches

The Financial Campaign of the Toledo Council of Churches will be held during January. The Council is our voice, our hands, united with others to speak and minister in Toledo. Give it your hearty support. Mr. O. H. Degener is chairman of a group of churches in West Toledo and Mr. Edward Riendeau is our local church chairman. They need your support.

Camp St. Marys

Elsewhere in this issue is word concerning Camp St. Marys. Read it. Pray for and give to this project.

A Final Word

The foregoing paragraphs are a few of the more urgent matters claiming our attention. When we look them over in this realization we are made more and more to be thankful for the splendid Christian attitude and helping hand of our people of the Church. May God's blessing rest upon you all as you seek to know and do His will.

O. E. J.

Mid-Winter Convention

Young People's Mid-Winter Convention will be held at Willard, Ohio, on December 27th and 28th beginning at 10 o'clock on Friday morning and concluding with an early banquet Saturday evening. Courses will be given for both Intermediate and Older Young People. It is probable that the announcement of these courses will be in the Sandusky News section of this paper.

Some of our young people are already planning to attend. See Mr. Meredith.

The following 8 pages contain all articles and news from our Sandusky Conference as compiled and edited for the Sandusky News by the staff thereof. A splendid opportunity to become acquainted with a great conference.

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Unity Of Purpose Stressed By Bishop As Evangelical United Brethren Commune

Unity of purpose was the keynote of the first address after the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches merged into the Evangelical United Brethren Church this morning.

Bishop John S. Stamm, Harrisburg, senior bishop of the former Evangelical Church, heralded this unity during a Communion message following the service of union at the First U. B. Church.

He said:

"In this hour of holy and satisfying fellowship in which we have not only declared officially our oneness, but have entered into the spirit of unity, we now pause to call to mind again the source of this fellowship.

United in Christ

"We are united in Christ. We have been united through His grace. We have been called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord through His sacrificial selfgiving and triumph over death. We have fellowship with each other because we have fellowship over Him. We give thanks to God who has begotten us again unto a living hope. We proclaim our union in and through Christ our Savior and Lord."

Basic beliefs of the two groups in the historic merger were reaffirmed by Bishop Stamm. He said:

"In this act of Holy Communion we now as Evangelical United Brethren reaffirm our wholehearted acceptance of, and loyalty to, this basic affirmation of the Christian faith: 'Christ died for our sins.'

"The founding fathers of our two united churches accepted this truth. They declared it with evangelistic passion and missionary zeal. They built their ecclesiastical structure upon this foundation. We, their sons and daughters, who have come into this experience of union for which the fathers sought, now in this act of Holy Communion proclaim the Lord's death. Upon this basic truth we purpose to build this greater structure.

"We stand committed to this truth of redemption, 'knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold . . . but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ.'

To Preach Christ

"This is our faith, this is our hope, this is our message . . . we preach Christ and Him crucified.

"This affirmation implies a threefold

Superintendent's Column

"Time and tide wait for no man." The force and the law back of that force created by the Almighty, the omnipotent God, whose we are and whom we serve has floated us out upon a wider and deeper stream of life. We are NOW the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The larger church reaches thousands of points that never would have been reached had we continued to go our separate ways. The converging of the separate streams of life was an experience the delegates of the uniting churches will never forget. It was like the experience of those on a great boat in one of the locks on the Panama Canal. You wait with anticipation and expectation, suddenly you realize that slowly but surely the water rushing into the lock is lifting the boat higher and higher, you are surrounded by new scenery, the heights give a larger view, the horizons widen, suddenly you realize that you are floating out, by the force of the current, into the great Pacific ocean, your world has suddenly changed. It can never be the same again. What an experience and how it has changed your life and your world. Certainly that was the feeling of all who were privileged to attend the Johnstown General Conference. From that thrilling experience we have returned to our homes and our several tasks with a consecration and dedication, that would have been otherwise impossible, to expend life to the end that all humanity

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challenge. x x x Therefore we believe in a definite experience of personal salvation. We believe in the forgiveness of sins and holy living. We believe in personal salvation and social redemption. May it never be truthfully said that the Evangelical United Brethren Church has the form but lacks the power of Godliness.

"As we now enter this service may we think so deeply into the meaning and power of the Cross until we can truthfully say with the poet:

'Were all the realm of nature mine
 That were a present for too small,
 Love so amazing, so divine
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.'

"In this spirit may we now enter into that enriched experience of grace made possible through the blood of Christ and proclaim anew the death of Christ.

"Unto him that loveth us and loosed us from our sins by his blood . . . to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever—Amen."

Church Union Consummated

Merger efforts started 133 years ago were crowned with success on Saturday morning, November 16, at the First United Brethren church in Johnstown, Pa. There at nine o'clock the Evangelical and United Brethren churches became one.

Promptly on the hour bishops of the two denominations filed up to the rostrum, joined hands and then read the historic document which created the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The church was filled to capacity and many visitors stood along the aisles.

Dr. A. R. Clippinger, Dayton, senior U. B. Bishop read the formal statement. Then in clear, even tones he said "All this I declare in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The pageantry of the union service was colorful. The bishops in full robes filed majestically to the chancel of the church. Then while official and news photographers snapped history-making pictures, Bishops Clippinger and Stamm shook hands—the physical union of the two churches.

Bishop Clippinger conducted a responsive service of worship. Following the calling of the roll by the secretaries of the two uniting conferences and other necessary preliminary business the conference proceeded to the celebration of the Holy Communion. Bishop Ira D. Warner was the celebrant at this service. Bishop J. S. Stamm of Harrisburg, Pa., preached the Communion Sermon on the subject of the "Basic Affirmation of our Faith." The sermon was a carefully reasoned statement of the underlying fundamentals for which both of our groups have stood since the time of the founding fathers.

In the afternoon session Bishop Clippinger read the Episcopal Address. Excerpts from this masterly presentation will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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The Tie That Binds The Evangelical And United Brethren

Herewith is the declaration of union
signed by the bishops, both active and
emeritus, of the Evangelical Church and
the Church of the United Brethren in
Christ.

It is the binding document, reading of
which merged the two churches at 9:30
o'clock this morning at a service at the
First United Brethren Church, Vine St.
The declaration follows:

"Whereas, the Church of the United
Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical
Church, by their respective General Con-
ferences, did heretofore appoint commis-
sions on Church Federation and Union;
and

"Whereas, these Commissions at a joint
meeting held in the City of Cleveland, in
the State of Ohio, U. S. A., on the 20th
day of February, 1942, by joint action, did
agree upon, approve and adopt a Plan of
Basis and Union, and a Discipline, for the
organic union of these two Churches, and
thereafter presented said Plan and Basis
of Union and proposed Discipline, for the
Evangelical United Brethren Church to
their respective denominational bodies; and

"Whereas, the Church of the United
Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical

Church, each acting in its own behalf and
in accordance with the Plan and Basis of
Union, did approve and adopt the proposed
Plan and Basis of Union and the Discipline
for the Evangelical United Brethren
Church in accordance with the provisions,
rules, regulations and usages of their
respective constitutions and disciplines; and

"Whereas, the Boards of Bishops of the
two uniting Churches, pursuant to the
provisions of the Plan and Basis of Union,
did issue a call for sessions of their
respective General Conferences, and for a
subsequent joint session of such General
Conferences, in which joint session the
members of the two General Conferences
shall constitute the membership of the
first General Conference of the Evangelical
United Brethren Church; and

"Whereas, the separate sessions of the
respective General Conferences of said
Churches have been held and this Joint
General Conference thus authorized and
constituted according to the Plan and
Basis of Union, is now in session in the
City of Johnstown, State of Pennsylvania,
on the 16th day of November, 1946.

"Now, therefore, we, the Bishops of
these uniting Churches, do hereby solemnly
publish and declare in the Presence of
God, and before all men, the following
statement of facts:

I

"That the Church of the United Breth-
ren in Christ and the Evangelical Church
are now and shall be one Church, known
as THE EVANGELICAL UNITED
BRETHREN CHURCH.

II

"That the Plan and Basis of Union and
the Discipline as adopted are and shall be
the constitution and basic law of the
Evangelical United Brethren Church.

III

"That the Evangelical United Brethren
Church, as thus constituted, shall be and
is the ecclesiastical and legal successor of
the two uniting Churches in accord with
the provisions and Basis of Union and the
Discipline now in full force and effect.

IV

"That by the adoption of the name,
THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETH-
REN CHURCH, for this united Church,
no right, interest or title in and to the
respective names by which the two uniting
Churches have been identified and known
through many years, have been or are sur-
rendered, but all such rights are specifical-
ly reserved against the claims of all per-
sons, associations and organizations what-
soever.

"In humble acknowledgment of Divine
Guidance, we do hereby solemnly and
reverently invoke upon the Evangelical
United Brethren Church, thus established,
the blessing of Almighty God. Amen."

If I were offered a fortune without
education, or an education without fortune,
I should unhesitatingly accept the educa-
tion.—Ex-Mayor Hewitt of New York.

Bowling Green District Brotherhood

The Bowling Green District Brotherhood
met at Belmore, December 1st. A
supper was served by the ladies of the
church and in spite of slippery roads a
capacity audience attended the evening
service at 7:30. All the charges of the
district were represented. A total of 250
persons attended with the attendance ban-
ner being awarded to the Webster church
where John C. Searle, Jr. is the pastor.

Special music was provided by the
church orchestra, Mrs. Raymond Todd,
Joann Spitnaugle, Mary Lee Bach, Don
Dillon, and Kenneth Butler. A reading
was given by Mrs. Paul George. The
speaker of the evening was Rev. Walter
Schutz who for 23 years has represented
our church on the mission field of Africa
and who will return to the field the last
part of December. The offering of the
evening totaled \$145.10, and of this
amount \$120 was given to Rev. Schutz
for the purchasing of missionary supplies
and anything he might need for his rather
unexpected and hurried call back to
Africa.

The following officers were elected for
the District Brotherhood for the coming
year: President, Wilbur Hass; Vice Presi-
dent, John Bullis; Secretary, Joe Windel;
Treasurer, Dave Bushey; Music Director,
John C. Searle, Jr., and Pianist, Rev.
Orville Metzger; District Leader, John C.
Searle, Sr.

Christmas Offering

Mrs. Carl V. Roop, President of the
Otterbein Home Auxiliary of Sandusky
Conference was engaged in writing an
article for the NEWS concerning the
Christmas offering when the fire in the
Galion church and parsonage was discover-
ed and she had to leave the house hastily.
She saved the sheet she was writing on,
and it will be incorporated into this
article.

Again we are coming to the season of
Christmas when as Christians we should
be concerned for the needs of the whole
world. What will it mean for each mem-
ber of Sandusky Conference to keep
Christmas this year? It will mean to
enshrine beauty, joy and love in our hearts
by a most liberal and unselfish spirit of
giving to our beloved Otterbein Home.

Our gifts should be bigger and better
just now than ever before, to help re-
plenish loss by fire; to relieve part of the
largest waiting list for entrance in our
history, and because of the high cost of
every thing needed for the Home. So
let us not think of a smaller offering; let
us give bountifully, in full faith and as-
surance that it will be given to us in like
measure.

Meaning Of Evangelical, U. B. Merger Explained

(Editor's note: Because of the vital questions settled by the merger of the Evangelical and United Brethren Churches tomorrow, an explanation of the union has been prepared. This information was compiled by Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of the Evangelical Crusader.)

The new Evangelical United Brethren Church will make some changes from procedures known by either of the uniting denominations.

After 13 years of developing a basis of union, these two "streams of church tradition and history" will become one tomorrow. The new church begins at once with a "constitution" well planned and long considered. It is known as the "Discipline of the Evangelical United Brethren Church." This discipline outlines the procedure for the general church, its boards and organizations and institutions, for the annual conferences and for the local congregations.

The first change, and most obvious, is the change of name. All new business will henceforth be enacted in the new name of the denomination. Local churches will have to make adjustments in identifying names. The changes can readily be made by study and vote of the congregations.

No Doctrinal Change

Under the basis of union no changes will be made in the doctrines of the church. The doctrinal statement in the plan and basis of union reads as follows:

"The doctrinal standards of the Evangelical United Brethren Church are the statements of doctrine contained in The Confession of Faith of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and in The Doctrines of the Church as contained in Part I of the Discipline of the Evangelical Church. These are accepted as an authoritative interpretation of the truth as taught in the Holy Scriptures.

"The creedal statements of these two churches grew out of a common and profound religious experience of the fathers, and were formulated in accord with their discerning interpretation of the Holy Scriptures and by careful study of other ecclesiastical confessions. It is not strange, therefore, that these creedal statements are found to be in agreement. In all basic and enduring verities of the Christian faith their respective positions are in the most intimate and beautiful accord.

Doctrines Coordinated

"We therefore solemnly declare and affirm that The Confession of Faith of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and The Articles of Faith and The Doctrines of Regeneration, Sanctification and Christian Perfection of the Evangelical Church are in agreement with the doctrines of the Christian religion as contained in the Holy Scriptures and accepted and held by the Church of the United

Brethren in Christ and the Evangelical Church. We do hereby declare before all men our acceptance of these doctrinal confessions as the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church."

The new Board of Trustees of the Evangelical United Brethren Church is to be "incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio and shall be the successor of the Board of Trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio." This corporation is authorized and empowered to receive trust funds and assets of every kind and character, real, personal or mixed, not specifically designated for any certain board, church or organization.

In the publication field, there will be a Board of Publication with two sections: Nine from the Board of Trustees of the Otterbein Press, Dayton, O., and nine from the Eastern Publishing House, Harrisburg, Pa. There will be six additional members, four of whom shall be active bishops. There will be two publishers and two publishing houses.

Both denominations have parallel weeklies and Sunday school literature which follow a common pattern. These periodicals will be merged soon for a complete slate of literature.

The mission fields of both denominations will become the total missionary program of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. For both there will be new sections of world interest and outreach. The principle of conference representation has been deleted in the new Board of Missions.

Mission Board Changed

The administrative section of this board will be greatly changed. It will conduct its operations through three administrative divisions to be known as: (1) The Department of World Missions, including the division of North American missions, the division of Latin American missions, the division of European missions, the division of Asian missions and the division of African missions; (2) the Department of Church Extension; (3) the Department of Women's Service. There will be a joint council of missionary education and promotion, to be composed of representatives of the three departments.

The Board of Christian Education — which has representatives from each of the colleges and seminaries, a conference director of Christian education and delegated laymen—will now total 94 members, which greatly enlarges this board. Educational institutions and benevolent institutions will remain as presently constituted.

The Council on Administration and the Board of Pensions will function in the future as they presently are in the uniting denominations.

Annual conferences in areas where union might strengthen the work are to use this next quadrennium to negotiate plans covering union, these to be submitted to subsequent General Conferences for action. Exception may be made in the case of

the Montana Conferences of both denominations, which have requested from the present General Conferences earlier union.

Change in Ordination

One distinct change in the ordination of ministers for the Evangelical Church is noted. The Evangelical Church has had an intermediate step between the granting of a license to preach and the receiving of elder's orders, known as "deacon's orders." This step is eliminated in the new church.

In the allocation of general officers between the two denominations the balance is almost equal, thus maintaining the spirit of unity.

The general Commission on Evangelism will have a full-time general secretary, which is enlargement of the present department. This department will be closely related to the work of Christian education.

The Commission on Christian Social Action will be somewhat changed in its personnel and representation of departments of the church.

Other and more minor changes will be noted by those close to the structural life of the church. The great host of members of the new denomination will not be conscious of any striking changes in the organic activities of the denomination and of the local churches. Rather the churches and the 750,000 members should feel an enrichment of their church contacts, a wider horizon due to expanded missionary outreach, and the surge of loyalty which comes from a program which leads them to go "forward together with Christ."

Brotherhood And Young People's Rally

The district brotherhood and young people's rally for the Marion district was held in Marion on Sunday, Nov. 24th. The total attendance for the evening was 351. Rev. Francis McCracken spoke at the young people's group meeting and William L. Manahan gave the address at the Mass meeting. Three young people held up their hands, indicating their decision for Christ. Special musical and vocal numbers were given by people from the various charges. Initial steps were taken by the ladies to form an organization of their own. Mrs. Roebuck was elected temporary chairman and the organization will be completed at the next meeting. Mt. Zion-Oceola retained the Brotherhood banner for having the largest attendance and the young people's plaque went to the West Mansfield charge. The next such meeting will be held at Sycamore sometime in February.

Garrison Roebuck—reporter.

The world has become a neighborhood: the world must become a brotherhood.—Bishop Warne.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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may have the glorious experience of the forgiveness of sin and new life in Jesus Christ.

Misfortune that brought with it hardship and suffering has come to our Galion congregation. The church and parsonage were destroyed by fire Sunday evening, Nov. 24. Rev. Roop lost, and that without insurance, his library and all his household effects. The church was insured for \$25,000. The loss was estimated by the Galion papers to be \$85,000. Plans are already under headway to rebuild. Any assistance that can be rendered either the congregation or the pastor will be greatly appreciated.

We are glad to report that Rev. Sullivan and Rev. Troutner are much improved and are expected in the due course of time to be back in their respective pulpits.

The death of Mrs. L. H. Myers, the wife of our Rev. Myers of Lima, Ohio, will be a surprise to many. In recent years she experienced much suffering. First it was a broken hip that put her in the hospital for many months, then a series of light strokes that finally brought her to the end. It must be a marvelous experience to be free from all pain and suffering, and to no longer be impeded by the handicaps that so often tend to shackle us in this earth life. Mrs. Myers was a good woman, a faithful companion, a graceful queen of the manse. To Rev. Myers and the family go our sympathy and prayers.

Mrs. Pernetie Com, Aunt Nettie, as most of the preachers of the conference knew her has left our home to rejoin her husband in that heavenly mansion, that home not make with hands. Her going has made us very sad and lonely. She came to live with us in the fall of 1929 and all these years has been one of the family. She was no relation but the years had intertwined our lives until her going was like that of a mother. She was a good woman, an excellent cook and delighted to cook a good meal, especially, for her preachers, as she called the men of the conference. In spite of her eighty-six years she maintained her strength until stricken, in July with paralysis. May God bless her memory to all who knew her.

Congratulations this month to the Rev. Gerald Coen and the people of our Lima First church. Your new organ, new because it has been completely rebuilt is indeed a beautiful instrument of music. The five thousand dollars spent on this instrument will bless all who worship in your church for many years to come. The decorators did an excellent job on the interior of your sanctuary. It seems to me that I never saw First church look quite so good. Again congratulations!

Congratulations Port Clinton and Rev. and Mrs. Reynolds. You have pushed

back the borders of the impossible. Your church is now free of debt. In twenty years your small congregation has achieved the heroic. No more loyal congregation ever existed. Bishop Clippinger reports: "Indeed seldom have I seen such liberal giving with so little fuss and feathers. A modest announcement of the needs and the congregation responded with more than \$750 dollars."

News From The Churches

Old Fort—Sunday following the morning worship service or at noon, baskets were brought in to the U. B. church kitchen by the congregation and a delicious Thanksgiving dinner was spread to about 100 people for a reception and welcome for the minister and his family, Rev. and Mrs. S. G. Sherriff. The following program was enjoyed while the group was still around the tables: Ralph Blaney acted as toastmaster, Forest Longanbach led a short song service by the group; Mrs. Ernest Hiestand gave a toast in behalf of the women's organizations of the church; Miss Mary Murray gave a toast for the Y. P. C.-O. and the Sunday school; violin solo, by Nora Lee Palmer, accompanied by Helen Wise; Arthur Mehaffey, gave a toast in behalf of the school; Ralph Witter represented the other activities of the community; piano solo by Jean Bonnell; Carl Murray, just home from Germany, related his experiences in Germany and the conditions there; Mr. Blaney presented the Sherriff's with a gift in behalf of the group. Remarks by Rev. Sherriff; closing song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Webster—Our church had the happy privilege of celebrating the church merger with a merger service of our own. On Sunday night, Nov. 17, our church was host to the Luckey Evangelical church. We planned a rather informal meeting with lots of congregational singing and a special number by the newly formed Webster church choir. Rev. John Ebersole, pastor of the Luckey church, brought a summary of the history of the two churches leading up to the time of the merger. The Webster folks had planned for a long time for the meeting and the church looked very nice inside with newly purchased drapes for the windows and a new coat of varnish on the pews. The meeting was well attended and the Lord blessed us wonderfully.

John C. Searle, Jr.

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Shelby—The work at the Shelby church moves forward. The church here has a great group of men who are consecrated and dedicated to the task of Christ and the church.

The Annual Homecoming was observed Oct. 13 with Prof. Engle of Otterbein College as the speaker. Nov. 3-10 the Brotherhood of the church sponsored a one week Bible Conference with Rev. T. Chenderson

as the very helpful speaker.

Shelby church has a large group of Christian Young People who meet every Wednesday evening for their own mid-week Prayer Service and Bible Study.

Two weeks after the pastor, Rev. V. I. Sullivan, moved onto the field, he had the misfortune to fall and fracture his hip while placing storm windows. This will keep him bedfast for many weeks. In Shelby fashion, the church has relieved the Pastor of much anxiety by laying plans in a Special Board Meeting to carry on in the absence. This they have done very well.

The church is making ready to install an Amplifying System so that the pastor will be able to speak from his bedside after he gets home from the hospital.

I, as Pastor of Shelby Church wish to take this means of expressing my deepest appreciation for the scores of Christian friends who have helped to lighten the burden of the parsonage family during my confinement. Many of my fellow ministers have driven many miles to visit me; I have received scores of cards and messages of consolation with many assurances of special prayers in my behalf, from my people in this new field, and former parishes I have served. All this means so much.

I would like to especially recognize the unwavering faithfulness of the Shelby church, the financial tokens from the Shelby District Brotherhood, and the Galion Church and the Van Wert District Brotherhood and Young People; and the kindness of Rev. Searle who came and assisted in making the canvass for Camp St. Marys. To all these I say many THANKS.

I will be confined for weeks to come but the physician in charge now gives the assurance of a good recovery of the limb. While we are fortunate in having one of the best surgeons available, we are more than confident that the Great Physician has intervened in answer to prayer in our behalf.

Rev. V. I. Sullivan

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Rawson Circuit—Members and friends gathered at the Rawson church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12 to extend a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Purdy and Barbara, who were returned for their second year.

The program in the sanctuary was in charge of Mr. Jacob Romick and consisted of group singing, prayer, readings and musical numbers. Readings were given by Gala Wynkoop and Dorothy Bowersox, Piano solos by Mrs. Clarence Hause and Norman Edinger, Clarinet solo by Kathryn Balmer. Vocal numbers were given by Mrs. Clarence Hause and the Klingler Trio.

The welcome address was given by Nial Newton and the response by Rev. Purdy.

A gift of a beautiful rug was presented by Mrs. Albert Gibbs. Refreshments were served to all present in the church parlors.

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Rockford—World Mission Advancement Day was observed October 27th. Mrs. Opal Huffman, secretary of the Conference W.-M. A., was the speaker. The offering was over three hundred dollars.

Harvest Home Festival and Home Coming was observed November 3rd with 253 in attendance. The church was beautifully decorated with leaves, flowers and fruit. There were 145 cans of fruit and \$22 in money for the Otterbein Home offering. The church was greatly surprised at the close of the morning worship service when the pastor received into church fellowship 15 adults and one high school student. Truly it was a soul harvest for the Lord and His Church. Basket dinner was served at the noon hour. Rev. Adams, our pastor of Celina, gave the afternoon address.

Men's Day was observed November 3rd. The local Brotherhood was in charge of the service. Mr. Glenn Baltzell, president of the Brotherhood, gave a fine message using for his subject, "The Need of a Brotherhood." Mr. Glenn Miller, a war veteran, gave a soul stirring message on "Christian Fellowship and Church Loyalty." Mr. Vernon Wisenborn, also a war veteran, gave a heart searching message on "Evangelism and Bible Study." Souls were moved and eyes were dimmed with tears as the service progressed.

The work at Rockford is gratifying. The attendance is a gain over last year to date. Rockford will reach her quota for Camp St. Marys in a few days. The church has purchased a new furnace that will be installed in the near future.

Rev. C. J. Mericle

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Blue Lick—On Sunday evening, Nov. 24, 1946, the Evangelical United Brethren church of Blue Lick community near Lima, Ohio, held a combined Homecoming and Thanksgiving Service in the auditorium of the Bath Township Rural school.

The Ladies of the church served a delicious chicken dinner at 7 o'clock, after which a short program was enjoyed by all.

Rev. Gerald Cohen, our district leader, was present and gave the Invocation. After dinner speakers were Rev. Floyd Watt of Dayton, Ohio, a former pastor, who gave us a fine address; and Rev. James Stinehelfer who favored us with an interesting short talk.

During the evening returned service men of the church were honored. Rev. Stinehelfer presented each with a certificate of appreciation of their service to God and Country. The certificates also bore each man's star from the Church Flag.

Men receiving the certificates were as follows: James Ketcham, Glen Workman, Carl Bailey, Robert Schaeffer, Robert Bradford, William Lohr, Warren Burke, Harvey Chiles, Donald Joseph, Richard Bradford, John Dally, Edward Watt, James Roeder and Richard Day.

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Van Wert—The merger of November 16th brought additional names to the 1st Evangelical church and the 1st United Brethren church in Van Wert. The Evangelical congregation made choice of the name, Trinity Evangelical United Brethren, while the United Brethren selected the name of Calvary Evangelical United Brethren.

The following Sunday reception of

members was held and seven came into the new church, with one adult baptism.

Several of our folk motored to the Mt. Pleasant Church on the Middlepoint charge for their Brotherhood and Young People's Rally on November 10th. This was a great service and well attended by the district.

The Canvass for our New Camp Site on Lake St. Marys is off to a good start, pledges to date have reached \$1499.00.

On November 17th several of the folk from the Vanlue circuit surprised the pastor on his birthday, with a basket dinner at noon. This truly was a great time of fellowship. At the evening service Mr. and Mrs. Albert Folk had charge of the song service, Misses Carolyn Richards, Alice and Florence Bright sang. On November 26th the county C. E. held a banquet for pastors and officers and friends in our church. The speaker was Rev. David E. Molyneaux of the First Presbyterian church, Salem, Ohio. Our toast master was our own Mr. Harold Gribler. The president of our County C. E. is our own Mr. Clifford Bell.

Union Thanksgiving service was held in the 1st Methodist church 10:00 a. m. The annual Otterbein Guild breakfast was held at the parsonage at 6:30 a. m.

Walter Marks

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Helena—October 20th was Rally Day at Helena church, with good attendance. Professor Schwarz of Bowling Green University was guest speaker. The girl's A cappella choir of Jackson Burgoon school under the leadership of Mrs. Bolen furnished special music.

This was also Harvest Home Day. Some fruit was brought to the church, but a good amount had previously been stored in the pastor's garage. In all the women of the church had 463 cans of fruit and vegetables for Otterbein Home.

The quota for St. Marys Camp is \$1080 and \$1085 has been raised. Christian Endeavor with Frank Bowers as sponsor is meeting each Sunday evening with good attendance.

Dec. 8th a group of accordion players from Ft. Wayne will give a program of religious music at the morning service. With one of the group coming, giving the morning message. Miss Oletha Fought, one of our Helena girls, is one of the players.

At the evening service the W. M. A. and Otterbein Guild will give a program as their Dec. meeting featuring the playlet "On The Road to Bethlehem."

C. R. Archer, Pastor

New Tower Chimes At Colburn

The Toledo Colburn church has contracted with The Otterbein Press for a complete installation of tower amplification, public address system and a complete visual education system. The church has also purchased an Edison-Dick mimeograph No. 90 with complete accessories. The cost of this improvement is about

Ecumenical Service

On Tuesday evening, November 19 a most enthusiastic crowd packed the large First U. B. Church in Johnstown to hear Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Before proceeding to his address, Bishop Oxnam read a letter from the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Church, extending greetings from that church. The letter suggested that if the Evangelical United Brethren Church, after several years, is moved to appoint a commission to study union with other denominations the Methodist Church would be willing to appoint a similar commission.

This letter was referred to the conference committee on church union and federation. Later they reported it back to the conference with the recommendation that the Commission on Church Union consider it through the quadrennium, along with other similar propositions coming from other Christian bodies.

Bishop Oxnam spoke on the subject, "Must we have another world war?" He said, "The question of a third World War boils down to: Is war between the United States of America and Russia inevitable? The answer depends upon a foreign policy that faces Russia in terms of tolerance and adjustment in the areas of unavoidable tension.

"War can be avoided. It must be avoided without compromise of basic convictions. This is the primary task of this decade, in which decisions will be made that will determine the course of the centuries.

"Let people who suffer dictatorship behold a nation in which man has preserved his liberty, established equality and practises fraternity, and it is certain as day follows night that such vision will become a revolutionary force that will not rest until freedom is won.

"Communism will never win a democratic and just America. Communism does not grow in the soil of freedom and justice. It takes root in the soil of exploitation. It is democracy, more of it, not less of it, that will win the morrow.

"I am convinced that within the freedom of democracy we can build a society at once just and brotherly, in which creative talent may be fully evoked and human beings may live in peace and security, enjoying fearless leisure and fruitful labor, and in which the impulse to creative action and service will be stronger than the acquisitive impulse."

\$1500.

Other extensive improvements and additional facilities are being planned. The new pastor, Rev. Alvin G. Myrice is putting on a vigorous program which is making Colburn church a vital factor in South Toledo.

—F. M. B.

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1946
(Month ending December 6th)

W. P. ALSPACH, Treasurer

	BENEVOLENCES		CAMP			WOR. ATT.
	MONTHLY PAID QUOTA	PAID NOV.	PAID 3 Mo.	ST. MARYS PD. NOV.	SUN. ATT.	
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT						
Belmore	\$16	\$ 32	\$ 80	\$ 22	115	75
Center	11	12	39	35	30	30
Bowling Green	80	100	400	305	235	300
Custar	10	7	21		25	25
Malinta	10	7	21		35	31
West Hope	10	10	30		38	30
Deshler	20	20	60		87	85
Oakdale	25	25	75		91	78
Hoytville	30	30	90		100	65
South Liberty	20	20	60		46	40
McClure	25	25	75	329	100	87
North Baltimore	45	45	135		184	103
Portage	20	20	60	216	67	34
Cloverdale	8	8	24	540	58	55
Mt. Zion	20	20	60	200	77	75
Webster	12	12	36		23	48
DEFIANCE DISTRICT						
Bryan	50	50	150		129	143
Center	8	8	24		45	45
Logan	5	5	15		29	29
Mt. Olive	7	7	21		20	20
Continental	12		36		70	70
Mt. Zion	8		48		45	45
Wisterman	6		36		18	18
Defiance	50	50	150		141	165
Hicksville	50	50	150	40	199	194
Montpelier	50	50	150		154	159
Montpelier Circuit:						
Liberty	8	16	32		60	58
Pleasant Grove	4		8		20	22
Oakwood	20	20	60		97	51
Centenary	10	10	30		40	41
Prairie Chapel	7	7	21		38	55
FINDLAY DISTRICT						
Dunkirk	20		40		65	60
Walnut Grove	30	30	90		88	86
East Findlay Circuit:						
Bethlehem	30	30	90			
Mt. Zion	22	22	66			
Pleasant Grove	20	20	60			
Salem	12	12	36			
Findlay	225	225	675	620	332	375
Leipsic	15	15	45	25	70	48
Forest Grove	8	5	15		20	20
Kieferville	8	8	24		39	39
Rawson	45	45	135		116	84
Olive Branch	14	14	42		49	51
Pleasant View	20	20	60	200	33	32
Van Buren	30	30	103.15		92	72
Bairdstown	8	8	24		43	38
Vanlue	20	20	60		70	65
Ark	15	15	45		48	50
Union	15	15	45		34	33
West Findlay Circuit:						
Pleasant Hill	12	12	36		42	40
Powell Memorial	12	12	36		62	62
Trinity	12	12	36		30	30
Zion	12	12	36		69	65
Wharton Circuit:						
Beech Grove	10	10	30	250		
Union Bethel	18	18	54	240		

	BENEVOLENCES		CAMP			WOR. ATT.
	MONTHLY PAID QUOTA	PAID NOV.	PAID 3 Mo.	ST. MARYS PD. NOV.	SUN. ATT.	
FOSTORIA DISTRICT						
Bascom	25	25	75		77	73
W. Independence	30	30	90	125	155	154
Bloomdale	20	20	60	400	117	78
Pleasant View	20	20	60	135	53	50
Bloomville	15	15	45		84	70
Harmony	10	10	30		49	48
Olive Branch	8	8	24		40	40
Burgoon	35	35	175		120	122
Fostoria	200	240	720	359.50	294	298
Fremont	40	40	120		90	75
Riley Center	5	5	15		20	20
Helena	30	32	87	80		
Kansas	10		36	25	31	28
Canaan	10		30		35	35
La Carne	10	10	30		39	35
Locust Point	10	10	30		40	40
Mt. Carmel	35	35	105		40	48
Old Fort	35	35	105	405	102	102
Port Clinton	30	30	90		134	134
Rising Sun	14	14	42		87	115
Sandusky First	10		20		56	51
Woodville	70	70	210		217	179
LIMA DISTRICT						
Blue Lick	10	10	30		30	31
Columbus Grove	45	45	135		132	120
Cridersville	12		24		38	30
Kemp	12				43	45
Elida	20	30	150		130	125
Marion	6	12	24		18	18
Lake View	10	10	40		50	50
Santa Fe	10	10	30		59	96
Lima, First	75	75	225	20	241	214
Lima, High	50	50	150		225	225
Olive Branch	8		24		44	45
Pasco	8	21	37		20	30
Sidney	30		90		89	86
St. Marys	20	20	60	100	100	84
St. Marys Circuit:						
Mt. Zion	12	12	36		61	61
Old Town	8	8	32		31	34
Vaughnsville						
MARION DISTRICT						
Bucyrus	45		90		136	102
Cardington Circuit:						
Center	15	15	45		84	80
Climax	4	4	12		11	10
Fairview	10	10	30		27	29
Hepburn	6	6	18		18	19
Hopewell	8	8	24	100	17	20
Otterbein	10	10	30		27	34
Marion	80	80	240		261	174
North Robinson	17	17	51		60	60
Liberty Chapel	10	10	30	60	58	61
New Winchester	15	30	45	100	47	47
Oceola	10	20	40		53	56
Mt. Zion	20	20	60		70	74
Smithville	15	37	88.85		61	69
Mt. Zion	10	20	40		28	25
Sycamore	25	25	75		131	131
West Mansfield	4	4	12		21	21
York	12	12	36		69	69
SHELBY DISTRICT						
Attica, Federated	10	10	30		40	41
South Reed	10	10	30			

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Attica Circuit:																																	
Richmond	30		80		56	58								VAN WERT DISTRICT																			
Union Pisgah	20	35	35		40	43	Delphos	25	25	75		128	82	Grover Hill Circuit:																			
Galion	75	75	136				Blue Creek	11	22	33	30	37	40	Middlepoint Circuit:																			
Leesville-Biddle Circuit:																																	
Biddle	10	20	30		67	60	Middle Creek	12	14	37	115	54	54	Bethel	4	4	12	25	19	21													
Leesville	16	16	48	45	18	20	Mt. Zion	8		24		50	55	Fairview	8	8	24		29	31													
Shauck Circuit:																																	
Johnsville	15	15	45	75	64	60	Harmony	8	8	24	81	22	24	Mt. Pleasant	20	20	60	10	65	65													
Pleasant Hill	5	5	15		17	14	Rockford	65	65	195		221	153	Van Wert	50	50	150		126	94													
Williamsport	15	15	45	150	53	58	Willshire Circuit:																										
Shelby	100	100	300		226	176	Bethel	8	8	24		25	25	Totals																			
Tiro	40	40	120	137.50	75	89	Mt. Zion	5	5	15		29	29	\$ 3677.08		\$ 6878																	
Willard	175		350		250	350	Union	15	15	45		82	82	\$12280.08																			
TOLEDO DISTRICT																																	
Delta	25	25	75	332	86	74	Wren	21	24	66	235	90	84	Paid Otterbein College Centennial Fund (Nov.): Bowling Green \$25, Bryan \$15, Defiance \$19, Hicksville \$25, Montpelier \$16, E. Findlay, Mt. Zion \$10, Pleasant Grove \$8, Bascom \$16, St. Marys Ct., Mt. Zion \$4.50; Attica, Union Pisgah \$96.50; Toledo, Colburn \$30.																			
Zion	25	18	75	465	93	95	Bethel	11	11	33	90	51	40	Total\$264. Grand Total\$41,815.08. (82.8%).																			
Liberty	12		24		60	57	Woods Chapel	11	11	33	106	44	40	Paid Foreign Relief (Nov.): Defiance \$34.64, Findlay \$147.60, Leipsic \$17.48, Bloomville \$27.67, Fostoria \$131, Fremont \$5, Riley \$5, Woodville \$30, Lima, First \$1; North Robinson, Liberty \$25; New Winchester \$18.70, Toledo, Somerset \$37, Upton \$13. Total\$493.09. Under this item for October the "News" printed "Oceola \$40"; the actual amount was \$45.																			
Monclova	12	14	54		47	44																											
Toledo, Colburn	65	65	195		138	140																											
Toledo, E. Br'dway	75	75	225		181	200																											
Toledo, First	75	81	252		185	160																											
Toledo, Oakdale	45	45	135		170	94																											
Toledo, Point Place	25	25	75		148	115																											
Toledo, Somerset	50	50	150		146	172																											
Toledo, Upton	55	60	180		278	232																											
Walbridge	10	10	30		45	37																											
Hayes	10	9.08	9.08		32	23																											
Wauseon Circuit:																																	
Beulah	10	10	30		42	42																											
Mt. Pleasant	12	12	41		37	37																											
North Dover	15	15	45		52	52																											

Victory At Delta

Carl Vernon Roop

It was my happy privilege to assist Rev. J. V. Bigelow in securing preliminary gifts for Camp St. Mary's on the Delta charge, which consists of Zion and Delta churches. Their goal was \$2080, which some thought at first was a little large. However, Pastor Bigelow had given it much publicity and thoroughly explained it to his people and very wisely planned a union service on Sunday evening at Zion, when the writer was asked to speak.

My first pleasant surprise was the large audience present, including all ages. My second favorable impression was the fine spiritual atmosphere; great singing; fervent prayers; warm testimonies. I found it easy to preach and present the interest of the camp.

The next day an even forty pledges and gifts were secured, amounting to \$1372 of which \$702 was in cash. That was a big day's work. Both pastor and solicitor came in at 10 P. M. tired but happy when we found it had been almost 100% giving.

Members of the Delta church did not pledge. But every last one gave a cash contribution, declaring they would duplicate the amount each year for 1947, 1948

and 1949, which ratio of giving will put them well above their goal. Zion came within \$75 of actually reaching their goal, and when Camp Cash Day is observed and organizations come in with their gifts, Delta charge will be over the top.

What has been done here can be done on every charge in the conference if proper preparation is made and necessary effort given. In practically every home we visited, prayers were offered and attention was given not only to material things but emphasis was placed on spiritual values, which we believe has prepared the way for the coming revival at Zion church which starts next Sunday night, after which a revival effort will start at Delta in January.

This is Brother Bigelow's fifth year at Delta and every indication points to its being his very best year. I wish to acknowledge the kind hospitality of Mrs. Bigelow, and the daughter and the son.

It is a weakness of human nature that it gives more attention to the remedies than to prevention of disease. In the state of California a plan is under way to establish a state farm to be used exclusively for the rehabilitation of alcoholics the same to be supported by money taken from the state liquor tax.

Otterbein College News

President J. Gordon Howard

This is the one hundredth Christmas season which Otterbein College has seen in its one century of history. The college is glad to extend season's greetings to its many friends in the churches of the Evangelical United Brethren fellowship.

Church union has enlarged the educational family of which Otterbein College is a part. There are eight colleges and three theological seminaries affiliated with the Evangelical United Brethren church. In addition to Otterbein College these schools are Albright College, Reading, Pa., Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa., Shenandoah College, Dayton, Va., Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Ind., North Central College, Naperville, Ill., Western Union College, Le Mars, Ia., York College, York, Nebr., The Evangelical School of Theology, Reading, Pa., Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, O., Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill. These are excellent schools offering higher education of splendid quality under Christian auspices, and Otterbein College is happy to be a team mate with such a group.

Church Union Celebration

On Sunday evening, November 24, at Zion Church (Ev.) Toledo, a most enthusiastic gathering from all of the churches of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Toledo Metropolitan area, celebrated the union of the two former denominations and the formation of the new church. The church was packed to capacity. Rev. F. A. Firestone, Conference Superintendent of Ohio Conference, former pastor of Zion church, estimated the congregation at over 600. About twenty pastors of the surrounding churches were present. Rev. Malcolm George, pastor of Calvary Church, (Ev.) presided. The Declaration of Union was read by Rev. Fay M. Bowman, pastor of First Church (UB) who was a delegate to the uniting conference. The address of the evening was delivered by Bishop Emeritus H. H. Fcut, D. D., of Indianapolis.

The churches of Toledo and vicinity are planning a vigorous united program for the winter and spring. In the near future we expect to arrange for the broadcast of the opening of the Uniting General Conference from one of our Toledo stations. A spirit of enthusiastic brotherhood prevails here. The union gives us ten churches in Toledo proper, and nearly that many more in the immediate surrounding territory, making the Evangelical United Brethren church one of the strongest groups in the city.

Mid-Winter Convention

Plans are nearing completion for one of the finest gatherings the young people of Sandusky Conference have had in some time. The Annual Mid-winter Convention will meet this year in the Willard church on December 27 and 28 and the program which has been arranged is outstanding in many ways.

Speakers who will appear on the program of this year's convention include Dr. Allman, our conference superintendent, who will deliver the key-note address again this year. Rev. Richard Caulker, principal of Albert Academy in Sierra Leone, will speak twice. Representing the Evangelical Youth Fellowship we will have Rev. R. W. Faulkner of Marion. Rev. Melvin Moody, director of Religious Education of East Ohio Conference and the only full time paid director in the denomination will be the speaker at the fellowship banquet on Saturday evening. Rev. Allen Ranck, National Director of Young People's Work will also be with us to conduct a seminar for pastors, local youth directors, and district counsellors in which he will discuss in detail the new program of young people's work as it pertains to the new church. All pastors are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn first handed the new plan of young people's work in the church.

Another innovation in the program of the convention this year has been worked

out by Rev. Johnson, Dean of Leadership training. The courses which will form the basis of discussion this year will be accredited and can be applied toward a certificate the same as the courses offered at Camp Sandusky. This will enable many of our young people to gain credits toward the completion of the courses as set up by the International Council in far shorter time than was previously possible.

The cost of this year's convention will be three dollars and a half, one dollar of which is registration. Pastors who attend will not be required to pay the registration fee. This includes all expenses of the convention.

The theme for the convention this year is "Thy Purpose For Thy World We Share" and considerable emphasis will be laid upon Stewardship as it applies to the life of young people.

The worship periods of the convention will be conducted by various young people's groups and will be supervised by the director of worship, Mr. Edward Griswald of Defiance.

The music for the convention will be directed by Rev. John Searle, Jr.

In order that the conference program for youth may reach the local churches, it is hoped that the suggestion made in the program guide will be taken seriously, namely that every church in the conference be represented at Mid-winter by at least two delegates.

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PROGRAM FOR MID-WINTER CONVENTION

Friday, December 27

Registration	8:30-10:30
Worship service	10:30-10:45
Announcements, welcome, etc.	
Discussion groups	11:00-11:55
Dinner	12:15
Worship Service	1:15-1:30
Address by Dr. V. H. Allman	1:30
Discussion groups	2:30-3:25
Address by Richard Caulker	3:30
Recreation	4:15-5:30
Supper	6:00
Worship Service	7:30-7:45
Address by Richard Caulker	7:45
Films	

Saturday, December 28

Worship Service	9:00
Discussion Groups	9:15-10:10
Address by Rev. Faulkner	10:10
Discussion Groups	11:00-11:55
Dinner	12:00
Worship Service	1:15-1:30
Discussion Group	1:30-2:20
Business session	2:30-3:30
Fellowship Banquet	5:00

Discussion Groups

Significance of Church Membership led by Rev. Dale Emerick
Christian Stewardship led by Rev. Ralph Gallagher
Discovering Jesus led by Mrs. Charlotte Cramer
Early Church History led by Rev. Victor Roebuck

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Otterbein Home

How time does fly! Christmas time approaches, with its cold wintry days, reminding us of the nearness of the Father and the gift of his Son. That blessing brings with it a responsibility which you and I cannot evade if we are to follow the true Christian way of life.

In the Otterbein Home there are scores of little children, young people, and aged folks, who depend on one gift a year, to care for their needs in the way of food, clothing and shelter. They depend upon your generosity and love to lend support for their education and the spiritual instruction necessary in the building of character. The aged depend upon our support in the declining years of their lives. Even as we care for the children and aged in our own homes, so does Jesus call us to share with those who are not of our household, but of the household of faith.

Only one cash offering per year is sought by the Home. They plead that your offering will be substantial, at least one dollar per member, to fulfill its needs. For Upton this represents approximately \$700. Remember hungry children can not live on prayers alone. Our prayers must take the form of dollar bills. We can support where we can't do anything else. Give as you can! Share as you will! Share as Jesus asks you to share; largely, and with a willing spirit. May it be said of us, "These shared his love." May God bless you as you give to make Otterbein Home possible.

Gladys Schmitt, director

P. N. B.

I'm sure you will all be happy to know that our shipment of canned goods reached the Home in good condition. We received a card of thanks from Dr. and Mrs. Overmiller expressing their gratitude to each of you who had a share in making the offering possible.

Anniversary Day

The Eighteenth Anniversary Day celebration of Upton Evangelical United Brethren church is now history. A capacity crowd listened to Rev. C. C. Shedd, Sec'y of the Toledo Council of Churches, who gave us a splendid message. The offering taken in the morning worship hour was most gratifying—a total of \$2500. This will be used to apply upon our \$5000 remaining indebtedness. When applied it will reduce our total debt to \$2500. This we hope to be able to liquidate at Easter time.

The Board of Trustees express their appreciation to all who made this day successful.

Again we say "Thank You".

Homer E. Knisely, Pres.
Board of Trustees.

Ladies' Aid News

What housewife doesn't like to be Taken to dinner, occasionally?
And no doubt the children too,
Also dad, likes a change in menu.
Then what better place to go,
Where Upton ladies really know
How to fix those dinners, neat
Of roast beef and pork, complete
With every detail, just to please
The whole family, so they'll tease
To come back the next Wednesdays!

The public dinners given by the Ladies' Aid have been well attended and appreciation is expressed for this patronage. If you have missed these dinners then come on Wed. night, Jan. 22 and try them. Mrs. Bertha Thomas is chairman. This is one week later than the usual third Wednesday of the month to avoid conflict with our Evangelistic meetings.

A sign is to be placed on church corner to better advertise future suppers. Watch for it.

The Aid would urge every one to turn in all tax stamps before Jan. 1st. They may not be redeemed after that time.

Our annual offering of \$25.00 is to be sent to the Otterbein Home.

There are still greeting cards, master hangers and metal sponges for sale. The next regular meeting is Jan. 7th, at 1:30 P. M. All church women are most welcome.

Vada Mark, Reporter

Our Sick And Shut-ins

At this writing: Mr. Paul Freeman has returned home from Mercy Hospital where he underwent a major operation.

Robert Haefner, Jr. is in Robinwood Hospital.

Alvin Mynihan is in St. Vincent's Hospital in a serious condition.

Mr. Geo. Rodenhouser has been quite ill but is now improving. Address—2641 Northwood.

We call attention again to the following who are confined to a very large extent to their homes:

Mr. M. N. Webb—1736 Balkan Place.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean—

2133 Lawrence Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence—
Ottawa Lake, Michigan.

Mrs. Wm. Bader—1921 Barrows.
Mrs. E. A. Butz—

Route No. 8, Box 149, Toledo 12, Ohio
Mrs. Cynthia Campbell—2136 Fulton St.
Mrs. Cora Harrer—15 Rosalind Pl.
Mrs. Geo. Herbster—2039 Berkshire Pl.

How fine a call, or a card, or some other little token of love in word or deed would be to these our Brothers and Sisters in Christ now!

Prof: What's that you're working on?
Student: A fluid that will dissolve anything.

Prof: That's a great idea. When you find it what are you going to keep it in?

Otterbein Class News

The members of Otterbein class extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Parachek, Mrs. Dingler and Mrs. Schmitt who have so recently lost a loved one.

"There's an open gate at the end of the road

Through which each must go alone,
And there in a light we cannot see
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest

And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best."

Anniversary Day was a wonderful day in our class, with 45 members present. Mrs. Bible and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard were back again after being absent for some time. November also brought back other "old timers" who have been away too long, namely Russell Ladd, Mr. Glenn Riggs, Mr. Van Gunten, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robison. We'll be looking for you to come again soon.

We have some new members to report this month. Mrs. Marjorie Enis, Mrs. Robert Reed, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell have been to Sunday School and expressed a desire to join our class. May each member do his part to make these new people feel at home.

Mr. Paul Freeman is now at his home following an operation, and would appreciate a visit from the class members.

Mr. and Mrs. George Godshall were hosts to the class at our November meeting. We enjoyed an evening of delightful fellowship, with Mrs. Edmunds in charge of entertainment, and Mrs. Potter presiding in the kitchen. We cordially invite all members and friends of the class to attend these monthly social gatherings. Announcements of future activities will be made in class.

Mrs. Pearl Riendeau, reporter

Sunday School

It is with confidence and much anticipation that we approach the dawning of a new year. None know what 1947 holds in store for us. However, all indications point toward a banner year in Upton's Sunday School. Our attendance thus far in the conference year has far exceeded that of last year. Our average attendance for November was 278. On Anniversary Day, November 17th, we reported an attendance of 334, the largest attendance record for that day. We gave \$200.00 as our Anniversary Offering for debt reduction.

It is interesting and gratifying to note the increasing interest that is being shown in each of the classes of our school.

Let us resolve that, with God's help and with all sharing the work together, this year that lies ahead shall be the greatest year that Upton Church has ever had.

Edson McShane, Supt.

Women's Society Of World Service

The Women's Missionary Association is dead and gone. Peace to its sainted memory and may its good works follow it.

Dead? Yes, but reincarnated in the Women's Society of World Service.

To those who have not followed the proceedings of the first general conference of the new Evangelical United Brethren Church, held recently in Johnstown, Pa., we wish to say that the merger of the denominations brought forth this new child of the church to carry the gospel to the far corners of the earth. After Jan. 1, 1947, the organization shall be known officially as the Women's Society for World Service. Our own Miss Janet Gilbert has been elected executive Secretary of the department of Women's Service.

The local's November meeting was well attended. It was held in the home of Mrs. L. L. Stanley, Oakgrove Pl., with Mrs. Horace Brannon as leader.

Watch the church bulletin for the time and place of the January meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Callender

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy is extended to:

Mrs. Paul Dingler in the loss of her husband, Mr. Dingler. Mr. Dingler was a member of Upton Church but was deterred from active duty due to long and serious illness. He was always patient and in every way exhibited the Christian spirit. It was a challenge to have known him. We shall see him again.

Mrs. Gladys Schmitt in the loss of her father, G. W. Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a staunch and valuable churchman, a member of our U. B. Church at Cridersville, Ohio.

HE GIVETH MORE

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,

He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;

To added affliction he addeth his mercy,
To multiplied trials, his multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,

Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, his grace has no measure,

His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of his infinite riches in Jesus

He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

—Annie Johnson Flint, in Watchman-Examiner.

Choir

The Senior Choir of Upton Evangelical United Brethren Church rehearses each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The choir is preparing Christmas music and will sing Christmas anthems throughout the month of December. On December 22nd the choir will sing "The Song of the Stars" composed by Lena Pratt Bell, with violin obligato. Mrs. Helen Clark will be guest violinist, Mrs. Mariam Turner, soprano, soloist. Other numbers for December will include a trombone solo by Ralph W. Faulk of Kent, Ohio. Miss Ardis Brown will sing "O Holy Night" by Adolph Adams.

The Young People's choir rehearses each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30. They will sing their first anthem on December 15th.

In looking forward to the Christmas holidays the choir is preparing to go caroling during the Christmas week. Young people are invited to come in and sing with this group. Please contact Mrs. Rathke.

The choir extends their deepest sympathy to Mr. Zoll in the loss of his mother. Mr. Zoll has been a member of the bass section of the choir for about 12 years and served as president for several years.

Mrs. Mary Rathke, Director

Otterbein Guild

Mary Ann Papenfuss entertained the Otterbein Guild at a lovely Thanksgiving breakfast, twelve girls being present. The hostess had charge of the worship service and the receiving of the Thank Offering boxes during the program.

Our December meeting will be held in the home of Winifred Layman with Mrs. O. E. Johnson, our counselor, in charge of the Christmas program.

Again this year we will entertain twelve children at the Miami Children's Home with a Christmas party, including toys and refreshments. This will be an extra project for this quarter. Our other project is assisting in the Nurseries of the church.

Esther Fowler, Sec'y.

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let
thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and
day.

For what are men better than sheep
and goats

If, knowing God, they lift not hands
of prayer

Both for themselves and those who
call them friend;

For the whole round earth is every
day

Bound by gold chains about the feet
of God."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

Corrections For Your New Members

The following is a list of names, the addresses and phone numbers which have been added or changed since the publishing of your Church Directory. Take your directory and bring it up to date by making the following changes:

ADDRESSES—

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulk, 340 E. School St., Kent, Ohio.

Barbara Ballard, R. 2, Ottawa Lake, Mich.
Mrs. Alice Bagley, 4001 Woodmont,
Toledo 12, O.

Mr. Samuel Goodman, 1702 Giant St.,
Toledo 6, O.

Mr. Ralph Wilson, 713 Huron St., Toledo
4, Ohio

TELEPHONE NUMBERS—

Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Degener, Wa. 7249

APPRECIATING OUR CHURCH

Our church is a wonderful institution. It is different from any other institution in our community. Schools, lodges, clubs and associations have their own place and purpose. We do not condemn them here. They may be all right. But the church, our church, is different. Its plan and purpose are different. It bears a different relationship to the community and to us from any other organization or group.

Other organizations are for educational, social, business or political purposes. The church is for religious purposes. It points toward God. It brings religion into life. It guards the best moral and spiritual interests of the community. It exalts the Christian life and upholds the highest ideals. The only thing the church tries to destroy is the power of sin and wrong.

The church is the place where people worship God, find the Christian way of life, fellowship together, and promote the cause of Christ in the world. We have a perfect right to be proud of a church which is active in such a program. The size of the building is of little importance if its program and purpose are right.

People look to the church for many religious ministries. Baptisms, weddings, and funerals have their rightful place in the church. Fellowship through worship occurs at the church. Friendships are created and strengthened through work and worship in the church.

Because of its unique character, and because of what the church is and does, every boy and girl should learn to appreciate his church. It is a privilege to uphold the good name of our church and take part in its many activities. It is a good thing to learn its teachings. It is a good thing to worship with one's neighbors and friends at church. These things are a part of our church. Let us appreciate our church.

The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance; the wise grows it under his feet.

—James Oppenheim