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# The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH  
3611 Upton Avenue

VOLUME I

JANUARY, 1947

NUMBER 5

## CALENDAR

### SPECIAL DATES

Sunday, Feb. 2—Young People's Sunday.  
Sunday, Feb. 2—Boy Scout Sunday.  
Sunday, Feb. 9—Holy Communion and Reception of Members.  
Wed., Feb. 12—Father and Son Banquet.  
Sun., Feb. 16—Otterbein College Centennial Day.  
Wed., Feb. 19—Public Supper.  
Wed., Feb. 19—Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent.  
Wed., Feb. 19-26—Union Lenten Services.  
Sun., Mar. 2—Host to District Brotherhood.

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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  
Tues., 7:00 P. M., Young People's Choir Rehearsal  
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.

## Wanted

All boys twelve and over are urged to attend our Scout meetings, on Mondays at 7:30. Our troop number is Troop 62 and our Scoutmaster, Fred Papenfuss. He is a lot of fun. We call him "Pappy". Our Assistant Scoutmaster, Gordon Mehan, has been very faithful and is a good scout.

I've given you a very brief view of our troop and I'm again urging all boys of 12 and over to attend this coming Monday night.

Duane Johnson, Scribe

## New Arrivals

A baby girl, Karen Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mynihan of Marlowe Rd. on December 10th.

A baby boy, Richard Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Papenfuss of Evansdale street on December 11th.

Our congratulations to both of these fine young couples.

## Telescope - Messenger

The Religious Telescope and the Evangelical Messenger, church papers of their respective denominations have been merged into a larger and finer publication for the Evangelical United Brethren Church called The Telescope - Messenger.

It has been a bit disheartening that more of our homes have not subscribed for this publication. (If you have been taking the Telescope the Telescope-Messenger will be sent in its place.) Every home should have this paper. Departments might subscribe for their leaders. Sunday School classes might speak their appreciation for their teachers with a subscription. Such a gift would be excellent from Sunshine Sisters.

In any case our homes should take our Church publication. No one can keep informed as to the constituency, the personnel, the work and the spirit of his church without it. If our people are not thus informed we cannot be strong as we ought. We need this paper.

The subscription price is about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per day. Your daily paper costs you almost 5¢ per day. Can you pay so much for the secular news and be content to have no religious journal in your home when the cost is so small? Call Mrs. Baker now and have her send in your subscription, La. 3162. Or call the Pastor, Ki. 4700.

O. E. J.

## Father And Son Banquet

The annual Father and Son Banquet will be held in Upton Church on Wednesday evening, Feb. 12th at 6:45 o'clock. A fine program is being arranged and a fine banquet will be prepared.

Every father should make this a *must night* to share with his son or sons. There will be boys who have no fathers to bring them and there will be fathers and men with no sons to bring. If you will report to Mr. Riendeau provisions will be made so that there will be sons for fathers and fathers for sons.

The Banquet is sponsored by the Upton Brotherhood but is open to all men and boys who care to come. Tickets will be on hand from Sunday, Jan. 26th on. Reservations are absolutely necessary for the assurance of a place at the banquet. Because of lack of room it will be necessary to limit reservations and reservations will be honored before late comers are seated. Help us by getting your reservations in. Be sure to get your tickets as evidence of your reservations.

Edward Riendeau

## Pastor's Column

December is always a great month in our church. It is the month of Christmas. Humble folk watching beneath the starlit heavens again have heard angel's proclamation of Good tidings of Great Joy, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And heavenly hosts still continue to proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace toward men of good-will." Wise men, all over the world, have once again paused and then come to worship Him. Of course there are those who oppose but the humble good and the wise of the earth acknowledge Him!

Otterbein Home was remembered by the Church in a generous offering. Details are elsewhere in this issue of the Challenger. If you have not given, your offering can still be sent in.

Santa came and visited our church on Christmas Sunday making glad the lives of our little ones and delighting older ones because of the happiness brought thus to our boys and girls.

Worship and Sunday School show marked advance over a year ago. The number is reported in the church statistical column of this issue. We appreciate your interest and your loyalty.

Youth Week will be observed Feb. 2 to 9th throughout forty-three denominations of Protestantism. Details for our own Youth will be forthcoming. Among them will be an invitation to all youth organizations to be present in worship on Sunday, Feb. 2. Among our groups will be the—Boy Scouts, Christian Endeavor, Otterbein Guild, all Sunday School classes of youth 12 years of age and over.

Sunday, Feb. 16th, will be Otterbein College Centennial observation. We will remember the college in our prayers.

Plans are now being made for Mid-week union meetings among Evangelical United Brethren churches of Toledo. Plan now to attend these Wednesday evening services as announced at 7:45.

Elsewhere announcement is made of a series of Sunday morning Lenten Services.

We know that all will want to take full advantage of the great opportunity for spiritual growth during the Lenten period. Pray and join with us.

O. E. J.

## What's a Fellow Gonna Do?

It's a queer world. Remain silent, and others suspect that you are ignorant; talk and you remove all doubt of it.

## Primary Department

In December three month pins were awarded to the following—Brenda Knisely, Joey Moseley, Dennis Main, Suzanne Gale, Lynn Huttinger, Bruce Main, Ruth Ann Lugibihl, Tanya Hood and Russell Potter.

The following children have their year pin and are starting the second year—Larry St. Aubin, and George Pollick. Three Month pins—Martha Bruce, Helen Bruce. Six month pins—Phyllis Johnson, David Roberts, Darlene Frantz. Those who have completed saying their Ten Commandments received a book mark with the Ten Commandments printed on it. Our three year olds are doing splendidly in this.

May the Lord bless and be with these children as faithful members of our Sunday School.

Mrs. Main, Primary Supt.

## Board Of Trustees

The Board of Trustees again comes to you with a picture of our financial status and debt obligation.

On January 1st we paid \$2500.00 plus \$100.00 interest on our indebtedness which leaves a balance of \$2500.00. We are looking forward to paying this balance at Easter which is not many weeks hence. It is now time for us to begin to make plans for that great day.

Anniversary Day we had a fine offering of \$2500.00 and yet this offering was not so great as it seemed on the surface, as we received from the treasuries of various organizations to the extent of \$1000. This cannot be done again at Easter, so our individual gifts will have to be larger.

There are people who have become members and have received benefits of the Church and of the pastor's counsel but have not given to the support of the Church in any way. Why not now make plans to give what you know God would have you give and have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped pay off the remaining debt of the Church. Many, many of our members are giving sacrificially from week to week besides large gifts at special offering times. What have you done? Are you satisfied before God that you have done your best? Let us stop and take stock as we come up to the Lenten period. Are we giving our lives without stint—are we giving the church the support of our finances as Jesus gave All on Calvary's Hill?

The people of Upton have always been a loyal and courageous people where a task confronted them. Let us again put our shoulder to the wheel and move toward a Victorious Easter when we shall pay off the remaining indebtedness on our Church. Then shall we be able to sing Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Homer E. Knisely, President

## Camp St. Marys

If you have not read the article in last month's Challenger concerning Camp St. Marys turn again to that issue and do so.

Official family took action whereby this project is to be presented to the people of Upton Church. There will be a public meeting for this interest during the latter part of January, or the first part of February with Dr. Allmar, our Conference Superintendent in charge.

We ask that you will inquire concerning this matter, that you will pray about it and then give accordingly.

## Otterbein Class News

Our Christmas party was one of the nicest we have ever had. The Program Committee is doing a splendid piece of work and each month these meetings become more interesting. The evening began with a planned pot-luck at 6 P. M., which brought many members and their families. Mrs. Godshall had arranged an all-musical program and it was a pleasant surprise to find so much musical talent in our class. In addition to the usual carols which were sung by the group, we were favored with vocal numbers by Bernard Falor and Mrs. Mary Rathke, with Mrs. Mosely at the piano. Instrumental numbers by Mrs. Jennie French, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Meredith, and Mrs. Edna French were enjoyed by all. We hope to have more musical treats such as these in the near future. After the program there was a gift exchange with the McCulloughs as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Much credit is due Mrs. Potter, whose duty it was to see that things ran smoothly in the dining room and kitchen.

Sunday, December the 22nd, brought so many of our old friends to Sunday School that we felt like standing to sing "Auld Lang Syne." Among those present were Paul Anderson, Mrs. Roscoe Clark, Mrs. Rachael Parachek, Mrs. Maurice Yenzer, Mrs. Ralph Lugibihl, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Throne. Mrs. Fain, Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Tressler brought their babies. It was nice to have such well-behaved visitors. Mr. Frantz and Mrs. Pollick were with us for the first time, and we hope they will come again.

At least three of the "old timers" made New Year's resolutions, for January 5 brought Mrs. Evelyn Braun, Mrs. Glen Riggs and Mr. Bernard Tompkins back to class after being absent for some time. Good luck to you!

As a class, may we do all within our power to keep up our good record of attendance, especially during the wintry months that lie ahead. With God's help, we will go on to greater victories for our class, our church and the Kingdom.

Mrs. Pearl Riendeau, Otterbein Reporter

## Lenten Sunday Morning Sermon Series

The Pastor takes this opportunity of announcing a sermon series on Sunday mornings during Lent. The general theme being *Christ Comes to Jerusalem*, subjects are as follows:

- Feb. 16—*Release or Responsibility.*
- Feb. 23—*The Christ Moves On*
- Mar. 2—*Those Quarreling Disciples*
- Mar. 9—*Blind Bartemaeus*
- Mar. 16—*In the Household of Sinners*
- Mar. 23—*Doors That Open*
- Mar. 30—*As the Heavens are Higher*
- Apr. 6—*What Meaneth This Resurrection?*

Leading up to Lent the Pastor announces the following subjects:

- Jan. 5—*A High Resolve*
- Jan. 12—*Spiritual Somnambulism*
- Jan. 19—*The Dynamite of God*
- Jan. 26—*Christianity Is Christ*
- Feb. 2—*Keeping Life Out of the Stopping Places*
- Feb. 9—*Holy Communion and Reception of Members.*

Everyone is cordially invited to share with us. Tell others. Come and bring your friends. O. E. J.

## District Brotherhood

Men's Brotherhood meeting of the Toledo District will be held in Upton Church on March 2nd.

An evening luncheon for all will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 P. M. without charge.

Young People of the District will meet at 6:30 P. M.

The Evening service will begin at 7:45 with Conference Supt. Rev. V. H. Allman, D. D., as guest preacher.

Presumably the Young People's officers will be installed at this Young People's meeting.

## Ladies' Aid News

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held in the church basement on Tuesday night, Dec. 3rd. After the business of the society was disposed of, the chaplain, Mrs. Riendeau gave the devotions. She read a very appropriate piece of "Why the Chimes Rang." The group sang several carols. A gift exchange was enjoyed by all and Mrs. Thomas expressed her appreciation for the present given by the ladies. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

A public supper will be served Jan. 22, one week later than usual. Please keep the date in mind and plan to attend.

The next meeting will be Tuesday P. M., February 4 at the church. All church women are welcome.

There are dish cloths, metal hangers and sponges for sale.

V. Mark, Reporter

The following 6 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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## The Galion Church Fire

Fire at Galion destroyed our church and parsonage, Dec. 1st, both building and contents. The adjuster pronounced it a total loss. The only insurance was on the church, \$25,000.00.

This amount is far from sufficient, especially since very recently our church put on a new roof, redecorated the entire church, remodeled the basement, purchased a house and lot next to the church, installed a loud speaking system, put in new stoves, hot water system, gas refrigeration, baptismal font, bulletin board, honor roll board, register board, orchestra instruments, new music and song books, etc. All of which cost thousands of dollars. We have been very hard hit.

Our trustees voted unanimously to build a new, modern church as soon as possible; and to start immediately a building fund, commencing with this January, 1947 to raise for this purpose not less than \$1000.00 per month. This is the minimum goal, with hopes that we can raise much more than this amount as quickly as possible, since we are forced to worship in halls, homes and school houses until we can get a new church building. This is an exceedingly heavy program, when we consider the many other financial obligations the church must meet every thirty days, and it calls for tremendous sacrificial giving since we have not only a new church to build but also a new parsonage to secure.

Organizations, churches and individuals, not only in Galion, but in the conference and elsewhere have been very considerate and exceedingly kind, not only in words but in gifts in this our dark hour of dire need, to both pastor and people, for which we are sincerely grateful and deeply appreciate it all. Many have said, that as soon as we announce definite plans and a positive program for building, that they wanted to help us substantially.

Therefore, the trustees in behalf of The First Evangelical United Brethren church of Galion, Ohio, submit the above program and announce our plans, to raise immediately a new church and parsonage fund, earnestly hoping that it will rapidly grow that we will be ready to start building in the early spring of 1948. All contributions for this purpose will be warmly welcomed and graciously appreciated, just now and in the future, during our most trying and testing time.

Make all checks and gifts to Lowell B. Flowers, Galion, Ohio.

Most sincerely,  
Carl Vernon Roop, Pastor.

## Memories Of Christmas 1946

Dear Friends:

Christmas was made memorable this year with beautiful weather, an abundance of turkey and cranberry sauce, and fellowship with good friends and neighbors. What a happy holiday season this has been for most of us. There are so many things that call forth gratitude and thankfulness, not the least of which are the many Greetings received from pastors and lay friends all over the Central District. It would be a real pleasure to sit down and visit with each of you, and learn about your Christmas, your friends and your families; but time and distance make that impossible. Mrs. Clippinger and I must resort to this informal way of acknowledging and expressing thanks for your thoughtfulness. It is a real joy to be remembered at Christmas time with a beautiful card.

We hope the New Year may have many good things in store for all our friends. We pray also that it may be a year of peace and plenty for all the world.

With sincere good wishes, I remain,

A. R. Clippinger, Bishop

## International Youth Week

Our conference will join with other conferences of the denominations and with other denominations around the world in the observance of International Youth Week, January 26-February 2. The first Sunday should be planned with a special emphasis upon the denominational work of our young people while the second Sunday should stress the interdenominational and world phase of youth work. The packets which we have sent out in the years previous have not been forthcoming and any additional information can be secured from the general office in Dayton by writing to Rev. Allen Ranck, 1442 U. B. Bldg., Dayton, Ohio.

Many of the churches have their plans well under way for this week. It should be a time of very special emphasis on the youth work in the local churches with attention given to evangelism and an opportunity for enlisting youth in the work of the church, fellowship, worship, and social activities planned for the young people. May we urge you to make this entire week a real week of significance to your youth.

Signed,  
Don Hochstettler

## Superintendent's Column

The New Year is ours with its clean slate and with its offer of hope and peace. They are to be claimed by us and appropriated to our own lives to the end that His Will may be done on the earth as it is done in heaven. If the Christians throughout the world will put to full test the WILL OF GOD in their lives and dealings with their fellows during the year 1947 what a different world will be ours come 1948. Paul's pleas to the Romans is also for us. Our day is just as needful. "I beseech you, therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." May the blessings of God be upon you and your church throughout the year and may happiness and prosperity attend you is my prayer.

Otterbein Home was remembered again this Christmas by the churches with very good offerings. It is now certain that we shall again reach the goal of one dollar per member for the conference. The treasurer has to date received \$22,233.04. A number of churches have not yet reported and many will send in supplementary reports. It is my guess that the offering will go close to \$30,000. Congratulations to the Churches and the Home.

Camp St. Marys fund is growing. The campaign got under way in October. During November and December the treasurer has received from the churches a total of \$21,999.27. In December we had two individuals to give checks for a thousand dollars. This sort of giving is heroic. Thanks a thousand for the thousand and may your number increase a thousand. The results of the past two months are very encouraging. It is to be hoped that the wood work so well begun in a few churches will continue until every church and every member will have done his full share. The campaign is to continue for three years from this past October and it is believed by the end of the campaign we will have a camp and grounds we may well be proud of. Work at the camp has been slowed up because of the ice and cold weather but we have every reason to believe that as the weather opens up the work will be speeded up and a real showing made in the buildings and grounds.

Congratulations this month go to the Young People and their leader, the Rev. D. H. Hochstettler, on their very successful Mid-winter convention held at Willard during the holiday season. More than one

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### EDITORIAL

The article appended seemed to  
your Editor such an unusual state-  
ment of devotion and consecration  
that he wishes to give his space to it.

Fay M. Bowman.

It all started in a small country church,  
Richmond U. B., thirteen years ago.  
Mother, father, my sister and I went to  
the little brick church that evening as we  
had done several other nights that week;  
they were having revival meetings. To-  
ward the close of the evening service,  
while the invitation was being given, I  
felt someone's hand on my shoulder . . .  
it was dad's!

"Would you like to accept Jesus as your  
Savior tonight, your sister is?"

Together we walked to the altar. I  
asked Jesus to cleanse my heart from sin  
and come into it and live. (Rev. 3:20).

That night I met the best friend in all  
the world. I started taking everything to  
Him—the trials of the day, those words  
that cut so deep, the difficult things that  
I could never attempt alone, the many  
things which puzzled me so, and of course  
that big question "What are you going to  
do after you finish High School?"

I soon realized that God had made me  
for a purpose. He had saved me for a  
purpose, and that he wanted to show me

just what His will for my life was, just  
as He wants to show you. I prayed much  
about it, and as I prayed and read His  
word, He gave me two aims for my life,  
one was to study His word at the Moody  
Bible Institute, the other was to carry  
His message of life to those who have  
never heard.

Many have been the times I have need-  
ed to rededicate my life to the Lord and  
continually pray that He will make it use-  
able.

Remember that one year at Camp  
Sandusky, we girls were living in the  
boy's dorm at Bluffton College. It was  
the night we met for the Camp Fire  
Service . . . choruses, hymns, the testi-  
monies—many echoed "Lord I'll go where  
you want me to go, just make my life  
count for Jesus." Then a huge circle was  
formed around the fire by those who were  
accepting Jesus as their Savior. As we  
made a large human cross lighted by  
candles I realized anew "for me to live is  
Christ—" Edith Durst had died way back  
there in the little country church some  
nine years before. Little was said as we  
left for our rooms; we had met Him.  
Many wrote letters to themselves as  
reminders of their decisions of that night,  
perhaps you were one.

Well, this is four years later. The Lord  
willing, I'll be leaving for Africa early in  
the New Year. I wish I could tell you  
how thankful I am that I gave my life to  
Him but there are no words great enough  
in which to express myself . . . the thrills,  
the activity, the peace, the joy, the as-  
surance . . . they are continuous and I  
wouldn't trade it for the whole world.  
Have you trusted Jesus for Salvation?—  
Then why not trust Him with your life.  
He cannot fail for He is God; He cannot  
fail, He pledged His word! Today, after  
1900 years 700,000,000 in China, Japan,  
India, S. America, Africa, the Islands of  
the sea still wait the news "Jesus died for  
you." About 1,000 languages and dialects  
still remain unwritten! "How then shall  
they call on Him in whom they have not  
believed? and how shall they believe in  
Him of whom they have not heard? And  
how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach except they  
be sent?" Rom. 10:14,15a.

Edith Durst, Shelby

### A Communication

Dear Editor:

Here is a little statistical data that  
might interest you for the News. It sets  
up our Conference in its support of the  
Church paper.

A recent Telescope printed the latest  
report on Telescope subscriptions by the  
charges of the entire denomination. We  
have heard much about, and seen many  
pictures representing the Century Club;  
100 or more subscriptions. But how many  
stop to think that the greater majority of  
all rural churches do not have 100 families

represented in their membership and if  
the membership of the church subscribed  
100% they could not have been acknow-  
ledged for their accomplishments in the  
Century Club.

On a percentage basis our smaller  
churches show up; and so does Sandusky  
Conference as supporters of our Church  
Paper. Here is a percentage standing in  
meeting Telescope quotas in the entire  
denomination. Sandusky Conference leads  
the entire denomination with churches  
holding first, second and fifth places.

Defiance, Ohio, Sandusky Conference,  
First, Quota 35, Sub. 126, Have met quota  
360%.

Old Fort, Ohio, Sandusky Conference,  
Second, Quota 24, Sub. 79, Have met quota  
329%.

Lancaster, Ohio, S. E. Ohio, Third,  
Quota 90, Sub. 225, Have met quota 280%.

Winchester, Virginia, Fourth Quota 42,  
Sub. 116, Have met quota 276%.

Oceola, Ohio, Sandusky, Fifth, Quota 27,  
Sub. 62, Have met quota 229%.

The next percentage is too far down to  
bother with. These churches can be  
proud of the standard they have set for  
the denomination. Where the Church  
literature is placed in the homes of the  
people there cannot help but be an in-  
creased interest in the program of the  
church and a better informed parish with  
all the benefits implied. It might be ad-  
ded that our Old Fort church maintains  
the same percentage of subscriptions to  
our Conference paper The Sandusky News.  
(I believe this exceeds any other church  
in the conference.)

Fraternally yours,

S. G. Sherriff, Pastor

### Note Of Thanks

The Young People's Union of the San-  
dusky Conference takes this opportunity  
to thank the church at Willard for their  
hospitality and cordial entertainment dur-  
ing the Mid-winter convention; and to  
express their appreciation to the cooks,  
custodians and pastor for their services in  
making our stay comfortable and enjoy-  
able; and to say a hearty "Thank You"  
to the many hosts who entertained dele-  
gates in their homes and to anyone who  
had any part or interest in making this  
convention an ever-to-be-remembered ex-  
perience for us.

Signed:

Roger Cole, Pres.

Ronnie Smith, Vice Pres.

Virginia Searle, Sec.

Joan Summers, Treas.

Since it appears that the automobile has  
come to stay, the planning commissions of  
some cities are requiring that churches in  
planning new buildings must provide park-  
ing space off the street for automobiles. In  
Los Angeles, it is said, churches must pro-  
vide the parking space for each ten seats  
in the church.

## Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1946

(Month ending January 6th, 1947)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

Camp Otterbein						
Benevolences	St. Marys	Home	S.S.	Wor.		
Monthly Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ave.	Ave.	
Quota	Dec.	4 Mo.	Dec.	to date	Att.	Att.

## BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT

Belmore	\$16	\$ 16	\$ 96	\$ 43	\$159	125	77
Center	11	11	50	45	78	45	44
Bowling Green	80	100	500	155	765	226	228
Custar	10		21			35	30
Malinta	10		21			40	30
West Hope	10		30			40	35
Deshler	20	20	80		152	100	102
Oakdale	25	25	100		115	88	75
Hoytville	30		90			94	59
South Liberty	20	20	80			42	41
McClure	25	25	100	70	300	82	85
North Baltimore	45	45	180				
Portage	20	20	80	50	125	59	36
Cloverdale	8	8	32		103	46	45
Mt. Zion	20	20	80		154	79	70
Webster	12	12	48			44	43

## DEFIANCE DISTRICT

Bryan	50	50	200		458	126	143
Center	8	8	32		67	56	46
Logan	5	13	28		27	28	28
Mt. Olive	7	8	29		38	29	31
Continental	12	36	72		150	70	71
Mt. Zion	8		48		280	45	45
Wisterman	6		36		150	18	18
Defiance	50	50	200			147	133
Hicksville	50	50	200	25	190.95	140	148
Montpelier	50	50	200		358	150	163

## Montpelier Circuit:

Liberty	8		32			64	65
Pleasant Grove	4		8			20	22
Oakwood	20	20	80			103	63
Centenary	10	10	40			49	51
Prairie Chapel	7	7	28			38	39

## FINDLAY DISTRICT

Dunkirk	20	40	80			87	80
Walnut Grove	30	30	120			103	103

## East Findlay Circuit:

Bethlehem	30	30	120		455	83	79
Mt. Zion	22	22	88			37	38
Pleasant Grove	20	20	80			28	32
Salem	12	12	48		87	19	22
Findlay	225	225	900	575	968.65	317	355
Leipsic	15	15	60		150	80	49
Forest Grove	8	10	25		46	19	19
Kieferville	8	8	32		66	23	23
Rawson	45	45	180		226.39	109	60
Olive Branch	14	14	56	110	330	37	43
Pleasant View	20	20	80		87.50	170.32	58
Van Buren	30	30	133.15		67.60	97	90
Bairdstown	8	8	32		5	45	35
Vanlue	20	20	80			75	67
Ark	15	15	60		68	50	50
Union	15	15	60			35	30

## West Findlay Circuit:

Pleasant Hill	12	12	48			40	38
Powell Memorial	12	12	48			45	43
Trinity	12	12	48			27	27
Zion	12	12	48			69	60

Camp Otterbein						
Benevolences	St. Marys	Home	S.S.	Wor.		
Monthly Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ave.	Ave.	
Quota	Dec.	4 Mo.	Dec.	to date	Att.	Att.

## Wharton Circuit:

Beech Grove	10	10	40		120.01	50	50
Union Bethel	18	57.64	111.64		241.26	70	70
Bascom	25	25	100		259	70	83
West Independence	30	30	120	60	301	139	120
Bloomdale	20	20	80	225	335	115	92
Pleasant View	20	20	80		123.70	42	29
Bloomville	15	15	60	50		76	62
Harmony	10	10	40	120		45	44
Olive Branch	8	18.50	42.50	65		38	40
Burgoon	35		175			126	130
Fostoria	200	240	960			257	267
Fremont	40	40	160			94	75
Riley Center	5	5	20			20	20
Helena	30	33	120	20	335	76	58
Kansas	3		36			63	28
Canaan	10	10	40		130	40	41
LaCarne	10	40	70		118	39	35
Locust Point	10	10	40		127	37	53
Mt. Carmel	35	35	140		650	87	87
Old Fort	35	35	140		345	146	145
Port Clinton	30	30	120		75.20	77	124
Rising Sun	14	14	56	220	100	60	48
Sandusky First	10	28.92	48.92		86	43	36
Woodville	70	70	280	1255	1590	207	132

## LIMA DISTRICT

Blue Lick	10	18	48		79.65		
Columbus Grove	45	45	180	695	133	128	110
Cridersville	12		24			40	55
Kemp	12					40	45
Elida	20		150		26	128	120
Marion	6	6	30			19	21
Lake View	10	10	50		86	61	63
Santa Fe	10	10	40	25	72	46	48
Lima, First	75	75	300	275	812	222	172
Lima, High	50	50	200			258	227
Olive Branch	8		24			45	46
Pasco	8	8	45		61.30	25	34
Sidney	30	30	120	100	350	91	94
St. Marys	20	20	80		158	103	98

## St. Marys Circuit:

Mt. Zion	12	12	48		153	75	78
Old Town	8	8	40		80	35	38
Vaughnsville							

## MARION DISTRICT

Bucyrus	45	90	180	226	356	134	103
Cardington Circuit:							
Center	15	15	80		45	95	88
Climax	4	4	16		13	26	24
Fairview	10	10	40		33	6	6
Hepburn	6	6	24		3	17	20
Hopewell	8	8	32		20	18	20
Otterbein	10	10	40		40	28	35
Marion	80	80	320	454	1053	245	151
North Robinson	17	17	68	10	100	60	46
Liberty Chapel	10	10	40	2	130.15	59	61
New Winchester	15	15	60	15	112.25	52	52
Oceola	10		40		100	56	58
Mt. Zion	20	20	80		90	75	78
Smithville	15	35.10	123.95		87	66	61
Mt. Zion	10	8	48		157.50	24	22
Sycamore	25	25	100		226.20	129	138
West Mansfield	4	4	16		24	22	23
York	12	12	48		93.17	58	45

Camp Otterbein						
Benevolences	St. Marys	Home	S.S.	Wor.		
Monthly Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ave.	Ave.	
Quota	Dec.	4 Mo.	Dec.	to date	Att.	Att.
SHELBY DISTRICT						
Attica, Federated	10	22	52	26.82	41	40
South Reed	10	10	40	27	30	32
Attica Circuit:						
Richmond	30	45	125		58	64
Union Pisgah	20	22	57	100	38	42
Galion	75	164	327	443	200	200
Leesville-Biddle Ct.:						
Biddle	10	10	40	5	115	17
Leesville	16	16	64	72	75	65
Shauck Circuit:						
Johnsville	15	15	60	45	63	64
Pleasant Hill	5	5	20	20	16	17
Williamsport	15	15	60	20	121	65
Shelby	100	100	400		229	189
Tiro	40	40	160	300	82	118
Willard	175	350	700	930	250	325
TOLEDO DISTRICT						
Delta	25	25	100	125	173	65
Zion	25	25	100	316	78	79
Liberty	12	12	36	40		
Monclova	12	14	68	85.05	49	41
Toledo, Colburn	65	65	260	281	136	147
Toledo, East Broadway	75	75	300		189	199
Toledo, First	75	81	333	612	185	150
Toledo, Oakdale	45	45	180		175	100
Toledo, Point Place	25		75			
Toledo, Somerset	50	50	200	315	130	168
Toledo, Upton	55	60	240	500	247	224
Walbridge	10	10	40		45	31
Hayes	10		9.08	25.72	23	18
Wauseon Circuit:						
Beulah	10	10	40	70	40	42

Camp Otterbein						
	Benevolences	St. Marys	Home	S.S.	Wor.	
	Monthly Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ave.	Ave.
	Quota	Dec.	4 Mo.	Dec.	to date	Att.
Mt. Pleasant .....	12	12	53		135	30
North Dover .....	15	15	60	37	142	43
VAN WERT DISTRICT						
Delphos .....	25	25	100		176	122
Grover Hill Circuit:				25		
Blue Creek .....	11		33		35	38
Middle Creek .....	12	12	49	85	121	48
Mt. Zion .....	8	8	32	35	34	45
Middlepoint Circuit:						
Bethel .....	4	4	16		15.10	18
Fairview .....	8	8	32		16.25	28
Harmony .....	8	8	32	10	44.80	23
Mt. Pleasant .....	20	20	80	79	90	62
Rockford .....	65	65	260	2252	440	224
Van Wert .....	50	50	200	729		117
Willshire Circuit:						
Bethel .....	8	8	32		32	25
Mt. Zion .....	5	5	20		10	20
Union .....	15	15	60		77.50	84
Wren .....	21	21	87	25	153	87
Bethel .....	11	11	44	50	50	45
Woods Chapel .....	11	11	44		76	48
Sand. Bnch. W. M. A.				500		
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Totals .....	\$4293.16		\$8954.50			
Totals .....			\$16573.24		\$22233.04	
Payments for December on the College Centennial Fund:						
Bowling Green, \$30; Deshler, \$15; Bryan, \$15; Defiance, \$18; Montpelier, \$16; East Findlay—Mt. Zion, \$10; Pleasant Grove, \$8; Bascom, \$21; West Independence, \$123; Pasco, \$15; St. Marys Ct.—Mt. Zion, \$4.50; Toledo, Colburn, \$30; total, \$305.50. Grand Total \$42,120.53. (83.4%).						
Total receipts Camp St. Marys Fund, \$21,999.27.						

## SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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hundred and fifty were in attendance. Young people, your keen interest in religion and the church and your deep consecration to the cause of Christ, and the subsequent offer of that Christ and yourselves augurs for a better world. You set a worthy example for those of us in the church who are your elders. Rev. Wright and the fine people of Willard did a fine job of entertaining.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPORTANCE. The Mid-Year Conference will be held at Findlay on Ash Wednesday, February 19th. Members of the Council of Administration, pastors, delegates to the lay conference and church leaders are urged to be present. Bishop Clippinger and leaders from the departments of Evangelism and Pension, and perhaps other departments will be represented.

The last week in January the pastors of more than 40 denominations of Ohio will hold their annual convention under the auspices of the Ohio Council of Churches. Many of the churches of the various denominations are caring for the expenses of their pastors to this convention. Let me urge the churches of the Conference to do as much for their pastors as their sister denominations are doing.

Mrs. L. H. Myers  
Passes On

Elizabeth Myers, wife of Rev. L. H. Myers, of Sandusky Conference, was born in Mendota, Ill., on Sept. 5, 1871. She went to her heavenly home on Dec. 9, 1946, at the age of 75 years, 3 months, and 4 days.

She and Rev. Mr. Myers were united in holy marriage on July 31, 1894, in Ada, Ohio, Rev. Z. B. Campbell officiating. For more than fifty-two years they shared the hardships and joys of the itinerant minister's life, moving from place to place where the duties of serving in God's vineyard called them.

As a member of the High Street United Brethren church, Lima, Ohio, she found superb happiness in such services as she was able to render. By her genuine cordiality she made many loyal and true friends. Especially was she beloved by the ladies of the Dorcas Class in which she was a faithful worker. No important interest of her church failed to get her prayers and her deep concern. She was a skillful and cooperative minister's wife and companion. Mrs. Myers did not complain about the hardships that go with the servants of God in the ministry. She was patient, optimistic, cheerful and fully con-

secrated. She counted it a joy to suffer for her Saviour with whom she is now glorified.

She is survived by her bereft husband; one son, Irvin L. Myers, of Lima; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. H. C. Zeis, of Richmond, Ind., and one brother, Fred Kock, of New Castle, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted from the High Street Evangelical United Brethren church, Lima, Ohio, on December 12, by her pastor. Prayer was offered by Dr. V. H. Allman, Conference Superintendent, and the life sketch was read by Rev. L. E. Ames, of Findlay, Ohio.

J. Harmon Dutton

G. Campbell Morgan says: My father came into my house soon after I was married, and looked around into every room, and then he said to me: "Yes, it is very nice, but nobody will know, walking through here, whether you belong to God or the devil." I went through and looked at the rooms again, and I thought: "He is quite right." So we made up our minds straightway that there should be no room in our house, henceforth, that had not some message, by picture or wall text, for every corner should tell that we serve the King.

# News From The Churches

**Old Fort**—Old Fort experienced almost capacity attendance in its Christmas services. There were 179 at the morning worship service of which 146 remained for Sunday school. At the evening Christmas services over 200 were present. The offerings for Otterbein Home were as follows: Morning worship, \$85.94; Sunday school, \$178.12; evening service, \$69.04. A grand total of \$333.10 for The Home.

December 21, the primary department held its annual Christmas party under the superintendency of Miss Mary Murray. Need we say there was an almost 100 per cent turnout for the Christmas treat which Santa brought in, and no one went home before the cake and ice cream were served.

S. G. Sherriff, Pastor

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**Leesville-Biddle**—We began the conference year with rally day which was a success; a fine audience was present. Then following this World Communion Sunday was observed. There were 81 present at Leesville and around 20 at Biddle; a very fine service with an offering for foreign relief of \$71.00. Our Leesville church is in the remodeling program and we soon hope to have the project completed. The difficulty of securing material has slowed up operations somewhat.

We have received into church membership eight with five conversions. The church gave a Cantata Sunday evening, December 22nd, to fine audience. The choir was composed of 28 voices under the direction of Mr. Paul Morton our choir director. Shirley Gledhill was at the piano. The Otterbein Home offering was Leesville \$115.00 and Biddle \$72.00; the average was better than a dollar per member.

C. J. Ludwick, Minister

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**Van Wert**—Universal Bible Sunday was observed on Sunday, December 1st. On December the county Prince of Peace contest was held in our church. On Sunday evening, Dec. 22nd, the Children's Department of the Sunday School under the direction of their Superintendent, Mr. R. D. Springer and his committee, Mrs. Harold Gribler, Mrs. Willis Snyder, Miss Betty Ditto, Mrs. Robert Sink, Mrs. Meredith Springer and Mrs. Carl Wise as pianist, presented their Christmas entertainment to a large audience. Watch Night Service was held New Year's Eve with Candle Light service, starting at 10:30 P. M. and lasting until 12:00. Holy Communion climaxed the service. Our Camp St. Marys pledges have reached \$1,746 to date. Our revival started January 5th with Rev. and Mrs. George Reep of Green Springs having charge of music. Asking an interest in your prayers in behalf of this great meeting.

Walter Marks, Pastor

**Montpelier**—The holiday season at Montpelier was a most happy one this year. With every adult class in the Church School organized and each having a Christmas meeting the month was filled with activity. At the combined meeting of the Friendship Class and Men's Bible Class the pastor was presented with a Gruen veri-thin wrist watch in pink gold and Mrs. Hochstettler was presented with a lovely pair of ear rings and 40 silver dollars as a gift of the two classes. Rev. Hochstettler teaches the men's class. Mrs. Ray Gaskill, teacher of the Friendship Class received a beautiful silk umbrella. The J. O. Y. Class observed their holiday meeting with a chicken dinner; the Win-a-Couples entertained their children at their Christmas party; the Otterbein Class met for an evening social time at which time they organized their group, and the U. B. 1-2 group met for a dinner meeting at which the girls entertained the boys.

Three special services were held in observance of the season. On Sunday night, Dec. 12 the young people of the U. B. 1-2 group presented the Christmas play entitled "The Other Shepherd." On Sunday evening, Dec. 19 the children of the church presented their service. More than 75 children participated. On Dec. 29 the choir of the church presented a service appropriate for the season. The holiday activities closed with the midnight communion service on New Year's Eve. This was observed with the showing of slides depicting the institution of the Supper and then the celebration of the sacrament at the midnight hour in the sanctuary lighted with 47 white tapers symbolic of the year.

Don Hochstettler, Pastor

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**Attica Circuit**—Richmond observed W. M. A. day having as guest speaker Miss Edith Durst of the Shelby E. U. B. church. Miss Durst is a missionary who is being sent to West Africa under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission.

Union Pisgah held a joint W. M. A. meeting with the College Hill E. & R. church and special speakers were Dr. Whitcomb and Rev. Meyers, missionaries home from India on furlough.

A very nice Thanksgiving service was held at Union Pisgah church to which Richmond was invited. Highlighting this service was a showing of Henry Ford-Perry Haydn's "Dynamic Kernels," a project in tithing. The film was the sixth year's harvest from a cubic inch of grain replanted each year save for the church's portion. On display around the altar were canned fruits and vegetables given as offerings to Otterbein Home.

The pastor attended the National Convocation of the Town and Country Church held in Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12-14.

Miss Miriam Fritz, a member of our Richmond U. B. and a junior in the Willard, Ohio, high school, has won the first and second rounds of the Prince of Peace Declamation contest. Miss Fritz is the president of the Shelby district young people's group.

Having won the second contest Miss Fritz is entitled to compete in the third round to be conducted at Toledo in January.

Floyd C. Bryan, Pastor

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**Fostoria First Church**—Men's Day was observed in both the morning and evening services. Mr. Charles Green, Brotherhood president, presided at both services and gave the invocation in the morning service. In the morning service Mr. Robert Smith led the responsive reading and Mr. Ivan Griffin gave the prayer. The pastor gave the sermon and presented the object of the offering. Mr. Theron Greenlee gave the offertory prayer. The offering for World Relief amounted to \$113. There were 14 members received into the church. Mr. Harry Swartz led the devotions in the evening service and Mr. Louie Kovac led the singing. Mr. John Twining gave the prayer. Special music was given by the Men's Quartette consisting of Messrs. Louie Kovac, James Uterback, Roger Cole, and Edward Smith. Their numbers were, "Dare to Stand Like Joshua" and "The Hand That Was Wounded for Me." The Prince of Peace contest, sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches, was held at this service with Naarah Corl taking first place and James Hicks alternate.

The Otterbein Brotherhood sponsored the Annual Game Supper Nov. 22. The President, Charles Green, was in charge of the program which consisted of group singing with Roger Cole at the piano and an address by the Rev. Mr. J. William Myers, pastor of the First Methodist church, Bradner, who used as his theme, "God's Ambassadors." Mr. Ivan Griffin presented the church league baseball trophy won last season by our ball team to Junior Shumaker who accepted it in behalf of his teammates. Shumaker then presented it to the pastor for permanent display in the church.

Home Missions Sunday was observed Nov. 24 in both the Sunday School and church. In Sunday school Mrs. George Schmidt told about the new hospital at Espanola. In the evening the Conference Brotherhood Quartette presented a musical and moving pictures were shown of our Home Mission work in New Mexico. The offering for Home Missions amounted to \$162.

The Otterbein Guild held their Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast 7:30 A. M. Thanksgiving morning in the home of their Counsellor, Mrs. Frank Kinker. Besides bringing in their Thank-offering they brought gifts for a Christmas box which was sent to Miss Keck, Home Missionary, whom this church helps to support.

Friday night, Nov. 29, our Christian Endeavor entertained the Christian Endeavor from the Shelby church. The young folks had a splendid evening of fun and fellowship after which refreshments were served.

Daniel D. Corl

## Mid-winter Convention

The annual Mid-winter Convention for the youth of Sandusky Conference was held in our Willard Church on December 27-28. In many ways this year's convention was outstanding. It was the largest in attendance and registration of any convention yet held. There were also more churches represented than at any previous convention.

Registration commenced on time on the opening morning and by 10:00 o'clock most of the registering was completed. Dr. Allman, our conference superintendent opened the convention with a key-note address stressing the convention theme, "Thy Purpose For Thy World We Share." Other speakers who appeared on the program of the two day convention included Rev. Richard Caulker, principal of Albert Academy in Sierra Leone; Rev. W. W. Freshley, pastor of the E. U. B. church at Moline who represented the Ohio EYF; Rev. Allan Ranck, National Youth Director of the E. U. B. church who spoke of the new Youth Fellowship program; and Rev. Melvin Moody, General Director of Religious Education in East Ohio Conference who brought the convention to a close with a most enthusiastic and inspirational address at the Fellowship Banquet of Saturday night.

The commissions included discussions on Church Membership led by Rev. Dale Emerick, Christian Stewardship directed by Rev. Ralph Gallagher, "Discovering Jesus" led by Mrs. Roy Cramer and "The Early Church" under the direction of Rev. Victor Roebuck. A special seminar was conducted by Rev. Ranck for pastors and local youth directors for the purpose of explaining the new Youth Fellowship program of the United Church.

The worship services of the convention were under the direction of Mr. Edwin Griswold who chose various youth groups to conduct the opening worship period of each session. Music for the convention was directed by Rev. John Searle, Jr., and Miss Janice George served as pianist. Special numbers of music featured each session of the convention. Rev. Floyd Bryan acted as toastmaster for the banquet on Saturday night which was the closing season of the convention.

At the business session of Saturday afternoon the following officers were elected:

President, Roger Cole, Fostoria; Vice President, Ronnie Smith, Shelby; Secretary, Virginia Searle, Bowling Green; Treasurer, Joan Summers, Lima High St.; Worship Dir., Edwin Griswold, Defiance.

At the conclusion of the election Dr. Allman conducted a very impressive installation for the newly elected officers. Other business transacted included the vote to complete the China project and to center the project of 1947 in Africa and that each church of the conference support the project with a contribution of

\$5.00. Local youth groups were encouraged to support the development of the Conference grounds on Lake St. Marys to the fullest.

### Some Figures

Registrations (paid)	147
Pastors present	9
Churches represented	30
Largest delegations, Bowling Green with 13, Shelby with 11, Galion 15, Hoytville and Fostoria with 9 each.	

### Financial Statement of Mid-Winter Convention, 1946

Speakers honorariums	\$ 95.00
Printing of programs, registration cards and host cards	17.16
Postage and mimeography	14.20
Entertainment of staff and speakers	27.50
	\$153.86
Income from 147 paid registrations	\$147.00
Deficit	6.86

## Otterbein College News

### This Is The Year

At last 1947 is here! This is the year for which we have been looking with such keen anticipation—the Centennial Year of Otterbein College. In less than six months our celebration will be over and we will have begun what we hope and trust may be an even more glorious Century of Service.

### Special Celebrations

JANUARY 13—The eighty-piece Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra will give a concert on the Otterbein campus. At that concert we will hear the World Premiere of a new music composition, "Phantasy on Ben Hanby Melodies," by L. H. Whittaker of the Oberlin Conservatory. The composition was written under the direction of the well known composer Herbert Elwell, Oberlin Professor of Composition and music critic for the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Dr. Daniel Harris, Otterbein graduate and former Metropolitan Opera singer, will sing the melodies making up the composition.

FEBRUARY 14—The world famous Westminster Choir under the direction of John Finley Williamson, will give a concert in the college church.

Dr. and Mrs. Williamson, both graduates of Otterbein, bring the choir to the college as their special contribution to the Centennial. This famous choir has been heard in most of the important cities in the United States and Europe.

APRIL 25-27—The Centennial Education Conference on World Citizenship.

JUNE 6-9—The One Hundredth Commencement with reunions of all college classes and the presentation of the historical drama depicting the life and growth of Otterbein.

Alumni and friends are cordially invited to all of these special observances.

### Doctor Sanders Dies

We regretfully announce the death of Dr. T. J. Sanders, beloved president, professor and friend of Otterbein who died

on Christmas night in his ninety-second year. A graduate of Otterbein, he was president from 1891 to 1901, and professor from 1901 to 1931 when he retired and was given emeritus relations.

### Education Day

Education Day on February 16 will be a good time to make a special effort to raise the balance due on the Otterbein Centennial quota. Posters and materials will be available to each pastor.

### The Financial Campaign

The figures below indicate the total paid by each conference and the balance due on allocations. It is hoped that each conference will make a desperate effort to pay out by June 1, 1947, so that when we come up to this great anniversary occasion our victory may be full and complete and not marred by the announcement that certain conferences have not paid their quotas.

### Conference Standings

Conference	Total Paid	Percent- age
Florida	\$ 1,000.00	100
Michigan	7,789.55	91.9
Allegheny	55,093.01	88.
West Virginia	23,330.79	80.7
Sandusky	41,815.08	80.6
Miami	49,806.18	80.3
Southeast Ohio	38,280.04	77.1
Tennessee	2,593.57	74.1
East Ohio	28,939.94	65.6
Erie	11,736.30	58.6

Total \$260,384.46

Percentage Paid 78.4

Wade S. Miller, Reporting

### A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has never missed church or Sunday school in twenty-three years. The mother has had a perfect record for eleven years. A son has not missed for twelve years. A daughter has been at the evening service every Sunday for eight years.

What's the matter with this family, anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them away from church?

Don't they ever get tired on Sunday morning?

Don't they belong to any lodges, where they get their religion, instead of at their Father's house, or to any clubs, or to anything?

Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or nervous spells, or tired feelings, or sudden calls out of the city, or week-end parties, or business trips, or picnics, or any other trouble?

Don't they ever have a radio, so that they can get some good sermons from out-of-town preachers?

Don't they ever get a lot more good out of reading a sermon out of a book?

Don't they ever get disgusted with the social gospel, or whatever it is that their minister preaches?

What's the matter with this family anyway, and why are they so happy and cheerful? We leave it to you to answer.

—Southern Churchman

## Weddings

Upton Church was the scene of a lovely wedding ceremony Friday, December 13th at 2 P. M. when Miss Elizabeth Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Richards of Edgerton, Ohio, became the bride of Mr. Norman A. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fisher of Steenhatchee, Florida. Attendants at the double ring ceremony were the sister and brother of the bride, Miss Mildred Richards of Toledo, and Mr. Arthur Richards of Edgerton.

The bride was lovely in an afternoon dress of powder blue crepe with winter white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. The bridesmaid wore an afternoon dress of fuchsia crepe with black accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for the immediate families.

The couple is now at home at 120 19th street, Toledo, Ohio.

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Robert Verbryke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Verbryke and Miss Harriett Krueger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Krueger of Elmore, Ohio, were united in marriage December 14th in St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church at Elmore. They are now living at Elmore but expect to come to Toledo soon where they will make their home.

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June Fulton and Carlton Hazlett were united in marriage by Rev. O. E. Johnson in Upton Church at 7:30 P. M. Friday, Dec. 13th. A candle light service provided the setting in which the double ring ceremony was read.

Bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lindquist with Mr. Donald Hazlett acting as usher.

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The sanctuary of Upton Church decorated with palms and flowers and lighted by candle light provided the beautiful setting in which Doreen Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross F. Mercer of Phoenix, Arizona, and Edward Seadin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. C. Seadin, of 2728 Sherbrooke Rd., Toledo, Ohio, were united in marriage; the double ring ceremony being read by the pastor on Saturday evening, Dec. 21st at 7 o'clock.

The bride, beautifully gowned in white satin with fingertip veil and carrying a bouquet of white carnations with an orchid center, was attended by Estelle Minert, maid of honor; and Florence Mercer, Randi Palmer, and Betty Clark, bridesmaids. All wore beautiful formal dresses of pastel shades and carried bouquets to match.

The groom was attended by Elvin Myers, Jim Ruttan, Arland Palmer and Ralph Clark. The bride was given away by her father.

Mrs. Ruth Moseley presided at the or-

gan and Bernard Falor sang.

A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony.

## Christian Endeavor

Young people of our church finished an active 1946 by sending seven delegates to the Mid-Winter Convention at Willard, Ohio. The delegates made individual reports at the following young people's meeting and were very enthusiastic about the work accomplished in the training courses at the Convention. Those attending were: Ione Martindale, Billie Meredith, Delores McDole, Mary Lou Rierdeau, Gordon Mehan, Don McDole and Neil Stock. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stock and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith furnished transportation. On behalf of the Young People the Church heartily thanks the Stocks for their help.

Because of a desire for a better understanding of their Bible, the Young people's group voted to have a short Bible study as part of their evening service. Youth Counselor, Mr. Meredith, will begin a series of studies on "Stories of the Bible" on January 18th. This course will give a credit toward a Leadership Training certificate for all those who wish to do the required study.

Six of our young people attended the New Year's service at Somerset. We are thankful for a fine Christian group. We invite and urge all young people to join us and enjoy the fellowship and training of our Sunday Evening meetings.

Howard L. Meredith, Adult Adviser

## Catechetical Classes

Two catechetical classes will be held in Upton Church leading up to Palm Sunday. The first will be for boys and girls ten to thirteen years of age inclusive. Any boy or girl of this age or younger wishing to unite with the church must see the pastor concerning these classes of instruction. *Parents, please observe.* Classes will be held on each Sunday evening—6:30 to 7:30 beginning Sunday, February 2 and concluding Sunday, March 30th.

Boys and girls who are members of the Church and who have not taken catechetical training should enroll in these classes.

The class for young people will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 from Feb. 4th to April 1st, inclusive. This class will be for all young people 14 years of age and over. Those uniting with the church are asked to attend and those who are members of the church but who have not had such training are most seriously urged to attend.

We seek the cooperation of all parents and leaders of the Church concerning these classes. Enrollment cards can be secured from the secretary, Mrs. O. E. Coder, or the pastor.

O. E. J.

## Pastor's Convention

Each year at the close of January and the beginning of February pastors from throughout the state of Ohio gather together in a great convention at Memorial Hall, Columbus, Ohio.

Speakers are of the best available throughout the nation and at times from other countries. I shall never forget the experience of listening to Dr. Hambro from Sweden and at one time president of the League of Nations. It is possible that Pastor Martin Niemoeller of German prison fame may be among the speakers this year.

Registration fee for all pastors of Sandusky Conference is paid by the Conference. Several churches bear all other expenses of their pastor. Upton has been gracious in this matter and once again has made it possible for their pastor to go to this great convention. So I shall go Jan. 27th-30th. I say most sincerely, "Thank You."

O. E. J.

## Jack And Jill Class

The Jack and Jill Class met with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brannon on the evening of December 22 for their regular class meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beaubien and Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Degener were hosts and hostesses. The business meeting was opened with an attendance of 25. This was our Christmas gift exchange and Santa Claus made his appearance to distribute gifts to all members. A group of games symbolic of the Christmas season was enjoyed by everyone.

A delightful lunch was served and all left for home promising to attend the next meeting to be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Magee with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brewington as assistant host and hostess. All young couples eligible for our class are urged to attend our class and enjoy the monthly class meetings.

Mrs. H. H. Brannon

## Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Nina Kohl and to her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Pfeiffer in the loss of mother and grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Windisch. Mrs. Windisch had been ill for many months and passed quietly away on Dec. 26th. Funeral services were held from Bennett Funeral Home with Rev. O. E. Johnson in charge.

We also extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Wm. Baker in the loss of her husband. Services were held from the Walter Funeral Home on January 6th.

I cannot think of them as dead,  
Who walk with me no more,  
Along the path of life I tread:  
They have but gone before.

F. L. Hosmer

## Otterbein Home

Our Christmas offering for the Home is now past history. While we did not reach our goal of \$700 or \$1.00 per member, I feel that Upton is to be congratulated for her generous offering amounting to approximately \$500 according to the last figures available. Considering all the heavy financial demands which have been upon us, I am sure this amount represents sacrificial giving upon the part of each and every one who shared in this offering. Again I would say "Thank You." To those who have not given but desire to do so, your offering will still be most welcome.

To the boys who gave the little playlet in the interest of the home offering, I would express my gratitude for their willingness to work and their cooperation in making it a success. Jimmy Coder, Gordon Johnson, Stanley Falor, and Tom Schmitt became boys at Otterbein Home and gave us a picture of life as it exists there. At the conclusion of the playlet Bernard Falor sang, "Think of the Otterbein Home." Boys, we are proud of you.

The Missionary Society under the leadership of Loa Costin sponsored a very worthwhile project in addition to their generous cash offering. Their Christmas party took the form of a gift exchange, with a special gift wrapped for someone in the home, being marked either for boys, girls or elderly persons. In addition to this Loa Costin and Helen Fletcher each donated a pieced comfort top. Daisy Winters, assisted by Loa Costin and Charlotte Weist, knotted and finished these ready for use. Mrs. Winters also gave two pairs of embroidered pillow cases and a number of dish towels. All items badly needed at the Home. Our Church through the efforts of Marie Thomas was able to purchase two sheets which were sent along with this offering in time for Christmas.

You probably will be hearing very little regarding the Home during the coming months for the Christmas offering marks the climax of our special efforts along this line. However, should any of you have good used clothing or anything which might be useful or contribute to the comfort and welfare of the members there, if you would be kind enough to contact me, I shall be glad to take care of it.

Thank you again for your interest,

*Gladys Schmitt* (Director).

## Sunday School

During the entire year of 1946 our average Sunday School attendance was 257. We are proud of this record. However, it is a challenge for us during the current year. Our future success will depend, not only upon teachers and officers doing their jobs well, but also upon each being in his or her class every Sunday possible. Then, there are those friends and neighbors of ours who do not have a church home. Let us not pass them by.

Many of the loyal workers in our church came to Upton for the first time, not by chance, but because someone was interested enough to invite them to come and share God's work with us.

On Sunday, February 9th, we shall begin our ten per cent membership increase campaign which will end Easter Sunday. This campaign is sponsored by the Toledo Sunday School Ass'n headed by Dr. T. L. Rynder. All interested schools in the city regardless of denominations may participate.

Last year Upton gained 64 new members giving us a 15% increase in enrollment. During the campaign, we led all the Toledo District United Brethren Sunday Schools in attendance every Sunday. This year, we face a greater task since our union with the Evangelical church. But I feel that with a little extra effort, we can achieve an even greater measure of success than that of last year.

I wish to report that our Sunday School as a whole gave \$102.73 to the Christmas offering for the Otterbein Home. More than half of this amount was brought in in Christmas stockings by our children.

On Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22, Sunday School began at 10:30 A. M. After the class period, young and old alike assembled in the church basement. There grand old Santa Claus arrived on schedule to greet us. He not only brought a treat for each of our kiddies but also provided them with the opportunity to request what they would like for Christmas.

We wish to say "Thanks" to Santa Claus for being with us for the occasion.

*Edson McShane*, Supt.

## Our Sick And Shut-Ins

At this writing:

Mrs. Ella Gifford suffered a broken wrist early in December.

Alvin Mynihan has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. Lee Forrest is in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mrs. Edwin Whitting is still confined to her home, 1702 Wychwood.

Mrs. Jessie Hendy is now at her home, 18 Prescott, having recently undergone an operation.

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

Mr. M. N. Webb, 1736 Balkan Pl.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bean, 2133 Lawrence.

Mrs. Wm. Bader, 1921 Barrows.

Mrs. E. A. Butz, R. No. 8, Box 149.

Mrs. Cynthia Campbell, 2136 Fulton.

Mrs. Cora Harter, 15 Rosalind Pl.

Mrs. Geo. Herbster, 2039 Berkshire Pl.

Mrs. Ella Grover, 2011 Marlowe Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, Ottawa Lake, Mich. Mrs. Lawrence has been bed-fast in her home since early November.

How fine a call or a card, or some other little token of love in word or deed would be to these folk.

## Otterbein Guild

Miss Winifred Layman opened her home with a lovely Christmas party for the Guild girls. Mrs. O. E. Johnson, our counselor, had charge of the program presenting five of the members who in a most pleasing manner gave the observance of Christmas in our Mission fields.

Following the legend of the "First Christmas Candle" an impressive candle lighting ceremony was conducted by three of the girls. Carol singing was one feature of the evening with Miss Miriam Hoel at the piano. Closing the program a living picture of Mary and the Infant Jesus was presented in pantomime during the strains of "Away in a Manger."

On Friday night before Christmas several of the girls accompanied by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. A. F. Sautter went out to the Miami Children's Home where they entertained a group of boys and girls with everything that makes a party, including gifts and refreshments. How it thrilled all our hearts to see how little it takes to make a child happy and especially children who are not as fortunate as those in our own homes.

We are enlisted in a World Wide Mission project. All girls fourteen and over are eligible for membership after attending three consecutive meetings. We welcome you girls.

*Esther Fowler*, Sec'y

## Women's Society Of World Service

When Mrs. Gladys Beachler opened her attractive home on Willys Parkway for the December program, it seemed that we were all enjoying a delightful surprise party. We were surprised at the large group present, at the beautiful holiday spirit of the decorations, the program and the presence of several guests; at the ease and charm of the pastor's wife as she presided in the absence of the president and vice president, and perhaps, more than all else, we were surprised to learn the identity of the thoughtful sunshine sisters who had so graciously and lovingly remembered us throughout the year.

With Mrs. Miriam Pratt Turner at the piano to lead us in a short carol sing, Mrs. Norris Kane, assisted by several members, directed our thoughts to the observance of Christmas in many lands and customs.

At the conclusion of the program gifts were exchanged and refreshments served. A very generous offering of gifts also was received for the children and old people at the Otterbein Home.

The evening's offering was used to pay Upton's dues in the Toledo Council of Church Women.

The society extends its felicitations to the Vice-President Mrs. Alice Shaffer Papenfuss, on the arrival of a little bundle from heaven.

*Mrs. C. O. Callendar*