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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHERN CHURCH

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NUMBER 1

Every Member Canvass

October is the month of our Every Member Canvass at Upton. Each year the task grows easier and yet more difficult. It is easier because more of our people understand and respond. It becomes more difficult because there are more people to contact. We ask that each of our people give this matter their serious and prayerful consideration and respond as promptly and generously as possible.

Pledges should be larger this year. Costs have risen constantly for a number of years now and yet some have not increased their pledges over this entire period. Others have kept step with rising prices. The need is now here for each to think in terms of the present.

Initial movement of the Canvass will begin Sunday, October 10. Prepare yourself and be ready. Keep in mind that your pledge is not a note but an honest estimate of what you expect to pay conditions remaining about as you expect.

Your pledge helps your church to know what it can do and thus enables her to conduct her affairs in an orderly business like manner.

The amount of the pledge is left with each individual but in order that he may have a guide may I state that pledges during the past year ranged from .05 to \$5.00 per week per pledge with three or four pledges in some of our homes.

We know that you will do your best in prayer and response to this important matter.

Greater Toledo Community Chest

The Greater Toledo Community Chest will hold its 1949 campaign for funds for the 42 Red Feather Services, September 23rd through October 21st. The slogan for the campaign is "EVERYONE BENEFITS—EVERYBODY GIVES." It will be the privilege of every citizen to contribute to these worthy services. We hope that our church people will respond to this call as best they can.

New Babies

A baby girl, named Deborah Ann, arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rupert on August 12th.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fuller of Loxley Rd. on August 16th. Mrs. Fuller was the former Thelma Kurth.

Calendar

- September 26th—
Installation of Church officers
- October 3rd—
World Wide Communion
Two services—8 A. M. & 10:30 A. M.
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
- October 10th—
Every Member Canvass & Rally Day
- October 15th—
All Church Institute
A. M., P. M. and Evening Sessions
(Any other announcement made previous as to time and place stand corrected.)
- October 17th—
Men's Day

Upton Choirs

Despite the hot weather the Upton Choir has accomplished quite a bit during August. On August 1 they sang "Incline Thy Ear," "August 8, "Bow Down Thine Ear," and August 15, "God Is Love," one of their newer selections.

Ardis Brown, who has a very promising voice, sang the soprano solo of "O Lord Most Holy" on August 22, and on the 29th, Corwin Degener sang the tenor solo of "Seek Ye the Lord."

Bob Hummon's mother has been in the hospital, having undergone surgery, but we are glad to know that she is well on the road to recovery at this writing.

Virgil and Marium Turner are leaving for Dayton, Ohio, this month. Virgil, who has been pastor of the Monclova E. U. B. church during the past year, will enter the Seminary to continue his studies. Both of these folks have been faithful members of our choir in the past, Marium being the soprano soloist, and Virgil, the tenor. We are sorry to see them leave us, but we wish them the best of luck and Godspeed in their new venture.

Our director has had herself fitted with a new pair of "specs." She can see her music much better, but she can't see the last row of her singers! So if she is caught peering over the top of her shell rims, it is merely to see that the bass and tenor groups are minding their sharps and flats.

By the time that this is printed, the fall season will have started. There promises to be some hard work and very good music coming out of the choir loft this year, so folks, won't you sort of show your appreciation of their efforts by lending them your ears on Sunday mornings? They really deserve it.

M. C.

Pastor's Column

The Annual Conference is over and past and your pastor has been assigned to the Upton Church for another year. We are happy and glad in the opportunity that is ours to journey with you as a church and as friends for the coming year for we are conscious of great challenges and of the willingness of the people of Upton to rise to these challenges. It is because we are interested in the Cause of Christ and the declaration of the claims of the Kingdom of God that any of us gives of his time, talents, things, and ultimately of life itself.

Most of September will be passed when this word reaches you but inclusive of September I should like to present for your thoughts, prayers and help a few of the highlights of our Church program for the first four months of our Conference year.

September 12th the Pastor was in his pulpit officially for the first time this Conference year. He spoke upon the subject *Our Marching Mandate*.

September 19th was set aside as Seminary Day. The pastor spoke upon the subject *The Making of the Minister*. The Seminary Auxiliary will be receiving memberships from individuals at 25c each and groups at \$5.00 each for use in maintenance at Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton.

In the evening the District Brotherhood met at Point Place for their first meeting of the new year.

September 26th has been set aside as the date for the installation of Church officers of our local church. All officers should plan to be present.

October will be a great and profitable month for us all if we labor faithfully and pray to that end. October 3rd is World Wide Communion Sunday with an opportunity to give to the Kingdom Advance program. Our Church still owes \$450.00 on her quota to be paid by May 1st, 1949. These funds go to feed, clothe and shelter the hungry, build and rebuild churches in war devastated and needy areas and to preach the gospel to those who otherwise will have no gospel preached to them. There ought to be \$25.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 gifts in abundance. Two services of worship on this day—one at 8:00 and the other at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.

The tenth of October is set apart for Rally Day in the Sunday School. Let's have 400 in attendance and start off with a great beginning for a great year in our Sunday School.

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Pastor's Column

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This day will also begin our Every-member Canvass—(for details see the Every-member Canvass article in this issue).

On Friday, October 15th the Upton Church will be host to the District All Church Institute. Our people as good hosts should be present, morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

October 17th is designated as Men's Day by the denomination. Emphasis will be given to men and boys in this church. Plan now as men and boys to be present if at all possible. Our Brotherhood will be sponsoring an offering of \$120.00 to carry on the Brotherhood work in the church and to help our Sandusky Mission Church at Sandusky, Ohio.

November is the month of our Anniversary Day. The date will probably be the 14th. It is hoped that we can at that time make an offering large enough to substantially reduce the remaining debt on our Parish House.

It is also possible that during the week either the 7th or the 14th, that we may have our Father and Son Banquet, this period having been set by the general church as a suitable time.

On Sunday, November 21st, afternoon and evening, a denominational Evangelistic Rally will be held in Toledo with Bishop Ira B. Warner and Dr. O. A. Hayden speaking.

Wednesday evening, November 24th, will be the time of our Union Thanksgiving Service.

December will find us observing the Advent and Christmas. Dec. 12 will be Universal Bible Sunday and Christmas will find us again remembering our people of the Otterbein Home.

Y. F. Mid-winter conference will be at Bucyrus, Ohio, Dec. 28-30. Registration at 10:00 A. M. on the 28th.

These are a few of the high-lights. You may feel a bit confused about all these announcements, thus I refrain from more at the present time. Will you read carefully and keep on hand all the above. Then will you pray and do your best as we seek to take fullest advantage of these opportunities to serve our Lord? Other and more complete announcements will be made from time to time. God bless and keep you everyone in the center of His will.

Your Pastor

Sunday School

I am sure that we all join hands in welcoming Rev. Johnson and his family back with us for another year. With the great program that our Church is assuming I feel certain that they will be most happy to remain a part of it, working together with us, making Upton one of the largest and strongest churches in Sandusky Conference.

We, of course, all look forward to our regular summer vacations and also some

extra week-ends during the summer when we can motor out of the city to some cool spot for a day or two. However, since school has again begun and cooler weather is with us, our tendency is to stay closer to home. Our church, like all other churches, suffers severely during the summer months as far as attendance is concerned. The only way we can make up for this off-season is to feel that since God has been so good to us to provide us with the things necessary for this physical and mental relaxation, we are now ready to resume the duties of our Church. While some of us may not be in the field of leadership, the greatest responsibility each of us has is that we should be laborers together with Him and for His cause.

With the added facilities we have at our disposal, I feel that this year will be one of the greatest, if not the greatest year, our Church has enjoyed. As I have said before, this cannot be accomplished by some of our people. We need all of our people working as a team. So, let's ALL give our best for our Church in the days that lie ahead.

—E. McShane

Primary Sunday School

Vacation days are again over and our boys and girls are returning to school and some are entering Kindergarten and the first grade. It seems that they have "grown up" very quickly. Each Sunday should now see all children in Sunday School. As we think of "School Days" we are reminded of a prayer—

"Help me this day at school, dear God,
To live for Thee,
That mine may be a better school,
Because of Me."

We should think of our Sunday School also as we pray this prayer—coming each Sunday and bring another with us. Another year lies ahead and we want to make it a good one. Will we see YOU there?

Our entire Sunday School session is now held in the Parish House—a quiet and homey place to learn the teachings of Jesus.

Roger VanGunten received a nine month Pin on August 1st. We hope that many of our boys and girls might receive these monthly Pins for Perfect attendance within the coming year.

Mrs. Merl Main, Supt.

Otterbein Home

We are writing this article to again remind our folks of Upton Church of the needs of the Otterbein Home.

The Home is in need of more vegetables this year such as, beans, peas, beets, tomatoes, pickles, relishes, etc.—fruit and fruit juices are always acceptable.

We are now ready to receive your contributions; bring them to the church basement and we will be glad to take care of them. Let's bring them in NOW while

we are thinking of it.

We had a nice contribution last year, and hope we may do even better this year.

Sincerely in His Name

Mr. and Mrs. Kolbe

Okinawa Grave

It is very quiet here today on Okinawa. It is especially quiet in this military cemetery.

In plot one, row three there is a grave not unlike several thousand others, except that today there is a handful of wilted flowers at the foot of the marker. The guard at the gate says they were placed there yesterday by an unknown, native Okinawan.

Although sleeping here among soldiers, he himself was not a soldier. But he lived with them, wallowed through the mud, flattened at the scream of shells, snatched at sleep in foxholes.

Back home, fathers and mothers eagerly read the brief notes which he managed to send back to the papers. He became a beloved, unofficial connecting link with their boys at the front.

Then, one day in mid-April, 1945, over on the near-by island of Ie Shima a sniper's bullet cut him down. The world was grieved as though an army had fallen.

Here in this quiet spot, in death as in life, his mortal remains are among those whom he loved and served. A private soldier sleeps to his left, a private first class to his right. A lowly Okinawan friend remembers him with flowers.

The name on the marker is, simply, "Pyle, Ernest T."

—Lloyd B. Mignerey

Our Sympathy

Mrs. John Lawrence of Ottawa Lake, Michigan, passed away on August 25th at her home. She had been ill for some time. Mrs. Lawrence was a charter member of Upton Church. She was not able to attend church a great deal but Anniversary Day usually found her and Mr. Lawrence present. Our sympathy to Mr. Lawrence and the family.

Mr. A. A. Smith, father of Mrs. L. V. Fletcher, died in the home of his daughter, on Saturday, August 28th. He had been ill many months. Our sympathy.

The father of Mr. Chas. B. Campbell, Mr. John Campbell, died very suddenly at his home on August 31st. We extend our sympathy. Your pastor officiated at all the above funerals.

We have received expressions of thanks from these families to our church for the many remembrances in the time of their sorrows.

"Just about the time you think you can make ends meet, someone moves the ends."

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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The Conference Council of Administration

E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR



Bishop G. E. Epp

From The Report Of The Council Of Administration On Policy

The following are some of the items of consideration recommended by the Council of Administration and adopted by the 116th Annual Conference, which convened at Camp St. Marys, Sept. 1 to 5.

Ten Districts

That the conference be divided into ten leaders' districts as follows: Bowling Green, Defiance, Delta, Findlay, Fostoria, Lima, Marion, Toledo, Van Wert and Willard.

Conference Preacher's Aid

That each church pay to the Conference Preacher's Aid Board an amount equal to 3% of the pastor's salary as reported to the Statistician for 1948.

Board of Education

That the quota for each church for the Conference Board of Education be 8 cents per enrolled Sunday School member as reported in the statistical report for 1948.

Worldwide Communion

That every church observe World-Wide Communion Sunday on October 3, or as near thereto as possible; that the offering be applied to the Kingdom Advance Program, securing as large an offering as possible at this time. Every church is urged to finish paying its full quota for the Kingdom Advance Program in time that it may be sent to the Conference Treasurer in the May report.

Camp St. Marys Conference Grounds

That Camp St. Marys be considered the Conference Grounds; and that all confer-

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Bishop Epp Presided At Annual Conference

In the absence of our own beloved Bishop A. R. Clippinger, D.D., LL.D., who was attending the World Council of Churches meeting at Amsterdam, Holland, Bishop G. E. Epp, D.D., LL.D., presided over the one hundred sixteenth session of Sandusky Annual Conference held at Camp St. Marys, September 1-5th. The members of Sandusky Conference appreciated the great devotional messages of Bishop Epp, his fine congenial spirit, and his efficient, pleasant way of presiding at each session of the conference.

Bishop Epp has served pastorates for 13 years in the Wisconsin Conference, and for 12 years he was Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical church. Since becoming bishop in 1930, he served the first quadrennium in the Northwestern Area, and since 1934 in the Central Area.

Fall Institutes Present Whole Church Program

The Fall Institutes, which will be held in each district from October 12 to 22, will bring the whole program of the church, centering the interest in the conference and the local church. The institutes are promoted by the Sandusky Branch of the Women's Society of World Service.

Mrs. Parker Young, one of our very own, will bring the message, "Africa's Need Today." She will also contribute in other ways to the program. As a new feature, the Home Study Book will be presented that we may be awakened to the needs of the United States and its possessions. Mrs. C. D. Wright will bring this study. The Children's Work will be presented by Mrs. Roy Cramer. The Conference program will be given emphasis by Superintendent Allman and a group of ministers in a Panel Discussion.

The Youth Fellowship, as the on-going department of our new church program, will be emphasized and explained in the afternoon and evening meetings. The Youth of the Conference will take over the evening service beginning with a Fellowship Supper at 6:30. It is hoped that all pastors and youth leaders in the conference will do all in their power to get the young people to attend both the supper and the evening service.

Mrs. W. E. Dipert, president of the Sandusky Branch, expresses her hope that the Institutes this year will be made the

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Dr. V. H. Allman

Superintendent's Column

The Annual Conference was an inspiration and benediction to all who attended. A spirit of harmony and goodwill prevailed throughout the sessions. All pastors and charges accepted the work of the stationing committee without question. Most charges have accepted the salary as set by the annual conference and a goodly number went above the amount set. This is as it should be, for the amount named was the floor or minimum and not the ceiling (see discipline page 153).

The presence and good fellowship of our beloved Bishop A. R. Clippinger was greatly missed. We are glad to welcome him back home from the great World Council of Churches meeting held at Amsterdam, Holland. We shall wait with anxiety the report of the meeting and his trip.

The conference was pleased and indeed delighted with Bishop G. E. Epp. He proved himself to be an excellent presiding officer. His messages were masterful and heart searching and his jovial manner won for him the hearts of all the members of the Conference. Bishop Epp will always be welcome in Sandusky.

Two very important days are just ahead of us in our calendar of special days. October 3 is World Communion Day and our offering for the Kingdom Advance Program. On this day every member should, if it is at all possible, plan to be present and his or her contribution should be the largest amount possible. If we build missions we will not need to build

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**EDITORIAL
In This Excel**

Coming back from the annual conference and working out a program of action for the year 1948-49 in the local church, I know of no better words to challenge us than those found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the 14th chapter and the 12th verse, "forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church."

To "edify" means to build, construct, and to organize. Since the church is the Body of Christ with the message of eternal life, the highest honor and the gravest responsibility rests upon us who are members. If we should seek to excel in anything at all, we should excel in this glorious privilege of "edifying the church."

As a member of the church, I will put myself at the disposal of God's will. I will take my full share in every task for which my church is responsible, and, putting aside my own plans and preferences, I will employ every ounce of my power to make it an attractive and drawing church that souls may be won to eternal life through Jesus Christ.

In this excel. Yes, I will be loyal to my church, upholding its good name, emphasizing its value and helping it to achieve the greatest possible success in the world. I will be thankful to God for the privilege of being a part of it, and speak of its program and of my fellow members in the highest terms. I will avoid complaining and criticizing by complimenting others for their virtues and thanking God for His goodness.

I will try to "excel to the edifying of the church" by fixing my interest not only on the outward things of the house of God, but also upon the inward things of the spirit. I will give unceasing prayer

for the behalf of the church, and offer myself in surrendered devotion to its Cause. In this way we join hands and seek to excel.

**October Calendar Of
Activities**

3. **WORLD COMMUNION DAY.** A total of \$125,000 for world relief is requested from the combined church. If possible this offering should complete the local church quota for the Kingdom Advance Program. Every member of the church should be present on this day. Plan for a program of visitation in preparation for Rally Day.
Findlay District Brotherhood Meeting. Y. F. Lay plans for mission study on China. Arrange an attendance campaign for the fall.
5. Your semi-annual report to the Conference Children's Director is due.
10. **RALLY DAY.** Make a determined effort to reach all the straying members and friends for the cause of Christ and the Church. A varied program is often of great assistance in getting families into the church.
Fostoria District Brotherhood Meeting. Y. F. Promote the "Appreciation offering" and see that each member has an offering box. Secure boxes from Bd. of Ed., 1900 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio.
- 12-22. **ALL CHURCH INSTITUTES.** The Institutes are for the purpose of acquainting Church leaders with the program of the Conference for the new year. During the afternoon pastors will hold their initial monthly meeting with the Superintendent.
17. **MEN'S DAY.** The offering is to go to the support of "Men's Work" in Sandusky Conference to apply on the balance of our budget of \$650.00 for the last year, or \$350.00 plus \$650.00 for this year. A total of \$1,000.00 is our share of the General Brotherhood Budget.
Shelby District Brotherhood Meeting.
24. **HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL.** The Harvest Festival is a day of Thanksgiving for the harvest of fruit and grain.
31. **REFORMATION DAY.** Reception of members.

Defiance District Picnic

A picnic was enjoyed by all the young people of Defiance District on August 20. There was plenty of fun and food for all at the Independence State Park when the fifty-two youths gathered. Two softball games preceded the potluck supper. Mrs. Vic Roebuck led group singing after which the devotions were conducted by the young people of Oakwood Charge. Paul Pickering, president of the district, presided. The group is planning a hayride this fall. Barbara Pickering, Secretary

Itinerant Elders Received

Rev. B. F. Richer, Pastor and Evangelist
5508 Edgewater Drive, Toledo 11, Ohio

Rev. Benjamin F. Richer, a graduate of Otterbein College, and who was formerly an Itinerant Elder and Evangelist in St. Joseph Conference (U.B.), was received upon transfer from the Society of Friends Church.

Rev. Earl Hedges, an ordained minister of the Church of God, Indiana Eldership, was received subject to his transfer from the Indiana Eldership.

Rev. Frederick M. Carlsen, Iowa Conference (U.B.), who is now a professor in Cedarville College, was received subject to his transfer from the Iowa Conference.

**Ministerial Transfers
Granted**

According to the report of the Committee on Conference Relations, the following ministers were granted transfers:

James R. Love, Itinerant Elder, Madison, Wisconsin, transferred to the Wisconsin Conference (Ev.).

Henry B. Grimm, Chicago, Ill., Probationer, transferred to the Central Conference of Mennonites.

Richard M. Ward, Johnstown, Colorado, Active Itinerant Elder, transferred to Colorado-New Mexico Conference (U.B.).

OLD AGE

Sometimes the sun seems to hang for half an hour in the horizon, only just to show how glorious it can be. The day is done, the fervor of shining is over, and the sun hangs golden in the west, making everything look unspeakably beautiful, with the rich effulgence which it sheds on every side. So God seems to let some people, when their duty in this world is done, hang in the west, that man may realize, how worth while they are.—H. W. Beecher.

Sandusky Annual Conference Stationing Committee Report

George E. Epp, D. D., LL. D., Bishop
V. H. Allman, D. D., Superintendent

Bowling Green District

- L. Bowling Green..... John Searle
- Belmore..... E. W. Goings
- * Custar..... P. W. Lutz
- Deshler..... W. R. Fausey
- Hoytville..... Charles Miller
- McClure..... Carl Hoch
- * North Baltimore..... R. A. Gallagher
- * Portage..... Price Campbell
- Webster..... John Searle, Jr.

Defiance District

- Bryan..... Victor Roebuck
- * Center..... Marion Hanover
- L. Continental..... C. D. Moore
- Defiance..... C. E. Miller
- Hicksville..... Cleo Roth
- Montpelier..... Russell Hawk
- Montpelier Ct..... C. L. Carnahan
- Oakwood..... Freeman Whetstone

Delta District

- L. Delta..... W. A. Lydick
- * Liberty..... Charles Rex
- * Monclova..... B. F. Richer
- Wauseon..... D. J. Young

Findlay District

- Dunkirk..... C. H. Lilly
- * East Findlay..... Earl Hedges
- L. Findlay..... L. E. Ames
- Leipsic..... D. R. Richards
- Rawson..... Walter Purdy
- Van Buren..... Emerson Iles
- * Vanlue..... W. L. Gunther
- West Findlay..... Ralph Cornell
- Wharton..... Don B. Bennett

Fostoria District

- Bascom..... Howard McCracken
- Bloomdale..... H. J. Grimm
- Burgoon..... N. D. Bevis
- L. Fostoria..... D. D. Corl
- * Fremont..... Kenneth Stover
- Helena..... Robert Williman
- * Kansas..... Edwin Griswold
- * LaCarne..... O. O. Ortt
- Old Fort..... S. G. Sherriff
- Port Clinton..... S. D. Reynolds
- Risingsun..... D. L. Williams
- Woodville..... P. C. Young

Lima District

- * Blue Lick..... Joseph Graham
- Columbus Grove..... R. L. Clark
- Cridersville..... Claude Chivington
- Elida..... F. I. Mumford
- Lakeview..... E. E. Roush
- L. Lima, First..... Gerald Coen
- * Lima, High St..... Frank Hamblen
- * Olive Branch..... Dale E. Shanely
- Pasco..... Robert Breece
- * Sidney..... F. B. Esterly
- St. Marys..... Paul Strouse
- Vaughnsville..... Vanus Smith

Marion District

- Bucyrus..... Mahlon Wenger
- * Cardington..... C. A. Rice
- * Hepburn..... R. P. Ricard
- Marion..... D. H. Hochstettler
- * North Robinson..... O. J. Oyer

- L. Oceola..... C. S. Strawser
- Shauk..... C. C. Nichols
- Smithville..... Herman Kear
- Sycamore..... T. H. Weisenborn
- West Mansfield..... Francis McCracken

Toledo District

- Toledo, Colburn St..... J. V. Bigelow
- Toledo, East Bdwy..... Roy Cramer
- Toledo, First..... F. M. Bowman
- Toledo, Oakdale..... D. L. Emrick
- Toledo, Point Place..... Eustace Heckert
- Toledo, Somerset..... M. R. Frey
- L. Toledo, Upton..... O. E. Johnson
- Walbridge..... Roy Davis

Van Wert District

- Delphos..... Paul Zimmerman
- Grand Lake C..... O. C. Metzker
- * Grover Hill Ct..... Donald Oakley
- Middlepoint..... Elwood Botkin
- L. Rockford..... C. J. Mericle
- Van Wert..... Walter Marks
- * Willshire..... Wesley Mullenhour
- Wren..... H. L. Smith

Willard District

- Attica Federated..... T. W. Bennett
- * Attica Circuit..... J. C. Swain
- * Bloomville..... L. G. Crew
- Galion..... Paul Walter
- Leesville..... C. J. Ludwick
- * Mount Carmel..... Loyd Rife
- Sandusky..... G. L. Fleming
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The names marked with "L" indicate District Leaders.
The names marked with a star (*) indicate Pastoral Changes.

Baptismal Service At Annual Conference

A baptismal service conducted by the Rev. W. A. Lydick graced the closing of the Sunday School session, Sept. 5, at the Annual Conference, when Lester Alvin Bowersock, son of Carl W. and Betty Lou Bowersock, was baptised in the presence of a large congregation assembled in the beautiful auditorium at Camp St. Marys. Standing up with the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Taylor.

The Bowersocks have the honor of being the first couple married on the platform of the new auditorium when their wedding was solemnized a year ago by Rev. Lydick. Mr. Bowersock is employed on the camp grounds.



Rev. R. M. Holdeman, D. D.

Rev. R. M. Holdeman, D. D., director of Church School Administration and Assistant Secretary of Commission on Evangelism, gave two addresses on Friday, Sept. 3, at the Annual Conference.

Facing The Future

Dr. V. H. Allman

The program for next year will require each local church council of administration to face realistically the problem of Evangelism and delinquent membership. When Conference losses are almost equal to the number of accessions it is high time that pastors and churches face their task with the determination to win.

Facing the future with the rising costs of living requires our facing up to the problem of increasing pastors' salaries so that theirs may be a living wage. The Conference Council of Administration has been asked to submit recommendations covering this vital need.

Facing the future demands continued support for an increased interest in the completion of buildings (six cottages) and grounds, and raising the necessary funds to meet the obligations of this camp ground.

Facing the Future with the Christ causes our hearts to go out in sympathy and love for the unfortunate and homeless peoples of the war ravaged countries. It demands finishing this coming year our quotas on Kingdom Advance. We must also continue our "CARE" packages.

Facing the Future in our Church and Sunday School calls for a survey of our community in search of those without Christ and the church. There are so many new children who without our efforts will never know the Savior.

May God help us to face the future with vision, courage, determination and assurance, with our hands in His, we will go forward.

A PERSONAL WORD: Like the weaver's shuttle the year has gone from us. I wish more might have been accomplished. However, I tried to give my full measure of devotion. My days did not end with eight hours of work and often not with twelve. Calls for service, mounting responsibilities and obligations overwhelmed me and made me call for help, for at times I was at the point of breaking. To my rescue came my brethren of the ministry. They rendered invaluable service and have my deep gratitude.

Report of Conference Board Of Trustees On Camp St. Marys

It hardly seems possible that it is only a very little more than two years since we started this project. Two years ago, when Brothers Lilly and Lydick were assigned to Camp St. Marys, there was no place for them to live until houses should be built. The ground was entirely undeveloped; some of it was low and very swampy; most of it was covered with underbrush and marsh vegetation. A power saw was purchased and underbrush was soon cleared away. With help from the state of Ohio, dredges were set to work on digging new channels; the dirt dug from the channels being used as filling material for the low spots. Now, after two years, we see a large area cleared; new channels almost all completed; high ground where there was swamp covered with cat-tails; good drives, properly asphalted; much of the grounds now seeded to grass.

When we got possession of the property the only buildings were a few little cottages. These are all here yet, but have been moved in order to fit in with the plans we had made for the development of the camp. First to be built were the two permanent homes for the workers at the camp. They are good substantial homes; as good but no better than many of the parsonages of the conference. They will be necessary for use for those who will have to be in charge of the camp as the years go on. The next buildings to be completed were two groups of prefabricated cabins in two lines, one row parallel with the highway, and the other parallels the channel, between the channel and our south line. These cabins have been in use during the various meetings held at the camp this summer. In addition to these we have the three concrete-block dormitories now in service, sleeping about 80 people each. At the session of the conference last year, it was not contemplated to finish the third dormitory this year. However, the State Board of Health required either the third dormitory, or an equivalent sanitary accommodation before the camp could open. Accordingly, we felt that it would be better to build the dormitory than to build another comfort station.

For the use of those occupying cabins and for those attending the various meetings but not securing lodging, we have built a large public lavatory building, completely equipped with hot and cold water, lavatories, showers and all other necessities. All of this is serviced by an elaborately planned and built disposal plant, meeting the strictest rulings of the Ohio State Board of Health.

We have constructed a large dining hall, with the equipment necessary for serving meals for the various gatherings. Arrangements have been made for competent

caterers to serve the meals at the various conference gatherings.

The auditorium is about 140 feet long by 100 feet wide. In front is a large cross with several smaller crosses; two stained glass gothic style windows; and the front and sides of the building are covered with beautiful Perma-Stone. In accordance with a contract entered into before the building was started, the Board traded the lot on which the Bowersock house stood, just in front of the auditorium, for a lot on the lake front, and the house was moved. This gives clear view of the auditorium to everyone approaching on the highway.

Coming in, you are conscious that you are entering a sanctuary. You enter through a wide hall, and are face to face with a churchly sanctuary, pulpit, lectern and altar. Chancel and all other woodwork are finished in knotty pine. At the entrance, on either side of the hall are two large committee rooms, either of which can seat comfortably about 75 people; overhead are two sound-proofed, with glass panels in front. On either side of the chancel are committee rooms on both floor levels. The building is completely equipped with a public address system which received a thorough trial at the meetings during the summer. We have provided nine rooms for the use of committees and still can seat about a thousand people, all of whom will be able to hear the speakers, and almost all of whom will be able to see. In addition to this, if the crowd is too large even for this large sanctuary, the loud speakers of the roof will make the sermons or addresses available to the people all over the grounds.

Last fall at conference time, this building was scarcely half finished. When it rained the conference had to recess because no one could hear. Now we have installed a new ceiling, and both this ceiling and the sides have been finished with acoustic plaster. This makes a great change in the appearance of this building. No longer does it look either without or within like a summer tabernacle. It will be easy to have the spirit of worship in this building. So we hope that we will forever cease to think of this building in terms of a tabernacle, which is always suggestive of the temporary or "make-shift"; but will think of it as a sanctuary, erected for the glory of God, where men and women and boys and girls may find Him and grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is this building which is the reason for all the rest. Never would Sandusky Conference have built any of the rest, or have been interested in it at all, had it not been for this purpose which is brought to its physical manifestation in this sanctuary. Many of our people gathered here this summer to be instructed and inspired in a great Bible Conference. Here we will ordain young ministers. And what an inspiring background for an ordination; the great crowd in a Sunday morning service, people from all over our conference;

music furnished by one of our excellent choirs; the solemn vows being spoken, and the Divine authority conferred by the laying on of Apostolic hands before this lovely altar. Surely a young minister will never forget that solemn moment.

A few matters remain to be cared for in the completion of the first phase of the development of the camp. Completion of the channel dredging is a matter of a comparatively short time. Then will follow the leveling of the ground; then the platting into lots. This is now in process, and it will not be long until we shall be offering to our people leaseholds on choice building sites.

We have invested so far in round figures about \$220,000. The Treasurer's report will give the exact figures. Our indebtedness is \$120,000.

During the two years in which we have been making a drive for funds, there has been paid \$122,000. \$62,981 in addition is pledged. Rev. Carl Vernon Roop, D. D., has been giving service through a large part of the year in solicitation. Dr. J. H. Patterson did some soliciting during the early part of the year. All of this work was most fruitful. A large offering amounting to \$19,240 came in on Mother's Day. In addition, we received from Mr. John D. Williams an annuity gift of \$12,000. We would be glad to enter into negotiations with any others who might wish to make our camp their beneficiary in this fashion. We certainly recommend the continuation of the Mother's Day appeal.

We wish also to call your attention to the fact that Camp St. Marys is not a money-making institution. It is true that we plan to rent the camp to other denominational groups when we are not using it ourselves. Some little income can be gotten that way. We will also have to make charges to our own people of sufficient money to care for the grounds, clean the cottages, etc., and to cover the necessary insurance on personal liability. It is the purpose of the Board of Trustees to keep this a spiritual institution, using the small charge to help in the discharge of current expenses. We do not wish to increase charges to the point where some of our youth would be denied the benefits of our camp programs. So we are hoping that the people of Sandusky Conference will at all times keep in mind Camp St. Marys in planning the disposition of their tithes and offerings. This is our Lord's work and as such will have a continuing claim on the benevolences of our people.

The Board of Trustees have worked together, and worked hard. We now report this work to you, asking for your approval, and praying in the words of the Psalmist:

"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands, establish thou it."

—Fay M. Bowman, Secretary.

(Editor's note: The full report will be carried in the printed Conference Minutes)

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE YEAR 1947-1948
(Year ending August 21st, 1948)
W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

Cash Balances at the beginning of year:

Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 5,973.67
Children's Day	46.00
Conference Expense Fund	2,778.41
Conference Trustee Fund	15,328.91
Conference Church Extension	2,143.62
(Board of Missions)	
Conference Christian Education...	254.72
Conference Preachers' Aid Fund...	2,234.33
Otterbein Home	67.00
Kingdom Advance Program	15.00
Foreign Relief & Reconstruction	20.00

Total \$ 28,861.75

RECEIPTS

Benevolences:

Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 46,407.85
Same—Late reports last year	159.00
<i>Designated Benevolences:</i>	
Foreign Missions	154.68
Home Missions	117.16
Bonebrake Seminary	126.00
Otterbein College (Ed. Day)	50.00
Young People's Anniversary Day	25.00
Children's Day	718.19

\$ 47,757.88

Conference Expense Fund	391.64
Sandusky News (Subscriptions)...	1,129.50
Conference Trustees Fund	52,660.00
Same—Camp St. Marys Account	53,635.54
Same—Same, Annuity Acc't.	12,000.00
Same—Camp Functions	9,179.56
Conference Preachers' Aid	9,083.15
Conference Christian Education...	1,853.07
Youth Fellowship	1,984.18
Otterbein Home (Xmas Offerings)	31,437.57
Same—(Special)	21.00
Otterbein College (Centennial, Transferred to Benevolences)....	126.00
Kingdom Advance Program	27,040.16
Miscellaneous:	63.70

Denominational Preacher Pen.	722.09
American Bible Society	11.00
Brotherhood Account	238.65 201,756.61

Total Receipts 249,514.49

Total in the Treasury \$278,376.24

DISBURSEMENTS

To General Church & Benevolence Treasurers:

Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 24,037.88
Designated Benevolences	1,192.12
Kingdom Advance Program	27,055.16
Foreign Relief & Amer. Bible Soc.	31.00 52,316.16

To Conference Expense Account...	10,010.03
Sandusky News Account	1,251.12
Conference Trustee Fund	10,825.38
Same—Camp St. Marys Acct.....	129,320.27
Same—Camp Functions	4,758.75
Conference Board of Missions	5,537.93
Conference Preachers' Aid Acct.	11,514.34
Conference Christian Education...	2,446.85
Youth Fellowship Acct.	1,911.73
Otterbein Home (Christmas)	31,489.87
Miscellaneous Accounts	1,056.74 210,123.01

Total Disbursements 262,439.17

Balance in Treasury, August 21st, 1948 \$ 15,937.07

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Undesignated Benevolences	\$ 4,358.64
Children's Day	45.00
Conference Expense Fund	2,143.93
Sandusky News Account (Overdraft)	121.62
Conference Trustee Fund	5,970.53
Conference Board of Missions	402.66
Conference Christian Education Fund	1,334.92
Conference Preachers' Aid Fund	1,724.61
Otterbein Home (Christmas)	16.00
Miscellaneous	62.40

Total Cash in Treasury, Aug. 21, 1948\$15,937.07

A detailed statement of each fund of the Conference, showing the items of receipts and disbursements will be found in the Conference Minutes soon to be published.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. Alspach, Conference Treasurer

CARE Packages Count On KAP

Any contributions for CARE packages sent through the office of the Department of World Missions can count on the Kingdom Advance Program if the donor so wishes. This is allowed because CARE packages are strictly for relief, and a portion of the Kingdom Advance Funds are set aside for relief.

Dr. S. C. Ziegler, Associate Secretary of the Department of World Missions, writes, "At the present time we are more sorely in need of funds for reconstruction. At many of the places they have passed what we formerly thought of as emergency relief, and now that they are having more and better crops, people need help toward the constructing of new churches, new schools, new training centers for pastors, and new hospitals, to minister to their many sick and crippled folk."

Probationer's License Granted

The committee on Licensure reported the following applicants who were granted probationer's license to preach: Miss Barbara Frances J. Beck, Calvin Wise, Ralph A. Cornell, James L. Angel, Darrell W. Sellers, Ronald Paul Ricard, Loren H. Onweller, Kenneth E. Zimmerman, Dale E. Schanely and Mrs. Romah Yoh. In addition to these, there were 26 renewals.

A Perfect Paper

"There are no absolutely perfect persons to print and publish an absolutely perfect paper; and if there were, there would be no absolutely perfect people to read these perfect papers which they might produce! A perfect paper is a dream yet to be realized in that coming perfect day yet to dawn." Meanwhile we will endeavor to make this one as near perfect as we can.

—Adapted

News From The Churches

CARDINGTON CIRCUIT

Rev. C. V. Roop, accompanied by the pastor, solicited the membership of the Center and Fairview Churches for Camp St. Marys, receiving in cash and pledges \$1,479. This brings the total of Cardington Circuit's giving for Camp St. Marys to \$1,986. Total in cash \$741 and in pledges \$1,245.

We heartily recommend the fine spirit in which Rev. C. V. Roop solicited and the freedom with which the people gave to the Cause of Christ.

The per capita giving of the circuit has increased, the spiritual life of the churches has deepened, the attendance at most services is average, the church buildings are in good condition and in general

the people have had a will to work.

Sunday School work in all three churches is going well, each church held a revival with fair attendance and average results.

Center and Fairview Churches combined for a ten-day Bible school with an average attendance of 107 boys and girls coming to the six classes.

—Pastor, Howard Hammer

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MONTPELIER

The young people of the Montpelier Church inspired the congregation on Sunday evening August 15th by presenting the play, "God So Loved The World." This is the second play they have given this year, having given the first one at Christmas time. They have worked hard to make these plays a success and as a Church we greatly appreciate their efforts.

Our Youth Director, Everett Miller and his wife Wanita, have directed each play. They have worked hard and long and have accomplished much.

Russell Hawk, Pastor

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OLD FORT

August 15 climaxed a four-year period of advancement and a two year period of structural improvement at our Old Fort Church with a reopening-dedication service. Bishop Emeritus G. D. Batdorf, with the assistance of the Conference Superintendent, Dr. V. H. Allman, officiated in the dedicatory pronouncement for the following: complete interior renovation, installation of oil burner, remodeling of the sanctuary consisting of open chancel, pulpit furniture, dorsal and furniture hangings, altar appointments, partitioning of the basement into five rooms for the primary department and installing a heating unit, new collection plates, choir robes and pastoral gown, and new Baldwin electric organ.

These material things are but the outward results of an inner spirit and consecration. This inner attitude has also been manifested in other ways. Almost unbelievable percentages of increase have been made in four short years. The following represents the percentage of increase in the amount paid out this year over that paid out in the fiscal year 1943-44, in the designated category: pastor's salary 250%, benevolence budget 50%, other benevolences 900% (in actual figures this is an increase of annual giving from \$239.00 in 1944 to \$2,358 in 1948, to benevolent purposes outside the benevolence budget), local church maintenance 200%, Sunday school maintenance 150%, total for all purposes 750%, Telescope-Messenger subscriptions 1000%.

The present membership is 240 and during this period has enjoyed a 30% increase in average attendance. Such accomplishments are attained only through faithful, enthusiastic, active members. It vindicates the decision of four years ago to become a station. May God bless all our churches as we strive to bring souls to their eternal salvation. May we with

Solomon always remember "Great is the house that I build for great is my God."

—S. G. Sheriff, Pastor

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VAN WERT

On Sunday morning August 1st, the service was in charge of the Junior Choir with Mrs. Otto Huffine directing. Bill Baer and Roger Sherman sang for their duet, "Farther Along." Miss Loretta Huffine played a saxophone solo for the offertory. The Junior Choir sang for their anthem, "Pledged to the Service of Jesus." The pastor brought the message with an object lesson on the "Rainbow, a Token of a Covenant." For the evening service the closing service of the Daily Vacation Bible School was held. Results of this splendid school were given in the last issue of the News.

Sunday, August 8th was vacation Sunday for the pastor, however, Sunday School was held with the attendance of 114.

During the month of August it was vacation for Senior Choir. On August 15th our special music was the Girls' Trio—Misses Joan Goodwin, Roselyn Hattery and Winifred Schaadt—singing, "Only Glory By and By." Service of Installation of all church officers was held at the close of the morning service.

For the evening service our church was host to Van Wert District Brotherhood. A religious film was shown instead of a speaker for the evening as planned.

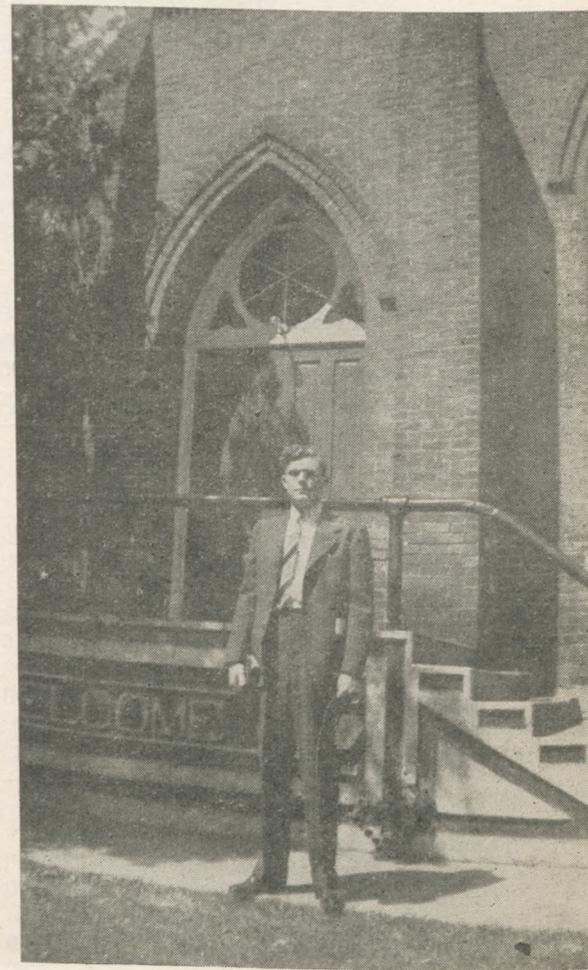
On Sunday, August 22nd, the special music for the morning service was a vocal duet by our Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Snyder, singing "The Lord Is My Shepherd." For the evening service we had with us Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gray, Evangelists from Dennison, Ohio, for a one-night revival service. The gospel in message and song was in power.

Holy Communion was observed for the fifth time this conference year on Sunday, August 29th. Mrs. Harold Gribler was the soloist, singing "Wonderful Love." This was one of the greatest services held during my pastorate. For the evening service (our director of Visual Aid in the church, Mr. Willis Snyder and his associate directors Mr. Martin Kilgore, Mr. J. W. Shimp and Mr. Nolan Ainsworth, have charge of the last evening of each month) showed the latest religious film, "Youth for the Kingdom."

This was a very busy year. All organizations have had good programs throughout the year and elections over, ready to start the new conference year. 28 members have been received by confession of faith this year. \$16,332 total for all purposes with the average per member for all purposes at \$60. If my pastorate should close with this session of the Annual Conference I have enjoyed the best two years of my ministry working and worshipping with these people. The cooperation of committee work, Council of Administration and all departments have been 100%. I have never seen it in this fashion.

—Walter Marks, Pastor

DELPHOS



Carl Brown

Carl Brown is re-elected Sunday School superintendent for the eighth time. Mr. Brown is a fine consecrated person and is much concerned about having a Christ-centered Sunday School. He is greatly interested in the salvation of souls. His daily work is that of a policeman in our city. He will be assisted by a recent convert, John Helt, superintendent of a factory here in Delphos. The Home Department has been organized and is functioning under the leadership of Elmer Dray who has been selected as Home Department superintendent. Charles Wells is the chief Class Leader.

The Sunday School attendance for the past year averaged 153, Morning Worship 123, Evening Worship 43, Prayer Meeting 31. During the month of August the average attendance for the prayer service was 35. The total expenditures for all purposes was \$9,626.00. The balance in all treasuries is \$6,328.00. We are very careful not to receive anyone into church membership who cannot give evidence of having been born again. Many of the new converts who have joined the church have been adults past 35 years of age, some even 60. These have never been reached by any church before. They soon become seasoned Christians and zealously long to see others also born again. The opportunity for a strong spiritual church here in Delphos is a great one.

—Paul B. Zimmerman

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION ON POLICY

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ence meetings be held on the camp grounds so far as possible.

Superintendent and Quarterly Conference

That, in harmony with action in previous years, the Conference Superintendent use his discretion in holding quarterly conferences in person, believing that the custom which he has followed in the past of attending the monthly district meetings and counselling there with leaders and pastors is of more value to the conference than the holding of routine quarterly conferences; that he also devote his time and effort as he has in the past to promoting the various interests of the church and especially to directing the further development of Camp St. Marys.

Next Year's Conference

That next year's session of conference close with a Sunday morning service, the opening day to be determined by the Council of Administration; that two days preceding the opening of the conference sessions be set aside for committee work.

"Work Week" for Camp St. Marys

That the third week of each month, except during the winter months, and except for the month of October when it shall be the last week, be set aside as "Work Week" for Camp St. Marys.

Church Membership

We recommend the following action concerning church membership records: (1). Each pastor shall be required to develop through the Council of Administration a program for winning back into active membership delinquent members on the roll.

(2). The Annual Conference shall make inquiry into the status of the local churches, and where there is a deficit in finances, or where no new members have been received during the year, the Minister and Lay Member of the Charge shall appear before the Committee on Delinquencies and make explanation. (Discipline P. 137).

(3). Each Local Church shall secure for itself the regular church Membership Record Book provided by the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The minister shall be the custodian of this Record Book, and shall enter therein the names of the members of the Local Church in the order of their admission, together with such other information as is necessary to complete the record. He shall see that every name is properly entered, and that no member is recorded as having terminated or lost his membership, except by transfer, withdrawal, removal without certificate, death, or Disciplinary procedure. This membership record shall be corrected annually, immediately preceding the session of the Annual Conference, by the minister in cooperation with the Church Council of Administration. (Discipline par. 363-364).

(4). Every minister shall keep the Church Membership Record Book as per disciplinary instruction in paragraph 363.

(5). It is the duty of the Minister, in

addition to the Official Record Book of each Local Church on his charge, to keep a General Record of the whole charge, listing therein each appointment, accurately recording the names of the members at each appointment, properly arranged as to classes and families; the name, office and address of the official members of each appointment, and the name and address of subscribers to the church periodicals; and noting therein all important occurrences on the Charge, and all changes in the Records made at the meeting of the Church Council of Administration; viz., additions on profession of faith and by certificate, death, expulsion, withdrawals, and removals. This latter Record shall be brought to the Annual Conference and given to the successor appointed to the field of labor. (Discipline par. 364).

(6). A pastor who year after year shows no accessions and a continued loss in membership should not expect to be granted work.

(7). When a member removes from a Charge and does not request a Certificate of Transfer of Dismissal, it shall be his duty to support, and report himself to his home church, and the Minister and Church Officers shall make an earnest effort to keep him in touch with his home church until he unites with another church in the community in which he resides. When a non-resident member fails to keep in touch with his home church or to unite with another church within two years, the minister, having earnestly sought to induce such member to be faithful to his vows of church membership, shall, upon recommendation of the Church Council of Administration, and after having given notice in writing to such member, report his name as having been removed without Certificate. (Discipline par. 291). No member shall be recorded as having withdrawn from the church without Certificate unless he be given opportunity in person or in writing, to appear before the Church Council of Administration and show cause why his name should not be removed from the Membership Roll. (Discipline par. 291).

(8). If a church is to grow it must increase its membership by 10% each and every year.

(9). A District Meeting of pastors shall be held in each district approximately 30 days before the sitting of the annual conference. A committee consisting of the Conference Superintendent, District Leader, and Secretary, shall examine and approve the Membership Records of each charge in the district. There are only three ways by which the name of a resident member may be removed from the church roll: viz., death, request of the member concerned, and judicial process.

Pastors' Salary

Due to the increased cost of living, it is obvious that a general increase in pastors' salaries is necessary. The Council has given careful study to this problem and in order that there may be an equitable relationship between the salary and the

ability of the church, we have prepared the schedule of minimum salaries for each pastoral charge. We wish to emphasize that this is a *minimum* standard, and that there are churches which should go beyond this standard. Any church paying less than \$2400 will be denoted Student Point (SP) and not recognized as a full-time pastorate. (Minimum Salary schedule is not printed here, but will appear in the Conference Minutes. Editor.)

Benevolent Budget

For the same reasons it has become necessary to increase the income of the conference and general church. Accordingly, we are recommending the following schedule of apportionments for the benevolent and missionary budget, which will become an action of the conference upon the adoption of this report. (Editor's Note: Schedule will appear in the printed copy of the Conference Minutes.)

Kingdom Advance

In order that the Conference may realize its full quota on the Kingdom Advance Program, each church is earnestly requested to reach a goal of one and one-half times its benevolent quota as given before the adoption of this report; same to be paid before June 1, 1949.

HOPE

In spiritual as in earthly things there is a great strength in hope, and, therefore, God's people are careful to cultivate that grace. A well-grounded hope that, having been made new creatures in Jesus Christ, we are his; that with our names, though unknown to fame, written in the Book of Life, we have grace in possession and heaven in prospect; that after a few more brief years pure as the angels that sing before the throne, we shall be brought with gladness into the palace of the King, to be like Christ and with Christ, seeing him eye to eye and face to face—such hopes are powerful springs of action.—Guthrie.

GOD'S MINORITIES

During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority—but he won!

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was a decided minority—but he won.

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midianites to flight they were in an insignificant minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was in a notable minority—but he won.

When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Martin Luther nailed his theses on the door of the cathedral he was a lonesome minority—but he won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified by the Roman soldiers, he was a conspicuous minority—but he WON!—The Christian Witness.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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for war.

The second day is October 17, Men's Day. The day calls all men to the task of building the Kingdom at home and abroad. The offering goes to the brotherhood of the Conference. The amount required for the year is \$3500, fifteen hundred of which is pledged for the year to our mission church at Sandusky on pastor's salary. All churches will be expected to take this offering and it should not fall below 8% of the Benevolence Quota assigned to the church. Disregard the statement in the program guide.

The Evangelistic Commission of the Conference, has set aside October and November as rally months and urges Pastors and church councils of administration to put on a vigorous campaign to return to active fellowship all inactive and delinquent members. A survey should be made to discover the prospective list for the year and a definite plan laid to win them to Christ and the Church.

The All Church Institutes to be held October 12-22 should claim the attention and provide for the attendance of all church leaders.

FALL INSTITUTES PRESENT
WHOLE CHURCH PROGRAM

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"greatest ever in spirit, power, force that we 'May Press On in a Fellowship of Love and Service'".

The program for the Institutes this year is as follows:

Theme—"We Press On—In a Fellowship of Love and Service"

St. Marys, Tuesday, October 12
Van Wert, Wednesday, October 13
Hicksville, Thursday, October 14
Toledo Upton, Friday, October 15
North Robinson, Monday, October 18
Leesville, Tuesday, October 19
Old Fort, Wednesday, October 20
Hoytville, Thursday, October 21
Van Buren, Friday, October 22

10 A. M.

District Leader presiding (pastor)

Scripture and Prayer—Pastor Host

10:15 African Needs Today, Mrs. Parker Young

10:45 Special Music, Offering

10:55 Panel of Conference departments in charge of Supt. Allman

11:25 Playlet, "Oil of Joy"

11:45 Roll Call

Announcements, Adjournment

Noon

1:30 Devotions, Mrs. Young

1:50 Presentation of Home Study, Mrs. C. D. Wright

2:15 Music—Offering

2:25 Youth Fellowship in relation to our Church Program, Rev. Frank Hamblen

2:45 Children's Work, Mrs. Roy Cramer

3:15 Group Meetings

4:00 Adjournment

Meeting of Youth Leaders, 6:00

Youth Fellowship Supper, 6:30 promptly

Young People's Evening, 7:45 P. M.

District President presiding

7:45 Devotions (Hymn, Scripture and Prayer)

8:00 Roll Call

8:10 Youth Fellowship in Sandusky Conference, Rev. Hamblen
Special Music

8:35 Motion Pictures

Offering

Closing

NOTES

All attending and remaining for the meals please bring generous tureens.

Awards for the largest percentage attendance in W. S. W. S. groups and mileage awards in Youth Fellowship in the evening meeting.

Please bring to the group meeting all the questions you may have concerning your work and all the suggestions you may have and plans that have worked in your own society.

"Let us put our love not into words or into talk, but into deeds and make it real." I John 3:18 (Moffatt).

Marion District Brotherhood

The Marion District Brotherhood met Sunday evening, Aug. 15, at the Eden School House with the Smithville Charge Brotherhood as host and President Clifford Hoover in charge. The Men's Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Dillman. The treasurer, O. P. Miller, reported a balance of \$135.16.

Frank Grandey was present and gave a report on the Men's Congress at Findlay. Mr. Grandey spoke of the contemplated changes in the working of the Brotherhood in the future.

In the Mass Meeting, Rev. Don Hostetler of Marion led the singing. Rev. John Martin, of the Salem Charge, read the 19th Psalm. Rev. C. V. Roop led in prayer. The New Winchester Church favored us with a duet. The offering amounted to \$106.42. An invitation was extended by the Marion Church, and it was accepted, for the next meeting in November. In the count for the banner, Bucyrus was victorious.

Rev. Clayton Strawser introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Rolland Walker, of Ohio Wesleyan University. His talk was on Paul and the conditions then as well as now. The message was very interesting and instructive.

The ladies of the Smithville charge were thanked for the fine eats furnished. Over 300 were present.

Raymond Harter, Secretary

Pastors Urged To Back
CROP

James D. Wyker, Ohio CROP Director, urges every minister to back the Christian Rural Overseas Program as this is not an additional relief project but a united project which the denominations are

already operating with goals in every church. "CROP is a way of doing a job better together, because the solicitor calls on every farmer along the road rather than just his own church members. Every contribution goes to the credit of the church and denomination which is designated on the pledge slip. It is the easiest way for churches to reach their goal for relief that I know of. It is the most efficient way that I have discovered, outside of government purchasing, to collect vast amounts of food."

Fifty-three carloads of relief food were sent out on the Ohio Food Train the first of September, according to Mr. Wyker. "This will mean better than three million loaves of bread for hungry, sick and displaced people—a small drop in the bucket in comparison to the need, if America is to measure up to the implication about food in the parable of the last judgment."

The Second Section of the Food Train is to move before Thanksgiving. Mr. Wyker pleads for every pastor to take special responsibility within his own county when the Food Train is being organized there.

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson

If you are looking for a soft spot, you might find it under your hat.

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Some one said: "A Christian Is":
A mind through which Christ thinks.
A heart through which Christ loves.
A voice through which Christ speaks.
A and through which Christ helps.

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'Tis better to be alone than in bad company.—Washington.

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Help the weak if you are strong.
Love the old if you are young.
Own a fault if you are wrong.
If you are angry, hold your tongue.

—Anon

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If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.—Emerson

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I have walked in the fields of gladness,
I have wept in the vale of tears;
And my feet have stumbled oft times,
As I trod through the path of years;
Yet my voice has ever lifted
It's song of grateful praise,
To the God of all Eternities,
Who has kept me all my days.

Though alone I tread the winepress,
Or kneel in Gethsemane,
I know that I am not forsaken,
And that He leadeth me:
Though alone, through the vale of the shadow,

My soul shall not be dismayed;
For my God is the God of the Fathers,
The God of The Unafraid.

(My favorite poem)

Kitchen Kapers

We have two dessert recipes—a pudding and a cake—to bring you this month—

SAILOR DUFF PUDDING

2 tbsp. sugar
 ½ C. Baking Molasses
 1 egg
 2 tbsp. shortening
 1 tsp. soda, dissolved in ½ C. hot water
 1 tsp. baking powder
 1½ C. flour
 ½ C. boiling water lastly.

Mix and put into 8×10×2½ or equally large round pan and steam one hour. This pudding may be served with any kind of sauce, such as, lemon or cherry, or with whipped cream. It is fine and comes from Mrs. John Mehan.

The second is—

MIRACLE WHIP CAKE

½ C. granulated sugar
 ½ C. Miracle Whip dressing
 1 C. sifted flour (either Gold Medal or cake flour)
 1 tsp. soda
 1 tsp. vanilla (scant)
 2 level tbsp. Cocoa dissolved in ½ C. hot water

(No, there is neither shortening nor eggs in this recipe.)

Mix all ingredients until smooth. Bake in 8×10 inch pan in preheated oven at 375 degrees for 20 minutes. Turn oven off and let cake remain in it for 10 minutes or until toothpick inserted in it comes out clean. Double recipe for two layers.

Ice with powdered sugar icing. Very good topped with cocoanut after having iced it.

Mrs. J. R. Costin gives us this recipe.

If anyone wishes to share a recipe in this manner please feel free to do so.

Ladies Aid

The August meeting of the Upton Aid was held Tuesday evening, August 10, in the Parish House. Seventeen of our ladies were present. We were glad to have Mrs. Mehan with us again after her being absent so long.

Secretary's and treasurer's reports were heard and approved. Mrs. Schmitt also gave us the annual report on the Aid's "income" and "outgo" that was presented at the last Council of Administration meeting. While the "net income" was a little on the lean side, the ladies surely do deserve a vote of thanks for the things they have done during the past year to raise money. The monthly suppers alone are enough to try a person's depth of Christianity! (There has been many a battle between the conscience of your reporter and a 50 lb. bag of potatoes come the third Wednesday morning of the month!) To those ladies who so valiantly stood by their pots and pans during the past year, a sincere and heartfelt thank you comes from your retiring president, Mrs. Nina Kohl.

Our chaplain, Mrs. Vada Mark, brought the devotions to us from William L. Stidger's book "Sermon Nuggets in Stories." She used the selection "Destiny—Fruit of Desire!"

A young New England minister was a very talented painter. Although he had never gone to art school, he had always wanted to paint. At a private showing of some of his works, it was predicted that he (James Greer) would go far.

Life follows the desire of the heart whether it be in art, poetry, science or any other line of work or interest. A person must have a change of heart in order to secure a change in life.

A man attracts that which he is, not that which he wants. If he enjoys doing wrong, he has no desire to be any different. However, sometimes he finds that his way and what it gets him is not so great as he at first thought it to be.

Character comes out of the springs of choice. If we choose the higher things of life, and if we walk the higher ways, we are bound to be people of a higher character. Those who prefer the "easy" ways, and the lower standards wind up with a like character.

Peace of mind is to be found by resting in the Lord. But we are only humans, and as such, we are apt to be impatient because God's time is not always our time. We often miss His plan for us because of this very impatience. If we could only remember that self-control equals strength, mastery equals right, and calmness equals power what a lot of worried looks would disappear!

Destiny is no better than a man desires to be "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Mrs. Mark closed with a prayer.

September will begin a new year for the Aid. There is much to be done, and we need all the help we can get—we need YOU ladies. So why not start the fall season by coming to our next meeting? You'll find a fellowship among us that more than makes up for the hours of work. Watch your bulletin for details—we'll be looking for you.

Margaret Pfeiffer

W. S. W. S.

The Missionary Society of Upton Church held its August meeting Friday evening, August 6, in the Parish House. Nineteen of our ladies were there. We were especially glad to have Mrs. Weist and Mrs. Marium Turner back with us.

Mrs. Main reported that the Guild Girls are getting ready to pack boxes of Christian literature for shipment overseas. If any of you folks have Bibles, books, or old copies of "The Evangel" or "The Telescope Messenger" that you no longer want, bring them to the church and they will be put to good use.

Mrs. Vada Mark gave to us different truths and untruths concerning the Neisi and Jewish groups. Contrary to the pop-

ular belief, the Neise do not lower the standard of a community, but they are easily acclimated if given the opportunity.

Most of the Jews are poor or middle class. There is no Jewish race—they belong to all races, and are bound together only by religious and cultural ties.

At the close of reports, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Kane, the leader for the evening. Her topic was "We Press On In Seeking To Understand and Know."

Why do we read the Bible? Is it because we feel obligated to do so? What guides us to the Scriptures? We should use it and study it according to our needs, rather than just opening it at random each day. For every problem with which we are faced, there is guidance and help to be found in God's Word.

The Bible can be likened unto a lamp or a two-edged sword. But in order to understand it better, we should read and study other religious books and literature. "The Evangel" and "The Telescope Messenger" are two publications that are of great help to those seeking to know the word of Jesus.

What do you do with this literature after you are through with it? There are so many folks in hospitals, homes for the aged, children's homes, and even people in the war-torn areas overseas who would be only too glad of an opportunity to read and study this material. Passing these publications on to others is one of the ways that we can spread the Gospel of Christ.

In 1850 a missionary left Mexico believing his work to be a failure. Before he went away, he left Bibles in many of the homes. Years later an active congregation had grown up as a direct result of the work he had done and the Bibles he had given them.

The Scripture is printed in seventy-seven languages. There are many people overseas who will cherish a copy of the Bible as one of their most prized possessions.

It has been reported that a man traveled 8800 miles and delivered 31,707 copies of the Scriptures so that others could learn and understand the word of God.

In conclusion, Mrs. Kane left us with the thought that we should think of others, and help them to gain access to God through His Gospel and supplementary Christian literature.

A social hour followed with refreshments served by Mrs. Nina Kohl and Mrs. Margaret Pfeiffer.

Watch your bulletin for details of the next meeting and plan on joining us. You'll be most welcome.

Margaret Pfeiffer

"If we refuse to listen to God when he tries to talk to us, how can we expect him to listen to us when we want to talk to him?"

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"The longer we dwell on our misfortunes the greater is their power to harm us."

Why Did It Have to Happen to Me?

Cue Nolte

How many times have you heard that thought expressed, or how many times have you personally made the same observation? It seems that as soon as something out of the ordinary happens to us we immediately want to know why it has happened to us and not to somebody else.

Surely trials and difficulties are going to come. Christ himself said that he brought not peace, but a sword, and that he would set a person against his own house. Since we are finite human beings and creatures of free will, some of us now and then are going to have to suffer as a consequence of the mistakes and errors of human judgment on the part of our fellow men. Then we are also going to have to suffer for our own mistakes and errors, and the Bible has promised us that "whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." So all in all we are bound to find from time to time trials and difficulties in our path.

As the Bible has promised us they are to come, so it has also told us that of the times and seasons no man knows, but that we are to be ready for we know not when the Son of Man will come. We do not know, and cannot know, when things are going to happen, or how or why they are to happen. Those things are in the hands of the Almighty.

As soon as we try to figure out why certain things have happened to us, immediately we begin to justify ourselves in comparison to others whose lot seems to have been more pleasant. We reason that we have lived a better life than they have, and consequently they should have been punished instead of us. Again the Bible tells us that we shall not judge others, lest we ourselves be judged. As soon as we attempt to justify ourselves and our position, we have lost the good effect of the chastening, for we become resentful and critical. The next step is finding fault with the working and judgment of the Almighty, for we are sure that he has made a mistake in sending us trials.

Trials and tribulations then will come, whether as a result of the errors in judgment of our friends, our own mistakes or from the hand of God himself. But ours is not to question why they come to us or try to justify our position in that they should not have come. Ours is to bear whatever seems to be our lot with all the grace and courage which we can command and "accept the purpose of God." While the Bible has promised us that trials and tribulations will come, it has also promised us that we shall not be tried beyond our ability to bear and that One will always be with us to help us in our time of trial.

Note: The author, though now a member of an Evangelical and Reformed

church in Chicago, comes from an old Evangelical background.

—Telescope Messenger, June, 1948

The Little Green Blanket

Alongside the almost appalling realization of the possible extent of our influence I like to put the story of a mossy green blanket. It is the story of an ugly, misshapen brownie who had two great ambitions: one to become a fairy, and the other to see the King of all the World. He also had two possessions: a tiny wheelbarrow and a lovely soft mossy green blanket. He had overheard the fairies saying that anyone who went on doing kind deeds would turn into a fairy, so he used his tiny wheelbarrow to carry away slugs and snails from gardens and to gather nuts and acorns to put in places convenient for the squirrels to find. In spite of the fact that he had done these kind deeds for months, he was still a brownie.

His other possession was the blanket which had fallen from the chariot of the fairy queen as she drove through the forest. He had fully intended to take it to her, and then, because she had plenty of blankets and he had none, he decided to keep it for himself. And it did feel so lovely and warm on cold winter nights.

The brownie had heard much of the beauty of the King of all the World, and he did so want to see him. But the king came riding through the forest just at dawn, and the brownie could never wake up in time. One day he met a shepherd in the forest who told him it was worth everything to see the King of all the World, urged the brownie to try, and said maybe his little green blanket had something to do with his being unable to waken in time.

Then the brownie had a new ambition, and that was to become a shepherd boy of the King of all the World and be with him forever. The brownie finally ran with the blanket to the queen's palace, and after an almost sleepless night because of the cold, he was awake at dawn. He joined the trees and birds and flowers in greeting the King in all his beauty as he rode through the forest, and it was more wonderful than he had ever dreamed.

The King stopped before the little brownie, took him in his arms, and asked him if he wanted to be a fairy. The brownie answered, "No, I want to be a shepherd boy and be with you forever." So the King touched the ugly little brownie and he was changed into a fine strong shepherd boy. His song is the happiest song in fairyland, and his face shines with the glory of the king. But first, he had to take back the little green blanket.

We are challenged, but not appalled, by the thought of the extent of our influence when we have the transforming touch of the King upon our lives.

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The Message of the Roses

From where did the rose come? To answer this question fully would mean to give answer to the question involved in Tennyson's lines:

"Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is."

Theodore Parker once said of the rose, "Every rose is an autograph from the hand of God on his world about us. He has inscribed his thoughts in these marvelous hieroglyphics which sense and science have, these many thousand years, been seeking to understand."

The wide use of the word "rose" indicates the charm of this particular flower. The word has been accommodated to many ideas but I know of no case where it is used in an ugly sense. The rose everywhere stands for beauty, and it is not surprising that it finds an affinity with the month of June—"the month of roses."

The many varieties of our garden roses have come chiefly from about thirty varieties of the wild rose. Horticulturists have given us more than four thousand varieties of the rose, with so many colors that words fail to describe their beauty.

If nature has any desire to express to us a message through beauty, she certainly has chosen the rose as that medium. We Americans have been so charmed with the rose that we have chosen to call one of its family "The American Beauty." And a beauty it is.

Sometimes the prickly nature of the rose bush annoys us, but we soon forget the thorns as we fasten our eyes upon the beauty and charm of the flower. When thorns produce flowers, whether in the case of the rose, or in a more spiritual sense, we see the handiwork of God in the process.

THE PEARL OF PSALMS

William Spurgeon called the eighty-fourth Psalm "The Pearl of Psalms." . . . If the twenty-third be the most popular, the one hundred and third the most joyful, the one hundred and nineteenth the most deeply experimental and the fifty-first the most plaintive, the eighty-fourth is the sweetest of the "Psalms of Peace." The second word, amiable, has the significance of "lovable," suggesting that the place where the soul worships God is loved because it affords satisfaction to one of the deepest longings of human nature. Another foremost religious thinker of our time says that it is human to have the tendency to worship, to reach out to something bigger than oneself, and that people cut themselves off from this tendency, thinking they can go the way alone. Worshipping together with a congregation of people on Sunday acts as a healing balm on the cares of the week and renews your friendship with the Divine.