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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Among Our People

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brannon and family in the loss of Mrs. Brannon's mother at the Holiday season. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holliday in the loss of Mr. Holliday's mother who passed away in W. Va. about this time.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mehan, nee Shirley Glenn, who were married in Upton church on Saturday, Jan. 5th at 3:30 P. M. with the pastor performing the ceremony. Reception was held in the church social rooms. They will live at 1527½ Jermain Dr.

Our congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. John Mehan, parents of Gordon, who celebrated their twenty-first anniversary on December 30th.

We have cards from both the Brannon and Holliday families expressing their appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the church and friends in their time of loss.

Mrs. Zelma Katschke has asked that we convey her thanks to the S. S. class, church and friends who remembered her while she was in the hospital. She is again back at her post in the primary S. S. for which we are glad.

Mrs. Daisy Winters of Temperance, Mich. (9015 Lewis Ave., P. O. Box No. 62) who recently fell and suffered quite a bad knee injury, sends a card of appreciation for prayers, flowers, cards and other remembrances of her many friends at Upton. (She was in St. Luke's Hospital for several weeks.)

We have three youngsters of our church families who are ill and confined to their homes. Perhaps many of you do not know concerning them. They are Helen Frybarger, 3017 Gunkel Blvd., Keith Tompkins, 2430 Trenton and Bonnie Block, 1922 Bigelow. Any thoughtfulness by our people will be appreciated.

"Best Wishes" and a "Hello" to all her friends at Upton came from Mrs. Florence Moomey of San Bernadino, Calif., at the Christmas time. She is very busy in the new E. U. B. church in that city.

At this writing we have Mrs. C. B. Shaffer and Wm. Hatfield in St. Vincent's hospital and Mrs. Galen Myers in Mercy. We hope for each of them a speedy recovery.

WANTED—If there is anyone who knows of a used living room suite someone would like to give to the church same could be used to very good advantage. Call La. 0936.

"If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it where the old lady found her spectacles—on her own nose." Josh Billings.

One frost does not create a winter.

World Mission Day

Feb. 3—10:30 A. M.

Evangelistic Services

Feb. 18—Mar. 2

Rev. G. E. Vinaroff

preaching nightly, 7:45 P. M.

Invite your friends and neighbors and come

Church Erection Fund

In order that our people might know the standing of our Church Erection Fund we give you the following figures:

Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1951.....	\$16,590.94
Regular Receipts	991.10
Transfer from W. S. W. S.	100.00
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	17,682.04
Disbursements	5.52
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	\$17,676.52
Interest	128.20
Receipts Jan. 6, 1952	407.95
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	\$18,212.67

L. V. Fletcher
Treas., C. E. Fund

Corrections For Directory

BERMAN, Mrs. Mary, 2348 Orchard Rd.
Same phone.

BRIGHTON, Miss Joyce, 5556 Kress St.

DAVIS, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Phone Lu24075

DAVIDSON, Ted, 1639 Palmwood AD. 0958

Ted is a new member of Upton and I do not believe such mention was made at the time he was received—my apologies.
H. C.

DEACON, Mrs. Mildred, 1137 Colton, Jo. 3670.

KUEHN, Robert, 2715 Densmore, KI. 1756

KURTZ, Edw., 911 Grand, EM. 0411.

MARTINDALE, Mrs. Myrtle and Ione,
529½ South Same Phone.

MEHAN, Gordon, 1527½ Jermain Dr. La. 8287.

ROTHLISBERGER, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, P. O. Box 62, Temperance, Mich.

TURNER, Rev. and Mrs. Virgil, 205 Hart St. Dayton, O.

WEBB, Mrs. Marion, Phone Jo. 4501.

WINTERS, Mr. and Mrs. L. R., P. O. Box 62, Temperance, Mich.

WINTERS, Mr. and Mrs. Luther, 23104 Olmstead, Dearborn, Mich.

Will you please advise us of any corrections that should be made from time to time. (LA. 0936)

H. C.

Pastor's Column

It is good to be back and at work again in the cause of Christ at Upton Avenue. We have been for two Sundays now back in the pulpit at Toledo and we have been catching up a bit on the work and in calling upon the sick and the shut-ins. (By the way we would once again call to attention that it is so very helpful to us when our people notify us of their sicknesses or incapacities. It is so very easy for us to fail to know of your needs unless you let us know and then both you and we feel badly about it all. Feel free to call us at any time. The days pass so swiftly and the work is so great that we appreciate every help given.) We bring to you each and all a word of appreciation for the consideration that allows a chance for rest and refreshment. We pledge to do our best to be worthy of your every consideration.

Christmas and New Year has come and gone. Each year Mrs. Johnson and myself have been sending some five to six hundred greetings. We bid your indulgence with us this year for we did not send a single greeting. We even took some along on the trip away but time passed and not even one of those was sent. We feel a bit guilty and if you will forgive us this year we will do better next time. We do hope and pray that 1952 will be the best year that you ever had. May the Lord richly bless you and find you worthy of all his blessings.

1951 brought its joys and sorrows; its defeats and victories; its pleasant and its difficult ways for the church and the people of the church. Reports of some of these will be found in other parts of this issue. Among them I should like to call to attention the increase in the Church Erection Fund. We trust that you will continue your support in order that we may at the earliest possible wise moment begin the completion of the church building but we must also keep in mind that we dare not neglect the ongoing of the current and benevolent interests of the church for to do so would be to admit that we aspire to the building of the church for nothing.

February ought to be a good month. World Day Mission Advancement will be observed on the first Sunday of February. Plan now to be present. On the seventeenth of February a two weeks meeting will be held, open to the public, nightly at 7:45 P. M. Rev. G. E. Vinaroff of Russell, Kansas, will be song director, soloist, and preacher each evening. Rev. Vinaroff is one of the best known evangelists of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. Each one should plan now and set aside these dates.

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Postoffice Local

PASTOR'S COLUMN

(Continued from Page 1)

Rev. Vinaroff is not new in Toledo or new to the Upton Church. He was with us in meetings fourteen years ago in a series of meetings that none can forget who shared therein. Some eighty-seven decisions were made for Christ and eighty-five united with the church in church membership. He is an excellent organizer, an enthusiastic leader, a song leader and soloist of national recognition in our church and other denominations as well, he captivates with his use of magic and we are told that he is a good and true preacher of the Word. (When he was with us before he did not do the preaching. This time he will preach as well as be in charge of the music.)

And now we would seek your prayers daily and constantly for these meetings. Without prayer they will fail. Will you join the prayer group? We also would have you search your own life to see if there are not higher heights possible for you. Tell your friends and invite and bring them with you to these nights of opportunity and blessing. Leaders and teachers should keep these services before their groups and to win any who are not now in the fold. **AND DON'T FORGET TO SET ASIDE THE DATES—EACH NIGHT AT 7:45 FEB. 17 to MARCH 2.**

January is the month of Preacher Pension. The share of Upton Church for this year is \$450.00. Of this amount the pastor pays \$150 and the church pays \$300. Should the pastor pay all his share and the church fail to pay theirs the pastor will be penalized by being cut one year in the pension allotments made by the church for the entire period of the receiving of his pension. I am sure that the church does not want this to happen. Also our older men who are now retiring will suffer in the reduction of their pension if we fail to do our share. If you have not given will you not see to this matter at once?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27. Indications are for a good and blessed Lenten and Easter season. Such will be the case if each of us seek to do our best. Homes will be enriched, lives will be made better and the whole world will benefit. Will you fail in this hour? I remember what is said in Timothy, "If we are faithless, yet He remains faithful for He cannot be untrue to Himself". (II Tim. 2:13, Moffatt). He is counting upon you and we feel certain that you will not want to fail.

O. E. J.

Upton Aid

Seventeen of our ladies and a good dose of snow attended the Aid meeting held Tuesday evening, December 11, at the Parish House.

The Season's Greetings were extended to all by our president, Mrs. Marie Thomas. She also gave her sincere thanks and appreciation to all the ladies who have worked with her during the past year. Plans are already under way for next year's bazaar,

so, ladies, watch your bulletins for details of future sewing days. There are still things available from this year's bazaar—pillow cases, rugs, and aprons—all to be found as Mrs. Fern Ostrander so aptly put it "in my closet". If anyone is interested you know where to go!

Folks, we feel as though there is a bright outlook for the future of our group—as of the night of this meeting our first \$1,000.00 has been paid on our pledge of \$3,000 to the Church Erection Fund. God willing, and with the continued good will and help of each of YOU we are sure that we can fulfill our promise on the remaining \$2,000.00. The women who were present at this meeting all expressed their hopes for the group for the year 1952—greater attendance, better fellowship, and a deeper sense of spiritual living among the members.

Devotions were based on the Christmas story as found in the second chapter of Luke, verses 1 through 20. This was Christmas as it was when God gave His greatest gift to mankind—His only Begotten Son. Now, nearly 2,000 years later, we have laid that gift to one side and put an "X" in place of the Christ. In mathematics an "X" often designates an unknown quantity. That is the way Christmas is fast becoming—unknown except from the materialistic standpoint. We go downtown and wade through endless displays of all kinds of gifts. We decide to have a perfect "whopper" of a dinner on Christmas Day even though it takes all week to recover from both the work and the eating; and we certainly must not forget the exchange days between Christmas and New Year's.

But what about Christ—what do we do with Him? Some churches pack baskets for poor and needy families—what about those that feel that they can't do it because it would set a precedent or because they just aren't interested enough? What about ALL of us who put Christ away with the tinsel and decorations and say "I'm glad that's over for another year!" God did not give His Son for just one day—He gave Him for all eternity to each of us who wants Him so "that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Let's each one of us resolve in our own hearts that we will not only put Christ back into our Christmas, but that we will also give Him a permanent place in our lives from now on, not so that when He walks among us He must say to Himself, "There is still no room for Me."

Margaret Pfeiffer

Council Meetings

The council groups did not meet in the month of December—so had a little rest during the "Christmas Rush." However, they were back in goodly numbers on the eve of January 2nd when the Council meetings were called.

Rev. Johnson and family had been called away to attend the funeral of a niece that

day so in his absence Mr. Riendeau, Vice Chairman of the Council, was in charge. Meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Knisely. Roll was marked by the secretary and reports were heard from the various treasurers of the church. Many fine reports were given—facts and figures concerning same will be found in other columns of the paper. Mr. Leach, Financial Secretary, has been making a study and doing some work as regards the results of last year's payment on pledges made by our people, amount paid by those who did not pledge and many other items. This is a very interesting report and perhaps you may be hearing concerning it later. It was agreed that our Pastor's expenses be allowed as he goes to the Ohio Pastors' convention held in Columbus, O., the latter part of the month. Our coming Evangelistic meetings with Rev. Vinaroff here were given much emphasis by Mr. Knisely. The urgency of the payment of the Preacher Pension assessment for Upton was stressed by Mr. Riendeau.

Those present were: Mrs. Braun, Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. Knisely, Mr. Koenigseker, Mr. Kolbe, Mrs. Kuehn, Miss Layman, Mr. P. Leach, Mr. Lugibihl, Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. O. Thomas, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Riendeau, Chrm. and H. Coder, Sec'y. Those excused were Dr. Callender, Mrs. Costin, Rev. Johnson, Mrs. and Gordon, and Mr. Zoll. Those absent were Mr. Babcock, Mr. Bannon, Mr. Degener, Mr. Hoel, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Kane, Miss King, Miss Lee, Mr. Kuehn, Mr. N. Leach, Mr. Leonard, Mr. McShane, K. McGuire, Mrs. Main, G. Mehan, Mr. Sampsel, Mr. VanGuten, Mr. Vernier and Mrs. Ziegler.

Mr. Lugibihl was in charge of the Sunday School Executive Council session held immediately following the C. of Adm. Mrs. Harbaugh acted as Sec'y in absence of Mrs. McCarthy. Those of the S. S. Council present were: Miss Layman, Mrs. Frantz, Mr. Riendeau, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Knisely and Mr. Kolbe. Those excused were Rev. Johnson and Duane, Mr. McShane, Mrs. Tressler, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Katschke and Mrs. Shaffer. Those absent were: Mrs. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Miss Dotson, Mrs. French, Mrs. Kohl, Miss Kolbe, Mrs. Van Gunten, Mr. Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Hoel, Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Lugibihl, Mr. Ogle, Misses Reighard and Wilmoth.

H. Coder,

Sec'y C. of Adm.

Abraham Lincoln knew people. He knew how to influence them to think his way. He was a master of selling through both the spoken and written word. "If you would win a man to your cause," he said, "first convince him that you are his true friend. Therein is a drop of honey which will catch his heart—which, say what you will, is the greatest high road to his reason. When you have once gained his heart, you have little trouble convincing his judgment of the justness of your cause, if indeed that cause is really just."

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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E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR

DELTA REDEDICATES NEWLY DECORATED SANCTUARY AND S. S. ROOMS



On December 16th, 1951 the Evangelical United Brethren church of Delta, Ohio celebrated a very happy occasion—the rededication of the newly redecorated sanctuary and Sunday School Rooms. In spite of the sub-zero weather and all the inconveniences that come with it such as stalled cars, frozen water pipes, etc. there were seventy eight present for Sunday school with more coming in for the worship service. The altar was decorated with palms and a huge basket of beautiful chrysanthemums presented by Mrs. Geneva Thompson of Detroit in honor of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Greisinger, who are members here. The robed Junior Choir participated in the worship service with appropriate responses

and an anthem. We were very privileged to have with us our district superintendent. Rev. F. A. Firestone, to present a very timely Christmas message.

At noon a bountiful pot luck dinner was served in the basement dining room. Every one enjoyed the Christian fellowship as was evidenced by the merry hum of conversation and laughter. At two o'clock we again gathered in the sanctuary for the rededication services. Greetings and best wishes were extended by the Delta Ministerial group and by the ministers of the Napoleon group. Among the special numbers was a male quartet from the Zion E. U. B. church and an anthem by the Junior Choir. Rev. Firestone then gave an inspirational message and con-

ducted the rededication ceremony. The afternoon program concluded by a ladies trio composed of Mrs. Wilbur Kleck, Mrs. Donald Pfaff, and Mrs. Kenneth Russell singing "Bless This House." We give thanks and all glory to the God above who has been so gracious to us and who has enabled us to complete and pay for this project which, when first contemplated, seemed almost unattainable.

Special Revival Services will begin Jan. 6 for at least two weeks. Rev. O. L. Heltzel of Wauseon will be the evangelist. Rev. and Mrs. Goings will conduct the Children's Services, Roscoe Koos, song leader, Mrs. Merlyn Ruple, pianist.

E. W. Goings, Pastor
Christine Ruple, Reporter

For The Young People

There are 26,500,000 youth in the United States between the ages of 12 and 25 according to the 1950 census. We are told by Christian educators that millions of young people have never been inside of a church of any denomination or faith. We know that within the bounds of our own conference there are hundreds of young people who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Friend. We all know many young people in our own communities who have not been touched by the church and who need Christ in their lives.

January is Youth Evangelism Month and should be a fruitful month in every Youth Fellowship. It should be a month in which the Commission on Evangelism and Stewardship carries out its program of reaching out and bringing new young people into the youth group. Young people may not come to you. It will be

up to the Evangelism Commission and others to go out after them. As the editor of "Builders" suggests, we need to follow four basic principles in winning youth:

"First, we must expect them to respond; Second, we must try to understand them; Third, we must commit them, ask them to give an answer to Christ and the church, Fourth, we must put them into service, use them in a worth-while task that challenges them to the utmost."

Christ Calls Youth to Commitment! May Youth Evangelism Month be a fruitful month for every church.

"The Call" and Youth Week

This year Youth Evangelism Month should have a very meaningful climax, for it concludes with the emphasis upon "The Call" on the first Sunday of Youth Week, January 27.

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The North District

Rev. F. A. Firestone, Superintendent

FACING THE DAWN

Daylight and morning bell,
And after that to work;
And may there be no soft and subtle spell
To make me shirk!
For though into the maze of toil and
strife,
My tasks may set my way,
I hope to meet my Master life to life,
As I shall live this day!

These are lines from a poem written by Dr. William Hiram Foulkes, a great American preacher. They are something of a parody, in the best sense, on Tennyson's immortal lines. They are fitting for all of us—always—particularly now.

December Babies

With delight we announce the safe arrival of precious babies in December to
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Ohio Sandusky Conference Leads in Builders Subscriptions

Ohio Sandusky Conference tops the list of "Builders" subscriptions to any one of the four Ohio conferences, states Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor, and a member of the Conference. Recorded for this year are 6,300 subscriptions to our youth publication. Of all the conferences in the church, only the Western Pennsylvania exceeds this total with 7,546 subscriptions. Editor Veh and all members of the Conference rejoice in this achievement.

"I know that you will not be satisfied with this achievement", states Dr. Veh, "but will plunge forward to a greater total."

Is your Sunday School giving "Builders" to young people's and adult Sunday school classes? If not, have your Sunday school council consider the opportunity of getting this denominational weekly into the homes of your parish. The publisher will gladly supply a month's supply of any quantity of copies free for introduction into your school.

Golden Wedding Anniversary At Tiro

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Cantwell Lash, of our Tiro Church, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

They were married November 14, 1901, by Rev. C. W. May, pastor of the Tiro U. B. church at that time.

They have spent their entire lives in the vicinity of Tiro, and are loyal members of the Tiro E. U. B. church.

The couple have seven children, one of whom, Walter Clinton, is Superintendent

of the Willard, Ohio, E. U. B. Sunday School. The couple also have 12 grandchildren.

They observed open house on Sunday, November 18th, in their home, and in spite of the winter blizzard of that day, they received over 130 guests.

Reporter

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

(Continued from page 3)

Each pastor received a little folder explaining "The Call" and read about it in "Builders" and will be hearing more about it over radio and television. "The Call to United Christian Youth Action" in every community is a vital part of the observance of Youth Week. Help for the promotion of this worthy project can be found in "Christian Education Newsletter" as well as "Ohio Christian News."

"The Call", which has as its goal "One Million Youth for Christ—One Million Dollars for Youth at Home and Abroad", is the greatest challenge ever presented by the United Christian Youth Movement.

I am sure every local church will do its best to get its youth to sign the commitment cards and collect one dollar from each young person. This money is to be sent to the Rev. W. P. Alspach, Treasurer, 314 Lincoln St., Findlay, Ohio. Let us do our part in helping to reach the goal of one million in youth and in dollars. If possible, the money should be received on February 3 at an interdenominational gathering in your community. "CHRIST CALLS YOUTH."

World Service Offering Postponed

Since "The Call" comes during Youth Week this year, the emphasis of the Self-Denial offering will be postponed until the week of March 9-16.

Mid-Winter Convention

Old Man Winter played havoc with us during Mid-Winter Convention time, Dec. 27-29, but over 130 young people braved the icy roads to attend the First Mid-Winter Convention of the new Ohio Sandusky Conference held at First E. U. B. church, Marion, with Don Hochstettler as host Pastor.

The keynote address was given by Superintendent F. A. Firestone of the Northern District, and discussion groups were led by H. L. Adams, Paul Jones, Miss Miriam Fritz, Paul Walter, Kenneth Stover, and Wendell W. Freshley. The emphasis upon "The Call" was brought by James Jones, president of Toledo Youth Federation, and the concluding messages were given by C. Willard Fetter of First Church, Akron, of our Ohio East Conference.

Rev. Fetter was the banquet speaker on Friday, concluding an evening of wholesome fun and fellowship with special musical numbers and a reading, the program being in charge of John Searle, Jr. who led the singing. Don Sullivan served as toastmaster.

The Convention concluded after Rev. Fetter's challenging message on "A Good Name," with an installation service and

consecration service led by the Conference Youth Director. A human cross was formed in front of the beautiful sanctuary as young people bowed in sacred silence, giving testimony to their rededication of life to Christ and his church.

The following officers and commission chairmen were elected and appointed: President, James Strouse, St. Marys; Vice-President, Fred Smith, Shelby; Secretary, VonDale Swaisgood, Bettsville Trinity; Chairman, Worship and Devotional Life, Shelomith Corl, Fostoria First; Chairman, Evangelism and Stewardship, Bonnie Osborn, Findlay St. Paul; Chairman, Missions and Social Action, Barbara Benjamin, Montpelier; Chairman, Recreation and Leisure Time, Don Russell, Millbury.

W. W. Freshley

EUB Youth Attend Ohio Christian Youth Rally At Columbus

"God's Power—Our Strength" proved a dynamic and unifying theme for the interdenominational Ohio Christian Youth Rally held in Columbus, Nov. 23-25. Sponsored by the Ohio Christian Youth Movement of the Ohio Council of Churches, the rally did much to further ecumenical spirit among our youth. As Evangelical United Brethren we can be very proud of the fine response of our youth. E. U. B. young people formed one of the largest delegations. Emphasizing not only co-operation and fellowship inside nations, but a fellowship without boundaries, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, member of the World Council of Churches, presented the opening address—"Toward a Realistic World Community." Group meetings and small discussion groups studied the personal implications of "The Call," which is each youth's pledge of deepened commitment to Christ. Saturday afternoon the E. U. B.'s gathered in the Fifth Avenue Church for their denominational meeting. Three Ohio YF members, Edna Mae Pollock, Don Schilling and Vondale Swaisgood, talked about the importance of the local YF and our service projects. Dr. J. Allan Ranck impressed upon the group the significance of "The Call" to E. U. B.'s. The guest speaker of the afternoon was Rev. Toshio Ota, Japanese student, who presented the missionary challenge. This meeting marked the first time that youth from all our Ohio conferences met together. Approximately 560 EUB youth attended the banquet that evening and enjoyed the music presented by the Otterbein quartet and jokes and sincere thoughts of the speaker, Rev. Harvey C. Hahn. The strength of rallies such as this does not end with the final speech, but can continue to be felt as a fresh stimulus in our youth groups.

Vondale Swaisgood, Sec'y.

"What one approves, another scorns,
And thus his nature each discloses:
You find the rosebush full of thorns,
I find the thornbush full of roses."

News from the Churches

TOLEDO FIRST CHURCH

First church, Toledo has completed the redecorating of the entire church building, so that everything looks like new. There will be a new stage curtain in the ground floor auditorium, and draw drapes will take the place of the shades which have been worn out for some time. New electric fixtures will be placed also in the downstairs auditorium.

On Sunday, December 23, in the morning the choir sang a new cantata, "The Story of Christmas." In the evening the children's department presented "Why the Chimes Rang" under the direction of Miss Barbara Black. On Christmas Eve the church had its annual Midnight Holy Communion service. The pastor was the celebrant, using the new ritual as adopted by the General Conference; Rev. W. H. Schuster, a retired minister and former conference superintendent, preached the sermon; the choir under the direction of Mr. Harry W. Warner sang "Nazareth" by Gounod, "Arise, Shine, for thy Light is Come" by Roberts, "Sanctus" by Gounod and "Beautiful Savior" by Christiansen. There was a good congregation for this midnight festival service.

The report on Christmas offering totaled \$993; this is not including what may have come in on Sunday, December 30. Benevolences are paid in full to date.

VAN WERT CALVARY

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 33 of which Mr. Elmer Woods and Mr. Robert Hoffman are leaders held an investiture service on Tuesday, December 11th. They are doing splendid work and a large attendance witnessed the service.

A Christmas Program was presented on Sunday evening, December 23rd to a very large audience under the direction of Mrs. Harold Gribler and the teachers of the Primary Department. The Girls' Missionary Guild presented a play, "Christmas Comes to Hampshire Road" under the direction of the Guild President, Miss Wanda Johns.

On Christmas Eve an impressive Candle Light Communion service was held and a fair attendance. Our revival starts, the Lord willing, January 13th with the Reverend Walter Adams, pastor of our church at Celina bringing the message.

MONTPELIER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The new conference year started off good at Montpelier. The church had a potluck supper reception for the pastor, Russell Hawk. A splendid program was presented on this occasion by members of the church and a message by Rev. Howard Dunlap of the Christian Union Church. This was followed with a message of welcome to the pastor by the Sunday School superintendent, Eldon Connolly.

We had a two week evangelistic meeting

in October with several conversions and a number of reconsecrations. Rev. Eva Clausen and Miss Celeste Richardson were the evangelists. Their ministry was a blessing to the church. We have received five new members and there are more to come in later.

On December 12th the church held their annual Christmas party. This meeting is sponsored by the W. S. W. S., Youth Fellowship and the Brotherhood. A joyous time was enjoyed by all and a good program was presented. The Junior Department of the Sunday School presented their Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 23rd, to a full house. Our offering for Otterbein Home amounted to \$461.00.

The Youth Fellowship sponsored the Watch Night service which began at 9:30. Mrs. Milton Nolin conducted a singspiration which was a unique way of presenting the old hymns of the church. The Young Men's quartet, and the girls' trio, and a vocal and an instrumental solo were the special numbers in music. Thoughts for the New Year and a reading by other young people were also presented. The service closed with a Communion Meditation by Rev. Milton Nolin. At the close of the Communion service the pastor was presented with a purse of money for which he expressed his gratitude.

WSWS OF TIRO PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The WSWS of our Tiro Church presented its annual Christmas program to 62 people—members and their families, guests.

Carols were sung and the program stressed International Good-vill. Appropriate decorations around the altar, burning candles amidst small flags of various nations, created an atmosphere of Christmas and the program theme.

A "Love Offering" was received for the two goals of the Branch—the support of Miss Lois Olsen, one of our missionaries in Africa, and the supplying of equipment for Bethany Hospital in the Philippines.

At the close of the program, colored slides were shown of the children of the church and their Summer Christmas Tree Project.

The Hostess Committee for the evening then invited the guests to the church basement, where lunch was served by candlelight. They were seated at tables decorated in keeping with the holiday season, which were arranged around a nativity scene in the center.

Reporter

WALNUT GROVE CHARGE

The Walnut Grove church is progressing slowly with the improvement work; plasterers and plumbers have held up the work a lot, but we now have hopes the plastering in the new part will be finished in or near January 10th. Then we expect to have considerable plastering done in the old basement extending into the enlargement which may take another week.

The plumbing is partially completed,

and we hope that within another two weeks that will be completed.

Then if we are fortunate enough to get the carpenters at work and to keep them on the job we should have completed the amount of improvements in this first set up by the 10th of February.

OTTERBEIN HOME OFFERING—This church reported a membership of 239 at the last Annual Conference, and the offering for the Home was \$450.00 which makes within a fraction of a cent \$1.90 per member. This church sent a lot of clothing to the Home in addition to the offering. The Ladies Aid of this church sent presents of all descriptions to make the old folks and children of the home happy at Christmas time.

The attendance at S. S. was 176 and the night service with a program was about 200.

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DUNKIRK

The Dunkirk Church had a fine Christmas program but attendance was low because of the ice and snow, reaching 90 in both Church and Sunday School. OTTERBEIN HOME offering—This little church with a membership of 182 came through with an offering of \$303.00 which amounts to about \$1.11½ per member.

Rev. C. H. Lilly, Pastor

YOUTH AT KEMP CHURCH PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PLAY

The youth groups of the Kemp Evangelical United Brethren Church presented a three-act Christmas play, "Grandpa Hangs the Holly," Sunday evening, December 30. Those taking part in the play were Richard McClain, Don Crites, Joan Crites, JoAnn Severns, Neil Riffle, Marilyn Riffle, Jane Lotz, Donna Lotz, Bessie Beech, Larry Crites, and Jean Lotz. Don Crites was the director with Arlene McClain as production manager and Paul Neeper as stage manager.

Preceding the play the Children's Department of the Sunday School presented a short program directed by Mrs. Charles Mart. Music was given between acts by a ladies sextet singing "On Judea's Hills" and an accordion solo, "Silent Night" by Janice Neeper. The program was enjoyed by an audience of 100 parents and friends.

Rev. Delbert E. Cress, Pastor

LACARNE CHARGE

The Lacarne Charge is making splendid material advancement this new conference year. Last conference year we raised funds enough to buy asbestos shingles, felt paper and metal strips for corners and around windows and doors. Since conference we put on another canvas to raise funds to have shingles put on and to build an enclosed back porch to serve as a wash room. To date the shingles are on and we have funds sufficient left to purchase the material for the porch, which will be built in the spring. The white shingles on siding with green ones in the gable ends sets the parsonage off in nice shape, and gives the building that had a very old dingy appearance a new appear-

ance. Pastor painted all windows and doors two coats of white paint also under eaves, and boxing in gable ends. All spouting was painted a silver color.

Around Thanksgiving time the Locust Point church observed a Harvest Home Service and donated all the canned goods, groceries and \$18.00 in money to pastor and wife. May the good Lord bless these generous people both materially and spiritually for their generosity.

Both churches on the charge rendered nice and impressive Christmas programs and took an offering for The Otterbein Home.

The young people's choirs of both churches are a great help to us in our worship services and Sunday School. These two groups of young people have raised quite a bit of money to help with the parsonage fund, and have helped in other church projects.

Three new adult members have been received into the church since conference. We are planning and looking forward to successful revivals in both churches. For such a glorious consummation we covet and solicit your prayers.

Roy Davis, Pastor

PROGRESS MADE AT GIBSONBURG

Since Conference time Trinity Church at Gibsonburg has had many outstanding activities. Rally Day was planned by the choir and its capable director, Mrs. Bill Corwin. At the morning service the group presented a program which included favorite anthems and hymns selected by the congregation through a questionnaire. Dr. J. Gordon Howard highlighted the afternoon Rally with an inspiring message on church loyalty. Two weeks of evangelistic services were held in November. Rev. and Mrs. Ding Teuling were the special workers for this meeting which proved helpful not only to the Trinity congregation, but to many others in the community as well. On December 9 a new Baldwin organ was dedicated at a vesper service. Miss Rhoda Koch of Toledo presented a beautiful recital and Rev. F. A. Firestone, Conference Superintendent, brought a message of dedication. The holiday season was climaxed at Trinity with a Christmas program given by the boys and girls of the Sunday School. In spite of stormy weather there was a record attendance for this service. The mid-week services have been well attended. After a devotional period the group is divided into an adult Bible study class, the Youth Fellowship and KYB Club for the boys and girls. Our church at Gibsonburg has made real progress in the last years, yet is anticipating even greater things for the Lord!

Herbert Maurer, Pastor

RILEY CENTER CHURCH

The annual Christmas program was held in the Riley Center Church on Sunday evening, December 23, with Mrs. Priscilla Huston and Mrs. Mary Neeley as the committee responsible for the pro-

gram. The church was appropriately decorated for the day by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Cobb. A nice crowd assembled to enjoy the program which consisted of recitations, special numbers, carols by a Christmas choir, and a short playlette. At the end of the program Santa Claus appeared to give treats to all the children. The minister was pleasantly surprised with abundant gifts of farm produce, sundry other articles, and a nice cash gift. I wish to express to the members of the church, all of whom are readers of these columns, my personal heartfelt thanks. The church's giving to Otterbein Home is fifty-five dollars. This equals last year's giving, and is better than a dollar per member.

On December 27 three youth of the church, Delano and Denville Shrout and George Reed, accompanied the pastor to the Youth Fellowship Mid-Winter Convention at Marion. All three remained at the Convention throughout, and brought back reports before the congregation on the following Sunday.

Based on the number of Sundays present and the number of weeks' preparation was made for the Sunday School lesson, Sunday School attendance awards were presented to youth and children on Sunday, December 30, for the last quarter of 1951. Third prize went to Sandra Swartz; Delano Shrout was awarded second prize, and his brothers, Denville and Delco, tied for first place. Appropriate gifts were given.

We wish also to express our appreciation to the Howard Zink Corp and Tony's Bakery, both of Fremont, for their monetary gifts to the church during the Christmas season.

At the present writing plans are laid for the observance of Pioneer Day on January 13, together with services of Holy Communion and reception of members.

Javan R. Corl, Pastor

WATCH PARTY HELD AT OAKWOOD E. U. B. CHURCH

An impressive Candlelight Communion service was held New Year's eve at the local E. U. B. Church with each family going to the altar together to take communion. This was followed by a Christmas motion picture "The Guiding Star," which portrayed the life of "Uncle Henry" who showed the true spirit of Christmas. After a closing prayer by Rev. Clarence Carnahan, the group retired from the Sanctuary to the basement where gifts were presented to the minister, Rev. White and his family.

A reading was given by Lillian Troyer and a delicious potluck lunch was served by the Friendly Neighbor Class.

After the fellowship hour in the basement, the group again entered the candlelight Sanctuary for a Watch Night Service. Mrs. Virgil Miller told an interesting story, "A Little Match Girl" to the children. A New Year's play was present-

ed by the young people entitled, "Candle-flame," which portrayed the true meaning of Christianity and also welcomed the New Year, 1952, just as the bells started ringing out the old year and ringing in the new.

The entire group joined hands, making a circle, while singing, "I Would Be True." This was followed by a prayer of dismissal and each retired wishing all a "Happy New Year."

VAN WERT E. U. B. CIRCUIT

Hi folk. Here I come again. Seein' my last note found its way into the news, kinda gives me an urge to try again. Don't have too much to say but I like to say it. Men's night was observed in the Grand Victory church, Nov. 14th. The men of Union Center joined in the service. Walter Keith and Gary Purk were in charge of the program. A banquet preceded the devotional service. The Grand Victory quartet sang two special numbers. Rev. Paul Strouse of St. Marys an ex-chaplain of World War II, was the guest speaker for the event. Merlin Wiener of St. Marys, Ohio, also addressed the group. A film strip "Men at Work" was shown. Group singing was a part of the program led by Jim Foust. Guests from out of the community were Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Taylor of Camp St. Marys, Ohio and Mr. Clovis F. Kelley of Gauley Bridge, W. Va. Mr. Kelley is the youngest brother of Mrs. Lydick. The total number of men present was 57.

On November 23rd, Family night was held in the social rooms of the church. Following the devotional period, Wm. Fast presented a movie film of his trip to the west coast. These films were in color and quite interesting.

A two weeks revival closed Sunday night December 16th, resulting in the church being greatly revived. Dr. Allman was with us for two services on Sunday and Sunday night of the 9th. Dr. Allman in his usual way brought two heart stirring and soul lifting sermons. On Sunday night, about 30 young people gathered about the altar for reconsecration and dedication of their lives to the Lord. At the call of Dr. Allman more than a hundred adults and young people tarried at the altar for prayer and dedication. It was an old time touch of the Holy Spirit. Rev. Bodkins of Middlepoint and Rev. Swain of Grover Hill, were with us during the week and each preaching the old time Gospel. The good Lord was with us from the very beginning and we had a great time together. We feel it was two weeks well spent. "Happy New Year to All."

W. A. Lydick, Pastor

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL HELD AT UNION CHURCH

Union Church near Willshire experienced a real revival, which started Nov. 11 and continued for 4½ weeks with last service on Wednesday night, December 12. A definite deepening of the spiritual life of the church was evidenced along with the report of 19 victories, many of these conversions for the first time. We have

received 10 new members into the Church and baptized two. We are looking forward to another meeting yet this year. Other phases of the church work are progressing even though the weather has not been too good. Pray for us.

H. L. Smith, Pastor

EMRICK-MACMURRAY TEAM HELD SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL IN BURGOON

The Reverend Dale F. Emrick and Professor and Mrs. Roy MacMurray concluded a two weeks' revival at the Burgoon, Ohio Evangelical United Brethren Church, November 19 to December 2.

The Reverend Emrick, pastor of the Oakdale E. U. B. church in Toledo, was our Evangelist and the musical MacMurrays provided the type of music that was not only entertaining but gripped the hearts of the nightly crowds giving impetus to the entire service. Prof. MacMurray nationally known cornetist and brilliant musical artist remarked to the writer that his chief purpose is to make his music heart-touching to win souls and to edify every Christian.

Evangelist Emrick delivered forceful messages at each service and with his knowledge of the Bible imparted soul-stirring sermons under God's unction that resulted in many conversions, reclamations and consecrations.

On both Saturday evenings the MacMurrays presented music dramas, the first "The Blind Man of Jericho" and the second "The Lamb of God." Both presentations were rendered reverently and the final drama which portrays the life, sufferings, trial, death and resurrection of Christ drew a capacity church. Perhaps the highlight of this service was MacMurray's drum arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mr. MacMurray entertained most of the schools within ten miles of Burgoon besides his children's rhythm hours.

The pastor and church invite the Emrick-MacMurray team to return to Burgoon. The town people say it was the best revival ever held here. The Reverend Ralph Cornell, pastor of the Rising Sun E. U. B. church was guest pianist for the Saturday night music services. Rev. Cornell used to travel with the Williams-MacMurray Party.

Rev. T. W. Bennett, Reporter

To be popular at home is a great achievement. The man, who is loved by the home cat, by the dog, by the neighbor's children, and by his own wife, is a great man even if he has never had his name in "Who's Who."—Theodore Dreiser.

"Let us therefore encourage each other, and show the whole world, that a free-man, contending for liberty, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth."—George Washington.

"It is a wise father, who knows his own son."—Shakespeare.

THE NORTH DISTRICT

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brighten and bless the homes of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Freshley, Rev. and Mrs. John Hoover, and Rev. and Mrs. Loren Onweller. (Of course we admit they may also bring some extra work with some sleepless night hours. May God's grace be upon these priceless treasures—and on the parents also.

A New Missionary

Miss Ruth Leota Frey, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Frey, Toledo, left home December 30 for Espanola, New Mexico, arriving there December 21. On January 1 she took up her work as a general duty nurse in our Espanola Mission hospital, for which she is well equipped as a registered graduate nurse and as a dedicated follower of Christ. The W. S. W. S. of Somerset church graciously added to her joy through a service of farewell and a love gift. "O Master, let me walk with Thee, in lowly paths of service, free."

OUR BIBLE CONFERENCE

Our Bible Conference will be held at Camp St. Marys June 23 to 29, inclusive. Bishop Fred L. Dennis will preach in the evening evangelistic services and professors Wayne K. Clymer and J. Bruce Behney will share the platform in exegetical and doctrinal studies during the day. We hope in another month to be able to announce the name of the leader in the School of Music, a leader in the art of counselling, and the speaker in the Men's Congress on Saturday and Sunday, and for the Pilgrimage on Sunday. This really is OUR Bible Conference. Let's all begin now to pray and publicize—and plan to attend if at all possible. For Christ and the Church!

Recovering

Mrs. H. M. Shadle, wife of our pastor at Toledo Zion, is recovering from major surgery. Rev. O. E. Johnson, Toledo, has returned from Florida after a needed and prescribed rest. To these and others, lay members as well as ministers and wives, who have been or are passing through deep waters we express very best wishes and pledge our remembrance at the Throne of Grace.

Appointments

December 2—Afternoon and evening in a Sandusky Group rally for youth, women and men, at Flat Rock. A great rally, packed with inspiration and challenge, featuring a stirring address by a layman.

December 9—At Gibsonburg for the dedication of a fine Baldwin electric organ and a delightful organ recital. Pastor Maurer, enthusiastic and energetic minister, will report more fully.

December 16—Forenoon and afternoon in our Delta Church for re-dedication services. A lot of credit is due Pastor Goings, his capable wife, and the congregation for extensive improvements—and more to be made.

December 30—With the Lindsey congregation where Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Jones are at the beginning of what we believe

will be a very fruitful ministry with the cooperation of this wide-awake church.

Lenten Evangelism

Are we, Pastors and Churches, planning for aggressive Lenten evangelism? To be sure this is not the only season for whole-hearted evangelism effort. We must have a year-round program for winning people to Christ. But the Lenten season brings a great opportunity for soul-winning.

Christian Social Action Service Bulletin

Dear Conference Superintendents and Secretaries of Christian Social Action, The Evangelical United Brethren Church: Council of Administration Calls to Christian Social Action

A Call to study and action for Christianizing every area of life and the broad outline of a plan that may well prove to be the beginning of a decisive people's movement for Christian faith and world order was issued by the General Council of Administration in annual session at Harrisburg, Pa., October 24, 25, 1951.

The first targets set are the Local Church groups studying the issues of social evils, of war and peace, of the alcohol and gambling and narcotics problems. The period which was cleared by the Council for this denomination-wide study is from Universal Week of Prayer (January 13, 1952) to Ash Wednesday (February 27, 1952).

The book to be used for this study is, "The Church and Social Issues." This study book was published last summer. Every minister received a complimentary copy. This book uses the most rewarding techniques of the group process; offers selected reading lists, discussion questions and projects for action to stimulate the most effective study and action by the people of our churches.

This study can be made at Sunday or Midweek Evening services, W. S. W. S. meetings, Youth Fellowships, Brotherhoods, Bible Classes, etc., as best suits the local schedule. Some of our ministers will be in special evangelistic services during this period (January 13—February 27, 1952). This church-wide study program need not conflict with such special services. All of our ministers should be urged to promote this special Study Period for Christian Social Action as best suits the local schedule. Let it be done in one way or another. The one thing we need to guard against is that nothing be done, or we fail to put forth our best efforts to stir our local churches against the prevalent social evils of our day!

The purpose of this program for this special period is to lead the perplexed Christian to examine, in the light of the Word of God and the Christian faith, the proposed solutions to our contemporary social problems, Soviet-American relations, world order, world recovery, war and peace, etc. Further, what can Christians do about these evils? How can we

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Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1951

(Month ending January 7th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES

	Monthly Budget	Paid December	Paid 4 Months	Homes Paid December	Sunday School Avg. Att. December	Morning Wor. Avg. Att. December
NORTHERN DISTRICT						
BOWLING GREEN GROUP						
Belmore	\$ 70	\$ 25	\$180	\$	124	80
Center	25	25	93		20	20
Bethel-Townwood	21		82.50			
Bethel	25	23	116.26	25.95†		
Bowling Green	250	250	1000	710	302	314
Custar	20	20	80	92	*37	*41
West Hope	42	42	168	189.95	*63	*63
Deshler	60	60	240	96	82	79
Oakdale	90	90	450	83.26	86	96
Hoytville	100			125.75		
Luckey	50	50	200	48.92†	90	104
North Baltimore	100	100	400		104	103
Portage	35		105	75		
Mt. Zion	60	60	240	91		
South Liberty	50	40	135	164	57	50
Mt. Hermon	17	17	67	10†	25	17
Tontogany	17		50		34	31
Webster	30	30	101	73	37	38
Cloverdale	20	20	80	56.41	53	53
BRYAN GROUP						
Bridgewater	45	52	142	80	85	70
Bryan	160	160	640	473	175	172
Center Circuit:						
Center	20	40	80	15	40	32
Logan	10	10	50	10	*34	*34
Mt. Olive	20		30			*28
Defiance, First	160	160	468	375	140	130
Defiance Circuit:						
Mt. Calvary	33	33	132	28†		
Rural Chapel	17	17	51			
Edgerton	20	20	80		75	71
Hicksville	165	165	660		*153	164
Montpelier	160	160	640	461	171	155
West Unity, Emmanuel	19	19	76	5.39†	30*	29
Ebenezer	19	19	76		51	*53
Salem	5	5	15		12	*13
FOSTORIA GROUP						
Bascom	65	78	312	225.55	80	82
Bettsville, Salem	36	36	180	27†	76	57
Trinity	45	100	239.34	32†	114	104
Bloomdale	70	70	280	340	*133	87
Fostoria, Bethel	58		293	69†	88	79
Fostoria, First	280	280	1400	760	254	274
Kansas	10	10	40	32		
Canaan	40	40	200	74.97		
Pleasant View	45	45	180	142.10	53	50
Rising Sun	45	27.61	162.61	78.50	78	*54
West Independence	75	75	300	312	198	191
FREMONT GROUP						
Burgoon	100	100	500		106	94
Fremont, Memorial	100	100	400	220	100	98
Fremont, Trinity	192	183.36	741.75	209†	205	190
Gibsonburg	64	89.92	89.92	30†	*128	*105
Green Springs	56	67.63	123.63		87	65
Helena	59	59	236	126	60	62
Lindsey	130	130	520	120.77†	194	144
Old Fort	100	100	400		174	*126
Riley Center	13	13	52	55	*13	*19

Woodville	160	160	640	905	189	206
NAPOLEON GROUP						
Ai	40	15	15		46	33
Lebanon	10	10	60	10	26	28
Mt. Pleasant	40	35	141	148	43	30
Delta	56	56	224	202	101	70
Zion	60	60	240	355.04	98	90
Liberty Center	35	35	140	53	65	62
Malinta	30	38	123	42	38	30
McClure	100	100	400	30	113	53
Monclova	18	36	72	60	40	30
Wilkins	14	42	70	25†	35	35
Napoleon	83	174	372	10†	147	116
Wauseon, First	40	40	160			
Wauseon Circuit:						
Beulah	20	20	80	60	53	50
North Dover	50	40.97	166.08	123	56	56
Whitehouse	59	59	295	51†	113	*98

SANDUSKY GROUP						
Bellevue	138	650	1300	65†	173	163
Flat Rock	74		222			
Kelley's Island	26					
La Carne	17	17	68	52.72	32	39
Locust Point	17	17	68		37	39
Mt. Carmel	100	75	300		101	104
Port Clinton	80	80	320		73	70
Sandusky, Colmbs. Av.	22	22	88		56	*50
Sandusky, Salem	68	57	207			

TOLEDO GROUP						
Elliston	73					
Millbury	25		125		83	80
Moline	55	92.85	202.85		103	96
Perrysburg	65	65.42	327.10	37.05†	96	105
Rocky Ridge	13	50	100	30.50†	19	21
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	580.09	160†		
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	640		113	110
Toledo, East Broadway	190	165	802		171	207
Toledo, First	250	250	1000	933.90	180	150
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170	680	251.42	309*	*252
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	300	152	146	120
Toledo, Salem	60	60	240	107†		84
Toledo, Somerset	170	186	744		171	225
Toledo, Upton	250	250	1000	550	256	204
Toledo, Zion	158	160	640	248.52†	174	138
Walbridge	12	12	48		53	45
Hayes	10	10	40		48	27

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

BUCYRUS GROUP						
Belleville Circuit:						
Pleasant Grove	14					
Pleasant Hill	22					
Trinity	29					
Brokensword, Emmanuel	21		123		33	31
Lykens	41		140		95	85
Pleasant Home	18	18.42	74.10	10†	41	42
Bucyrus Circuit:						
Harmony	30	30	153	34†	44	45
Zion	30	30	173	23†	62	62
Bucyrus, First	125	125	500		122	114
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	500	41.37†	162	190
Galion	80	80	320	340	154	130
Johnsville	97	97	388	66†	146	143
Johnsville				66-O		
Mt. Zion	90	90	90	112	110	109
North Robinson	60	47.17	167.17	107.43	62	62
Liberty Chapel	33	16.65	87.15	47.18	53	59
Oceola	60	35	215.46	115	73	62
Olive Branch	22	20	40	88	32	34
Smithville	50	50	200		51	62
Mt. Zion	21		81.28	42	42	53
Sycamore	75	102	239	95.10	114	98
Upper Sandusky	128	127.75	638.75	116.50†	234	229

Upper Sandusky Circuit:						ST. MARYS GROUP					
Belle Vernon	11			29	14	Bethel	15	45	18.10	23	25
Salem	30	30	120	55	66	Mt. Zion	45	45	180	60	115
Williamsport	40	40	160	85	85	Celina, Bethany	153	153	612	100†	215
FINDLAY GROUP						Celina Circuit:					
Bairdstown	21		63	42	30	Hope	44	44	176		
Benton Ridge, Calvary	60	60	300	42†	86	Mt. Carmel	22	44	88		
Benton Ridge Circuit:						Ft. Recovery, Bethel	18	18	7	35†	33
Pleasant Hill	35		50			Old Town	16	16	64	47	44
Trinity	40		78	7.20		Olive Branch	22	22	88		27
Bluffton Circuit:						Pasco	40	40	160		29
Bethesda	14		40.50	18†	20	Sidney	90	90	360	216	*79
Liberty Chapel	17	15	60	9.30†	24	St. Marys	90	90	360	184	100
Olive Branch	30	60	60	211	26	Wapakoneta	48	48	192	100†	105
Bethlehem	50	50	200	165.39	85	VAN WERT GROUP					
Carey	91		368	70.47†	183	Bethel-Mt. Zion Circuit:					
East Findlay Ct.	30	30	120	37.16	41	Bethel	25	25	100	50	*44
Mt. Zion	45	23	92	48	48	Mt. Zion	15	10	40	35	*45
Findlay, First	312	312	1248	351	376	Continental	40			84.45	55
Findlay, St. Paul's	223	223	892.09	328	285	Mt. Zion	35			145	49
Findlay West Park	28	27.50	120	4.87†	55	Wisterman	20			35	26
Salem	12		9.25	2.15†	20	Grover Hill Circuit:					
Leipsic	50		86	134	101	Blue Creek	30		50	100	24
Forest Grove	20				16	Middle Creek	35	35	140	100	38
Kieferville	20	9	36	35	43	Mt. Zion	25	25	100	44	49
Mt. Cory, Zion	40	40	160	62.77†	68	Mt. Pleasant &	80	50	200	146	70
Pleasant View	50			254	47	Harmony		10	40	30	26
Rawson	100	80	325	145.50	109	Oakwood	50	50	200	210	114
South Findlay Circuit:						Oakwood Circuit:					
Pleasant Grove	25	10	40	31	32	Certenary	25	25	100	66	47
Salem	25			86.30	34	Prairie Chapel	25	25	100		*52
Van Buren	100	100	300	96.20	88	Rockford	200	200	800		239
Vanlue	50	50	200	127	79	Van Wert, Calvary	105	105	420		142
Vanlue Circuit:						Van Wert Circuit:					
St. Paul	19	20	80	13†	65	Grand Victory	44	44	176	35†	65
Union	30	30	120	105	31	Union Center	25	25	100	42.29†	60
West Findlay Circuit:						Willshire, Union	35	35	140	80	*85
Powell Memorial	42	60	150	75	*70	Wood Chapel	25	25	100	81	53
Zion	25	15	15	25	*38	Bethel	25				50
Wharton Circuit:						St. Peter's	12	12	48	12†	15
Beech Grove	25	11	44		*92	Wrex	65	65	260		60
Big Oak	42	42	168	33	33	Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	572		176
LIMA GROUP						WILLARD GROUP					
Blue Lick	25	25	100		*47	Attica, Federated	20	20	80	15.25	55
Columbus Grove	150	125	500		147	Attica Circuit:					
Cridersville	25	25	100	75	48	Richmond	50	62	212	167.54	60
Kemp	25	6	51	21	*34	Union Pisgah	40	45	171	100	50
Delphos	75	75	300	137	127	Biddle	15	15	60	60.31	25
Dunkirk	65	65	260	303	69	Bloomville	45	45	180	141	61
Walnut Grove	100	100	400	450	117	Harmony	40	40	160	140	73
Elida	100	50	200		134	Leesville	45	45	180	29	65
Lakeview	45	28	102	100.65	56	Republic	30	30	120	60†	47
Lima, First	231	231	924	931	269	Pietist					99
Lima, High St.	205	205	820	721	216	Shelby	231	231	924	932	264
Marion (Elida)	22	33	33	18	25	South Reed	22	22	88	26	26
Santa Fe	45	30	115		28	Tiffin	75	75	375	49.06†	191
Vaughnsville	75			121	116	Tiro	90	90	360		*109
MARION GROUP						Willard	285	311	1244	1000	300
Cardington, Center	50	22	136	18	73	Total:					
Fairview	22	22	88	30	27			\$13547.40		\$19865.68	Otterbein
Climax	10		40		32				\$55757.96	2482.42	Flat Rock
Hepburn	15	30	60	6.10	11	NOTE: In the "Homes column, the dagger (†) at the right					
Hopewell	16	16	64	25	12	of the figures indicates the offering for Flat Rock Home; all					
Otterbein	30	30	120	28	33	other unmarked offerings are for Otterbein Home. The asterisk					
Marion, Calvary	195	195	975		264	(*) in attendance columns marks a five per cent. increase over					
Marion, First	100			562	217	last year.					
Marion, Greenwood	92	92	459.52	92.12†	166	Camp St. Marys payments: Malinta, \$12; Beech Grove, \$100;					
Marion, Oakland	148	148	592	103.42†	223	Carey, \$50; Walnut Grove, \$20; Lima, High (Organ rental) \$100;					
Marion, Salem	27	26	127		111	Fairview, \$5; Marion, First, \$30; Wapakoneta (organ rental),					
New Winchester	25	11.15	53.65		40	\$100. Pastors: Please retain in your treasury the odd cents,					
Peoria	7	7	28		30	and remit even dollars only. Follow, please, the direction of the					
Mt. Zion	4		12		8	Conference to get reports into the treasurer and superintendents					
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Her topic for the evening, "Christ Calls The American". Surprisingly enough a lot of us never considered the people of South American countries as Americans. She told us of the living conditions which made us wonder if it were possible that people living so close to our country could be as far behind in modernism as we are. The health and morality rate was very low but the lower class of people are seeking Christ and his teachings. They refer to Evangelism instead of Protestantism. We of the North American Country should be a lamp-post for these poor people in the dark. When the people of our country go down there for business or pleasure they seem to leave their Religion at home. They should let their lights shine when they visit there so that these poor souls may learn to find the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and to learn his teachings. Mrs. Kane summed up her report with the thought we should adventure for Christ and have faith and prayer to guide us. Are we witnessing for Christ right here at home, so that should we be called upon to visit these countries our Lights may shine for these people. Much is to be done in the mission fields and we can do a little by remembering them in our daily prayers. Our meeting was closed with a song, "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning".

Our hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Lugibihl and Mrs. McCarthy and we wish to thank these ladies for their refreshments for the evening.

Reporter, E. Nelson

Sunday School

As we look back over the past year, our first impulse is naturally to credit ourselves with all the good we feel we have done. However, after thinking a little longer and more seriously, we are reminded of the many things we could and should have done which we didn't and the many things we could have done better. But we must not dwell on this either; we must go forward to do better in the future.

I am reminded of Rev. Johnson's New Year's message in which he expressed belief that it is much better for us to make good resolutions, then make an honest effort to carry them through, even though we may come short of our goal, than to just excuse ourselves from any responsibility by saying that we will not make resolutions because

we know we would break them anyway.

I believe that our average attendance of two-hundred and fifty throughout the calendar year of 1951 was attained not through our people carelessly going to Sunday School on Sunday, but by the constant determination that whenever practicable they would be in their church on Sunday morning, eager to learn about God and seeking His help and guidance throughout their daily lives.

On the evening of December 23rd our boys and girls presented an hour's entertainment in the church basement. It was extremely well attended. We hope you enjoyed it and were not disappointed. I wish to thank each one who had any part in arranging this program. A free-will offering for the Otterbein Home was received. It totaled \$123.00 which we appreciated very much. In addition to this \$129.26 was also given through our Sunday School. This was surely for a good and worthwhile cause for as Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

On February 10, we shall launch our annual 10% Membership Increase Campaign in our Sunday School. This campaign will close on Palm Sunday, April 6. It is during these spring campaigns that many of our present members first began coming to Sunday School. To make the campaign a success, I believe that each class will have to, sometime before Feb. 10th, lay definite plans as to how they are going to secure and keep new members. If you are a class officer, I think you will agree that you share this responsibility with the other officers of your class. Let each of us give the campaign our full support that it may be a success.

E. McShane, Supt.

Our Service Men

The Christmas season that we always look forward to is now passed and is just a memory. Happy hours for some as families gather together to enjoy the Christmas time. To others anxious hours where thoughts and prayers winged their way across both oceans, to the boy who could only vision Christmas in his home land.

Many letters have come back to us that the boys received their boxes sent by the church folk. The boys from overseas write back their appreciation and thanks saying "It helps so much to know they are not forgotten by the folks back home".

We were happy to welcome home the boys of Upton church, now in the Armed Service, and as they return to duty let us not forget that letters and cards sent to them will make the miles from home seem less long. Those spending Christmas at home were: Pvt. Robert Dotson, Pvt. Mearl Main, Pvt. Alfred Hurtado, Pvt. Donald E. Harbaugh, Pvt. Charles L. Kanous, L. C. Stanley, Pvt. Neil E. Stock, Pvt. William T. Schmitt, Pvt. Jay Ziegler, Pvt. Norris B. Kane.

The changed address and rank will be

corrected and placed in the record in the vestibule of the church.

Mrs. Bessie Wolcott,
Mrs. Joan Hess,
Mrs. Delores Wagner,
Committee

TO MOTHER

Are they praying for us at home
Are they meeting together in prayer,
Or going on still in the same old way
As they did when I was there?

We thank them for their money
We thank them for their care.
But oh, just tell them mother dear
We are needing so much prayer.

Will you ask them to gather together
To meet at our Father's Throne
That we may be kept from faltering
When we feel we are standing alone.

There are moments when courage fails us
When dangers around us stare,
Oh, tell them again, dear mother
We are needing so much prayer.

Surely their voices must touch us
As they echo from over the sea,
And call us away from our duty
To join them on bended knee.

They are sending us money and comforts
And seeking our burden to share,
But Oh, let the meeting be crowded
When kneeling for us in prayer.

Christmas Entertainment

Sunday Eve., 7 o'clock

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Primary and Junior Depts. of the S. S.
Christmas Carols .. Primary Department
Welcome Karen Tressler

Larry Loganbach

Recitation--"Favorite Child"
..... Terry Colthorpe
Song--"Santa's Gifts" Primary Department
"Secrets" Yvonne Leonard,
..... Gloria Combattelli, Susan Roth
"The Holy Child" Junior Choir
"An Old Man's Dream" (Skit)

Offering

Dialogue--Rebecca Blake, Phyllis Johnson,
Roger Allen, Joan Frybarger, Neil Fain,
Suzanne Gale

"Kriss Kringle Krispies" Junior Choir

Recitation--"My Pop and I"

..... Dicky VanLandingham

Christmas Carols

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Recitation--"It's Not Polite"

..... Emmett Beavers, Jr.

Santa Arrives

The above program was under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Withrow, Mr. and Mrs. Edson McShane, Mrs. C. Frantz and Mrs. R. French with many others assisting.

It was an hour of fine entertainment and much credit is due both directors and children participating. If you were not present you missed a great deal. Many fine comments are still being heard.

H. C.

Jack And Jill Class

The December class meeting and annual Christmas party of the class was held in the home of Alice and Fred Papenfuss. A fine group was in attendance—sixteen members and twelve children (little members, too). A potluck dinner was served and enjoyed by everyone.

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Dale Wagner and matters cared for. Clyde Kolbe was program chairman and directed the games. A gift exchange was a part of the evening fellowship. The children were not forgotten in the exchange.

The class welcomes and is happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Duane Johnson in the class as new members.

We hope that members who have not been attending regularly will make it a New Year resolution to do so.

Jean Beavers, Sec'y.

CHRISTMAS BOXES — The Jack and Jill class members gathered at the church on the morning of December 22 and packed boxes for the shut-in members of the church. Ten boxes were filled to the top with oranges, nuts, popcorn balls, hard candy and home-made cookies and candy. Boxes were delivered and all were joyfully received.

Margene Kolbe

A special and written thank-you came to the church office from Mrs. Grover expressing her appreciation for the remembrance of the class.

Otterbein Home

The Christmas offering taken for the Otterbein Home was very good due to the generous giving of the folks of Upton Church, a total of \$587.40 was given.

The W. S. W. S. and Otterbein Class each contributed very nice lots of Christmas gifts and gift wrappings for the folks at the Home which were sent in time for their distribution on Christmas.

We received a card from Mrs. L. M. Hohn, Matron at the Home acknowledging receipt of same, and asking us to say "Thank You" to all of you who made these gifts possible.

We also sent by parcel post about 40 pounds of candy, and popcorn balls contributed by the Sunday School, from the Christmas treat.

We wish to say "Thank You" to each of you who had any part in making these things possible, and May God's Blessing be upon each of you.

Mr. & Mrs. Kolbe

Primary Sunday School

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bank which made our total Christmas offering \$64.90.

We were very happy to see Mrs. Katschke back with her class after her recent illness. Her class missed her very much. Thank you to Mrs. McGuire who very efficiently helped us out.

A gift was taken to James Quigg who still is ill in his home, but is improving.

The following pins were given out during the month of December:

Three months: Nancy Jones, Raymond Jones, Cheryl Johnson, Terry Colthorpe.

Six months: Mrs. Baker, Evyonne Leonard, James Babcock, John Wendt, Phyllis Johnson.

Nine months: Karen Tressler.

One year pins were given to Linda and Emmett Beavers.

We are very glad to see Richard Papenfuss and Frances McCarthy back with us recovered from their illness.

Frances Dotson

New Arrivals

Three baby girls and a boy arrived in homes of our Upton folks during December.

Debra Marie was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, now residing in Detroit, on Dec. 11th.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, nee, Marietta Sautter, has been named Gwendolyn Louise (Dec. 8)

The second daughter has come to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bearss, Jr., nee Norrine Kane. She arrived Dec. 16th and her name is Dawn Marie.

A boy named Daniel Grant was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cox on Christmas Day. (Kenneth is on the front lines in Korea.)

Our congratulations to each of these proud and happy parents.

Otterbein Class

The Otterbein Class was entertained with a Christmas party, Sunday evening, Dec. 16 in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard, on Commonwealth. Eighteen members were present. A short business session was held and at this time a spaghetti dinner was planned. This will be served Wed., Jan. 30th, from 5:30 to 7 P. M. The Leonards and Riggs provided us with many jolly games and stunts. We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Rock with us, they are new members of the class. Everyone did justice to a delicious lunch in Holiday style.

Do come folks and enjoy our spaghetti dinner with rolls, dessert and coffee, all for one dollar.

B. K.

Nursery

The cold weather has had its effect on the attendance of our little nursery folks. We have been missing some of the regulars. However, we were glad to make the acquaintance of baby Ronald Volzer, and to welcome his mother, Betty, back as she

takes over the first Sunday of every month again.

We appreciate so much these mothers and girls who give of their time each Sunday so that our little folks can be cared for during the worship hour.

We are indebted to the Jack and Jill class for the purchase of a gate which has been placed at the top of the stairs, giving our children greater protection from the steep stairs. We understand Clyde Kolbe and Norman Koenigseker were responsible for the installation. Our sincere thanks, class. Your thoughtfulness adds much to the peace of mind of those who are in charge each Sunday.

Lillian Knisely

Thanks from South Central Kentucky Mission

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

CHURCH, Creston, Kentucky

Nov. 22, 1951

Rev. O. E. Johnson,

Toledo, Ohio

Dear Rev. Johnson:—

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Ethel King

A PASTOR'S PRAYER

I do not ask
That crowds so throng my temple
That standing room be at a price;
I only ask that as I voice the message,
They may see the Christ.

I do not ask
For churchly pomp or pageant,
Or music such as wealth alone can buy,
I only pray that as I voice the message,
He may be nigh.

I do not ask
That men may sound my praises
Or headlines spread my name abroad;
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Hearts may find God.

THE BASKET

Earth is a large basket,
Holding fruit of field
That our hands may gather,
Bounty of God's yield,
And the horn of plenty
Upon our festal board
Is symbol of thank-offering
To Him, of earth the Lord!
—Edna Elvira King