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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Board Of Trustees

Your Board of Trustees is vitally interested in all phases of church activity. It is their desire and aim, to encourage each department in the church, to fill its particular assignment to the best of its ability. In doing this, a completely rounded program can be pursued by the church, for the enrichment of the Spiritual Life of its members.

The principal reasons for the existence of churches generally, are two-fold:

First, to bring Souls to Christ, who have not known Him.

Second, to instruct and encourage those who are Christian in the teachings of Our Lord, so that they might live a full life, and receive their full measure of blessings from this experience.

It is a well known fact that the blessings we receive in participating in the activities of the Church, are in direct proportion to the active participation in its program. Try it and see for yourself.

The program of the Church at present is such that your active participation in its program is urgently needed. That is, if we are to receive the blessings intended for us. Let me call some of the activities to your attention and make a few observations concerning them.

First: The Sunday School is launching their annual 10% membership increase campaign on February 10. This campaign will extend thru the Lenten period and close on Palm Sunday, April 6. This is a splendid opportunity, for each of us to encourage someone to start going to Sunday School. It might be our neighbor, his children, or even members of our own family. We might be the means of their salvation. There is no greater satisfaction in our Christian Experience than this. Try it and see!

Second: There will be a two-week Evangelistic Meeting from February 17 to March 2, conducted by Rev. G. E. Vinaroff of Russell, Kansas, who is no stranger to many of us. He was here fourteen years ago and conducted a very worthwhile service of Evangelistic Services. Those of us who shared that experience are looking forward to an interesting time with him. This should be a time of Spiritual Enrichment and dedication for all of us. It also affords the opportunity to invite your relatives or neighbors, to an Evangelistic Service where they might be inspired to accept Christ as their Savior. We should make a strenuous effort to attend as many of these meetings as possible. Make your plans now in advance to attend.

Third: There is one very important item
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Evangelistic Services

FEB. 17—MARCH 2

Rev. G. E. VINAROFF will bring the evening message each eve. in Gospel and Song
7:30 P.M.

By the time this issue of the Challenger reaches you we will be well along in our nightly services. If you have not been in attendance we would urge you to come and share with us.

Lenten Services

EACH WED. EVE IN UPTON CHURCH
FEB. 27TH—APRIL 9TH

Among Our People

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Babcock in the recent loss of Mr. Babcock's father.

Mrs. C. B. Shaffer is now at her home somewhat improved but not able to be up but a little each day. Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery for her.

A Thank You comes from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davies for the church's gift to their infant daughter.

Mr. Wm. Hatfield sends his note of appreciation for flowers from the church during his recent hospital visit.

Mrs. Walter French's card of thanks has been received. She, too, was ill in hospital during January.

Our congratulations to Mr. Ronald Knisely upon his graduation with honors, from Toledo University on Feb. 1st. He now is employed in the offices of the National Supply Company.

Mr. Samuel Goodman, 132 Lakeshore, has been very ill at his home. Your prayers and remembrances will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Weist are vacationing in Florida, having been gone several weeks. We wish for them a good vacation.

Upton Brotherhood

We are deeply interested in all men of the church and would urge them to become a part of our newly organized group. We are anxious that we become one of the best if not the best organized Brotherhood in the Conference.

The fourth Monday Eve. of each month is our time of meeting. We would urge you to come and pay us a visit—and then become a part of the Men's organization of Upton.

Claude Arnold, Pres.

Pastor's Column

By the time this issue of our paper comes to you we will be in the midst of our evangelistic campaign with the Rev. G. E. Vinaroff as the evangelist leading in the singing, doing solo work and preaching. The meetings will begin on Sunday evening, Feb. 17 and conclude on Sunday evening, March 2nd. Rev. Vinaroff will be with us for all services except the first Sunday evening. He is one of the best known and respected and loved evangelists of our denomination. He is also widely known and used in churches of other denominations and is known throughout the nation.

The importance of your being present every service possible cannot be overestimated. Your presence is a testimony to others. It lends enthusiasm and support to the entire effort. It brings to you the opportunity for self enrichment. If our people support this meeting with their attendance and prayers then the church will be assured of success in the effort and an advance in the Cause of Christ. CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

It is my confidence that we are ready for this meeting. There is on the part of many an acknowledgment of need. There is an expectancy. There is work going on and a willingness to work. It would seem that what we need now is prayer and constancy. I'm sure that you will give yours.

In many ways this column should be a column of appreciation. I should express appreciation to those who carried on so well while we were away. We would name the Secretary, Mrs. O. E. Coder who cared for work pertaining not only to the local church but to the Conference and City as well. Then there is Mr. J. C. Moseley, Mr. Homer, E. Knisely, and Rev. J. H. Ansberg who gave without remuneration their services in so efficiently filling the pulpit. To Mr. E. Riendeau there are thanks for presiding and guiding the work through two church council of administration meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kolbe directed in the gathering of the Otterbein Mome Offering until there is now \$602 turned over to the home after all expense has been deducted. This is above last year's giving by almost 10%. We must also mention the Christmas program so well rendered under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. McShane, Mrs. Paulina Withrow, Mrs. C. Frantz and Mrs. R. French. Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Main also cared so well for the Christmas treats and Mrs. Main led the boys and girls of the Primary Department of the Sunday School to another worthy contribution to the Otterbein Home. When I see all of these things going forward and
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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on the agenda of the Board of Trustees, which is the Church Erection Fund.

It is inspiring to see this particular fund grow. We know, that if our goal is reached by keeping our pledges to date, that the increased facilities we all hope for, will be a reality. Adequate facilities for all departments of the church, which will make for and encourage a completely rounded program, which your Board of Trustees feels is needed. It seems hardly possible that one year has passed since pledges were received for Church Erection. It does, however, bring to mind that one third of the time has elapsed, in which we have to pay these pledges. If we have not been keeping up our pledge, now is a good time to renew our effort. The Lenten Season, culminating with Easter Sunday, was a time of sacrifice for Our Lord. Surely we can sacrifice a little more at this Lenten Period, to bring in our tokens of love for the advancement of His Kingdom.

It is the consensus of opinion of the Board of Trustees that figures concerning the Church Erection Fund be published each month. The figures for the month of January are as follows:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952.. \$17,804.72
Receipts for January, 1952 807.70

Balance to date \$18,612.42

It is the earnest wish of your Board of Trustees that you remember the endeavors of all the departments of the church in your prayers. If you do this we are sure that the blessings for all of us will be manifold.

E. W. Riendeau

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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with the pastor and wife hundreds of miles away I feel, as I said to the official family, very humbled. Humbled, first of all because I seem to be so unnecessary. And then I said to the Board, "Of course, if I should want to boast, I would say that I trained you!" Ha! But really this is a great church with increasingly great leadership. Besides those mentioned there were department leaders, Sunday School teachers and officers and others who helped all these matters by doing so well their part.

January asks for yet greater appreciation. To Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner, Gordon Johnson and other young people and youth leaders for the success of Youth Week and in particular as it is related to the fellowship and Holy Communion of the last Thursday evening of the month and for the furthering of the Call. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder and Mrs. Robt. McCarthy, who chaired the Toledo Council of Churches financial campaign in the local church, and to their loyal workers goes much of the credit for the most successful Council campaign that our church has ever had with a total of \$342.75 gathered and all in cash save some \$15.00.

I could continue. For February there is the efficient work of the W. S. W. S. who

set up the program for World Missions Sunday and led us in that day. Their President is Mrs. B. Kuehn. Already there are committees, and they should have recognition later if possible, at work on the various aspects of the coming evangelistic campaign. Another group is working on the coming church survey of the entire Northwest area of Toledo.

I must not forget the most important of all. It is composed of these whom I have mentioned and many, many others unseen and behind the scenes who are constantly responding with their goodwill, their prayers and whatever they have to offer in whatever way they can do so. I feel like saying, "This people have heard the call of God and have answered. They have had and have a mind to work and God has blessed them. They have become a great church at least in some small way, to glorify His name."

There are yet more good things for us. There will be Wednesday evening Lenten services at 7:30 o'clock beginning in our meetings on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27 and continuing to Holy Week. During Holy Week there will be the annual Thursday evening Candle Light Holy Communion and on Good Friday services will be held from 1:00 to 2:30. All services are open to the public. Mark them now and plan to attend.

Will you pray for a great and good gathering on Easter? Many ought to become members of the church on or before that date. Can you, will you help by seeking them and then letting us know?

We also are in need of a generous Easter offering. Will you pray that God will lead us to great victories to his glory and will you even now covenant with us to do all in your power to help to make it so?

O. E. J.

Council Meetings

The month of January flew along and disappeared all too quickly—bringing us up to the time of another monthly Council meeting time.

Sunday School Executive Council was called for Tues. Eve., Feb. 5, at 7:30 P. M. Mr. McShane was in charge of this session. Others present were: Rev. Johnson, Mr. Hoel, Mr. Moseley, Mr. Riendeau, Mr. Lugibihl, Duane Johnson, Kenneth McGuire, Messrs. Hatfield and Harbaugh and Miss Layman.

Those excused were—Mrs. Tressler, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Callender and Mrs. Shaffer.

Those absent were—Mrs. Main, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Miss Dotson, Mrs. French, Mrs. Kohl, Mrs. Frantz, Miss Kolbe, Mrs. Van Gunten, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Lugibihl, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Katschke, Mr. Ogle, Miss Wilmoth, Miss Reighard.

The Council of Administration followed the Sunday School session. Fourteen members were present. Rev. Johnson was in charge and opened the meeting with pray-

er. Reports were heard from the various officers of the church. The pastor reported sixty-three pastoral calls and three funerals for the month of January. He expressed his and Mrs. Johnson's appreciation of the willingness and loyalty of those who carried on while they were away.

The Council of Churches Financial Campaign at Upton headed by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder and Mrs. Robert McCarthy was carried through in excellent manner. Some \$341.75 was paid and pledged. Many hours of work were spent in making this possible. Our thanks to them and their workers. Plans and details are being made for the Religious Survey of the north-west section of Toledo. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner, Mr. Richard Blake and Mr. Norman Koenigseker are heading this work. Some forty workers from Upton will participate.

It was agreed that Upton hold weekly services during the Lenten period. Plans are being worked out for some visitation to be done during this time also. You will hear concerning our Lenten services through the Church Bulletins as the time approaches.

Those present in the meeting were—Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. Hoel, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kane, Mr. Knisely, Mr. Kolbe, Miss Layman, Mr. Lugibihl, Mr. McShane, Mr. Riendeau, Mrs. O. L. Thomas, Rev. Johnson and Secretary.

Those excused were—Dr. Callender, Mr. Fletcher, Gordon Johnson, Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mrs. Ziegler and Mr. Zoll.

Those absent were—Mr. Babcock, Mr. Brannon, Mrs. Costin, Mr. Degener, Mr. Huffman, Miss King, Mr. Koenigseker, Mrs. Kuehn, Geo Kuehn, Mr. N. Leach, Mr. P. Leach, Mr. Leonard, K. McGuire, Mrs. Main, G. Mehan, Mr. Sampsel, Mr. Van Gunten, Mr. Vernier and Mr. and Mrs. Wagner.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those members who call us asking to be excused and giving us some detail on their individual report.

H. Coder, Sec'y.

Willing Workers

The regular meeting of the Willing Workers Class was held in the Parish House on Friday evening, January 25th, 1952. Although it was a very rainy night twenty one members were present.

In the absence of our class president Mrs. Ilo Shaffer, Mr. Robert Snyder was in charge of the business session. The class decided to have a bake sale in the near future, time and place to be known later. All kinds of home baked goods, potato salad, baked beans or home made candy will gladly be accepted. This is one of our ways helping with the Erection fund. Date of sale has been set for Sat., Feb. 16. Mrs. Shaffer was reported home from the hospital but still very ill. Mrs. Kuehn and Mrs. Holliday provided a very nice entertainment for the evening. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Hatfield and Mrs. Harbaugh.

S. Harbaugh, Sec'y.

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.

Findlay Bethlehem To Dedicate New Annex March 23



Dedication services Sunday, March 23, 1952 of the recently completed annex to the Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church 3 miles southeast of Findlay, Ohio, on the Bethlehem Road will mark another important milestone in the progress of this country church. The congregation of this church have worshipped at those same crossroads for over 111 years. The church was first organized in 1850 by the Rev. Jacob Newman, just 6 years after the first session of the Sandusky Conference of the United Brethren Church was held. The dedication of the additional unit is noteworthy at a time when the country church is so rapidly disappearing.

Morning worship services including special music will be held at 9:30 o'clock. The main dedication service will be held in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Bishop Fred L. Dennis, D.D., LL.D., bringing the message. There also will be special music in the afternoon.

Another memorable milestone was passed on August 25, 1950 when services were held commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the church. On this occasion Dr. V. H. Allman, Conference Superintendent, brought the message.

Even though many of the families long affiliated with Bethlehem have been scattered by marriage or have moved out of the immediate church vicinity for various reasons, still many of these people return each Sunday for worship. The necessity for adequate church school facilities became quite apparent as the number of children attending services increased, one class having to meet in the furnace room. The congregation accepted the challenge and have provided a beautiful sanctuary

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Miss White Is New Director Of Children's Work

Miss Helen White of Leipsic has accepted the position of Director of Children's work in the conference. The post was left vacant by the recent resignation of Miss Lucille Bushong. Miss White will assume the responsibilities of the work immediately.

Miss White brings to the position a fine background of preparation for her work with children. She is a primary teacher in the local schools in Leipsic and has been active in the work of her church over a period of years. This is not her first contact with the work of the conference. She has been a familiar figure at conference gatherings and participated in the camp program of the conference both as a camper as well as counsellor and instructor.

We have every right to expect the work of the Children's department to move forward under her direction and are sure that the standards of effective work set by her predecessors will be maintained by one so well equipped and whose consecration to God and His work matches her preparation in the field of education.

Ministers Chorus To Meet

The Ohio Sandusky Conference Minister's Chorus will meet at St. Paul's church, Findlay, Ohio, February 25 at 10 A. M. Luncheon will be at Salisbury's Restaurant at noon. All ministers of the Conference who wish to be a part of this organization please be there.

Rev. C. D. Osborn, Director
Rev. O. C. Metzker, Secretary

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E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR

Youth Fellowship Self-Denial Offering

As all of us know the emphasis for the winter quarter of the World Service Fund of the Youth Fellowship is the self-Denial Offering. In the past we have taken this offering during Youth Week, but this year we have heard and answered "The Call" during Youth Week. FOR THIS YEAR ONLY the Youth Fellowship Self-Denial Offering will be taken the week of MARCH 9 to 16.

Now you are probably asking, "Where does our gift to the Self-Denial Offering go?" The youth of Ohio Sandusky Conference will give their money to the Goiaz Bible Institute, in Brazil. In this school pastors, evangelists, teachers and the Christian workers are being trained for the Protestant churches in Brazil. Some building has been started there, but a large building program is necessary. Our money will be used to help make that needed construction possible. Don't you agree that this project is especially appropriate this year, since our mission study of Latin America is in progress.

And certainly you would like to know that the Goiaz Bible Institute needs \$10,000 for the buildings needed. Won't YOU answer this CALL by denying yourself of something in order to give to the training of Christian workers for Brazil.

Hurray, while there is still time to send to the Women's Society of World Service, 1412-1420 U. B. Building, Dayton 2, Ohio—they will send you a one-page flier

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Otterbein College News

Wade S. Miller, Director of Public Relations

E. U. B. Day

The second annual E. U. B. Day will be observed on Friday, March 21 on the Otterbein campus. High school seniors from the entire Otterbein area are invited to attend the day's activities as guests of the college.

Competitive scholarship examinations will be given early in the day and winners will be announced before students leave the campus.

Christian Higher Education

A conference on Christian Higher Education is scheduled for March 11 and 12. Conference leaders of Christian education and conference superintendents of the Otterbein area have been invited to share in the conference.

Special speakers will be Bishop Dennis;
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Northern District

Rev. F. A. Firestone, Superintendent

MISSION TO AMERICA—NOW

"Nothing is so needful as that we Protestants should see the Church in its reality. When we do see it, the Christian task and our responsibility as Christians will become clear again.

"It is high time for we Protestants to make up our minds that it is nonsense to talk about preserving 'Christian values' or defending 'Christian civilization' unless we mean that we are ready to assume responsibility for the upbuilding, strengthening, and purifying of the Church."

The above are quotations from "Mission to America" by Truman Douglass. Let's think about it seriously. What about Conference and the Denomination?

Bible Conference News

Last month we passed on information that we had secured three speakers definitely, Bishop Dennis for evening evangelistic services, Prof. Wayne Clymer and Prof. Bruce Behney for Bible interpretation and instruction and doctrinal studies. Now we can announce that Rev. Mark Shedron, a member of our Conference, Chaplain National Training School, Washington, D. C., will conduct three periods on pastoral counselling, and that Rev. C. Dwight Osborn, pastor of Findlay St. Paul Church, with assistants, will conduct the School of Music. Bishop Dennis will also preach on Sunday morning, June 29.

The Men's Congress

The Conference Board of Evangelism is cooperating with the Conference Brotherhood in promoting the Men's Congress, June 28, 29. A good program is being built. Start boosting NOW. Let's all put these dates down and keep them open if possible for the Bible Conference and Men's Congress: JUNE 23 to 29, inclusive.

PRAY! ! PUBLICIZE! !

More Babies

The coming of a new baby into the world is a wonderful event. So we are happy to report that in January babies arrived in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Griswold, Kansas-Canaan, and Rev. and Mrs. Freeman Whetstone, Custar-West Hope. (If any are overlooked it is due to lack of information.) We wish also we might report the precious little newcomers into the homes of our laymen. We just don't have the information. God bless all of them and give them safe and happy journeys through life.

Hospitalized

It is with sadness that we must report that several members of our ministerial family on the district are hospitalized. Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Frey, Millbury-Rocky Ridge, are in Orange Memorial Hospital, Orlando, Florida, seriously injured in an auto accident, and Mrs. Loren Onweller, Monclova-Wilkins, is in Toledo hospital at this writing for surgery. For these and all who are going through troubled waters, from the families of laity and the ministry, we offer our prayers for comfort and healing. God's assurance is, "My grace is sufficient."

Southern District

V. H. Allman, Superintendent

The church is entering Lent. The season observed as a preparation for the Easter Festival and as a special time of penitence. It is the period of the year when we give ourselves to the study of the sacrifice made by Jesus in our behalf, the Atonement he made for us and to observe the great climax of Easter morning. When we by faith claim our eternal share in the greatest of all miracles, the resurrection from the dead. We join St. Paul in our shout of triumph, "When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality.—For the trumpet shall sound and the dead will be raised imperishable. Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Churches' preparation for Lent should be most carefully made down to the smallest detail. That preparation should lead each and every member to share with the Christ in each of the events of the history of this season and not only that but each member should be made to feel the responsibility that is his or hers to take along friends outside the church—even the stranger who may be at the gate, in order that they too may share in this Holy Event, by the forgiveness of sin and witness to their salvation by the power of His resurrection. Please allow me as an official of the conference to plead with pastors, church officials and all who may read this message to make this lenten season the greatest period of ingathering our churches have ever known. By this and only by this effort can we hope to save our world and bring to it peace.

The Otterbein Home offering reported by the Conference treasurer is about two thousand dollars less than last year. If

money send in is to count on this past Christmas offering it must reach the Treasurer by March 3rd. It is rather tragic, that in the fact of the rising cost of living that our offering to our Benevolent institutions should take a drop. Perhaps, as much can be said for Flat Rock Home, for the same needs are apparent there. Pastors will see to it that all money now in the local treasury is sent to Conference treasurer with the March first report. We shall continue to remember the children and aged people of these homes with our prayers and share with them the blessings God showers upon us.

Our rural churches are making great strides forward. Almost every issue of the "News" carries one or more articles concerning this advance. The last Sunday of 1951 it was my good pleasure to reopen the Bluelick church. A new furnace room and furnace, new entrance way, a new job of plastering and redecorating had made the church look like it was new. Pastor Stucky reported all bills paid and spoke of the fine increase in attendance and membership. Well do I remember the day when there was much talk about closing this church. What a blessing that a new day was sought and found. Now the church enjoys its own pastor and is enjoying the best days of her long history. Congratulations pastor and people.

Father Time has within recent weeks called two of our veteran ministers from labor to reward. The first call came on December 23 to J. H. Dutton of Attleboro, Mass. Dr. Dutton's body was returned to West Milton, Ohio for burial. This veteran had an outstanding record. Rising to service as the Superintendent of the Great Miami Conference. Then taking the place of Bishop I. D. Warner as pastor of Akron First Church. His entry into Sandusky Conference was incident to his very successful pastorate of Lima High St. Church. Ill health forced retirement and the move to the east in order to be near the son, the Rev. Dale Dutton, D.D.—"Servant of God, well done." Mrs. Dutton, Dale and family have our sympathy and prayers.

The second call came on January 31st and was answered by Rev. W. C. May. He too was a very successful missionary and pastor. His pastoral ministry was given to some of the more prominent churches of the Conference (See life sketch). His ministry of stewardship assisted in awakening the Conference to its responsibilities in the matter of giving the tithe. To Mrs. May and the family we offer condolence and assure them of our prayers.

Rev. W. C. May Passes To His Crowning

The Rev. W. C. May, retired minister of the Ohio Sandusky Conference, passed away at 7:00 A. M., on January 31, 1952, at the Findlay Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Perry Miles Funeral home on West Front Street, Findlay, at 2 P. M., Saturday, February 2nd.

News from the Churches

TOLEDO OAKDALE OBSERVES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th Anniversary Services of the Toledo Oakdale Church were held January 6-13, with Bishop Fred Dennis speaking on January 6th and the Rev. Russell Ford conducting a 7-day evangelistic campaign thru the 13th. Outstanding attendance and interest were manifested in the campaign. The results were 32 conversions and the best attendance in the church services since the meeting that the church has had in the past six years.

We are now redecorating the entire church and looking to the coming Revival meeting with Prof. and Mrs. MacMurray, March 9-16.

Dale Emrick, pastor

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PREACHING MISSION AT GRACE CHURCH, PERRYSBURG

The Preaching Mission, held in Grace Church, Perrysburg, Ohio, from January 10 to 20 under the splendid leadership of the Rev. John C. Searle, Sr., of Trinity Church, Bowling Green, Ohio, proved to be a source of real spiritual enrichment for all who shared in it.

Rev. Searle preached from the Gospel of John, bringing heart warming messages from some of the great texts of this choice book. Each evening a picture was shown on the screen with meditative music as a background to prepare hearts for the service. Splendid cooperation was received in the leadership of the devotional portion of the service including musical selections each evening from persons representing the various groups and organizations of the church.

The series concluded on Sunday night, January 20, with a fitting consecration service about the altar of the church where pastor and people pledged their renewed loyalty to one another and to their Christ.

The meetings were well attended each evening with an average attendance of 45. The spiritual results will be tabulated daily as each one strives to be more devoted to his Master and his Church.

Rev. Wendell W. Freshley, Pastor

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YOUTH ON THE MOVE AT PERRYSBURG

Sunday, January 27, was Youth Sunday in Grace Church, Perrysburg, Ohio, in the true sense of the word. For the Sunday School hour the youth orchestra played, and various youth served as superintendent and song leader and offered prayer.

In the morning worship service the Youth Choir sang, and young people were in charge, four persons giving brief talks on different phases of Christ's call to life, as follows: In use of time and energy, Joann Soldwish; in use of pocketbook, James Thompson; in recreation, Ruth Ann Hill; and in use of talents, Janell Twining.

Robert Martin, Youth Director, concluded with a message of challenge which was heard by the more than 35 youth present in the congregation.

The youth took to the road on Sunday afternoon and helped to complete a survey of southwest Perrysburg. In less than two hours some 107 stops were made and many survey cards were signed to reveal church affiliation or preference.

The youth spent a most profitable evening together listening to Prof. Joseph Himmel of Bowling Green State University tell of experiences in Germany. Prof. Himmel spent last year in Munich studying, and worked in our new mission church there as choir leader.

More than 125 youth and their adult leaders from the various Protestant churches in the area congregated at Grace Church on the concluding Sunday evening of Youth Week, February 3, for a service of worship and commitment in response to "The Call to United Christian Youth Action." "The Call" was interpreted by the host pastor, the Rev. Wendell W. Freshley.

Rev. Wendell W. Freshley

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TIFFIN CHURCH STUDIES "MISSIONS TO AMERICA"

Through the Women's Society of World Service and the Christian Service Guild a two session study was made of the book, "Missions to America" by Truman Douglass. In the first session charts and graphs were used to present the thought of the book and then in the second session a panel was indicated to present the work of the church in and through organizations that work with the church to help present the cause of Christ to the world. Second the organizations and forces outside of our church that work toward a hindering of the church. Third, the work the local church does through and by the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension of the General Board of Missions. And Fourth, what the church locally is doing in the ministry to the community by way of its loyalty and witness in attendance and evangelistic effort.

H. N. Porterfield, Pastor

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RILEY CENTER CHURCH

During the month of January the church had four conversions, and the following seven accessions were gained for church membership: Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Shrout, Delano and Denville Shrout, and Miss Catherine Swisher, by letter of transfer; and George Reed and Delco Shrout, on confession of faith.

Pioneer Day was observed on January 13, with a goodly offering received to apply on the church's preacher pension apportionment. The sacrament of Holy Communion was given, with the pastor as celebrant. David Franklin Monday, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Monday, was dedicated in Christian baptism.

Youth Sunday was observed January 27; seven or eight youth assisted the pastor in the worship service.

At the present writing we are planning to have the Rev. Sanford Mills of Columbus, a missionary of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, speak in our church on Sunday evening, February 24. Also, a series of evangelistic services is being planned for Holy Week.

Javan R. Corl, Pastor

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REVIVAL AT FREMONT TRINITY

Over fifty responded to the call to Christ and Christian living in the most successful revival in many years at Trinity Church, Fremont. The church has been revived and many have renewed experiences of other years. From the first meeting it was clear that God's hand was on the evangelist, and souls were at the altar in almost every service. Rev. Perry E. Pyle, who served as evangelist and song leader, is a member of the West Pennsylvania Conference and is accredited by the denomination. Rev. R. F. Haskins is serving his fifth year as pastor of Trinity church.

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COLUMBUS AVE. E. U. B., SANDUSKY

We have just closed a very successful week's revival meeting with the Rev. Marvin A. Leist from the Zion church, Canton, Ohio, as the evangelist. His messages were stirring and the Spirit used him mightily in our midst. Several bowed at an altar of prayer and found a personal experience of salvation. The church as a whole felt the working of the Holy Spirit, and we are rejoicing in the reviving the Lord gave us.

Mr. Robert Norman from our Bellevue church was with us three nights with his ministry of chalk drawing and singing. We also appreciate the fine contribution the Mt. Carmel E. U. B. church orchestra gave on the closing night of the services. We praise the Lord for His gracious visitation in our midst.

The church is sponsoring a Week-day Church School every Wednesday afternoon at 3:15. We have secured the services of a school bus for transporting the children to and from the church school. We have had an average attendance of 28 and the interest is growing. Mrs. Hubert Lowry and Mrs. G. R. Rotruck assist in bringing flannel-graph and object lessons for the children.

Eight of our young people attended the Mid-Winter Convention and returned with renewed enthusiasm to enter more fully into the work of the Youth Fellowship.

The members of the choir were entertained with a supper at the parsonage Wednesday evening, February 6. We appreciate the fine contribution the choir gives to our morning worship services.

R. P. Ricard, Pastor

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REVIVAL AT THE DELTA CHURCH

Revival services were held in the Delta Evangelical United Brethren church from January 6th to January 20th. The Rev. O. E. Heltzel of the Wauseon Evangelical United Brethren church served as the evangelist. Special numbers in music and

song were presented each evening by various members. The messages were very stirring and gave all much practical information and truths for fuller Christian living. There were eight people who came to the altar of prayer and gave their hearts to Jesus. The congregation, as a whole received much beneficial knowledge and many reconsecrated their lives. Rev. and Mrs. Goings held children's services each evening at seven. Many of the children learned all the required verses and received awards. Other awards were given to the children who brought the largest number of new recruits. All who attended received a great amount of spiritual guidance and joy through the singing, Bible stories, contests and memory work.

Our people are much encouraged by what can be done with the help of God. With the inside of our Church completely redecorated and a new roof on the building we are now turning our thoughts to new paint for the outside of the church this spring. "God is great and God is good." May we never cease to be thankful for his greatness and goodness to us.

Rev. E. W. Goings, Pastor
Christine Ruple, Reporter

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VAN WERT CALVARY HAS REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AND YOUTH SERVICES

One of the greatest revivals that we have had in the last six years was held January 14 through 27th with the Rev. Walter Adams, pastor of our church at Celina as the Evangelist. Heart stirring messages were brought nightly backed by the power of the spirit. We recommend him to any church for revival campaigns.

Mr. Willis Snyder and Mr. Paul Sherman local laymen led the song services with Mrs. Martin Kilgore and Miss Rose-lyn Hattery at the organ and piano respectively. Special music was rendered by the members of the church. There were nine who came with needs and found the Lord Jesus Christ precious to their heart.

We were indeed grateful for the Men's Chorus of the Celina Church who was with us one night of the revival.

In observance of Youth Week, the Youth Fellowship president Miss Loretta Huffine and Youth Directress, Miss Rose-lyn Hattery, made plans for a Youth Fellowship banquet on Wednesday, January 30th and had for the speaker, Rev. Raymond Daniels, chairman of the Advisory Committee for "The Call" and pastor of the Haviland-Scott Methodist Churches. He gave us the facts concerning "The Call" enlisting one million youth for Christ.

Then on Sunday morning, Feb. 3rd the Youth had charge of the Sunday School, with Joe Hertel as Superintendent of the Adults, Misses Loretta Huffine and Kay Preston in charge of the music for the adults. Jerry Gribler was Superintendent of the Primary Department and Misses Audrey Springer and Marilyn Marks were in charge of the music.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH HAS STIRRING REVIVAL SERVICES

The Mt. Pleasant Church closed a very successful four-week revival on Sunday evening January 27th. They had the evangelistic party, the full Gospel Trio composed of Rev. Gaylord Wilkin, Evangelist; Don Turner, Pianist; and Ray Riley, song leader. From the very first service there was a fine spirit of cooperation between the Gospel Trio and the members of the church. The Spirit of God was present in stated hours of prayer, personal evangelism from house to house, and in the services at the church—all of which resulted in 40 persons bowing at the altar, 25 were adults and 15 were children and young people. Several families came together—many for the first time—and were wonderfully saved. Others came to be reclaimed and were reinstated with God. Some restitutions were made, which brought victory to many hearts. As a result of this meeting, 15 adults and 9 young people will be received into membership.

For four services, we had the Gospel Five from the Findlay College with us. This team is composed of all young men fully consecrated to God. Many special numbers were given by local talent and visitors.

The present pastor and family, who are now serving in their fifth year and are known throughout the conference as pastor and evangelist, have been constantly building up with their people year by year for such a service. God has honored our labors and has in return given these wonderful rewards in the salvation of souls. The average attendance for each service was 101.

As pastor and people, we heartily recommend the Gospel Trio to churches needing evangelistic help.

Though Mt. Pleasant is only a rural church, she is going forward in Kingdom building. We are planning greater things in the future for this church that it may be a real lighthouse in this community.

Rev. Elwood Botkin, pastor

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ACTIVITIES AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH

The new Conference year found the people of Mt. Carmel a busy congregation. The Father & Son banquet was well attended with Mr. C. S. Hunsinger of Flat Rock the speaker. He gave a history of Senator Norris who owned and lived on a farm here at Mt. Carmel. Several films were shown as well as selections given by the Young men's brass quartette.

World Community Day was observed by sending a new double-wool blanket overseas. Our average attendance in the prayer service has been 37. We have completed the study book "Christ Calls to Commitment," and beginning the book of Acts. The youth fellowship is in charge of the Sunday evening services using the laymen as well as the pastor for speaking, religious films and singings.

The church had a carry-in supper reception for the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Loyd Rife and son honoring the beginning of their fourth year with us. The Sunday School Superintendent presented the pastor and family with gifts from several of the organizations as well as a grocery shower from the group.

A number of our church enjoyed Christmas carolling to the shut-ins followed by a Chili supper at the community house. The usual Christmas pageant was given on Christmas eve to a full house. The Otterbein Home offering came up to the Conference goal of one dollar per member. The ladies of the church sent 2 barrels of fruit and juices to the home which was brought to the church on Harvest Home day. The ladies aid made 24 pillow cases and 24 stuffed dolls for the little girls' cottage at the home. They are now making baby dresses and shirts for the leper colony. Over 300 lbs. of clothing and toys were sent to the Ohio Mining district.

We are proud of the fact that our church is again a Telescope and Ohio Sandusky News quoto winner.

A watch night service was held from 9-12. The first hour being in charge of the Youth director Mrs. Leila Nicely. This consisted of choruses, instrumental numbers, scripture search and a film "Forgotten Valley." The second hour a fellowship supper was held in the community house. The last hour was in charge of the Youth Fellowship with Rev. L. M. Rife as the speaker closing with a period of consecration around the altar as the New Year came in.

The Church Orchestra has had the privilege of playing for several revivals. Pioneer day was observed. We were privileged to have Mrs. Raymond Heter the second vice president of our Ohio Sandusky W. S. W. S. for our World Service Day speaker.

February finds the Building Committee and Church Stewards getting plans and funds under way for the new addition to the Church Building which will include the much needed class rooms and rest rooms.

The members of the Missionary and Brotherhood are looking forward to their annual Kentucky corn-bread and bean supper.

Our revival will be March 4-16 with Rev. Mable Rife of Columbus as the Evangelist. We would like to solicit your prayers that many souls will find Christ as their Saviour and that our church might experience a great awakening.

Mrs. Wilbur Folk, Reporter

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BIDDLE CHURCH SHOWERS PASTOR WITH GIFTS

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Coldiron, pastor at Biddle, were pleasantly surprised on Wednesday evening, January 30, when members and friends of the community came to the parsonage bearing packages of food products from farms and stores.

Mrs. Velma Cole, class leader, had plan-

ned the midweek service of prayer at the parsonage, after which refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. Gilbert Cole and Mrs. Loren Pry.

To say that the items and the spirit of the people were acceptable is putting it tritely. Mrs. Coldiron and I will be reminded for weeks to come of this fine gesture from these good people.

Rev. A. C. Coldiron

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WOODVILLE CHURCH NEWS

We had a week of Evangelism, Jan. 6-11, with Rev. Joe Grimm of Bloomdale doing the preaching and Prof. and Mrs. Roy MacMurray bringing the special music. They were well attended. The Youth Fellowship took an active part.

The Youth Fellowship started out the year with a progressive Watch Night Party, closing with a worship service at the home of the directors, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Chaffee.

Our W. S. W. S. observed World Service Day with Rev. Robert Bruns, Missionary on furlough from Japan, as the speaker.

The church is planning a mortgage-burning service right after Easter.

P. C. Young

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REVIVAL SERVICES AT BELLE VERNON CHURCH

Belle Vernon E. U. B. Church observed a week of revival services between December 2 and December 9, 1951. Mrs. Homer Evans of Upper Sandusky, Ohio was the special song evangelist. The services were well attended with an average attendance of forty-four. Five persons knelt at the altar either for a first time dedication or for reconsecration to Christ. The pastor, Everett T. Wonder had charge of the services.

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WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS OBSERVED AT SALEM CHURCH

Salem E. U. B. church of the Upper Sandusky Charge held a week of special services between January 6 and 13, emphasizing prayer and the deepening of spiritual experience. Twenty-two members of the congregation united in a daily prayer chain. On Tuesday of that week, thirty-five members of the congregation gave a public testimony of their desire to walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the new year of 1952. The week strengthened the spiritual life of each member who participated in the services and the church was bound together into a richer fellowship with Christ. The pastor, E. T. Wonder had charge of the services. Miss Ruth Ellen Schilling was the pianist.

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YOUTH'S DAY SERVICE AT ZION DELTA

Sunday, January 27 was Youth Day at the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church on the Delta charge. The Worship service was in charge of our young people with Miss Kathryn Havens as Chairman. Paul Tedrow is president of our young people.

Following the special numbers and devotional period our Pastor gave the

message to youth. The message was entitled, "THE THINGS WHICH HINDER GOD'S CALL."

Following the message our Pastor extended an invitation to the young people for salvation and dedication of lives to God's service. The Spirit of God descended upon the congregation and one of our young men came to the altar of prayer and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Seven young people came forward with hearts that were broken to dedicate their lives to God in service. The adults who knew the value of prayer were invited to come and pray. So many tears of joy were being shed by parents and young people were unable to pray audibly. This service was still in session at 12:30 and people were not in a hurry to go home. Many of the parents' eyes were filled with tears of joy as they gave their testimonies. We praise God for our fine Christian young people and for our Youth Director, Mrs. Eunice Tedrow who is a Christian testimony to our youth. We are praying for our coming Revival and we feel that it has already begun as is evidenced by this great youth day service.

Pastor, Everett W. Goings
Reporter, Stanley Dinins

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DEDICATIONS AT VAN BUREN AND BAIRDSTOWN CHURCHES

Van Buren and Bairdstown churches hold dedication service. On Jan. 6th, 1952 Dr. V. H. Allman, Conference Superintendent spent the day with the pastor of these two churches, bringing the message in the morning at Van Buren church, and in the evening at Bairdstown church. Following the address the following were presented for dedication: Van Buren church—oil furnace, out side bulletin board, kitchen sink, and cabinets, hot water heater, kitchen stove, metal cabinet for parsonage, carpet sweeper, pulpit Bible, lawn mower, communion scarfs, baptismal bowl and speakers for the auditorium—A total cost of \$2359.00.

Bairdstown church—The program for the evening consisted of three organ solos played by Miss Barbara Simon, a vocal solo by Edward Weith, accompanied by Miss Frances Jane Good at the piano, all of North Baltimore. After the message by Dr. Allman the pastor presented the following for dedication—Oil furnace and utility room, Hammond organ given by Mr. and Mrs. Otterbein Simon and family, indirect lights and a sixteen-millimeter motion picture machine. The total cost of \$4,427.38. Making a total for the two churches of \$6,786.38.

R. L. Clark, Pastor

Sign on a junk shop a few yards from a railroad crossing, near Denver: "Go Ahead—Take a chance—We'll buy the car."

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"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this to the extent of the difference, is not democracy." Abraham Lincoln.

Fulton County Youth Fellowship Meets At Delta

The Fulton County Youth Fellowship met Sunday, February 3, 1952 for their quarterly meeting at the Delta E. U. B. Church.

The afternoon session was opened with a congregational song and prayer by the President, Paul Tedrow. Marlene Burkholder from the Wauseon E. U. B. church gave the devotions. Helen Guilford and Mary Barnes from the Zion E. U. B. church then favored us with a vocal duet.

The afternoon speaker, Rev. Eustace Heckert, Pastor of Toledo Point Place E. U. B. church, gave a very inspiring message with much food for thought.

Following the afternoon session the business meeting was held, after which we went to the basement for games and lunch.

The service in the evening began at 7:30 P. M. with an half-hour singspiration led by Helen Guilford and Joan Burkholder. Following the singspiration period the film, "The Great Discovery," was shown. This was a very good picture of a movie actress who was converted and dedicated her life to Christ. After having seen the movie about 32 young people went forward to dedicate their lives to Christ and His work.

The host church, Delta E. U. B., received the banner for the highest percentage of young people present.

Dorothy Tedrow

Ohio Folk Beach Party Near Bradenton, Florida

The Rev. L. H. Myers, wintering in Bradenton, Florida, reports that folk from or near Lima, Ohio, gathered for a beach luncheon party on the beautiful beach of the Gulf of Mexico at Long Boat Key, near Bradenton, on January 26, 1952. "We had beautiful, warm and sunshine weather," writes Rev. Myers. "How was it up there? So sorry for you."

The party consisted of the following people:

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Foust, Lima R. R. 5; Mrs. Belle Anderson, Zanesville; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hilyard, Elida; Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Allman and daughter Maxine, Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Askins, Delphos; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Adams, Rockford; Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Burget and son Gail, Van Wert; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, Sarasota, Florida, formerly of Spencerville, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burget, Lima; and Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Myers, Lima.

Following the luncheon on the beach, the evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burget where the group were entertained with music and song.

FOR SALE
Cottage at Camp St. Marys
Contact
Rev. N. D. Bevis
Wren, Ohio

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1952

(Month ending February 6th

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES

	Monthly Budget	Paid January	Paid 5 Mo.	Homes Paid January	Sunday School Avg. Att. January	Morning Wor. Avg. Att. January
NORTHERN DISTRICT						
BOWLING GREEN GROUP:						
Belmore	\$ 70	\$40	\$220	\$130	126	85
Center	25	25	118	70	25	25
Bethel—Townwood	21	22	104.50	10†	26	32
Bethel	25	23	139.26		41	45
Bowling Green	250	250	1250	11	*342	309
Custar	20	20	100	4	*40	*37
West Hope	42	42	210	10	59	59
Deshler	60	60	300		*94	104
Oakdale	90	90	540	6	*106	96
Hoytville	100	350	350		*110	65
Luckey	50	50	250		86	*104
North Baltimore	100	100	500		166	117
Portage	35		105			
Mt. Zion	60	60	300			
South Liberty	50	50	185		54	60
Mt. Hermon	17	16	83		20	29
Tontogany	17	50	100	10†	27	24
Webster	30	30	131		39	34
Cloverdale	20	20	100		58	55

BRYAN GROUP:

Bridgewater	45	83	225		*98	*88
Bryan	160	160	800	22	187	184
Center Circuit:						
Center	20	20	100	2	38	26
Logan	10		50		*33	*28
Mt. Olive	20	20	50	24	*24	19
Defiance, First	160	160	628		145	108
Defiance Circuit:						
Mt. Calvary	33	33	165		62	58
Rural Chapel	17	17	68		33	34
Edgerton	20	20	100		*87	*83
Hicksville	165	165	825		*166	*164
Montpelier	160	160	800	1	*183	*164
West Unity						
Emmanuel	19	19	95			
Ebenezer	19	19	95			
Salem	5		15			

FOSTORIA GROUP:

Bascom	65	78	390	16	*87	*89
Bettsville, Salem	36	36	216		*74	45
Trinity	45		239.34		*112	*107
Bloomdale	70	70	350		*131	*91
Fostoria, Bethel	58		293		107	95
Fostoria, First	280	280	1680	77	*306	*346
Kansas	10	10	50		30	31
Canaan	40	40	240	7	32	33
Pleasant View	45	45	225		*54	*51
Rising Sun	45		162.61			
West Independence	75	75	375	5	*218	*207

FREMONT GROUP:

Burgoon	100	70	570	265	*135	107
Fremont, Memorial	100	100	500	10	*115	*118
Fremont, Trinity	192	184	925.75		*249	*216
Gibsonburg	64		89.92		141	90
Green Springs	56	52.78	176.41		92	68
Helena	59	59	295		78	67
Lindsey	130	130	650		*211	*152
Old Fort	100	100	500	374.60	*180	*123

Riley Center	13	13	65		*20	*30
Woodville	160	160	800	21	*214	*212

NAPOLEON GROUP:

Ai	40	13	28	22	40	30
Lebanon	10	10	70		25	22
Mt. Pleasant	40	40	181		42	*49
Delta	56	56	280	1	100	74
Zion	60	60	300		118	109
Liberty Center	35	35	175			
Malinta	30	27	150	18	58	46
McClure	100	100	500	279.12	*123	*91
Monclova	18		72			
Wilkins	14		70			
Napoleon	83	67	439		149	95
Wauseon, First	40	40	200	33.16	59	52
Wauseon Circuit:						
Beulah	20	17	97		52	49
North Dover	50	43	209.08	50	71	71
Whitehouse	59	59	354		*136	*119

SANDUSKY GROUP:

Bellevue	138		1800			
Flat Rock	74	221	443		20.25†	
Kelley's Island	26					
La Carne	17	17	85		29	35
Locust Point	17	17	85		19.90	35
Mt. Carmel	100	75	375	160	118	127
Port Clinton	80	80	400	108.92	75	80
Sandusky, Clmbs. Ave.	22	22	110	15	*70	50
Sandusky, Salem	68	50	257	25†	73	77

TOLEDO GROUP:

Elliston	73					
Millbury	25		125			
Moline	55	43.95	246.80		113	92
Perrysburg	65	65.42	392.52		101	*116
Rocky Ridge	13		100			
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	725.09		252	176
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	800	400	*118	114
Toledo, East Broadway	190	255	1057	683.58	178	209
Toledo, First	250	250	1250		165	135
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170	850		336	276
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	375		150	120
Toledo, Salem	60	60	300		91	106
Toledo, Somerset	170	186	930	265.24	170	235
Toledo, Upton	250	250	1250	53	276	248
Toledo, Zion	158	160	800		*184	144
Walbridge	12	12	60	58	63	48
Hayes	10	10	50	30	46	26

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

BUCYRUS GROUP:

Belleville Circuit:						
Pleasant Grove	14					
Pleasant Hill	22					
Trinity	29					
Brokensword,						
Emmanuel	21		123		4.75†	
Lykens	41	140	280		33.06†	
Pleasant Home	18	18.42	92.52			
Bucyrus Circuit:						
Harmony	30	30	183		52	51
Zion	30	30	183		58	60
Bucyrus, First	125	125	625	246	*138	*130
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	625		177	180
Galion	80	80	400	63	155	147
Johnsville	97	97	485		149	154
Mt. Zion	90		90		*110	*111
North Robinson	60	20	187.17		65	66
Liberty Chapel	33	33	120.15		60	64
Oceola	60	40	255.46		78	61
Olive Branch	22	10	50		29	29
Smithville	50	50	250			
Mt. Zion	21	24.86	106.14			
Sycamore	75	68	307		112	102

Upper Sandusky	128	127.75	766.50	258	214	West Mansfield	12	12	60	17	*17	*20	
Upper Sandusky Circuit:						York	50	50	250	58	*59	*68	
Belle Vernon	11			28	22	ST. MARYS GROUP:							
Salem	30	30	150	62	62	Bethel	15	30	75		29	29	
Williamsport	40	40	200	*90	82	Mt. Zion	45	45	225		109	111	
FINDLAY GROUP:						Celina, Bethany	153	153	765		227	204	
Bairdstown	21	21	84	40	26	Celina Circuit:							
Benton Ridge, Calvary	60	60	360	115	110	Hope	44		176				
Benton Ridge Circuit:						Mt. Carmel	22		88				
Pleasant Hill	35		50	21	50	53	Ft. Recovery, Bethel.....	18	18	88		32	31
Trinity	40	34	112	38.92	68	68	Old Town	16	16	80		39	39
Bluffton Circuit:						Olive Branch	22	22	110	25	31	31	
Bethesda	14		40.50	24	25	Pasco	40	40	200	43	*43	*47	
Liberty Chapel	17	15	75	30	31	Sidney	90	90	450		*92	*96	
Olive Branch	30		60	26	24	St. Marys	90	90	450		*120	*91	
Bethlehem	50	50	250	98	100	Wapakoneta	48	48	240		105	107	
Carey	91	183	551	*225	196	VAN WERT GROUP:							
East Findlay Circuit:						Bethel-Mt. Zion Circuit:							
Ark	30	30	150	37	39	Bethei	25	25	125		*60	*63	
Mt. Zion	45	23	115	30	55	57	Mt. Zion	15	10	50		*43	*41
Findlay, First	312	312	1560	710	*377	*426	Continental	40	100	100	11	*53	*58
Findlay, St. Paul's	223	223	1115.09	165.81	374	315	Mt. Zion	35				*57	*56
Findlay, West Park.....	28	27.50	147.50	49	26	26	Wisterman	20				24	23
Salem	12	5	14.25	23	22	Grover Hill Circuit:							
Leipsic	50		86	*114	80	Blue Creek	30	10	60		29	28	
Forest Grove	20			35	23	20	Middle Creek	35	24	164		47	44
Kiefferville	20	9	45	44	45	Mt. Zion	25	25	125		54	57	
Mt. Cory, Zion	40	40	200	80	64	Mt. Pleasant	80	50	250		81	78	
Pleasant View	50			62	68	& Harmony		10	50		23	23	
Rawson	100	80	405	50	*126	101	Oakwood	50	50	250		122	122
South Findlay Circuit:						Oakwood Circuit:							
Pleasant Grove	25	10	50	33	33	Centenary	25	25	125		37	43	
Salem	25			32	26	Prairie Chapel	25	25	125	20	*53	*53	
Van Buren	100	100	400	109	94	Rockford	200	200	1000	254	248	201	
Vanlue	50	50	250	76	76	Van Wert, Calvary	105	105	525	385	154	146	
Vanlue Circuit:						Van Wert Circuit:							
St. Paul	19	20	100	62	62	Grand Victory	44	44	220		75	75	
Union	30	30	150	38	40	Union Center	25	25	125		66	66	
West Findlay Circuit:						Willshire, Union	35	35	175		88	80	
Powell Memorial	42		110	*80	*80	Wood Chapel	25	25	125		52	47	
Zion	25	25	80	2	*42	*42	St. Peter's	12	12	60		16	15
Wharton Circuit:						Wren	65	65	325	100	79	79	
Beech Grove	25	11	55	32	34	Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	715		203	170	
Big Oak	42	42	210	215.20	*78	77	WILLARD GROUP:						
LIMA GROUP:						Attica, Federated	20	20	100		*72	68	
Blue Lick	25	25	125	109	*44	*47	Attica Circuit:						
Columbus Grove	150	125	625	145	*167	*124	Richmond	50		212	3.46	61	61
Cridersville	25	25	125		*46	*31	Union Pisgah	40	40	211	2	52	52
Kemp	25	6	57		*30	*27	Biddle	15	15	75		29	31
Delphos	75	75	375	140	107	Bloomville	45	45	225		76	50	
Dunkirk	65	65	325	69	84	Harmony	40	40	200		86	80	
Walnut Grove	100	100	500	133	134	Leesville	45	45	225		65	70	
Elida	100	50	250	127.18	*129	*139	Republic	30	30	150		50	36
Lakeview	45	18	120	12.30	61	40	Pietist					100	104
Lima, First	231	231	1155		*270	214	Shelby	231	231	1115	141	235	221
Lima, High St.	205		820				South Reed	22	22	110		29	25
Marion (Elida)	22	33	66		30	33	Tiffin	75		375		*238	*179
Sant Fe	45	20	135	106			Tiro	90	90	450	240	99	116
Vaughnsville	75			46	140	130	Willard	285	311	1555		285	400
MARION GROUP:							Totals		\$12956.68		\$6643.58	Otterbein	
Cardington, Center	50	50	186		88	88			\$68714.64		351.87	Flat Rock	
Fairview	22	12	110	5	29	30							
Climax	10	10	50		21	19							
Hepburn	15	15	75		13	15							
Hopewell	16	16	80		13	15							
Otterbein	30	30	150		40	37							
Marion, Calvary	195	195	1170	83+	298	250							
Marion, First	100												
Marion, Greenwood	92	92	551.52		198	107							
Marion, Greenwood	92		740		263	164							
Marion, Oakland	148	148	740		263	164							
Marion, Oakland	148	148	740		263	164							
Marion, Salem	27	25	152		*128	*125							
New Winchester	25	17	70.65	94	40	41							
Peoria	7	7	35	21	30	20							
Mt. Zion	4	8	20	15	8	8							

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FINDLAY BETHLEHEM

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and class rooms for worship and study.

The annex measures 20½ feet by 50 feet on the west side of the main church building. Three class rooms, a vestibule, and a furnace room are included in this structure. The northwest room is 16 feet by 20½ feet and may be divided by curtains for the use of two primary classes. A connection hall runs from this room past the furnace room to the larger southwest room which is 19 feet by 20½ feet. This room will be used by one of the adult classes and may be shut off from the main auditorium by folding doors or opened up to provide a supplemental seating area to the main auditorium.

A nursery room 9½ feet by 13 feet and a vestibule 10 feet by 16 feet with a memorial niche completes the structure.

An acoustic ceiling was installed in the main auditorium as well as in the new rooms. The entire church is heated with a new forced air, oil fired furnace. Some new windows and doors were put in to provide better lighting and adequate exits in the auditorium. The sanctuary was completely redecorated and additional lighting fixtures installed.

The annex is constructed of masonry, the outside walls being of matching red brick which blend well with the older structure. The old belfry was removed and the bell placed in the new brick belfry atop the annex.

Services were held in the Riverside Grange Hall 2 miles east of the church for a period of approximately 3 months while construction was in progress.

In August, 1947, a building program was under consideration and two members were elected by the congregation to work with the trustees in formulating plans. This group of men comprised the Building Committee. However, nothing definite was accomplished until April 10, 1950 when an architect was authorized to draw up plans for building an addition to the church building. The architectural plans were completed in September, 1950 but not until June 23, 1951 was the building staked out. At this time, there was \$9,865 in available funds. It was estimated that the total cost of the project would be about \$23,000. No special money raising means were employed such as socials, church suppers, etc. However, the second Sunday of each month was designated as the time when the membership would make a special effort to increase the fund.

On July 22, 1951, the cornerstone was laid during services conducted by Dr. V. H. Allman, conference Superintendent, and assisted by the pastor, Rev. Earl Hedges. At this service \$3,029.50 was raised by free will offering.

A letter soliciting funds in the form of a gift to the church was mailed to the membership at Christmas and resulted in another \$1,356 being added. These two efforts were the only special fund raising occasions, the balance coming in through regular channels. By February 1 there remained a balance of \$3,332 to be raised

to meet the estimate of \$23,000.

Bethlehem has a membership of 135 and had an average attendance at Sunday morning services the past year of 101. Rev. Donald W. Bartow, the pastor, divides his time with two other sister churches, Ark and Mt. Zion, both east of Findlay. He resides in the parsonage jointly owned by the churches at 1201 Summit Street in Findlay.

Time and change have left their marks on this church community as they have on most all rural centers but perhaps not to the extent in one sense of the word as may be found in other communities. Many of the residents of this community are descendants of the early pioneers of Bethlehem and those same names are very much in evidence to this day.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFERING
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describing the Goiaz project. You can also secure free offering envelopes from the WSWs office or from the Youth Fellowship Office.

Hey, YFers, instead of stopping in at the drug store for that milk shake, give that money to the Self-Denial Offering! By denying yourself of some pleasure or luxury YOU will be helping the Christians of Brazil.

Send your local Youth Fellowship Offering, properly marked to W. P. Alspach, 314 Lincoln Street, Findlay, Ohio by or before March 31, 1952. Promote vigorously the Self-Denial Offering and receive the offering during the week of March 9 to 16.

Miriam Fritz

W.S.W.S. Sec'y. of Young People's Work

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE NEWS

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Dr. Reuben Miller, Executive Secretary, General Board of Christian Education; Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, President of Wittenberg College; Vance Cribbs, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Otterbein; and Drs. H. L. Boda, E. R. Turner, E. L. Weinland, J. P. Hendrix and Judge Earl Hoover, chairmen of the five committees of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. W. A. Ross, professor of religion at Berea College, will also be heard since he will be the main speaker in the Religion-in-Life Week emphasis which will be in progress at the time.

Artists Series

The college and community artists series committee has presented three attractions to date: namely, the Westminster Choir; Ogden Nash, famous writer of light verse; and Vivienne Bennett, outstanding British interpreter of famous women including those of Shakespeare, Shaw and Wilde.

The fourth and last number will be the world famous Don Cossack Chorus, which will be presented on March 11. Members of the conference on Higher Education will be guests of the college for the concert.

President Howard Honored

Dr. J. Gordon Howard was recently elected chairman of the Assembly of the Ohio Council of Churches. This election

is a high honor to Otterbein's prexy since the Ohio Council is one of the largest and most efficient of all interdenominational state councils. The Ohio pastors conference sponsored annually by the Assembly attracts several thousand ministers from all over the state.

Dr. Howard also serves as chairman of the board of the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, an organization of nineteen Ohio colleges for the purpose of making a united approach to industry for gifts. More than \$175,000 has been received to date from Ohio corporations.

Religion-in-Life Week

Dr. W. G. Ross, professor of Religion at Berea College, has been secured for the annual Religion-in-Life Week emphasis beginning on March 9.

For four Sunday evenings preceding the special observance, there will be Fireside Chats in the home of various professors where a variety of topics will be discussed. Don Shilling, Massillon and Ralph Bishoff, Wilkesburg, Pa., ministerial students, are arranging the Fireside Chats.

Film Previews At Marion Group Ministerial Meeting

An interesting experiment was conducted in the area of group meetings when the Marion group met at the Center church, Cardington for its January meeting. By arrangement with the Otterbein Press four recent releases of new films were shown to acquaint the ministers with the latest in religious films. The selection was left to the discretion of the Press and a Bible Story, a missionary story, and two moderns were sent. The showing met with an enthusiastic response by those who saw them. Rev. Robert Hochstettler was host pastor in whose home the visiting ministers were entertained following the showing. Rev. R. W. Faulkner was in charge of the showing and Rev. Don Hochstettler supervised arrangement. Rev. Roy Sutherland is group leader.

Conference Youth Fellowship Exec. Com. Meets

The Executive Committee of the conference youth fellowship met Sunday, February 10 in the Findlay St. Paul's church. Officers Jim Strause, Fred Smith, Vondale Swaisgood, Barbara Benjamin, Shelomith Corl, Bonnie Osborn, Don Russell and Conference Youth Director Rev. W. W. Freshley were present. Plans for the Senior Youth Camp at St. Marys, June 15-21 were discussed. The activities of each commission were reviewed and suggestions made. The Committee recommended that ALL group fellowships organize according to the youth fellowship program (elect officers and commission chairmen). The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20 at the Findlay First church.

Miss Vondale Swaisgood
Sec'y Ohio Sandusky Conference
Youth Fellowship

Upton Aid

Guest Night was observed at the January Aid meeting and some of our "long-lost" faces who put in a most welcome appearance were Mrs. Vada Mark and Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Johnson. It was good to have them with us again.

Mrs. Hatfield and her "little green charges" showed up in time to keep us from getting into mischief. Our sincere thanks to all of you folks for your faithfulness in bringing in the stamps. Here is something else that you might keep in mind (what with spring housecleaning rearing its ugly head)—if you have any old clothes that would be suitable for carpet rags will you please bring them either to the church or call Mrs. Marie Thomas, La. 9994. Mrs. Thomas knows of a lady, a "youngster" of 91 years who likes to keep busy and who would put these things to good use.

Rev. Johnson gave us some of the highlights of his Florida trip. He enjoyed his vacation but he didn't believe that he would like it there permanently. He said that the people don't get excited over anything; they are always relaxed and at ease. In Jacksonville he saw some folks playing checkers on the courthouse lawn and that's when he breathed a prayer, "Lord, keep me out of Florida!" On his return trip, though, he saw a Negro running along the road in Alabama—the first fellow he had seen in a hurry since he had left Ohio. As for the churches, he said, that he found them with just about the same degree of friendliness as here. All in all, though, they were glad to be back home—the whole group of three adults, two children, one bag of pecans, eight bushels of oranges, and seven suitcases.

When God created man, He put him on the highest level of intelligence that He could—He gave him the ability and the right to make his own choice between good and evil. God showed man both the right way and the wrong way, and He showed him the ultimate results of taking each way. But the actual decision rests with man himself, for the way he goes determines his final victory or defeat.

As we have come down through the ages we have made more and more advancements, not only in the fields of science and medicine and education but also in our standards of living. We not only have labor-saving gadgets, but we can have our entire daily lives "activated" from our breakfast food right on through to the gasoline we use in our car. But with all of these improvements and conveniences we have failed to find peace either as individuals or as a nation.

In exercising our right to choose our own way of life many of us have turned away from God because we feel that we can do better without Him. There are those who feel that as long as things go the way they want them to they don't mind having Him around, but the minute something goes contrary to their will then they feel that they had better take over the reins and do

their own steering. Others ignore the Master when everything goes all right, but the minute their plans are upset they run to Him for help. Then when He helps them back onto their feet again, they go off and forget Him.

When God sent His Son into the world to teach men the real way to live, Christ also taught the way to live in peace. He taught us to love God above all else and our neighbor as ourselves; He taught us humility and gentleness and kindness; He taught us to walk the second mile, to turn the other cheek when we were hurt, to forgive those who had hurt us; He taught us to believe on God as we do on Him; He taught us that to lose our lives for His sake is to find them. All these things He taught to us and then He gave to us the greatest gift of all—the assurance that through His death our sins are forgiven and His mercy and pardon, grace and love are ours for all eternity.

If we as individuals turn to God for all our needs and choose to walk with Him instead of with the crowd, we will find that we, too, can have that "peace which passeth all understanding."

After Rev. Johnson closed the meeting with a prayer, Mrs. Elsie Williams and Mrs. Kanous served refreshments to the group.

Margaret Pfeiffer

He Didn't Happen

Abraham Lincoln

Didn't just happen

He was a-thinkin'

While others were nappin'.

This plain little verse states a truth that cannot be escaped. The youthful Lincoln had almost none of the advantages which young people have today. Pioneer families had little time for education and often little use for it. His boyhood days offered long hours of work, rough companions, rare contacts with personalities. Yet young Abe Lincoln grasped at every opportunity to read, to learn, to ask questions, to observe, and to develop a keen sense of responsibility toward his fellow man.

He was tall, awkward and so homely that he had to listen to repeated jokes about his looks. But he met such jibes with humor and sympathy. He earned the respect of friends and enemies. He won the support of thousands of ordinary men and women.

We live in a day which is much more complex than the middle 1800's. In the days of Lincoln's boyhood, 2,000 factory products were advertised. Of these, about fifty were classifiable as necessities. Youth today are urged to buy 32,000 products, of which about one hundred are considered absolute necessities. We have much more need to learn discrimination as to the use of our time and resources. In our choices we must maintain the highest loyalty to convictions based upon "malice toward none and charity for all."

Lincoln was a man to match the hour, a man seeking earnestly to know and do

the will of God. God send us men like Lincoln to match the fateful hours in which we live. God send us Christian youth with hearts big enough to embrace a suffering world and to live consistently for the life-giving principles of Jesus Christ.

—Builders-Feb. 9, '52

Little-Known Scenes From The Life Of The Famous American

When Abraham Lincoln was a candidate for the Legislature of Illinois, it was the custom for rival candidates to travel together over the district. This usually resulted in much good-natured raillery, in which Mr. Lincoln had no trouble in holding his own.

On one occasion Lincoln drove out of Springfield with an opponent. The carriage was owned by the rival, and they went out to talk to the farmers. Lincoln was liberal in his praise of his opponent's generosity in taking him about.

"I am too poor to own a carriage," he said, "but my friend has generously invited me to ride with him. I want you to vote for me if you will; but if not, then vote for my opponent, for he is a fine man."

His praise of his opponent, and the fact that he was unable to own a carriage, did him no injury among the men to whom he talked.

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When nominated for the presidency, supporters immediately called for a celebration of the victory for Mr. Lincoln. "We will supply the needful liquors," they said.

"Gentlemen," said Lincoln, "I thank you for your kind intentions, but most respectfully decline your offer. I cannot permit my friends to do for me what I will not myself do. I shall provide cold water—nothing else."

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Immediately following the Civil War, a small barge, bearing President Lincoln, pulled into the Richmond river boat landing. An old Negro put his hands to his eyes, dropped his spade and sprang forward. "Bress de Lord," he said, "dere is de great Messiah! I knowed him as soon as I seed him. He's bin in my heart fo' long years, an' he' cum at las' to free his chillum from deir bondage! Glory, Hallelujah!" And he fell upon his knees before the President and kissed his feet. Twelve others followed his example when they recognized this man to whom they had looked to lead them out of captivity.

Lincoln looked down at the poor creatures at his feet; he was much embarrassed at his position. "Don't kneel to me," he said. "That is not right. You must kneel to God only, and thank him for the liberty you will hereafter enjoy. I am but God's humble instrument; but you may rest assured that as long as I live no one shall put a shackle to your limbs, and you shall have all the rights which God has given to every other free citizen of this republic."

W. S. W. S.

The W. S. W. S. met on Friday evening, Feb. 1st, 1952, at the home of Mrs. O. Zoll, 4430 Harvest Lane, at eight o'clock. It was such a wonderful group of ladies that came out for our meeting and we only wish that we could have this large attendance at all of our meetings. It was so nice to see some of our members that haven't been with us for some time. It was a very inspirational as well as entertaining evening.

The usual business was conducted with the various reports given. Our Secretary of Literature gave us a frank talk on some of us not completing our reading for the year and stressed it that more of the ladies should get books to read. Please help our Society by getting some books from her and catch up on your reading. She has some very good books to read and I am sure you will enjoy them and receive a blessing from them.

The Mothers'-Daughters' banquet was discussed. Watch for a big surprise at our banquet this year, something special may be planned for the evening that will prove very interesting.

A tiny wooden church bank was introduced to our ladies and we are asked to put our birthday, anniversary and special day money in the bank. The money is to be used for our Election fund. After the business was completed the meeting was turned over to yours truly, who was leader for the evening.

Isaiah 6:8 "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send Me." Mrs. Johnson gave us a book report on the book "Pearls Are Made" by Ann M. Harrison. This is a book that shows the life of the Arab women and girls and the need of missionary work among them. The authoress was born in Michigan and early in life decided to become a missionary. For 17 years her husband and she worked in Arabian hospitals interpreting the needs of Arab women to the doctors. She was married to Dr. Paul Harrison and now lives in Berea, Kentucky, where Dr. Harrison is chief surgeon of Berea College.

"Pearls Are Made" is the story of a family in Arabia and how they came to learn of Christ through a blind boy and his Braille Bible. How the teachers at the mission school explained the wonderful story of Christ in the Gospel of John. A Will that was lost that meant the girl was to be married to a rich merchant that didn't know of this new Christ that Donna had come to know. Then as a wedding gift she gave to her blind friend a beautiful teak chest that he could keep his books in. While he was examining the chest he found a secret drawer that held the lost will and Donna was saved from marrying the merchant. How the death of Donna's mother was explained to mean the strength that we must secure from our sufferings and sadness. It was a wonderful story and Mrs. Johnson told it in such an interesting

way that made us actually feel we were living the parts of each of the characters.

Mrs. Kuehn and her sister, Mrs. Rogers, sang some lovely old time hymns with Mrs. Rogers accompanying them on the audioharp. It was nice to have Mrs. Rogers with us again and we hope that she will return soon to sing and play for us.

The Main sisters were the hostesses for the evening with Mrs. Zoll and the ladies wish to thank them all for the lovely luncheon they served. We also wish to thank Mrs. Zoll for opening her house up to us and we do want her to know that we all enjoyed the evening. All of the ladies that had a part in the program and everyone that attended were very glad they came out. We do hope that all those that were there will try to come to all our meetings as it is such an inspiration to the officers and to those who work so hard to make these meetings worth your while. Please try to come, I am sure you will say that you are glad you came.

E. Nelson

Sunday School

Our average Sunday School attendance during January was two hundred and fifty as compared with two hundred and sixty-two for last year.

We are now in the midst of our Annual Ten-Percent Membership Increase Campaign which will end on Palm Sunday. During this time we shall endeavor to add at least forty new members to our rolls. If for some time you have been reading this article about the progress of our school but as yet no one has asked you to become a member now would be a good time to come and share this great work with us. I am sure you will enjoy the fellowship you find among the people of our school.

Our Sunday School has set a goal of \$500.00 to be raised during the ten Sundays just prior to and including Easter. Each class has accepted a portion of this amount. Also, running concurrently with this, is an Attendance Campaign during which we shall try to increase our attendance by ten percent over the same period last year. I assure you that the goals assigned to the various classes have been assigned only after much study, as to the size of the class, the age of its members and the ability of its members to accept such a goal. After having tried to be fair in asking the classes to accept these goals, we feel that each class should not take them lightly but should make every effort to reach or exceed them. I am sure that if we do this we do not need to worry about goals.

May God bless us as we continue His great work in our Sunday School.

E. McShane, Supt.

"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.

Primary Sunday School

During the month of January the following attendance pins were given out:

3 month: Richard Karam, Roger Van Gunten.

6 month: Carol McShane, Barbara and Sandra Wybel, Scott Karson.

9 month: Beth Katschke, George Hanna.

1 year pin: Billy Blake.

2 year pin: Kathy Blake.

4 year pin, Dennis Main.

We were very glad to see Terry Colthrop back with us after her recent illness. We wish a speedy recovery to Carol McShane who has been ill.

In January we took up a special offering to be given for a pool and fountain for the United Nations Building in New York City.

Our 10% increase is now beginning and we hope that all our boys and girls who have not been with us will be coming back then.

Frances Dotson, Secy.

Kitchen Kapers

This column seems to be so often neglected—Ladies!!! don't any of you have a favorite and good recipe that you would like to share with others of our church family? I'm sure that you do but just don't think of it at the right time probably. We'll be patient and hope that next month will bring in one or two.

This one for "Gum Drop Cake" should have come to you in November or December probably for it resembles a fruit cake a good deal and we associate them with Christmas of course. Well, you'll have it in good time for the Holidays of 1952. This recipe makes a very large cake or two smaller but nice sized loaves.

2 cups sugar

1 cup shortening

2 eggs

4 cups flour

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. cinnamon and nutmeg

1 tsp. salt

1 lb. raisins

1 lb. small gum drops

1 cup nut meats

1½ cups thick apple sauce

1 tsp. vanilla and lemon

Bake in well greased pans in medium hot oven for 40-50 minutes. Improves with age.

H. C.

THREE KINDS OF GIVERS

Some witty person once said, "There are three kinds of givers—the flint, the sponge, and the honeycomb."

To get anything out of a flint you must hammer it, and then you get only chips and sparks.

To get water out of a sponge you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze, the more you will get.

But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness.

—London Christian