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# The Upton Challenger UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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## Pastor's Column

I wish that I knew how to say adequately and properly, "Thank you." Mrs. Johnson, our children and myself feel very keenly that words and perhaps nothing else can properly and adequately show our appreciation for the many kindnesses that have come to us from so many during the recent illness and hospitalization of Mrs. Johnson. Friends, members of the family, members of the church at large and in particular members and constituents of the local church have been so kind, so considerate and so helpful. Greetings, notes, prayers, little remembrances, flowers, daily food, even washings-how much they helped and even more-how much they meant! They were expressions, so we feel, of love and friendship which we prize beyond words.

I wish that I might name names but I will desist: I will desist because some who have contributed of time and planning so generously would not want it so and have so stated. Then I would not know where to begin or where to stop. It is the intention of Mrs. Johnson and myself if we can possibly do so to say "Thanks" personally to as many as possible. Time is a great factor in this. I am now at my desk doing this job a week behind time and it is now 1:30 A. M. We will also try to be as worthy as possible as God's children in your midst. And now let me say for all the Johnson's a great big, "THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE."

This time of each year brings both thankfulness and regrets to your pastor. We are glad that many of our people can enjoy their vacations and many others have the privilege of week end trips and week ends at the cottage. That is splendid and we would not change that. We are also glad that many of you remember the church and see that your finances are on hand even during these days. We are glad that many get to go to other churches during this time when they cannot be at home.

But we are also many times depressed at this season of the year. Attendance is always down. This year I think is a bit worse than usual. I know that more and more people are away and out of town than was possible a few years ago. I know also that the weather has been worse than usual. But what depresses me most is that there are those who can so easily leave their church after forty or forty-five minutes of Sunday School. Sometimes this is necessary and unavoidable but when it isn't you can mean so much more to your church, to your Lord, to your pastor and you will be better for it in the enrichment of life and the testimony to others. CAN WE (Continued on page 2)

## **Annual Reports**

Treasurers of the various departments of the church (including organized S. S. classes) are asked to prepare their annual reports (Aug. 1, 1951-July 31, 1952) and get them into the hands of the Pastor not later than Aug. 3. This is very necessary in order that he may prepare his annual report for Conference.

H. Coder

## Daily Vacation Bible School

Upton held a very fine and profitable Daily Vacation Bible School session this year—closing on Friday evening, June 20th with a program presented by the youngsters under the direction of their teachers.

Mrs. Ralph Lugibihl headed the work with the following folks as teachers and workers under her: Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. Robert Treece, Mrs. Zelma Katsche, Mrs. E. H. Jackson, Mrs. J. R Costin, Mrs. Roy Block, Mrs. Harold Garno, Janice Jackson, Gloria Hess, Carol Myers, Mrs. Edw. Rey, Mrs. R. J. Snyder, Mrs. Homer Stock, Mrs. Emmett Beavers, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mrs. R. French, Mrs. Theo. Ziegler, Mrs. P. Tressler, Mrs. A. Young, Mrs. C. Frantz, Mrs. R. Scherer, Mrs. L. Hendrickson, Mary Simmons.

Beginners work topic was "God's World and God's Word," headed by Mrs. Maurice Taylor.

Primary—God's family—"How to belong to it and live in it" headed by Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Junior—"The Christian's Time and Talents" headed by Mrs. Treece.

Work was on display in the church basement at the close of the Friday evening program so that the parents might see a part of the work that was done.

OUR THANKS AND COMMENDATION TO MRS. LUGIBIHL AND HER CORPS OF FINE WORKERS. (The average attendance was 99, and a total of 103 were in attendance.)

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## **Tax Stamps**

You will recall a couple of months ago we had hopes of starting a new or second Tax Stamp Fund in order that we might buy a new dishwasher and pie oven. Our response has been very slow for several weeks. Even though you may not have a large number or of large denomination, let us have them. Every one helps—thus all may have a share in this new project.

## Sunday School

Our average attendance during June was two-hundred and forty three as compared with two-hundred and forty-four last June. With the extremely warm Sundays during June, I think our attendance held up marvellously well. Our offering averaged \$32.62 this year as compared with \$25.84 last year. The good offerings you have given the past several weeks, have helped our treasury to recuperate from the large Easter offering we gave. My thanks for your response.

Thus far, seventeen of our young people have attended our Camp St. Marys this year. Five Seniors and twelve Inter-mediates. Their names are: Seniors-Carol Jaynes, Carolyn Daler, Edward Van-Gunten, Kenneth McGuire and Gordon Intermediates-Janet Longan-Johnson. bach, Sharon Jaynes, Darlene Frantz, Pat Frantz, Pat Shreves, Lorene Dutkowski, Mary Simmers, Janice Jackson, Gloria Hess, Marilyn McShane, Hal Lemble and Donald Jaynes. While I haven't talked to all of these folks, those with whom I have say they had a wonderful time. On behalf of these Intermediates and their families, I wish to say a big "Thank You" to the following people who provided the transportation which made it possible for our boys and girls to go to camp-Mr. and Mrs. Lemble, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Miss Arlene Reichley, Mr. and Mrs. Simmers, (two trips) and Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes. Some of these made the trip on the hottest day this year-Sunday, June 29th. Also, thanks to Ken McGuire who provided transportation both ways for the Seniors. Our older young people have had their stay at camp-it looks now like our younger set is becoming interested. Those attending Children's Camp will be there July 28-Aug. 2. As yet we are not sure, but believe we will have some of our children at camp during that week. If so, this will be the first year we have had any attending Children's Camp.

Again may I urge each of you to attend both Sunday School and Worship Service each week you are in the City, especially during the summer. Our attendance is always hindered somewhat due to vacations. However, if we all attend whenever possible, I'm sure we ourselves will benefit from coming, also our attendance should not suffer too much.

> SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15 WORSHIP AT 10:00

> > E. McShane, Supt.

We never pray for affliction, and yet it is often the best thing we could ask.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### (Continued from Page 1) SAY THAT WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST?

ANNUAL CONFERENCE is but a little over a month away. This is the time when the representatives of the local churches of the conference meet to hear reports, set up the program for the ensuing year. It is also the time of stationing the pastors for the year ahead. Your representative to this body is Mr. Homer E. Knisely and the alternate is Mr. Norris E. Kane. If you have suggestions pertaining to the work of the conference they will be glad to hear you. You also have every right to express to them your desires as relates to the choice of pastor. It is hoped that many will plan to attend part of the sessions. They will be announced in either this or the next issue of the Challenger. Watch them carefully and plan if at all possible to attend some.

July 3rd closed a series of Thursday evening study and devotional meetings held under the leadership of the class leader, Mrs. Earl Hatfield, which were so very helpful, well attended and enjoyed by all those who did attend. On the closing night delightsome fellowship was enjoyed still further as Mrs. Hatfield served refreshments in the church dining room. If you missed these evenings you missed a treat. There will be another series of devotional study group this fall. The year's denomination booklet will be used. Plan now to be present and bring your friends. This is a fifty minute session packed with good things.

In closing I would seek your prayers in behalf of Christ's cause everywhere. Pray for others; your family, friends, the lost, fellow Christians, your pastor, etc. Pray for the world, your nation, your city, your church as a denomination among the denominations, your local church. Pray for yourself that you might become more and more like Him, that you might more and more do His will, that your life might be strong and good, that Christ might indeed have His way in and through you.

## You Can Help

When there is sickness and especially hospitalization and serious illness you can help by calling and notifying the pastor. There are so many chances that he will not know without your help.

When there are those who desire the services of the pastor or of the church you can help by making it known to the right persons.

You can help by making known any of the ways in which we can serve better our people.

It is the sincere desire of this church and pastor to serve as best we can the people of our church and constituency. The demands are many and time and energy limit us but we will do our best and you can help if you will notify us and bear with us and pray for us.

O. E. J.

## W. S. W. S.

#### Our Women's Missionary met in the Church Social Rooms on Wednesday evening, July 2nd. This was one of the WARM days and thus the attendance was rather low. However, it was a period of fine fellowship and we came in anticipation of the report of our two delegates to our W. S. W. S. Convention at Camp St. Marys. Our meeting was opened with the singing of hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Kuehnl gave the opening prayer. Reports of the various officers present were heard.

Mrs. Robert Treece was present-and as you all know-had a treat for us. She gave us three numbers on the marimba. -"Jesus Saves," "Send the Light" and "Blessed Calvary." Those of you who were not present missed a fine evening in this part of the program alone.

Mrs. Kuehnl, our President and Mrs. Beachler, our Vice, were the delegates and each had a part in the report brought to us. Mrs. Kuehnl's came in the form of a letter to the members of the Society. She told of her first interest in the Societywhen she came to meetings and only listened to the ongoings-then she was elected as President two years ago. She took the office with misgivings she statedrealizing how much of a job that it was. She commended Mrs. Leonard for her fine help in steering her along. She soon realized that it involved a good many phases in the work of the whole church. (Mrs. K. has carried on the work and guidance of the Society in a very fine manner.) On their arrival at the camp they immediately proceeded to register and be assigned rooms or lodging. They were asked if they had any preferenceand stated that they did not-"Just any place will be O. K." On seeking the location of their assigned place of sleepingthey found that it was one of the best. So decided that it payed off quite well to be very humble in your desires.

Some six hundred women forming ninety-four locals were registered on the first day-but on the second one-hundred forty-totalling one thousand.

Mrs. Beachler, who has attended a great many conventions as our delegate, stated that new faces were to be seen in great numbers and new methods were in order. Some \$923,791.00 reported as paid into various missions. Dr. Schutz was one of the speakers. (You will recall that he was here on last Anniversary Day). He has been a Missionary in Sierre Leone, West Africa, for some twenty-nine years. Slavery, in the form in which we think, has been abolished. They formerly never had a Sabbath Day, but within the past ten years one day each week has been set aside as a day of worship. The Christian Church has aided greatly in the idea of each one teach one.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruns, missionaries from Meto, Japan were present and spoke. They stated that the need of Missions will never cease. Only four persons out of each one

thousand are Christians. It is their thought that the day may come when the countries may be exchanging missionaries just as we do with students today.

Mrs. Beachler thought the Sunrise serv. ice very fine and impressive.

Two prayers of these services were given as her closing.

"For this one day alone, dear God, I pray; Help me to walk the straight and narrow way, with cheerful mind,

Help me to think, to act, the Golden Rule, To do my best with book or beast or tool,

to serve mankind. Help me to see in the sunshine and in the

rain.

In the daylight and in the dark, Thy hand again, Thy love alone.

And then at eve, when work is put away, Help me, dear Lord, to lift my eyes and say, "Thy Will be done".

"Not for the eyes of men,

May this day's work be done

But unto Thee, O God,

That with the setting sun,

My heart may know the matchless prize, Of sure approval in thine eyes."

Refreshments, punch and cookies, for the evening were served by Mrs. Costin and Mrs. Tressler. They were delightful on the warm evening.

H. C .- for Mrs. Nelson-who was away on vacation.

## Among Our People

Our Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Bible who have a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Giffin, a new boy; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bagley, a baby girl and Mr. and Mrs. Wogoman of Elizabeth, Ky., a baby girl-all arriving since June 15th. Mrs. Wogoman is the former Mary Turner.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James who were married in Upton church on Saturday, July 12 with your Pastor in charge. Mrs. James is the former Kay Kennedy.

Two "Thank You" notes come from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulk for the church's remembrances to their tiny ones.

Mr. J. Grover Weist has asked that we thank all of his church friends who remembered him in his recent illness. He has returned to his home from the hospital and is out a part of the time

Mr. E. A. Butz has been confined to his home for several weeks. He has expressed his thanks for the many kindnesses of his church friends.

We were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Turner and daughter of Dayton with us in the worship service of Sunday, July 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hatfield are vacationing in the beautiful state of Colorado. They traveled in some of the terrific heat of early July, but were much more comfortable after getting beyond the MidThe 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.

## Four Steps Into The Christian Ministry

Under the compulsion and leadership of the Holy Spirit our Church is responding to the Call of Christ as given in the Great Commission, "Go ye therefore and teach," by allowing the Divine Search to be made in every one of our parishes for young men, whom Christ may be calling to preach His Word. There must needs be a great sense of urgency about this matter since we have more Churches than ministers and since world conditions demand that "something be done" about the gross immorality of our day.

Specifically there are four main steps which we would like to call to your attention:

- 1. Every young man who is contemplating entering the Christian Ministry should avail himself of the booklet, "STEPS INTO THE MIN-ISTRY" by Bishop E. W. Praetorius. In this pamphlet many new insights will be given as to the true significance of "The Call of God;" also, many details of preparation and further steps in securing a license to preach and steps in securing ordination and entering the itinerancy will be outlined and explained. This is deserving of your best reading.
- Just as Aaron and Hur held up the 2. hands of Moses, just so should the parents and the pastor hold up the hands of these Ministerial Students. The pastor should counsel them regarding the proper courses to be taken both in High School and in College so that they will best be fitted to carry on with the greatest work in the world. The pastor and parents should encourage the student to attend a College and Seminary of our own denomination; it will be with those with whom he studies that he later will work. The pastor and parents should above everything else be a true friend to this young person as he is going through many adjustments and "growing pains" of spirit and mind. Every pastor should familiarize himself with sections 331-351 and 2043 of the Discipline which contains the requirements for the Ministerial Student.
- From your Secretary to Ministerial Students, M. W. George, 3929 Jackman Road, Toledo, Ohio, you may secure two application forms which are provided by the General Commission on Ministerial Training. (Continued on page 4)

J. H. Arnold Passes To His Crowning



#### J. H. Arnold

The oldest member of the Ohio Sandusky Conference, Rev. J. H. Arnold passed away on June 24 at the age of 94½ years. For several years he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Seneff in Granite City, Illinois.

Brother Arnold was Secretary and Agent of the Board of Trustees of Sandusky Conference for more than twenty years. During this time he was instrumental in establishing churches in Toledo, Lima and other places. He was pastor of a number of the largest churches in the Conference, setting a record of long pastorates for his time. His seven year pastorate in Bowling Green was the longest pastorate in the conference up to that time.

He was a sound scholar; a careful preacher, whose preaching reflected the operation of an orderly and disciplined mind. Withal the fact that he was regarded as a theologian, yet he was always most kind to the younger men whom he, many times examined for license and ordination. His sound business judgment and his Christian spirit have left their mark for good on all with whom he came in contact.

Funeral services were held in First Church, Fostoria, Ohio, June 27. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. D. D. Corl, who delivered the sermon; Rev. John C. Searle furnished the music; Dr. J. H. Patterson offered prayer and Dr. Fay M. Bowman read a life sketch and tribute. Interment was made in the family plot in Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Ohio.

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## The Conference Council of Administration

E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR

## Youth Fellowship Spend-A-Day Plan

During the summer quarter—July, August and September—the Youth Fellowship promotes the Spend-A-Day Plan. In this plan we choose a day in the following year to spend with one of the missionaries assigned to our conference and then write a message on the calendar. In this way we can share our gifts with the missionaries and share in prayer and thoughts for their work.

Order the calendar blanks from the Youth Fellowship, 1900 U. B. Building, Dayton 2, Ohio. Complete instructions for the Spend-A-Day plan can be found in the World Service Fund pamphlet or the Program Guine from the Book Store at 230 W. Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio.

The missionaries for Ohio Sandusky Conference are:

Miss Elizabeth Stuck, Africa.

Miss Wanda Miller, New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Russell, Kentucky. Rev. and Mrs. A. Wesley Archibald, Brazil.

Miss Ethel King, Kentucky.

So send for calendar blanks for these countries and Spend-A-Day with one of these missionaries.

### **Special Missions Gifts**

Quite often individuals or organizations in local churches desire to make contributions to specific denominational mission projects at home or abroad. Such gestures are certainly expressive of real devotion to the cause of Christ and the church, and this practice is to be constantly encouraged. The cause of missions is enhanced by such gifts and a real sense of satisfaction comes to the donor—no matter how large or small the contribution may be.

In most instances these gifts have been sent directly to the Board of Missions in Dayton, Ohio. This procedure is quite all right and proper except that in so far as credit being registered in behalf of the Ohio Sandusky Conference is concerned, the conference does not receive any. In view of this fact, the Conference Council of Administration is asking that whenever any special gifts for denominational missions are sent to the Board of Missions in Dayton they be channeled through our conference treasurer, Rev. W. P. Alspach, 314 E. Lincoln St., Findlay, Ohio. By this arrangement, a record can be kept of the gifts sent by persons or churches of the Ohio Sandusky Conference.

When a contribution is made its purpose should be indicated and this information will accompany the gift as it is forwarded by the conference treasurer to the General Board of Missions treasurer.

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## Intermediate Camp. 1952

The Intermediate Camp for 1952 is now a part of the history of the Ohio Sandusky Conference but it is a part which shall never be forgotten by those who shared in the camp as campers, as teachers, or as counsellors. Three hundred twenty-nine eager, active, searching young people found their way into the largest Intermediate camp ever assembled in the conference.

Many mistakes were discovered and many last minute changes were necessary but the spirit of God moved among us and things worked out in a very marvelous and seemingly miraculous way. When Rev. Emerson Iles could not make it at a rather late date. God sent Rev. Clarence Carnahan to take his place: when Mrs. Nicholas Cucare was placed under doctor's care at almost the very last minute, with respect to camp, there was Rev. Jack Stowell willing to assume her tasks; and when Rev. Earl Leist was called home because of an accident involving his father, there was Mary Lou Brobst to pick up where Earl had been forced to leave his class and carry on the rest of the week. These are but a few of the ways in which God's spirit moved among us and continued to do so throughout the week.

Breakfast at 7:30 was the first event of the day followed immediately by Morning Watch on the Island. These early devotions were under the guidance of Mary Lou Brobst. Parts of the ten commandments formed a background for the services and were presented in such a unique way that to many campers, it was the highlight of the camp.

Cleanup time, class time, and chapel finished out the morning activities. Morning chapel was under the guidance of Rev. Eddie Griswold and Rev. Gene Clark. Eddie led the singing and Gene presented the gospel message through the medium of magic. To say that it was interesting and educational is not enough for many of the truths thus presented had a definite bearing on many of the decisions made in the camp.

The entire camp was divided into three fairly equal groups for the afternoon schedule. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> of the camp engaged in directed recreation under Nick Cucare, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> were in handcraft with Mrs. Don Williams or Rev. H. M. Maurer and the remaining <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> were in swimming. These groups were rotated every hour for three hours each afternoon with the fourth hour being free time to be used as the camper so desired.

The evenings were divided into worship under the guidance of Rev. Howard Mc-Cracken with Rev. Ronald Ricard leading the song services and evening activities with Rev. Don Hochstettler in charge. Nicholas Cucare, Ronald Ricard, Earl Leist, Howard McCracken and Joe Grimm were the evening vesper speakers. An invitation was given the last three evenings and many were those seeking a closer fellowship with their Savior Jesus Christ. consecration service was a part of the Friday evening program and God alone knows the many decisions which were reached. Nearly 70 first decisions were recorded but it is almost certain that there were many others.

Evening activities included a mixer, motion picture, games and a talent stunt night. The size again made it rather difficult to keep things moving smoothly but thanks to Don's able leadership and the wonderful cooperation of the staff, the seemingly impossible was accomplished and these activities became a vital part of the camp.

Saturday found mixed emotions among the campers. Many were ready to go back to their homes and churches and share their experience and still others did not want the camp to end and would gladly have stayed for a longer period of time. It was easily observed, however, that everyone was ready and willing to promise that they would be back next year.

So for another year, let me say thank you to the teachers, counsellors, life guards, nurse, kitchen staff, snack bar, Dr. V. H. Allman and all others who helped make this an experience that shall always be one of the great mountain top experiences of my ministry.

Kenneth Stover, Camp Director

#### CHRISTIAN LIFE

You must faint sometimes. But let your saddest times, your deepest struggles be known only to God. Gain there the strength and quietness which you need for life. But do not let men see the agony; let them see the peace that comes from God.

> —Anonymous The World Evangel

## Rev. And Mrs. Frey Honored On 25th Anniversary

Somerset E. U. B. Church of Toledo, held a fellowship service on Sunday afternoon, June 8th, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Melvin R. Frey on their 25th Wedding Anniversary. The altar flowers were the gift of Mrs. S. E. Dill and Mrs. Herzfelt. Mrs. Sam Shaffner and members of the Rainbow Class decorated the tables. A beautiful center piece of roses was furnished by the Meeker family.

A program of music was rendered in the Sanctuary consisting of a piano solo by Carol Meyers, piano and organ duet by Mrs. Lee Brandt and Miss Louise Stukey. The March was played at the close of the service. Mr. John Kirkpatrick presented the purse of silver dollars to the pastor and wife. Rev. and Mrs. Frey's favorite hymns were sung, led by Mr. S. E. Dill. A poem on Christian Homes and a Minister's Prayer were read by Rev. D. B. A. Klag. After the closing prayer, the guests retired to the dining room.

Mrs. Grayson Gratop played the Wedding March as the Bridal procession came in led by Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Firestone, district superintendent, followed by the flower girl, Evelyn Stukey. Next came Rev. and Mrs. Frey. She wore a light pink gown and veil, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of white peonies, the gift of Mrs. Wm. Diver. Mrs. Clayton Guest acted as veil bearer.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, the hostess and her assistants, served cake, ice cream and coffee. When all were seated, the guests sang "Happy Anniversary to Rev. and Mrs. Frey."

The Committee

## FOUR STEPS INTO THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

(Continued from Page 3)

Form I is the "Declaration of Purpose to enter the Christian Ministry," which is filled out by the student and then signed by both his pastor and his Conference Superintendent. Form II is the "Pastor's Report on a Ministerial Student," which is filled out by the pastor. These two forms when properly filled out must be mailed to the above mentioned Secretary, M. W. George. Upon request both of these forms and the booklet, "Steps into the Ministry" will be mailed to you by the Secretary to Ministerial Students.

To be classified as a Ministerial Student these two forms must be filled out, come to the attention of the Board of Ministerial Training, and be officially recognized by vote of the (Ohio-Sandusky) Annual Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. After this has been done then the further steps as outlined in the Discipline 331-351 and 2043 should be completed with the help of the local pastor.

## News from the Churches

#### FIRST CHURCH-FOSTORIA BURNS MORTGAGE

Repairs have been made at First Church, Fostoria, on the church and parsonage, totalling over \$44,000.00. This work began January 1, 1948, and has continued to the present, and includes for the church a new roof, redecorating, new organ, repair of walks, fireproofing the church furnace room, painting and papering and floor refinishing at the parsonage, and many other items. It was necessary to place a mortgage of \$15,800.00 on the church to cover all these necessary repairs.

The trustees adopted a slogan in the winter of "Let's Wipe It Out by Easter" and with the Easter offering, sufficient funds were brought in to liquidate the last remaining portion of the indebtedness. Then an impressive mortgage burning ceremony was planned, in which all the trustees took part, and consigned the mortgage to the flames, while the congregation sang the doxology. All nine trustees were present and participated in this service. These men are Melvin Ridge, President; Duane Richardson, Vice-president; Robert Evenbeck, Secretary; Neile Reiter, Treasurer; Charles Haldeman, Ellsworth Graham, M. J. Zimmerman, Lloyd Thrailkill, and K. Wendell Johnson.

The need for improved Sunday School facilities is keenly felt and the trustees are looking toward the future when this may be undertaken as a new project.

Daniel D. Corl, Pastor

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## VAN WERT CALVARY

A Memorial Service for our departed was held Sunday morning June 1st. The pas-tor spoke on the subject, "A Prepared City."

On Sunday evening June 8th, Children's Day was observed with one of the best programs presented by the children under the direction of Mrs. Willis Snyder, Associate Director of Children's Work.

Five of our Intermediate Youth left Sunday for Camp at St. Marys: Misses Barbara Ditto, Barbara Miller, Audrey Springer, Phyllis Gribler and Bobby Ainsworth.

Our Vacation Bible School will start July 14th.

#### \* \* \* DESHLER-OAKDALE

Have you ever had Christmas in July? My wife and I did. We were given \$101.85 from our churches. In addition to the gift of money, we received frozen meats and food supplies. Are you wondering why? I would say it was God's blessing.

My wife had under gone major surgery in the Bowling Green Hospital. While we have the group insurance in the Ohio Sandusky Conference, there was an additional sum of \$96.43 we had to make up. This was the second time within a year my wife underwent surgery.

It is a wonderful thing to live and be in a Christian community. The help we received is only one of the many acts of Christian love shown by our church. Just this spring one of our members was in the Hospital. His crops were not out. The members of our Oak Dale Church turned out in force. It would take one man many weeks to do what they did for him in one day. This Christian spirit has been manifested in various ways down through the years. The master said, "Love one another even as I have loved you." This spirit of love manifest by the early church made them shine as stars in a world of hate, greed and selfishness. This is the true mark of discipleship which is so badly needed in our world today.

I thank God and our Churches for their prayers and gifts. These Blessings prove God cares for His own. We may forsake Him but He does not forsake us.

Rev. Emerson Iles

#### REPORT FROM MT. PLEASANT CHURCH

The first Mother's and Daughter's banquet was held at the church on the evening of May 7th. 60 reservations were received -many besides the W. S. W. S. women were present. The women had as guest speaker The Rev. Mrs. Gaylord Wilkin of Convoy, Ohio.

The first Father's and Son's banquet was held in the church basement on the evening of June 21st. The women of the church sponsored this occasion. 42 Fathers and Sons were present. A fine time was enjoyed by all. The men had as their guest speaker, The Rev. Gaylord Wilkin of Convov. Ohio.

The Mt. Pleasant church has had a very Elwood Botkin, Pastor good year.

#### MARION SALEM CHURCH HAS SUC-CESSFUL D. V. B. S.

The Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church held a Daily Vacation Bible School June 2-15 with the largest attendance we ever had. The enrollment was 91 and the average attendance was 84. Rev. Gene Clark, pastor, was supervisor, assisted by teachers and workers. The children were from four denominations who attended. Friday, June 13, a picnic was held in the basement for the children and their mothers.

Promotional exercises for the Daily Vacation Bible School and our children's day services were held on Sunday night, June 15, with a full house. Choruses were sung by the children directed by Mrs. Gene Clark for the opening of the program. Each department presented their work instructed by the teacher of the class. Diplomas were given each child at the close of the program. An exhibition of the work books, etc., were shown in the basement at the close of the service.

#### REV. KLINEFELTER PREACHES AT HOME CHURCH, MARION SALEM

Rev. G. R. Klinefelter, who was pastor at the Butler Evangelical United Brethren church, was the guest speaker at his home church, Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren, on May 20.

Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Klinefelter were recently appointed to the Red Bird Mission of the Evangelical United Brethren church in Leslie county, Kentucky. They have two small sons.

He will be the elementary teacher and the pastor of a community called Greasy Fork near Hyden. Mrs. Klinefelter, who is a graduate nurse, anticipates starting a small dispensary.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Klinefelter are graduates of Taylor University, class of 1945, Upland, Indiana. He received his B. D. Degree from Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, class of 1947. She is a graduate of the nurses' training school of Indiana University.

They began their new work June 8 in the mission of Greasy Fork. The services were held under the auspices of the W. S. W. S. and the Y. F. of the Salem Church. Rev. Klinefelter was the first one to go as a Missionary from the Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church. He has served as pastor for the past two years at Butler and his other pastorate was at the Trinity-Bethel churches near Ashland.

Mrs. Klinefelter is a native of Wisconsin. Rev. Gene Clark, Pastor

Clara Klinefelter, Reporter

#### LAKEVIEW CHURCH HAS SUCCESS-FUL D. V. B. S.

Sunday night, June 29th, saw the completion of two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School conducted by the Lakeview E. U. B. Church. The Bible School began June 16th and concluded on June 27th, with an enrollment of 123 and 105 students receiving certificates upon completion of the school.

On Wednesday, June 18th, after having studied God's promises for a week and a half, we had a decision day service. Well over 15 students accepted the forgiveness of Christ and received Him as Savior. In our consecration service the following day some of the youth expressed their desire for missionary work and for the ministry.

Very instrumental in making our Bible School a success was Mrs. Zelma Hardy, wife of Rev. Carson Hardy of the Sante Fe E. U. B. Church. She was our pianist and was especially used in our decision day and consecration day services.

The teachers and helpers were: Nursery Class, Mrs. Mabel Whitmer with Mrs. Reba Schick and Mrs. Harriet Julian as helpers; the Beginners' Class, Mrs. Bee Pugh with Mrs. Marlowe Holder as helper; the Primary Class, Mrs. Zelpha Clay with Miss Betty Armstrong and Miss Phyllis Fry as helpers; the Junior Class, Mrs. Carson Hardy with Mrs. Ruth Collins as helper; the Intermediate Class, Eugene Whitmer, the minister, with Mrs. Isabel Eley as helper.

These two weeks were times of spiritual growth. All were led to higher heights in Christian living. We feel some permanent fruit has been borne in our school.

Sincerely yours, Eugene R. Whitmer, Pastor

## Annual Convention of the Ohio Sandusky Branch Women's Society Of World Service

The first Annual Convention of the Ohio Sandusky Branch Women's Society of World Service opened June 11th at Camp St. Marys, with the president, Mrs. Clarence D. Wright presiding.

After congregational singing of the convention hymn, "Jesus Calls Us", Mrs. Wright brought a devotional address using the theme "Christ Calls to Stewardship." She defined stewardship as a "practice of systematic giving of our time, talents and money to Christ's work." She reminded us that God has entrusted us with the raw materials with which we build our lives, and a free mind to use them as we will; and asked that we set aside a portion of our income, time and talents for Christ and the church.

Miss Eleanor Lee presented a solo in keeping with the convention theme, Mrs. J. Searle, Jr., accompanying at the organ.

The missionary speaker of the evening, Dr. Walter Schutz, who has been serving in the Sierra Leone, Africa, mission field, was introduced by the presiding officer and spoke on "The Church Influence in Sierra Leone". He told of the perils of the early Christian missionaries in Africa, and of improvements and growth of schools and churches in the mission. He told of the disappearance of slavery, human sacrifice and witchcraft since the Christian religion has been brought to Africa; of the sanitation, the higher plane of womanhood, child welfare, and higher percentage of literacy brought about by Christianity.

An offering was received, after which an inspiring sacred film entitled "A Wonderful Life" was shown.

Names of committee members were read, Thursday morning, as follows:

Plan of Work: Miss Alice Bell, Mrs. Charles Walters, Mrs. W. D. Ramsey, Mrs. Gilbert Cole, Mrs. Lloyd Coder, Mrs. Robert Roush and Mrs. Noel Smith.

Registration: Mrs. Roscoe Sigler, Mrs. Robert Cochran, Mrs. Floyd Carey and Mrs. Guy Wilson.

Courtesy: Mrs. Byron Burkett, Mrs. S. L. Stutzman, Mrs. Louis Bunde and Mrs. L. E. Felver.

Program: Mrs. Clifford Hite, Mrs. Raymond Heter, Mrs. Allen Vickery and Mrs. Roy Cramer.

Mrs. Wright gave the name of the first new society of the 1952-53 Branch year-Union Center on Van Wert Circuit.

Dr. Walter Schutz spoke on "Retooling for Missionary Advances in All the World". He told of his early childhood and his Christian parents. "Most youth delinquency today," he said, "should be termed 'parent delinquency". He reminded us that we should face all isms, the world overcommunism, nationalism and others-with Christianity, for we are doing the Master's will. "Millions", he said, "are looking to us for light, love and leadership. We need to use every phase of work, teachers, doctors, nurses, builders, accountants, and others, besides preachers in mission fields."

Dr. V. H. Allman extended greetings to the Branch from Camp St. Marys. He gave a brief history of the camp and told of some of its full schedule during the summer and early fall. Dr. Allman brought greetings also from the Ohio Sandusky Conference. He read the first few paragraphs of D. R. Sharp's book, "Call to Christian Action", in which he told of the sacrificial and untiring labor of some religions and beliefs and expressed a question as to whether our Protestant Church might be losing some of its love for lost "Many Christians have lost humanity. their sense of missions," he said, as he urged the congregation to accept the task of a sense of missions, even though it take the last ounce of energy. The superintendent of the North District,

The superintendent of the North District, Rev. F. A. Firestone, gave the Communion meditation, using the W. S. W. S. text for the quadrennium, Matthew 11:29. "We do believe in Jesus, not only as a Savior," he said, "but also as our King and Lord. We must consider Jesus Christ our Lord if the Communion is to mean anything to us." He reminded us that even though Jesus' life was short, he left a rich heritage for us, and said "We may live a short life, but leave a rich heritage of Christian personality and power."

The sacraments of Holy Communion were served to the large congregation by the ministers of Ohio Sandusky Conference, Dr. Allman presiding at the Communion table. Mrs. Searle played a medley of hymns on the organ.

Branch officers conducted "Workshops" at several places in or near the auditorium at 1:30 each afternoon of the convention.

An offering was received Thursday afternoon for the two Branch projects, the support of Miss Lois Olsen and supplying of equipment for Bethany Hospital in the Philippines; this "Love Offering" amounting to \$3,292.79.

Mrs. Leona Hansen, General Secretary of Missionary Education for Children, brought greetings from the General office. She used the theme, "Stewardship Begins With Children," and said "The Church can teach the true way of brotherhood; this should be a prime requisite for the local secretaries of missionary education." She said there would be a good program for organization of children's work by the next quadrennium. Mrs. Hansen commended the Branch for having a lending library with all the new books in it, and expressed a desire that every church in Ohio Sandusky Branch might accept that part of the responsibility God has given us and promote Children's Missionary Education.

Mrs. Hite introduced Rev. Robert Bruns, who spoke on the theme, "Partners in Faith". He spoke of the growing unity in Japan, and said that where there were once 24 separate mission organizations in Japan, now there is one large organization, proving "that many kinds of people can work in harmony where Jesus Christ is the chief and only corner-stone." He told that only ¾ of one per cent of the Japanese people are Christian and there will always be room for missionaries in Japan. At the conclusion of his address, he offered a prayer for Japan and the mission work there.

The Marion Calvary Christian Service Guild had charge of a very impressive memorial service, in which candles were lighted for our members who have departed this life during the past year. A tall light-house represented God's guidance. Mrs. Hite sang a solo, "Sail On" at the conclusion of the service.

Dr. H. W. Kaebnick, associate secretary of Christian Social Action, spoke, Friday afternoon, on the theme "The Christian's Concern for Social Issues." He spoke at length on the five Areas of Concern in the department of Christian Social Relations: The Christian Home, The Christian Citizen, Interchurch Fellowship, The Christian and Interracial Goodwill, and The Christian and International Goodwill. He reminded the audience that 65% of Americans over 15 years of age drink in some manner, and also that alcoholic industries are eager to introduce drinking in church organizations, so that they will not receive so much opposition. He spoke also of the narcotics ring in operation and said that the church should fight it along with other social action.

Rev. Robert Bruns brought the closing address on the theme, "Love Conquers in Japan". He told of the Christian mission work in Japan, saying, "In the outermost ends of the earth people are finding there is no limit to God's love. Love will always find a way." He told of Kagawa, Christian leader in Japan, who was conquered by the love of God and wants all others to be conquered by it.

Mrs. Palmer Manson, Secretary

#### LIVE AS YOU PRAY

I knelt to pray when day was done And prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone; Lift from each saddened heart the pain, And let the sick be well again." And then I woke another day And carelessly went on my way. The whole day long I did not try To wipe a tear from any eye; I did not try to share the load Of any comrade on my road; I did not even go to see The sick child just next door to me. Yet once again, when day was done I prayed, "O Lord, bless everyone." But as I prayed, into my ear There came a voice that whispered clear: "Pause, thoughtless soul, before you pray, Whom have you tried to bless today? God's sweetest blessings always go By hands that serve Him here below." And then I hid my face, and cried, "Forgive me, Lord, for I have lied; Let me but see another day And I will live the way I pray." -The War Cry

## **Otterbein College News**

Wade S. Miller, Director of Public Relations The Otterbein College Board of Trustees met in annual session on May 30 and May 31 to hear reports of administrative officers and to adopt the program and policies for 1952-53.

The board reaffirmed its faith in Otterbein as a Christian college and again underscored the college's purpose to prepare Christian leaders for church and state. Composition of the Board

The trustee board is composed of the following:

47 members

27 elected by annual conferences

10 elected by the alumni

10 elected by the board

26 are ministers, 21 are laymen

43 are men, 4 are women

41 are E. U. B.'s, 6 are non-E. U. B.'s Of the six non-E. U. B.'s, all but one have E. U. B. backgrounds.

Every member of the board is an active churchman.

#### **Increased** Salaries

The board voted to increase salaries for faculty and administrative officers by approximately 10% for next year. There had been no increase for two years.

#### **Increased Tuition**

The board also voted to increase tuition from \$390 to \$430 per year in all departments except music where the increase is from \$420 to \$470. Even with the increase, Otterbein remains among the colleges in Ohio with moderate rates.

#### E. U. B.'s Increase

The registrar reported a total enrollment of 707 students for the year. There were  $316 ext{ E. U. B. students, an increase of 5\%}$ since last year. Fifty-one percent of the freshmen last year were E. U. B.'s.

It is necessary to go back thirteen years to find a freshman class with as high a percentage of members of our church.

#### Church Affiliation

Only eleven students last year were members of no church.

Twenty - nine different denominations were represented, including Catholic and Jewish students.

Next to the E. U. B.'s, the Methodist were in largest number with 140.

#### **Enrollment By States**

Ohio furnished the largest number with 530. Other states furnished students as follows: Pennsylvania 72, New York 32, West Virginia 11, Michigan 11, New Jersey 11, Massachusetts 9. Eleven other states were represented.

Other areas represented were Japan, Africa, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Canada and Latvia.

#### A College Chaplain

The need for a college chaplain was considered by the board but no action was taken this year. It was felt that such a person should be appointed as soon as finances will permit.

## THE UPTON CHALLENGER LOPSIDED RELIGION

In the twenty-some years I have been a pastor one of the circumstances most disturbing to me has been the fact that so many people are not well balanced religiously. They are off center, tangent, lopsided. Because of this they not only become merely partial in their own religious outlook, but they are also more inclined to be out of harmony with others, especially with those who like themselves are lopsided but whose particular tangent is different. Most unpleasant disagreements in religion are of this type.

We have been advancing in our emphasis upon religious education—improvement of the Sunday School along the lines of sound educational procedures, catechetical and church membership classes, instructive elements in worship services and sermons, classes in summer camp programs, higher academic standards for the ministry. Yet one can hit that tangent so hard as to become a cold intellectualist.

There are persons who place their emphasis upon emotion in religion. They enjoy stirring revival meetings, enthusiastic singing, rousing and persuasive sermons; or perhaps the quieter appeals of attractive church architecture, inspiring worship services, and good vocal and instrumental music. It is true that few people act upon an idea until they feel as well as think it. But there are situations both individual and social with a maximum of heat and a minimum of light, where people have gone off on a tangent of shallow emotionalism.

And there are others who place great emphasis upon the moral demands of our religion, even to the extent of implying that morality is our religion. They place stress upon the commandments and the sermon on the mount, frequently, of course, failing to include all the commandments or all of that sermon by our Lord. Lopsided people are that way. Living a good life and being a good neighbor is Christianity, they say. Such people go off on the tangent of a proud morality.

An emphasis in religion may be good, but when it excludes other important emphases the life becomes lopsided. An intellectualist may know his religion, but not live it nor be even mildly enthusiastic about it. An emotionalist may feel his religion, but be very ignorant of essential truth and very difficult to live with. A moralist may live a completely respectable, law-abiding, even ascetic life, but be lacking in any vital and constructive relation to either God or his fellow men.

The realistic interpretation of religion is to make it comprehensive of the entire human personality, and all of social relationships. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

That is, we shall love with the total personality, with all that there is to us. Real Christianity does not shoot off on tangents; it is radiated in all directions from a living center. And that center is a sincere personal relation to Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul is a good example.

From my office window I observe bricklayers constructing a wall. They use the level—both vertically and horizontally. That wall to be right must be plumb up and down, and it must be level right and left. All the relations of our total personality must be straight and square with God and with men.

The way to avoid lopsidedness is to be balanced at the center.

J. W. K., The Telescope-Messenger

Archibald Rutledge, a South Carolina writer, was going down the Santee River in an old tug-boat, the engineer of which was an old white-haired negro. The boat was old and decrepit, slow in speed, and had seen better days. But the engine, which once had been filthy and dirty, was under the affectionate hand of its present master, now bright and shining-"a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Mr. Rutledge asked the unknown negro engineer the reason for the transformation. The old engineer modestly said, "Well, it's this way—I got a glory." Out of this incident Berton Braley has written these lines, which he calls, "The Glow Within."

#### THE GLOW WITHIN

"Oh, you gotta get a glory, In the work you do, A hallelujah chorus In the heart of you. Paint, or tell a story, Sing, or shovel coal, But you gotta get a glory, Or the job lacks soul.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory. Is it much to give? For you gotta get a glory Or you just don't live!

The Great, whose shining labors Make our pulses throb, Were men who got a glory

In their daily job.

The battle might be gory

And the odds unfair, But the men who got a glory Never knew despair.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory, When all else is gone, If you've got a glory You can still go on!

To those who get a glory It is like the sun,

And you can see it glowing Through the work they've done.

Oh, fame is transitory, Riches fade away,

But when you get a glory It is there to stay.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory And a workman's pride, For you gotta get a glory Or you're dead inside!"

-Berton Braley

## THE UPTON CHALLENGER

# Conference Treasurer's Report FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1952 (Month ending July 6th) W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

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Bowling Green		250	2500	329	321
Custar		20	200	41	44
West Hope	42	42	420	71	62
Deshler Oakdale		60	600	*90	98
Hoytville		180	990	*113	108
Luckey		$70 \\ 50$	700 500	117	76
North Baltimore		100	1000	85 155	95 92
Portage			315	67	52 68
Mt. Zion	60	60	540	90	53
South Liberty	50		282		
Mt. Hermon			121		
Tontogany Webster		0.5	199	29	33
Cloverdale		$\frac{25}{20}$	246	50	42
		20	200	59	59
BRYAN GROUP:					
Bridgewater Bryan		45	450	123	100
Center Circuit: Center		$\frac{160}{30}$	1600	201	198
Logan		10	180 110	*44	31 *38
Mt. Olive		10	100	*29	*28
Defiance, First		50	1098	145	197
Defiance Circuit:					
Mt. Calvary		33	330	57	66
Rural Chapel		17	153	29	30
Edgerton Hicksville		20	200	*81	*77
Montpelier	160	160	$1485 \\ 1600$	171	150
West Unity, Immanuel		19	190	29	25
Ebenezer	19	19	190	50	50
Salem	5		15		
FOSTORIA GROUP:					
Bascom		78	780	87	88
Bettsville, Salem		36	396	57	42
Trinity		100	539.34		112
Bloomdale		70	700	130	87
Fostoria, Bethel			701	107	101
Fostoria, First		10	2800	289	276
Canaan		$\frac{10}{40}$	100		
Pleasant View		40 45	440 450	57	56
Rising Sun		47.09	446.59	87	56 71
West Independence		75	825	294	234
FREMONT GROUP:					
Burgoon	100	100	1100	100	0.0
Fremont, Memorial		100	1100 900	$106 \\ *116$	92
Fremont, Trinity		231	1892.75	244	98 196
Gibsonburg		48.92	768	135	87
Green Springs			460.12	AN BUSH	
Helena			531		
Lindsey		130	1300	*219	*145
Old Fort		10	1200	*167	
Riley Center		13	113	21	20
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Lebanon	10	10	120	28	30
Mt. Pleasant		40	400	55	55
Delta	56	56	560	99	97
Zion		60	600	121	97
Liberty Center		35	350	95	90
Malinta		25	275	58	50
McClure		89	989	*128	*82
Monclova			144		01
Wilkins			112		
Napoleon		178	856	155	93
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North Dover		28	427	69	65
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SANDUSKY GROUP:					
Bellevue			1707 50	hornal 5	
Flat Rock		146	1787.50		
Kelley's Island		110	810		1
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Locust Point		17	170	32	35
Mt. Carmel		75	170	28	26
Port Clinton	80	80	750	129	132
Sandusky, Columbus Ave	. 22	22	800	74	79
Sandusky, Salem	68	44	220	*78	*55
			782	54	66
TOLEDO GROUP:					
· Elliston			600		
Millbury			175	00	
Moline	55	48.45	537.50	90	80
Perrysburg	65	65.42		86	84
Rocky Ridge	13		125	*125	*136
Toledo, Calvary		290	1595.09	19	21
Toledo, Colburn		160	1600	215	193
Toledo, East Broadway		128	1960	118	102
Toledo, First		250	2250	166	231
Toledo, Oakdale		170	1700	175	125
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	750	305	241
Toledo, Salem	60	60		140	103
Toledo, Somerset	170		605.04 1674	85	109
Toledo, Upton	250	250	2750	141	190
Toledo, Zion	158			243	210
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Pleasant Home	10		420	95	55 70
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Bucyrus, First	105	30	333	61	
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	1250	139	61
Galion		125	1250	188	118
Johnsville	80		720	100	178
Mt. Zion		97	970	140	100
North Rohinson	90		90	140	138
North Robinson	60		331.17		
Liberty Chapel			181.15		
Oceola Olive Branch	60	60	464.46	00	
Olive Branch	22	A State	404.46 95	83	74
Smithville	50		95 450		40
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sycamore	DE.	45	213.49	101	
Opper Sandusky			515		110
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Belle Vernon	11		190		
Salem	90	30	132	32	27
Williamsport	40	40	300	62	66
		10	400	90	88

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FINDLAY GROUP: Bairdstown ... Benton Ridge, Calvary ..... \*115 Benton Ridge Circuit: Pleasant Hill ..... Trinity Bluffton Ct.: Bethesda ..... Liberty Chapel ..... 20.04 200.04 \*38 \*39 Olive Branch ...... \*38 \*37 Bethlehem Carey ..... East Findlay Ct.: Ark Mt. Zion ...... 45 Findlay, First Findlay, St. Pauls ... .223 2230.09 257.50 81.81 Leipsic ... \*112 Kieferville ..... Mt. Cory, Zion Pleasant View ..... Rawson South Findlay Circuit: Pleasant Grove ..... Salem ..... Van Buren ..... Vanlue ..... Vanlue Ct.: St. Paul ..... Union ..... West Findlay Circuit: Powell Memorial ..... \*71 \*71 Zion ... \*46 \*44 Wharton Ct.: Beech Grove 25 Big Oak ...... 42 LIMA GROUP: 

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\*39 Kemp ..... Delphos ..... Dunkirk \*77 \*81 Elida ..... .100 \*150 Lakeview .. 45 Lima, First Lima, High St. ..205 \*256 Marion (Elida) MARION GROUP: Cardington, Center ..... Fairview ..... ...... 10 Climax ..... Hepburn Hopewell ..... \*19 Otterbein ..... .195 Marion, Calvary ..... .100 Marion, First ..... 1011.52 Marion, Oakland ..... .148 \*133 Marion, Salem ..... 32.31 164.21 New Winchester ..... \*44 Peoria Mt. Zion ..... Broadway .... West Mansfield ..... \*59 \*57 York ..... ST. MARYS GROUP: Bethel ..... Celina, Bethany ..... Celina Ct.: Hope ...... 44 

Mt. Carmel .....

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Fort Recovery, Bethel	18	18	178	42	42
Mt. Zion		45	450	119	119
Old Town	16	16	160	40	41
Olive Branch	22	22	220	35	. 35
Pasco		40	400	*39	*40
Sidney	90	90	900	97	109
St. Marys		90	900	*117	99
Wapakoneta		48	480	109	117
VAN WERT GROUP:					
Bethel-Mt. Zion Ct.:					
Bethel	25	25	250	*67	52
Mt. Zion	15	10	100	*51	50
Continental	40		200	*53	*71
Mt. Zion	35		• 180	*51	49
Wisterman		30	180	28	29
Grover Hill Circuit:					
Blue Creek			162	30	31
Middle Creek		25	322	44	41
Mt. Zion		25	250	51	50
Mt. Pleasant &(		50	500	112	112
Harmony		10	100	29	29
Harmony { Dakwood	50	50	500	125	125
Oakwood Circuit:					
	25	25	250	55	50
Centenary Prairie Chapel	25	25	250	*60	*59
Rockford		200	2000	256	215
Van Wert, Calvary		105	1050	144	130
Van Wert Circuit:		200	1000		
Grand Victory	44	44	440	46	35
Union Center		25	250	64	65
Van Wert, Trinity		143	1430	186	176
Willshire, Union		35	362	*102	*80
Wood Chapel		25	250	54	59
St. Peter's		12	120	17	21
Wren		65	585	86	86
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WILLARD GROUP:		00	000	00	70
Attica, Federated			200	82	70
Attica Ct.: Richmond			386		
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Biddle				PF	34
Bloomville		48.02	448.87		40
Harmony	40	58	379	98	90
Leesville	45	45	450		
Republic		120	390	47	31
Pietist		100 100 100	2010	108	198
Shelby		231		213	181
South Reed		22	220	35	25
Fiffin			825	207	131
Firo			900	111	127
Willard		311	3110	300	375
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The asterisk (\*) denotes a 5% increase in attendance over the previous year.

A memorial from the P. L. Brown's estate for Otterbein Home, \$5.00.

Offerings this month for the Haven Hubbard Home: Edgerton, \$16.46; Findlay, St. Paul's, \$100.46; Johnsville, \$55; Marion, Calvary, \$96.01; Mt. Cory, 33.57; Perrysburg, \$49.52; White house, \$27; Total, \$378.02—Grand total, \$1509.81.

Girton Offeringes for June: Bridgewater, \$21.50; Edgerton, \$10.52; Gibsonburg, \$38.83; Old Fort, \$5.00; Woodville, \$1.00; McClure, \$51; Wauseon, First, \$21.50; Sandusky, Salem, \$20.85; Toledo, East Broadway, \$192.93; Brokensword Ct., Emanuel, \$16.27, Lykens, \$42, Pleasant Home, \$15.34; Johnsville, \$25; Mt. Zion on Bucyrus Circuit, \$40; Salem on Upper Sandusky Circuit, \$23; Williamsport, \$35; Dunkirk, \$1; Lima, First, \$92.91; Lima, High St., \$120; Marion, Calvary, \$67.88; Marion, Oakland, \$148.10; Bethel on Bethel-Mt. Zion Ct., \$21; Attica, Fed., \$2; Biddle, \$10; Harmony, \$57.52; Shelby, \$122.90. Grand total of Love Offerings for the Girtons, \$4,845.51.

## Jane Betsy Springer To Exchange Vows With Rev. Charles Adams

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Springer of R. R. 3, Celina, Ohio, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jane Betsy, to Rev. Charles Adams, pastor of Old Town and Fort Recovery Bethel Churches, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Adams of 527 N. Sugar Street, Celina, Ohio.

The wedding will be an event of August 3rd at the Celina Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, 2:30 P. M.

#### STAMINA OF CHARACTER

There is one word which characterizes the life and character of a great many good people, and that word is capitulation. They have a knowledge of what is right and often are moved by conviction in regard to vital issues, but do not seem able to stand in the crisis hour for what their mind and heart say is right. This weakness may not issue in the practice of "wrong-doing" but it does very often issue in a negative. stand in relation to great causes and issues of far-reaching import.

The fundamental cause of this weakness may not be easily discovered in all cases, but, generally, it grows out of a desire to be a "hail fellow well met" or to please people without considering seriously what such an attitude costs the person in stability of character and conscience. However, such a characteristic if cultivated can in time wear off the keen edge of conscience. When this has happened, then even the pronounced standards of correct living and Christian procedures do not make too much appeal.

A person such as here described is what we often call a "policy man". To him, it is more important to keep the ear to the ground than it is to keep the ear to the sky. To such a person it is more important to know what people will think and say than it is to know what is the mind of God. I am willing to grant that the Christian life is not one of legal adherence to a set of rules which we may call principles, but it is one which reflects principle instead of policy. The one attitude seeks direction from God regardless of men's opinions, the other seeks to know what men think and then tries to harmonize that thinking with the will of God, or, perhaps, I should say, seeks to interpret the mind of God in harmony with what men think.

Christ expects each of us to exhibit stamina of conviction and character, in love, and thus to imitate him in all human relationships. It must be said that the capitulator is never a very successful or safe leader.

E. E. H., The Telescope-Messenger

#### HOW TO WORK FOR CHRIST

"What shall I do for Christ?" asked a young disciple of Bishop Selwyn. "Go where He is not, and take Him with you," was the venerable bishop's reply."

-Christian Victory

## **Bits Of Wisdom**

Dr. J. H. Patterson, Toledo, Ohio

I have never known a man and his wife to backslide without its proving utter ruin to their children.

I do not fear infidel lectures half se much as the cold and dead formalism in the professing church.

#### HEART QUESTIONS

I am saved; but is self buried? Is my one and only aim Just to honce Christ my Savior, Just to gorify His Name?

I am saved, but is my home life What the Lord would have it be? Is it seen in every action

That He has control of me?

I am saved, but am I doing Everything that I can do? That the dying souls around me May be brought to Jesus too.

I am saved; but could I gladly Give up all and follow Thee?

If Thou callest, can I answer, "Here am I, Send me, Send me."

I am saved; but am I wholly Separated unto Him?

From the things that may be harmless, "Not of faith," and therefore sin.

I am saved; but am I looking For the Lord to come from heaven? Daily waiting and expecting To receive the promise given.

#### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

Where do you live, good reader? What is your address? Where does the postman deliver your mail? Is it not enough to give me the name and number of your street, or the R. F. D. box where your letters are left?

In the Thornton Wilder play Our Town a play packed with human tenderness and spiritual wisdom—a brother and sister, two high school people, are talking together on a summer evening, just chatting.

"I never told you," said Rebecca, "about that letter Jane Crofut got from her minister when she was sick. The minister of her church in the town she was in before she came here. He wrote a letter to Jane.

"On the envelope the address was like this: It said: Jane Crofut, the Crofut Farm, Grover Corners; Sutton County, New Hampshire; United States of America." George asked, "What's funny about that?"

"But listen," said Rebecca, "it's not finished: the United States of America; Continent of North America; Western Hemisphere; the Earth; the Solar System; the Universe; the Mind of Godthat's what it said on the envelope."

If we live in the mind of God, no one is forgotten, no one is lost, even if he changes his street address. A wise care, unfailing love surrounds us, keeping track of our days even when we lose our way.

It is good to know our real address, where we truly live, and how our life is related to one Vast Life that lives forever! From Live, Love and Learn by Joseph Fort Newton; Harper & Brothers.

## WE HAVE A COMPANION

I have ridden horses over the Rocky Mountains in Estes and Glacier Parks. You get up in the morning and look up at the lofty peak; then you mount your sturdy horse and start off around the lake and through the timber, and, almost before you know it, you are looking down. The trail takes you in among the foothills and for a long time you lose sight of the peaks, and then, all at once, a glacier flashes out, high up in the mountain, and far below you a blue lake snuggles in the shoulder of the hills. At last, about noon, you dismount at the divide, while the glorious landscape spreads out in a fascinating series of views before you. All of the effort seems as nothing now.

Life is like that. Getting a college education seems frightfully difficult. Mastering music or mechanics seems impossible at first. Learning a business looks like a staggering job. Getting married, making a living, bringing up a family, paying doctor's bills, buying a house, making a success-these possibilities frighten a timid soul. And so we come to the beginning of a Christian career. I admit that it looks to be impossible. To live like the Master in this evil world, to dwell above the bad people about you, to go to church, give money, call upon the sick, win converts, teach the Bible, organize social improvements, to overcome evil habits, to develop a sweet and sound character-no wonder we hesitate! But we have a companion who never fails. From the Twentieth Century Quarterly; Article by John R. Ewers; The Christian Century Press.

#### WHAT IS LIFE?

To fathom this enigma my heart yearned, So I ask of men both wise and learned, But their answers void like cymbals tinkling,

To my seeking spirit gave no inkling, That they had found the knowledge rare, To determine my questing prayer. The scientist could no solution evolve, That would my vexing problem solve. Of philosopher then I ask opinion, He of the realm of mental dominion, Much study for long had been his task, But I found his search exceeded his grasp. With my question rankling I was impelled, To seek a Source that o'er men excelled. Forsaking their ways my thoughts did rise; To the illimitable arc of the vaulted skies, And conviction fell as from heavens riven, This secret of God to man is not given, Doing for others pass thy day's little Sea-

son,

Find the mystery of life in Service not reason.

Mrs. Adam Quebbeman

#### **Upton** Aid

Hello Folks:

Despite the heat, vacations et cetera there were twenty of our ladies and Rev. Johnson present at our June meeting. We were glad to have Mrs. Weist back with our group again.

There will be sewing days for the bazaar at the homes of our different ladies. Watch your bulletin for details and plan on coming if you can. This is a time of fellowship as well as of work.

The same officers will have charge of the Aid group until January 1953. Due to the efforts being made to get the various organizations arranged, where possible, to start off with a "new leaf" at the first of the year, the Aid accepted a recommendation to keep the same officers until the December meeting at which time an election will be held. So you still have: President, Mrs. Marie Thomas; Vice-President, Mrs. Elsie Williams; Secretary, Mrs. Garnet Wibel; Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Schmitt. The only one of those present who "nayed" instead of "ayed" at the idea of letting the old officers just go on until January was our president, and she was just ignored! She's been trying to quit, but nobody pays any attention to her.

Rev. Johnson talked about the future of Upton. He reminded us of the challenge to each of us to work together and move forward with our church. He also said that the Aid group had done very well and that a good deal of fellowship was to be had along with our labors.

In the Spring before the maple trees are fully leafed they have soft featherylooking clusters of tiny leaves, after which little bunches of green pods form. As these pods grow the leaves also begin to appear, until finally the pods become dry and start dropping. If you were to pick up one you would find a small green seed in one end of it. Everywhere a pod or "little tail" as we call them falls it has the potential power of becoming another maple tree. Consequently, they have to be gathered up every so often until they are all through or they will ruin a yard or a garden. Having a maple tree before and behind our home we know whereof we speak! However, the point is this-unless they are systematically cleaned up before they have a chance to take root they will get out-of-hand, and you will find yourself faced by the almost impossible task of getting ALL the roots out.

This is the way it is with our everyday lives as we try to walk the way of Christ. Being human, we do not always do as He has taught us to do. We fail to take a definite stand on some matter and we are apt to find ourselves thinking, "Well, just this once it won't make any It does make a difference, difference." though, for the second time you are faced with the same situation it is much easier to shut the door on your conscience and do as you did before. The wrong, like the "little tails," has entered into our hearts and is capable of taking root unless we clean it out before it has a chance

to do this. Our Lord, in the 14th chapter of Mark, the first part of the 38th verse, warns us to "watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation." He doesn't tell us that we should be careful sometimes or only once-in-a-while, but that we should be on our guard daily as we go about our work.

It is so easy to fall into ways which are contrary to the Christian way of life. Sometimes these habits are excused by saying that they really aren't hurting anybody else. This may be true-the "little tails" don't hurt anybody else either, but they can surely make one grand mess out of a yard! Three things which have always seemed to me to fall particularly into this category of not hurting anybody else are the so-called "white lies" which very often start as an excuse for not doing something which we should do; gambling which can begin with a friendly game of cards for just a few cents; and drinking which as a rule is covered by the excuse that it makes for sociability and fellowship. You may go along for quite sometime in company with one or all of these habits, and you may not perceive any injury to either your family or to your friends. But the day will come when you will stop and take stock of yourself. Then you will find that because you fiailed to gather up the "little tails" of evil habits they have come between you and God and have hindered not only your service to Him but have also drawn you away from close fellowship with Him.

Christ did not tell us that we would not be tempted, but He did give us the cure for when we are. Through daily communion with Him by prayer we are able to not only face our temptations and recognize them, we are also strengthened so that we can overcome them. He knew also that while our spirits are ready to abide completely by His way of life, our flesh at times seems too weak for the task. But through God's help and guidance and unfailing grace we can cleanse our hearts of the "little tails" from the maples by raking them up before they take root. Therefore, let each of us "watch ye and pray lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready but the flesh is weak."

After being dismissed by Rev. Johnson, refreshments were served by Mrs. Lombard and your reporter.

Margaret Pfeiffer

#### Service Men

The Service Committee is presenting the names, addresses, rank, and birthdays of two of our Service men each Sunday, in hope the church folk will remember them with letters and cards and in prayer. We have twenty-five boys still in service. Six in Europe, several in Korea where danger is ever near. Those still in the States are far from home. We must not expect those boys to answer all letters they may receive. We know they are

busy and their minds ever on the alert. So in writing have asked they write Rev. Johnson the answer and he will announce it to us. There should be a shower of cards go to those boys on their birthdays. That isn't much to ask but it may help brighten the dark day before them. Will parents please mark the date of your boy's birthday on his card in the church registry in the vestibule. New cards are being made out. Any changes made in rank or address can be given to Mrs. Wolcott. We all welcome any word the boys send back home. Pfc. Neil E. Stock and Pfc. Donald E. Harbaugh have arrived safely over sea in Europe. Pfc. Charles L. Kanous, Chicago, Ill. and Mearl Main, Jr., Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., visited the home folk over the weekend, Sgt. FC Thomas W. Powless of Fort Belvoir, Va. has been appointed organist at the Chapel at the Fort. Cpl. Robert Hummon of Alaska, recently won the sharpshooters medal. We were glad to welcome home from Korea Pfc. Donald McDole, and Sgt. Richard Hess, and to see Dick back in the choir. He was wounded and in hospital for some time. Kenneth Cox has also returned from Korea.

Give us the news about your boys. The Service Committee

## Telescope-Messenger "Special"

We have word from the publishers of our weekly church paper—the Telescope-Messenger, that our people may receive twenty-two issues beginning on August 1st and continuing through December, if such orders are received by July 28th, for the price of \$1.00.

This is a very fine price for a trial period—and should you accept this offer, we are sure that you would want it again by the close of December. The yearly price is \$3.00.

EACH WEEK THIS PAPER CARRIES A "WEEK OF GOOD READING MATER-IAL" from our various ministers of work covering the entire denomination. - The editorials are fine and there are bits of odd and interesting reading and information.

CALL, MRS. CODER, La. 0936, not later than July 25th if you are interested.

## Friendship Guild

On Wednesday, June 18th, the Friendship Guild met at the home of Mrs. Lugibihl. We ate our nosebag lunch and then took our Counsellors for hike. We went to Woodlawn cemetery—and after coming back to Mrs. Lugibihl's decided that we had walked about six miles.

Our devotions were held then and were in charge of Mrs. Tressler.

#### Patty Siders

I would rather be in prison with the Almighty than outside without Him.

## Christ Calls — Will You Work With Your Minister?

I feel sure that we will all agree that if a church is to succeed a minister cannot shift his responsibilities upon the people of the church. None the less can the people of the church shift their responsibilities upon their minister. Working together is the only plan that will work. What are some of the direct responsibilities of the pastor? Those outside of the church see only preaching on Sunday. Workers in the church know this is only one phase of his work. A minister is expected to visit the sick, have consultation with those having difficulties of one kind or another, baptize children and adults, encourage new persons to unite with the church, officiate at marriages and funeral services, attend many meetings of the local church as well as other denominational and inter denominational meetings. He must read good books, keep abreast of all activities of the church -such as ladies' aid work, missionary work, Sunday School, brotherhood and youth work, being able and ready to advise when necessary. Besides this, he must spend some time caring for his own family. Then he must find time to prepare a sermon to be delivered each Sunday. In spite of this, we sometimes hear people ask "Why does our minister not do more membership visiting?" It is of course fine for a minister to visit throughout his membership if he can do it without neglecting his other duties. I have outlined some of the things we consider direct duties of our minister. But this is only a portion of the whole program. Without the cooperation of the laymen, many important phases of the church work must necessarily be neglected.

Where would be a good place for us as laymen of the church to begin in our work? What about the people we know who at one time were very active members in our church, but who for some reason have become careless or indifferent to their duties as members of God's church. If we neglect them like they have their church, they will get to the point where they will feel they are not missed, while a call might mean their reenlistment. But who should make the call? If the pastor calls, well they thought he would sooner or later. But they don't quite expect others from the church to be interested enough to call. If a call is made by a layman, they are more likely to get a response. This kind of a visitation program should not be confined to the church alone. It should be more far reaching. It should be worked through other organizations of the church as well as through our Sunday School classes. How long since we actually called on someone whom we have missed for several Sundays from Church or Sunday School? After much time has been spent securing members we probably lose more by not taking care of them than any other wav.

We, as Church leaders and officers, must

put forth every effort to attend services regularly if we are to expect the membership to do likewise. This, I believe, is carried out very well in our church. In our Sunday School, it is very rare that one of our teachers is not in to teach on Sunday morning. Sometimes I think our Council meetings should be more largely attended. Our Council members should be told of the importance of their attendance at these various meetings. They should not take lightly the responsibility they have accepted. We should pray for all those who have become lukewarm in their loyalty to the work of the church and make every effort possible to regain their interest. This will of course, mean visiting them in their own homes. Uusually any member welcomes a friendly call from another member of their church. Persons who stay away occasionally at first may borrow reasons to stay away more often as time progresses. For a time they may just sleep late. But later they may meet some non-church member who spends Sunday mornings on the golf course or fishing or some other sport or they may plan trips which they formerly planned for after church or they may find things around the house to do as painting, housecleaning or gardening or one of many things they should have done on Saturday or at some other time. Then we will find those who are now attending and working in another church. If this is true, we believe they should be commended since our first loyalty is to God, in which church they are giving of themselves is secondary. If their allegiance is to another church and they request a transfer of membership and are sincere in their request, the transfer should be granted. Our main concern is for those whom we have at least temporarily lost. We may do no wrong in reminding them, in a Christian manner, that when they became members they promised their full support of the total church program. We might ask if they can afford to get along without the Church. Are their children growing up outside the Church? As we talk with these persons we must remember that they are believers-but through their carelessness they have just let things creep in between them and their Church and their God. They will not cast off lightly our visit with them. It is very likely that we may be the means of their re-enlistment for Christ.

Evangelistic visiting is of course more difficult and more discouraging. These are people whose names we may have secured upon their visit in the worship hour or they may have attended Sunday School occasionally but have shown no decided inter-Upton Challenger

est in Church work or the cause of the Kingdom. Calling upon them calls for some previous training as to how or what approach we might make. There are those who would not be bothered—they will come to Church if and when they wish. Others will be most happy and apparently were just waiting for your call. There are those who are content of being thought of as non-churchmen but would become very dis-

turbed in being thought of as not good citizens. We might remind them that being good citizens does not mean just staying at home, behaving ourselves and letting the world go by. It means doing good to and for our fellowman. Where can we learn how to do this better than by associating with good Christian people and taking our children to church where they will learn to do likewise. We must show such folk that by attending Church and giving of ourselves, our talents and our contributions we are uplifting others. Let us remember that Jesus is not as concerned about the ninety and nine who are in the Church as He is about the one who is without.

Stewardship visiting or better known to us as the Every Member Canvass. If this were never done among our people some would soon be led to believe that whether or not they are giving, there must be plenty of money coming in to care for all expenses of the Church. We must continually keep before the people the constant need for money to care for our local needs as well as for the Benevolent interests. It has been proven that people will respond if the needs are presented properly.

It is very difficult for two people to see eye to eye on every subject very long. It is much harder for 700-800 to see eye to eye very long. What do we do when something happens in our Church that does not please us. Do we tell everyone except maybe the person in the position to change itif a mistake has been made. Perhaps if we were to talk it over with that person or the Pastor-they by explaining everything involving the matter may convince us that it was a very necessary change, if it be a change, or that the matter could not have been handled otherwise. Idle talk will tear down rather than build up the work of the Kingdom. If we have suggestions for the betterment of the Church program they should be presented for consideration. Let us talk over with our minister these things which we believe may be improvements. Success depends upon the combined efforts and cooperation of the people and the minister.

Do we pray for our minister? We were urged some time ago to pray daily for his guidance to carry on the great work of the Church. I am reminded of the passage of Scripture that says "The prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Our guide book says that earnest prayers will make a poor preacher a good one and a good preacher a better one. Let us not only pray for our minister but for each other.

The work of the Churcs takes the best that is in each of us. He is calling everyone to spread His Gospel. We can answer His call only one way and that is by giving Him first place in our lives, our homes and our Churches.

NOTE—The above topic was taught and discussed in our Thursday evening Devotional group meeting on May 29 by Mr. McShane. It was a fine presentation as the others have been also.

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