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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

January finds us just five months away from the submitting of our annual reports for the conference year, as far as reports are concerned, closes May 31st, 1953. For this year that will mean a nine months year. The closing of our books thus gives the officials of both the conference and the churches more time to get ready for a good and orderly conference. We must do our utmost from now on for a good and fruitful year.

January 4th will be Holy Communion and reception of members. Those desiring to unite with the church should contact the pastor at once.

Jan. 11 there will be installation of officers elected to serve during 1953. All teachers and officers should plan to be present.

January 18 we will dedicate the new altar set and an announcement will be made as to the donors. I am sure that you will not want to miss this service.

January 25 will be youth Sunday beginning Youth Week of the Protestant churches. The youth of the church will be in charge of the service.

This month also brings the financial campaign for the Toledo Council of Churches. Elsewhere there will be word concerning this important phase of our church life.

January is the month for preacher pension. Our quota is \$270 for this year. Holy Communion offering will apply and we urge that this day bring sufficient to care for this worthy project of providing for our aged and worthy ministers.

This will be a month of great potential for the ongoing of the Kingdom and of opportunity for each one in sharing in that ongoing. Let the month come to a close with each one being able to say that he has done his best. God blesses such with his peace for has He not promised, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

November blessed us with many blessings. November 2nd designated as Johnson day was reported in last month's Challenger but I must personally say a big "Thank you," to all who so graciously and generously made us welcome at Upton Avenue in this our 18th year of the pastorate. Especially, I think we owe thanks to the Annual Conference Delegate of the Church, Mr. Homer Knisely, upon whom the church looks for leadership in the annual welcome to the pastor.

Anniversary Day was one of the best in all our history. In many ways it outdid all others. Attendance was splendid and the number who enjoyed the fellowship dinner. I believe was one of the largest in all our

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January 4 HOLY COMMUNION and

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

January 11

Installation of Newly Elected Officers

January 18

Dedication of New ALTAR SET (Announcement of Donors)

January 25

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth in Charge of Worship Service

CHURCH ERECTION FUND

Dec. 1, 1952 \$28,901.14

Receipts of November

Regular and Anni-

versary Day \$ 3,423.69

Transfer

Sunday School . . \$ 140.00

W. S. W. S. \$ 100.00

Disbursements . . \$ 94.17

Preacher Pension

January is the month of PIONEER DAY. Pioneer Day is the Sunday upon which we are to receive the offering for Preacher Pension. These funds go to care for our retired ministers who pioneered in order that we might enjoy the blessings material and spiritual of this day for without the spiritual there would have been no such advance as we now enjoy.

The quota for Upton church for 1953 is \$270.00. We will observe the day on the first Sunday of the new year and will combine this offering with the Holy Communion love offering. If we meet the amount set, and we must do so, we will need to give much more largely than what we usually do on Communion Sunday. Pray much about it and then let God guide and direct.

O. E. J.

A Very Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year To Everyone

The Legend Of The Christmas Carolers

There is a legend that on the Holy Night all was strangely quiet in Bethlehem of Judea. No birds sang, the wind was hushed and even the water ceased to flow.

When the Christ Child was born, However, all nature awoke. The trees burst forth with green leaves, grass sprang up, and flowers blossomed everywhere. Animals were given the power of speech, oxen in their stalls knelt in adoration to the newborn King and an angel choir sang praises to His name.

To this day, legend tells us, in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve, oxen still kneel in their stalls, while an unseen chorus sings praises to the Prince of Peace.

Newly Elected Officers

The Council of Administration met on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd. A fine group of some nineteen persons were present.

The election was the main item of business with the following persons being elected:

Central Treasurer—William J. Schmitt.

Current Treasurer—H. P. Vernier.

Benevolent Treasurer—Fred Kolbe.

Church Erection Secretary—Paul Leach.

Financial Secretary—Bernard J. Harbaugh.

Vice Chairman of Council—Edw. Riendeau.

Secretary of Council—Mrs. O. E. Coder.

Music Committee (Congregation) Mrs. Chester Brown, Mrs. Richard French, Ralph Lugibihl.

Music Committee (Choir)—Mrs. John Costin, Mrs. Vada Mark, Ardis Brown.

Otterbein Home Committee—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holliday; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sautter, assistants.

Communion Committee—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rodenhauser; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stock, assistants.

Ushering Committee—Homer Stock, Geo. Kuehnl, Bernard Harbaugh.

Publicity Committee—Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Mrs. R. J. Snyder, Mrs. O. E. Coder.

Banking Committee—Mrs. Earl Hatfield, Mrs. Roy Sommers, Mrs. Evelyn Braun; Mrs. O. L. Thomas and Mrs. J. E. Harbaugh, assistants.

Primary S. S. Supt.—Mrs. Mearl Main.

Cradle Roll Supt.—Mrs. Paul Tressler.

New Arrivals

Two baby girls have arrived in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Betz and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wagar.

Our congratulations!

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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history. Offering for the Church Erection Fund as reported to me was just under \$3,200 in cash. Bishop F. L. Dennis was with us not only for the day but for a week of nightly services in a spiritual advance. Truly all who shared were enriched and many who did not attend were and will be greatly blessed by his labors of love amongst us.

For my report I submit the following as a part of my activities amongst you for the month: Meetings attended 36, preached six times, three funerals, three weddings, three baptisms, sixty three calls, 283 average worship attendance, sent out 450 letters for anniversary day and 450 letters on the every member financial canvass, spent 207 hours in the study.

It has been a busy but a good time. If I have regrets it is that I do not have more time or strength to give to such a great cause among such a splendid people. There are many more things which I know ought to be done than I get done. Yet all that one can do is to give his life as wisely and fully as possible. We covet your prayers, your presence at the services of the church, your loyalty to Christ in every issue of life as living witnesses and your continued sympathetic responsiveness to the call of Christ through His church.

Your Pastor

W. S. W. S.

Christmas tree, fancy wrapped packages and the singing of Christmas Carols, brought to mind of all those at the Missionary meeting for December that this was the Christmas season. The time of the year that we remember the birth of Christ, and the blessings of the Christmas Season. There were thirty ladies at the meeting and everyone there went home with the spirit of Christmas in her heart after hearing the wonderful Christmas story told by Mrs. Johnson.

The usual business was conducted with the various reports given. A report on the Thankoffering boxes and the sale of Christmas Cards proved quite profitable. After the business meeting was over Mrs. Rathke led the ladies in the singing of all the familiar carols. Then sang a beautiful solo telling of the Christmas story. Mrs. Kane led in the devotions for the evening with all the ladies reciting John 3:16. She told us a story of the three candle makers, revealing the true meaning of helping others and its reward.

After Mrs. Johnson told us the Christmas story, the ladies all enjoyed a gift exchange and some delightful refreshments served by the committee. We wish to thank the committee for the evening, the program and the refreshments. It was so nice to see so many of our members that haven't been with us for some time and do hope that they will continue with us in the coming year. We invite all the ladies of the church to come with us for an evening with the Missionary Society.

E. Nelson

Sunday School

As we move toward the close of another year we find our Sunday School progressing very favorably. During November we had an average attendance of two-hundred and eighty-nine, an increase of thirty-one per Sunday over last November. Also our offering of \$43.31 per Sunday was \$9.90 per Sunday over last year. We are always glad for all new people who join with us, and also for all of you who are attending more regularly than before.

On November 16th our Sunday School made a payment of \$140 on our \$1500 Erection Fund pledge. The balance is to be paid sometime during 1953.

During December we will have the election of officers of our Sunday School. The new officers will take office on the first Sunday in January. Also during December our boys and girls will bring us a Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 21st. December is also the month in which we are given the opportunity to share in an offering for our Otterbein Home. Won't you add the Home to your list of those you will buy for this year and place your offering in a Christmas offering envelope sometime during the month.

Since this is the last issue of the Challenger this year, may I wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E. McShane, Supt.

Primary Sunday School

The Primary Sunday School has a new teacher in the personage of Mrs. Norma Johnson, who is in charge of the four year olds. We bid her a most hearty welcome.

The little boys and girls of the Sunday School brought in seventy-five cans of fruit in the collection for Otterbein Home.

Several attendance pins were given in November to the following:

Three month—Merrill Kane, Frank Schumaker, Richard Karem, Linda Hendrickson, Tommy Fuller, Leslie Matthews, Daniel Gustafson, Carol McShane and Richard Papenfuss. Six month: Deborah Johnson, Norma Johnson, Susan Leonard, Mrs. Baker, Linda Rigby and Freddie Leonard. Nine month: Doris Dunkle, Nancy Stewart and Ashley Wilson.

Frances Dotson, Sec'y.

(Our apologies to the Primary Sunday School reporter for we recently lost an item that should have appeared in the Challenger.)

Ladies Aid

We had a grand group together at our last December meeting. There were twenty-six and our pastor Rev. Johnson present. We still want more ladies.

Mrs. Johnson led in devotions, and it was a splendid talk. Her topic was on the original Christmas Gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. It was taken from the 2nd Chapter of St. Matthew.

Reports were heard, and plans discussed for the coming year.

We had election of officers. This was presided over by Rev. Johnson. These new officers are to take office at our January 13th meeting:

Mrs. Bernadine Kane, President
Mrs. Elsie Williams, 1st Vice President
Mrs. Sarah Arnold, 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Gladys Schmitt, Treasurer
Mrs. Garnett Wibel, Secretary

Good luck to our new president and vice president. They are the two really new officers. We all will be as faithful to you as we have been to Mrs. Thomas.

Our Christmas party proved a success, and it always amazes me what others can find when shopping for a \$1.00 gift. The gifts were lovely and we had a good time. Our Mrs. Santa Claus was Mrs. Braun.

Mrs. Kanaus and Mrs. Williams served delicious refreshments. Star salad and Christmas cookies. They were assisted by Mrs. Rigby, Mrs. Shreeves, and Mrs. Braun.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. to everyone.

G. W.

Christmas, And Our Service Men

The Christmas season is near again.

Christian people throughout the world will pause and remember this sacred day. The day in the long ago when the Christ child was born in the humble shelter of that stable in Bethlehem. Where the great mother love guarded Him from harm and danger. And that mother love has gone down through the ages. Today thousands of mothers, if it were possible would walk beside that son far away, to guard him from danger, but we can only wing our love, our prayers and hopes across the oceans where they serve our country. They are brave boys, writing home cheerful letters, wishing us a nice Christmas. We hope that the people of Upton Church and those that may read this message will not forget that a letter or greeting card will help to warm the heart of some service man in cold Korea, Alaska and Europe. We are glad to welcome home those boys who have returned from service. We know they will remember some Buddy. We thank the people of the church for making it possible for our own boys to have some of the Christmas they knew, and bring home a little nearer. And to them returned or in camp, or overseas, God speed the day the Christmas chimes will ring out in truth "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Mrs. Wolcott, Chairman
of the Service Committee.

S/FC Thomas W. Powless has arrived safely overseas.

Mearl Main has left for Seattle and further assignment.

Charles Cruse also left for Seattle.

Names are all in the church registry.

FOR THE VACATION SEASON

I do not know, I do not care,

How far it is to anywhere.

I only know that where I'm not

Is always an alluring spot.

The following 8 pages contain all articles and news from our Sandusky Conference as compiled and edited for the Sandusky News by the staff thereof. A splendid opportunity to become acquainted with a great conference.

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E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR



Bascom Church Observes 80th Anniversary

On Monday, November 25, the congregation of the Bascom Church observed the 80th anniversary of the building of the church with a banquet in the church basement. The Rev. Don Hochstettler was the speaker, and Mrs. Howard Kime read the history of the church which she and others had prepared. One hundred fifteen people attended the program and were served a turkey dinner by the women of the church.

To commemorate this birthday occasion, Mrs. Clarence Sublett baked and decorated a beautiful and delicious four-tier angel food cake, which was served to the entire group. Mrs. Clifford Hite, former member, sang a vocal solo, and letters of greeting were read from Rev. Noble Kime and Rev. Marion Creeger, both former members. A special feature was the presentation of gifts for the parsonage building fund by various classes and organizations.

Bascom Church has actually served the community 111 years, beginning as the Society of United Brethren, a part of the Seneca Circuit, in 1841. Two years ago, the Church became a station, after having been associated with the West Independence Church for many years.

The church was rededicated on Sunday, November 24, following a fifteen months improvement program in which a new heating plant was added, the installation of a new water pump, redecoration of the sanctuary and basement, renovating the church tower and landscaping. Rev. F. A. Firestone, Superintendent, was the speaker for this service. Special music was provided by a quartet composed of Mrs. Leslie Adams, Mrs. Herbert Foster, Nevin Border and Robert Burt.

North Central College

H. F. Siemsen

North Central College opened its doors for the new year on September 15th. The enrollment is as follows:

Freshmen	189
Sophomores	121
Juniors	112
Seniors	83
Special Students	7

Total512

The following additions have been made to the Staff:

Mr. Authur Shoemaker B. A., M. A.,
Department of Commerce.
Mr. Glenn Reddick B. A., M. A.,
Department of Speech.
Mr. Donald Minnick B. A., M. A.,
Department of English.
Mrs. R. A. Kay B. A., M. A.,
Department of Mathematics.
Mr. Gordon Farndell B. M., M. M.,
Department of Music.
Mr. Gerald Feese B. M.,
Department of Music.
Dr. Verne Dietrick B. A., M. A., Ph. D.,
Department of Physics.
Miss Marian Haines B. A., M. A.,
Department of Music.

Homecoming on October 10th and 11th.
Football game with Augustana College.

The College-Seminary Library Project goals have been accepted by the supporting Conferences to the extent of \$430,000. Of the \$270,000 to be raised through special gifts, all but \$100,000 is covered. Friends of North Central College and The Evangelical Theological Seminary are invited not only to help their local church attain its goal, but to send special gifts for this worthy project.

Otterbein College News

Wade S. Miller, Dir. of Public Relations
The 106th Year

The 106th year of Otterbein College began on September 7 with a slight increase in the number of freshmen students but a decrease in the total number of full-time students. The totals for the four college classes are:

Class	1951	1952
Seniors	129	102
Juniors	130	104
Sophomores	181	176
Freshmen	171	191
Specials	7	18
TOTAL	618	591

The AFROTC

A total of 101 men are enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC).

High School Day

High School Day was observed on October 4 when more than 500 seniors visited the campus.

Religion in Life Week

Religion in Life Week was the week of October 26 with Dr. Allen Ranck, National Youth Director of the E. U. B. Church, as guest leader.

Adult Education

As another service to the citizens of Westerville, Otterbein is offering two courses in adult education. Courses in Home Decoration and in Practical Speech are being taught on successive Monday evenings for five weeks. Classes last for one and a half hours and are taught by regular college teachers. A small charge of \$2.50 is made for each course. No college credit is given. The aim is to make the courses as practical as possible.

Concert, Art Exhibit

During Thanksgiving Week, students and faculty enjoyed a concert by the A Cappella Chorus assisted by members of the music faculty.

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MEN'S CONGRESS

Findlay First Church

February 21 and 22

Three Great Speakers:

DR. H. L. LANAHAN

MR. STANTON JAMES

BISHOP G. D. BATDORF

Let Us Have A Layman From Every Church.

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E. U. B. Students At O. S. U. Attend Spiritual Retreat

Thirty Evangelical United Brethren students at Ohio State University, along with Rev. and Mrs. Tom Wedsworth, spent the weekend of October 24, 25, 26 in a spiritual retreat at Pike Lake State Park located a few miles southwest of Chillicothe. For nearly 4 hours on Saturday the group gave intensive consideration to the general theme, "Is Today's Church Adequate?" Sunday morning was given to Bible Study and worship under the direction of "Rev. Tom," minister to students. There were many hours spent in grand fellowship of boating, hiking, and other sports events. Saturday evening was spent in the group cabin playing favorite folk games. Everyone returned to the campus early Sunday evening convinced more than ever before that "Pike Lake" has become a grand tradition in the lives of Evangelical United Brethren students at Ohio State University.

The Albright-Otterbein Student Fellowship were host to Evangelical United Brethren students of Bowling Green State University on the weekend of November 15 and 16.

Thus far, Sunday evening programs at the A. O. S. F. House have featured such prominent people as Floyd Stahl, head basketball coach at O. S. U., who spoke concerning his observations of the values of religious faith to student young people. A highlight of the Fall Quarter schedule will be the coming of Bishop Dennis to share in the annual Christmas Dinner program at the House.

A Group Plan has been put into effect for the purpose of keeping in close touch with all E. U. B. students on the campus. Each dormitory and residential unit on campus has a group leader, while the off-

campus area is divided into groups geographically, each group having a leader. It is hoped that the plan will provide the minister with opportunities to keep in close contact with students in each group through the group leaders.

Thanksgiving Retreat

The annual wintertime gathering of the Youth Fellowship of the Ohio Sandusky Conference met at Findlay, First Church on November 28 and 29. In former years the meeting was held as the Mid-winter Convention during the Christmas holidays but was changed to the "Thanksgiving Retreat" this year for the first time. The theme for the Retreat was, "That I Might Know Him Better" which was developed along the lines of personal devotional life, stewardship, personal choices and personal witnessing in addresses presented before the entire group by Rev. Paul Walter, Rev. John Paul Jones, Rev. Wendell Freshley and Mrs. Leona Hansen who was present representing the W. S. W. S. Following each address the subject was discussed in small "Buzz Sessions" directed by Revs. Emerson Iles, Vern Sullivan, Albert Straley, Arnold Ettenhoffer, Lynn Harris, Henry Brooks, Earl Leist, Charles Cory, John Osborn, and Edward Haldeman.

Miss Shelomith Corl, chairman of the commission on worship and devotional life, was in charge of the devotional services which opened the services of each day. Music was directed by Rev. John Searle, Jack Stowell, Ron Ricard and Edwin Griswold with Mrs. Searle and John Osborn serving as organists.

Mr. Elwyn Falor of Marion, Oakland presided as toastmaster at the banquet on Friday night. Music for this delightful occasion was presented by Miss Ann Yost, Miss Joyce Bowman and Mrs. Betty Stockton of the conservatory at Otterbein College. Rev. Darrell Linder of the College Church of God, Findlay was the speaker and Mrs. Neva Witthun Corl led the group singing.

At the business session on Saturday, Mr. Stan Ruggles of Marion First was chosen president of the Conference Y. F. Serving with him will be Miss Barbara Benjamin of Montpelier, Vice President and Miss Marjorie Osborn of Findlay St. Paul's, secretary.

In addition to the regular program for the Y. F. there were two other groups meeting in the Retreat. One of these was the local Youth Directors who met with the Conference Youth Directors in a most helpful discussion concerning the problems confronting local groups involving program, procedures, enlistment and related subjects. The other group, led by Mrs. Hansen, including local secretaries of Young Peoples Work of the W. S. W. S., dealt with the relationship of that group to the youth program. More than fifty interested leaders participated in each of these groups.

The retreat attracted the largest group ever to attend the wintertime meeting of the conference youth. Three hundred and ninety four were registered representing

88 local groups in the conference. 430 were in attendance at the banquet. Even though it was a number considerably in excess of the anticipated attendance, the group was efficiently and cordially entertained by the members of First Church who were assisted by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Osborn and members of St. Paul's.

Rev. Wendell Freshley and Rev. Paul Walter are the youth directors of the Conference, and Rev. G. L. Fleming is pastor of the host church.

Rev. And Mrs. R. Hawk Celebrate Silver Wed- ding Anniversary

Sunday, October 12th the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Hawk of the Montpelier E. U. B. church, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The church presented them with a beautiful basket of flowers.

Tuesday evening was planned as "Church night". The Hawks discovered that it was to remind them of their anniversary and also a reception to welcome them back for another year.

At the dinner hour eighty members and friends were invited to the basement where a carry-in-dinner had been planned. The tables were decorated with beautiful autumn leaves and chrysanthemums, and a large silver bow was tied at each end.

There was a special table for the honored guests, covered with a brown tablecloth, with a center-piece of a large cake decorated with white and silver surrounded by the autumn leaves and yellow mums. The napkins were also engraved with their names in silver. Mrs. Hawk was presented with a corsage and Rev. Hawk a boutonier.

A very special program was presented in the church sanctuary. Carl Hart was in charge of the program. Eldon Connolly, Supt. of Sunday School, gave the following poem—

Youth Evangelism Month

The month of January is traditionally given to the emphasis of Youth Evangelism in our church calendar. The youth of our churches present the greatest challenge in the area of evangelism.

January is your opportunity to reach your youth for Christ and the church, for during this month, you join hands with the entire denomination in concentrating our efforts and attention upon this necessary phase of our work.

The last week of January is "Youth Week" with its ringing theme, "STRIVE TO KNOW—DARE TO BELIEVE". This should be the time when every young person finds his place in the YF program of the church, recognizing that the YF is the Youth Work of the church. Specific responsibilities should be assigned, commission assignments made and anything else that will make the newcomers feel a part of the group.

News from the Churches



LEESVILLE CHURCH DEDICATES NEW PARSONAGE

Special services were held on Sunday, October 26, at Leesville Church for the dedication of the new parsonage. Dr. V. H. Allman spoke during the morning worship hour, and in the afternoon presided at the dedicatory service. Rev. C. D. Wright, Group Leader and pastor of the Willara Church, gave the afternoon message. Rev. C. J. Ludwick, former pastor, was present. The parsonage key was given to the pastor Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Oyer, by Dr. Allman.

The total cost of material and carpenter work for the house was \$8,000. Material for breezeway and garage cost \$800. Labor donated by members of the church is estimated at \$3,200, making a total cost of \$12,000. This now gives a beautiful six room house next door to the church.

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STEWARDSHIP MONTH A SUCCESS AT MT. CARMEL

The month of November at Mt. Carmel Church was Stewardship month. Each Sunday morning the pastor brought a message on some phase of Christian Stewardship. The last Sunday of the month was designated as Tithing Sunday and the congregation was asked to bring the tithe of their month's income with the exception of what they usually gave to the Church; as their offering for the building fund of the church. The total building fund offering for this last Sunday of November was \$2621.76. Plans are completed for the construction of a Church School unit and the modernization of the Church building in the near future. \$1000 of the above amount was the result of a harvest of corn and soy beans from the Church farm project.

Added to this splendid offering for the building fund was an other offering of \$1754 toward the purchase of a new Electronic organ which will be dedicated after the first of January. Many of the Mt. Carmel people are consistent tithers and God is blessing us abundantly as a result.

W. D. Ramsey

CRIDERSVILLE CHURCH

October 29 a group from our EUB church had the privilege to visit at Otterbein Home taking with us a fine contribution of food and clothing. There we met Dr. and Mrs. Hohn, Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Strawser, and a number of the staff and residents of the Home. We had lunch with the children in the dining hall and had a very enjoyable day of Christian fellowship.

Mr. C. M. Long, a representative of the Lima Camp of the Gideons, was with us Sunday, Dec. 7, and presented the work of the Gideon's International which is a Christian layman's work.

Universal Bible Sunday was observed Dec. 14. Portions of the New Testament in the Revised Standard Version, including the four Gospels and the Book of Acts, were provided by the American Bible Society and distributed at the close of the Worship Service.

Preparations are being made for our winter evangelistic services which will be Dec. 29 to Jan. 11. Rev. Garrison Roebuck of Rockford, Ohio will be our evangelist. We solicit your prayers for a successful meeting.

Delbert E. Cress, Pastor

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TRINITY CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN

The new conference year has begun in an encouraging manner. Attendance in the church school remains about as last year but the morning worship service attendance has increased over the same period. A fine group of students, averaging 40 each Sunday, attend the morning worship service. Much of the activities of the church center around the four large organized classes. A reception for the pastor and wife was held October 29th with a pot-luck supper for the entire church. A beautiful cake was presented to the pastor in observance of his 25 years in the pastorate, having served three charges: Bascom for 5 years, Shelby for 12 years and now beginning the 9th year with this congregation. Words of appreciation were spoken by a representative from each adult class and a drill-sander was presented to the pastor "to make beautiful furniture for his wife." The occasion was deeply appreciated by the Searles. A new coat of dark green-gray asphalt shingles has been placed on the parsonage and insulation has been installed. An offering was received at Thanksgiving which took care of this item of expense. Two special services of communion were held on Thanksgiving morning with 80 at the first service and 126 at the second. A deep interest seems manifested in the new version of the Holy Bible and our prayer is that many of our people will take renewed interest in the Word from the Lord.

John C. Searle, Sr., Pastor

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EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT RURAL CHAPEL

Special Evangelistic Services were held at Rural Chapel Church, Defiance Circuit, during November 15th to 30th, using the theme "CHRIST CALLS!"

Guest ministers were invited to be the speakers during the first week. The pastor Rev. C. W. Walmer opened the Campaign on the first Sunday evening, which was followed by the following: Rev. Delmar Young, Continental; Rev. Russell Hawk, Montpelier; Rev. David Weinzerl, Edgerton; Rev. Don Hochstettler; and Rev. Cleo Roth, Hicksville. The pastor concluded the first week of the series on Sunday night with the theme "Christ Calls, Are you in vital contact with Him?" During the second week the pastor preached on themes of the great promises of Christ as related to His call.

This is one of the smaller churches, and the attendance was not large, but personal testimonies indicated that the church had been greatly helped spiritually.

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UNUSUAL REVIVAL AT MARION, CALVARY

"Unusual" was the word used most frequently in attempting to describe the great sweeping revival within Calvary Church, Marion, Ohio, November 9th to 23rd inclusive.

Evangelist, Rev. Edna B. Hughes, Logan, Ohio, injected many original and unique features into this intensive two-week campaign which increasingly attracted the membership to attend and to return night after night.

The unusual 30-minute Bible study preceding the evening services brought out as many as 101 persons and an average of 77 for 13 nights. It was different. Her original sketch showing "The only way Christ can save a lost world" helped visualize God's plan to use people and why some church members cannot be used. To impress the lesson upon our minds she taught us to sing her original scriptural choruses to singable tunes she had composed. The Bible study group became the "core working unit" for the revival, participating in a continuous prayer chain throughout each day, doing extra personal work, and regular attenders and enthusiastic boosters.

Evangelist Hughes did not overlook the children of the Congregation either. Each night after school during the second week 53 children, age 13 and under, gathered in the sanctuary and on Friday night gave a splendid demonstration of the things they had learned.

Evangelist Hughes' ministry was positive, strengthening denominational and church loyalty. During the meetings 98 persons bowed at the altar for spiritual help. The great climactic service on the closing Sunday morning brought more than 250 people about the altar for dedication and closed with a unique benediction of each person thanking some other person for the blessing they had been in their lives. This blessed fellowship strengthened and united the congregation in love.

R. W. Faulkner, Pastor

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VAN WERT CALVARY

The large "Pumpkin" appeared in the Church on November 9th and the appeal

for fruit offering was made by our leader Mrs. J. E. Gribler for Otterbein Home.

Our Rally Day offering which applied on our chapel fund amounted to \$1,106.88

The Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast sponsored by the Christian Service Guild was held in the home of Mrs. Willis Snyder. Mrs. Robert Ruhlin, president, presiding.

Six youth attended the two days of Thanksgiving Retreat at Findlay. Five youth along with their counsellor attended the last day of the retreat. A "buzz" session was held on Sunday evening, Nov. 30th under the leadership of the president Jerry Gribler, of our local Y. F. This group attended the retreat with expenses paid by the Y. F., WSWs, and Sunday School.

Walter Marks

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EBENEZER CHURCH, TIFFIN

On Sunday November 23rd, the Women's Society of World Service and Christian Service Guild held an interesting, combined Thankoffering service at the Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethren church in Tiffin, Ohio. There was a good attendance and a liberal offering was received. Mrs. Nelson Mathias presided. The Missionary Message, "Thanksgiving an Expression of Obligation," was delivered by pastor, Rev. H. Joe Grimm.

In behalf of the Women's Society of World Service and the Christian Service Guild, Mrs. Carl Glick presented a perpetual Membership Certificate in Women's Society of World Service to Miss Ruth Dietzel, which in a small way expressed our appreciation for the untiring efforts she has performed in our local, state and national offices. In her usual gracious manner, although almost speechless with surprise. Miss Dietzel responded with an appropriate quotation of thanks.

The Ebenezer E. U. B. church was host to the churches of Tiffin for the annual Thanksgiving Day Services. This service is presented each year by the Ministerial Association of the city. The pastor Rev. H. Joe Grimm presided with seven ministers participating in the services.

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ANNUAL GAME SUPPER AT FOSTORIA FIRST

Well over 100 men and boys gathered in the basement of First church, Fostoria, Monday, November 24, for the annual game supper. Hunters brought game, and those who did not hunt brought chickens and other meat. A group of women of whom Mrs. Cora Foringer was the chairman prepared the food for a sumptuous meal, including green beans, mashed potatoes, salad and pumpkin pie. Rev. Ralph Cornell of Rising Sun gave piano music and Rev. Edwin A. Griswold of Kansas led in group singing. Following the meal the crowd adjourned to the auditorium for a program of magic interspersed with Gospel lessons, presented by Rev. A. E. Clark of Marion, Ohio. Frank H. Kinker, president of the Brotherhood presided over the meeting.

MARION SALEM CHURCH OBSERVES HOME COMING DAY

The rural Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren church for the first time in its 115 year history observed its beginning of an annual Home Coming Service on November 9, 1952. The Sunday School, with Emerson Klinefelter Superintendent, had a record in attendance of 456. Rev. Gene Clark, who is now in his second year as pastor, brought the morning message from the text, I Thes. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." Music was provided by the Marion East Side Mother's Singers. The American Legion and Auxiliary of Cardington were present and sat in a group in commemoration of Armistice Day.

In honor of the oldest person present Lewis O. Ruhlman, 92, of Marion, formerly of the local church, was presented a box of candy.

The Rev. Paul Walters of the Galion church was the guest speaker in the afternoon service at 2 o'clock on the subject, "Service Above Self". A note burning ceremony was held in this service of a \$2,500 note on the church indebtedness, which was part of a \$33,000 remodeling program completed a year ago. An offering of \$736.70 in cash and pledges was received to be applied on the remaining \$5,000 debt.

This day also marked the closing day of a six weeks attendance contest of the Sunday School sponsored by the Christian Life Magazine. During the six weeks of the contest, October 5 to November 9, the Sunday School had an average attendance of 301. The average for last year was 127.

The church is looking forward to special Evangelistic meetings which will be held beginning New Year's eve under the leadership of our pastor as evangelist with Miss Gertrude Cooper, of Findlay, as song director, soloist and accordionist.

Clara Klinefelter, reporter

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BURGOON WELCOMES PASTOR

The Burgoon E. U. B. church welcomed their new pastor, Rev. L. D. Reynolds and his wife, October 17, with a reception in the church basement. The S. S. Supt. Lewis Harpster was in charge of the program introducing each number. On behalf of the congregation Dwight Wise, in well chosen words and a witty trend, presented the pastor with a substantial money gift. In turn Rev. Reynolds and his wife expressed their sincere thanks and appreciation for the way they had been received in their new work. Charles Wise was in charge of recreation followed by a committee of women serving refreshments to some one hundred and forty folks in attendance.

On Thursday night of November 20 more than a hundred and fifty attended the Brotherhood sponsored Family night Game Supper. Walter Cramer, president of the Brotherhood, presided and then turned the meeting over to Charles Wise who announced the program numbers. The high point of the evening was the inspiring and challenging message brought to us by a

former pastor, Rev. N. D. Bevis, Delphos.

The beautiful parsonage and well appointed brick church building give proof that this congregation has been meeting a challenge as the only Protestant church in the township. And under the prayerful guidance of the pastor and his wife will attempt to meet the religious needs of the community.

Mrs. Ralph Wise, reporter

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VAUGHNSVILLE UNION CHURCH HAS RECEPTION FOR PASTOR

The Vaughnsville Union Church held a reception and surprise "Pound Shower" for their pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Paul A. Watson and two children, on November 6. A large percentage of the membership were in attendance to enjoy a delicious basket dinner, followed by a program and the presentation of gifts to the parsonage family.

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FATHER & SON BANQUET AT ROCKFORD CHURCH

Thursday evening, November 20, the Rockford EUB church held its annual Father and Son Banquet with 70 fathers present, and each accompanied by a son. The ladies of the church served a wild game banquet meal, with Opal Huffman in charge. J. Roy Chapman acted as toastmaster.

Speakers on the program were Rev. R. E. Williman, pastor; Olan Ransbottom and Rev. Gene Clark, the guest speaker from Marion, Ohio. His sleight-of-hand tricks entertained both old and young.

Roy Chapman, reporter

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THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST AT FOSTORIA FIRST

First E. U. B. Youth Fellowship group observed Thanksgiving breakfast, Thanksgiving morning, prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith at 6:30 in the church basement. There were twenty-four in attendance with the President, Miss Pat Smith, in charge of the service.

David Cole, Sec. Y. F. Executive Council

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RECEPTION FOR PASTOR AT RILEY CENTER

A reception was held on Sunday, November 2, for Rev. Nicholas T. Cucare, the new pastor at Riley Center EUB church. Following the worship service, the congregation gathered together for a potluck dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver had charge of the program, which was called a "Field Meet."

The event was a complete surprise to the pastor, who was presented a gift from the congregation. Mrs. Oliver gave the official welcome. Both Rev. and Mrs. Cucare expressed their thanks and assured the congregation of their devotion and service in the future.

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TOLEDO OAKDALE COMPLETES FALL PROGRAM

The Toledo Oakdale Church welcomed back for the seventh year, Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Emrick and twin daughters, in a pro-

gram September 14th in which the family was presented a purse containing cash, Mrs. Emrick a set of costume jewelry and the girls salt and pepper sets.

Rally Day was observed September 21 with 416 in attendance.

A complete renovation of the parsonage inside and out took place in September and October. From automatic heating, remodeling the kitchen and bath, completely redecorating the house to painting and repairing the outside, the house now stands as one of the fine parsonages of the conference. The total cost, including donated labor, came to \$2000.00.

A month of evangelism was conducted during October with a week of prayer, two weeks of visitation and one week of mass evangelism.

On Friday of November 28th, the installation of the new automatic gas heating unit in the church boiler was completed at a cost of \$1500.00.

Rev. D. F. Emrick

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NEW ORGAN & PIANO PURCHASED AT WREN CHURCH

The Wren church purchased a new 40 inch Packard piano and a new model K Minshall electronic organ in November, representing an investment of \$2440.

In September the Suiday School took 30 day pledges amounting to \$278.00 for improving the basement.

Rev. Walter Marks was the speaker for the evening program of reception for the pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Don Martin and family.

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RECEPTION AT COLUMBUS GROVE

More than 150 attended the reception held in September in honor of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Fausey and family, who came to Columbus Grove church early in the summer.

A group gift, beautiful geranium red wool blanket, was presented to the Fauseys, followed by refreshments.

The committee in charge included Mrs. Joe Gillespie, Mrs. Annabell Diller and Mrs. Mabel Bartz.

Burial Benefit Insurance Premium Due

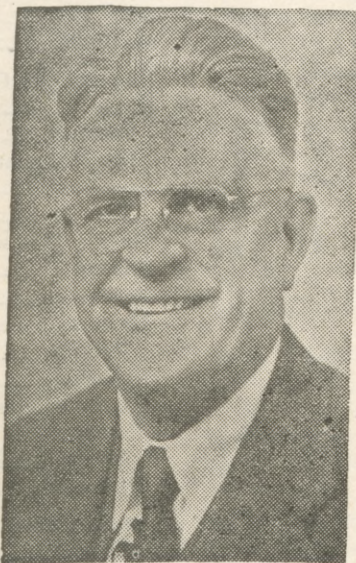
This is to remind all men of the conference who have the Burial Benefit Insurance, that this insurance is, according to the articles of the constitution due thirty days after the Annual Conference session. All men who have not made such payments should get this payment to W. P. Alspach very soon.

All men who are making claims for either the Hospitalization Insurance or Maternity Benefits are urged to complete as fully as is possible all information on the Claim Sheet which is sent to the Secretary of the Board of Pensions and Insurance.

All men should remind themselves that their Conference Insurance is due the first of each month in the amount of \$7.00 and NOT \$6.00 as it was last year.

—Howard N. Porterfield

Rev. B. F. Richer



Now available to the churches in a unique type of service: A Spiritual Advance Week: a mountain-top experience with the great poets. These poems of counsel and inspiration have been collected by Rev. Richer over a long period of years and quoted by him over and over again in his evangelistic and religious-educational work. Now they are all gathered together in this series of five meetings, Monday through Friday. This is designed as a very special service that the church may render the community. A never-to-be-forgotten experience. These are poems that stimulate the mind, warm the heart, and challenge and inspire the life.

For further information write or phone Rev. B. F. Richer, 5508 Edgewater Dr., Toledo 11, O. Phone, PONTIAC—4763.

National Convocation On The Church In Town And Country

The National Convocation on THE CHURCH IN TOWN AND COUNTRY convened at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 29-31. Three ministers of our Ohio Sandusky Conference Committee on Town & Country Church attended including the chairman, the Rev. E. T. Shepard of Benton Ridge, Ohio, and the Secretary, The Rev. Everett W. Goings, Delta, Ohio.

Practically every State had representatives who were delegates from the Evangelical United Brethren Church. On Thursday evening we enjoyed a banquet at the W. M. C. A. of all delegates of our denomination. Our own Bishop Dennis was present in addition to several Conference Superintendents.

Some of the noted speakers were the following: Joseph Ackerman, Farm Foundation; Clyde N. Rogers, Ohio Council of Churches; J. P. Schmidt, Ohio Agricultural Extension Service; Maurice Wieting, Ohio Farm Bureau; Robert Miller, Station WRFD, Columbus & Arthur Raper, United States Department of Agriculture.

Members of our TOWN & COUNTRY CHURCH COMMITTEE would like to express our appreciation to our Ohio Sandusky Conference for making it possible to attend this National Convocation. Next year it will convene at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

St. Marys Group Rally

The St. Marys Group Rally was held at the Memorial E. U. B. Church at Sidney, Ohio on Nov. 9, 1952. A potluck supper began the evening's activities at 5:30. The men, women, youth and children held separate group meetings at 6:30, which was under the direction of their officers. The mass meeting began at 7:30 in the auditorium with lay members of the different churches in the group participating. Roll call was answered by 152 and the offering was \$34.76. Rev. Joe Hendrix, pastor of the E. U. B. Church at Fletcher, Ohio, was the speaker. His subject was "Motivated Evangelism." The next meeting will be held at St. Marys on Jan. 25 with Mrs. Carl Heinmiller as speaker.

Van Wert Group Rally

The Evangelical United Brethren Churches of the Van Wert Group of the Ohio Sandusky Conference held a Group Rally on Sunday night Nov. 16 at Willshire High School with a pot-luck supper at 5:30 P. M. At 6:30 P. M. they went to various rooms for discussions on Youth Fellowship, Missions and Evangelism. They were called to the Gymnasium at 7:30 P. M. by Band music furnished by the Willshire Band. Several numbers were played during the opening services.

Dr. O. T. Deever, Dayton, Ohio, Secretary of Evangelism was Guest Speaker. There were over 300 present who listened with rapt attention to his very inspiring message.

H. L. Smith, Pastor

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson, Toledo, Ohio
"Variety is the spice of life."

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People, who are going in the wrong direction, will not get to the right place.

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The secret of success in conversation, is to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

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Christmas is a time to receive gifts as well as to give them.

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"I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true,
For the Heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do."

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May the beauty of Christmas, and the richness of the Christ life, fill you with the experience of Christian living.

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1952

(Month ending December 6th)

W P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES					
	Monthly Budget	Paid Nov.	Paid 3 Mo.	Sunday School Avg. Att.	Morning Wor. Avg. Att.
NORTHERN DISTRICT					
BOWLING GREEN GROUP					
Belmore	\$70	\$50	\$150	124	68
Center	25	22	72		20
Bethel-Townwood Ct.:					
Bethel	23	23	69	47	40
Townwood	21	20	60	20	25
Bowling Green	250	250	750	318	347
Custar	20	20	60	38	*45
West Hope	42	42	126	*66	*62
Deshler	60	60	180	86	96
Oakdale	90		270	110	102
Hoytville	100	70	210	*121	*83
Luckey	50	50	150	91	98
North Baltimore	100	200	300	*165	*96
Portage	35	140	140	89	42
Mt. Zion	60	60	180	63	66
South Liberty	50	50	115	67	54
Mt. Hermon	17	16	50	31	21
Tontogany	17		50	37	26
Webster	30	22	75	46	36
Cloverdale	20	25	69	62	62
BRYAN GROUP					
Bridgewater	45		45		
Bryan	160	160	480	226	218
Defiance, First	160	160	480	170	142
Defiance Circuit:					
Mt. Calvary	33	33	99	57	55
Rural Chapel	17	17	51	28	35
Edgerton	20	25	75	81	*80
Hicksville	165		330		
Montpelier	160	160	480	181	162
Salem	5				
West Unity	19	38	57	34	28
Ebenezer	19		38	61	61
Williams Center Ct.:					
Center	20	10	30	51	49
Logan	10	10	40	47	59
Mt. Olive	20	10	30	28	29
FOSTORIA GROUP					
Bascom	65	78	234	*93	*93
Bettsville Circuit:					
Salem	36	36	108	73	49
Trinity	45	45	135	*105	91
Bloomdale	70	70	210	122	94
Pleasant View	45	45	135	52	52
Fostoria, Bethel	58		174	106	99
Fostoria, First	280	280	840	*312	*313
Kansas	10		20		
Canaan	40	40	143		
Rising Sun	45	41.70	131.70	*90	*74
West Independence	75	75	225	*212	*208
FREMONT GROUP					
Burgoon	100	100	400	*144	*125
Fremont, Memorial	100	100	300	*120	*125
Fremont, Trinity	192	183	683	234	200
Gibsonburg	64	64	256	141	91
Green Springs	56	97.33	157.88	99	*97
Helena	59	59	177	70	66

Lindsey	130	130	390	219	171
Old Fort	100	100	300	182	119
Riley Center	13	13	39	22	27
Woodville	160	160	480	187	205
NAPOLEON GROUP					
Ai	40	27	36	48	35
Lebanon	10	30	30	28	28
Mt. Pleasant	40	40	80	43	42
Delta	56	56	168	94	84
Zion	60	60	180	124	103
Liberty Center	35	35	105	77	70
Malinta	30	30	90	60	50
McClure	100	100	300	101	75
Monclova	18	54	54	35	13
Wilkins	14			51	54
Napoleon	83	79	262	*158	92
Wauseon, First	40		80		
Wauseon Ct.: Beulah	20	23	60	56	58
North Dover	50	50	150	83	82
Whitehouse	59	59	177	*147	*116
SANDUSKY GROUP					
Bellevue	138	412.50	412.50	268	196
Flat Rock	74		148		
Kelley's Island	26				
La Carne	17	17	51	32	32
Locust Point	17	17	51	31	30
Mt. Carmel	100	100	300	119	122
Port Clinton	80	80	240	76	80
Sandusky, Columbus Ave.	22	22	66	*79	*54
Sandusky, Salem	68	272	272	69	83
TOLEDO GROUP					
Elliston	73	75	125		
Millbury	25	75	75	106	110
Rocky Ridge	13	75	75	20	22
Moline	55	48.70	104.15	122	*96
Perrysburg	65	130.84	196.26	*140	*139
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	435	276	192
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	480	120	117
Toledo, East Broadway	190	190	570	183	245
Toledo, First	280	200	600	175	145
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170	510	331	250
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	225	157	105
Toledo, Salem	60		120		
Toledo, Somerset	170	170	510	*191	245
Toledo, Upton	250	250	750	289	283
Toledo, Zion	158	160	480	218	130
Walbridge	12	12	36	58	52
Hayes	10	10	30	*58	40
SOUTHERN DISTRICT					
BUCYRUS GROUP					
Climax	10	10	30	19	19
Belleville Circuit:					
Pleasant Grove	14			36	30
Pleasant Hill	22	6	18	21	21
Trinity	29			79	78
Brokensword, Emanuel	21		100	35	53
Lykens	41	140	140	92	84
Pleasant Home	18	18.42	55.26	40	43
Bucyrus Circuit:					
Harmony	30	31	124	57	56
Zion	30	31	124	67	72
Bucyrus, First	125		125	149	149
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	500	189	155
Galion	80	80	240	170	158
Johnsville	97	97	291	131	129
Lykens-Olive Branch	22	20	64	*33	36
Mt. Zion	90				
North Robinson	60		96	58	59
Liberty Chapel	33	17	64	62	65
Oceola	60	60	180	82	77
Smithville	50	50	100		
Mt. Zion	21		62.88		

Sycamore	75	40	115	108	65	West Mansfield	12	12	36	16	18
Upper Sandusky	128	138	414	246	211	York	50	50	150	51	56
Upper Sandusky Circuit:						Celina, Bethany	153		306		
Salem	30	60	120	54	54	Celina Ct.: Hope	44	44	132	*57	53
Belle Vernon	11			27	*29	Mt. Carmel	22	44	88	70	*72
Williamsport	40	40	120	78	81	Celina, Mt. Zion	45	90	180	106	108
New Winchester	35	15.94	62.59	36	36	Celina, Bethel	15	15	45	31	31
Bairdstown	21	42	63	42	24	Celina, Old Town	16	16	48	*38	*37
Benton Ridge, Calvary	60	60	240	103	38	Fort Recovery, Bethel	18	18	54	34	36
Benton Ridge Circuit:						Olive Branch	22	22	66		
Pleasant Hill	35	10	80	49	*55	Pasco	40	40	160	*55	*62
Trinity	40	40	126	56	56	Sidney	90	90	270	*88	90
Bluffton Circuit:						St. Marys	90	90	270	108	95
Bethesda	14			22	21	Wapakoneta	48	48	144	103	98
Liberty Chapel	17	10	40	*30	*33	VAN WERT GROUP					
Olive Branch	30	15	45	*28	*23	Continental	65		65	*60	*77
Carey	91		276	*205	140	Mt. Zion	25	100	100	*45	42
Findlay, Bethlehem	90	170	270	*124	*126	Wisterman	20		60	*25	*25
Findlay, East Circuit:						Grove Hill Circuit:					
Ark	30	30	90	38	31	Blue Creek	30	20	78	37	32
Mt. Zion	45	23	69	*67	*63	Middle Creek	35	40	100	41	40
Findlay, First	312	312	936	*385	*452	Mt. Zion	25	25	75	48	46
Findlay, St. Paul's	223	223	669	372	284	Mt. Pleasant &)	80	60	180	102	99
Findlay, South Circuit:						Harmony)		10	30	22	22
Salem	25	20	30	29	26	Oakwood	60	120	240		
Pleasant Grove	25	5	20	33	31	Oakwood Circuit:					
Findlay, West Circuit:						Centenary	25	25	100	45	45
Zion	25	15	50	*53	40	Prairie Chapel	25	25	100	55	56
Powell Memorial	42	42	126	*65	*65	Ohio City Charge:					
Findlay, West Park	28	27.50	87.50	61	30	Bethel	25	25	75	*59	55
Salem	13			25	25	Mt. Zion	10	30	30	41	26
Leipsic	50	50	125	96	*111	Rockford	200	200	600	231	198
Forest Grove	20	10	30	18	17	Van Wert, Calvary	105	105	315	152	139
Kieferville	20	9	27	37	37	Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	429	189	191
Mt. Cory, Zion	40	40	120	85	76	Van Wert, North:					
Pleasant View	50	50	150	74	76	Grand Victory	44	44	132	78	62
Rawson	100	50	100	101	90	Union Center	25	25	75	70	70
Van Buren	100	200	300	131	95	Van Wert, South:					
Vanlue	50	84	150	80	75	Wood Chapel	25	25	75	*57	*53
Vanlue Circuit:						St. Peter's	12	12	36	16	*16
St. Paul	20	19	57	67	65	Willshire, Union	35	35	140	*92	*74
Union	30	30	90	39	41	Wren	65	65	195	100	97
Wharton Circuit:						WILLARD GROUP					
Beech Grove	25	11	33	30	30	Attica	20	20	60	*74	63
Big Oak	42	42	126	76	76	Attica Circuit:					
LIMA GROUP						Richmond	50	135	200	45	52
Blue Lick	25	50	75	39	33	Union Pisgah	40	82	162	58	55
Columbus Grove	150	150	450	180	160	Biddle	15	15	45	27	39
Cridersville	25	25	75	42	26	Bloomville	45	45	135	89	88
Kemp	25	25	36	*38	*35	Harmony	40	21	60	91	91
Delphos	75	75	225	124	124	Leesville	45	45	135	60	61
Dunkirk	65	65	195	83	70	Republic	30	30	90	*62	52
Walnut Grove	100	100	300	141	131	Pietist				102	101
Elida	100	50	150	*144	*136	Shelby	231	231	693	238	220
Lakeview	45		90			South Reed	22	22	66	28	25
Lima, First	231	231	693	279	280	Tiffin	75	75	225	224	160
Lima, High St.	205	205	615	*272	*260	Tiro	90	90	270	*100	*115
Marion, Ridge	22		154	29	31	Willard	285	285	1140	290	385
Santa Fe	45	20	60			Totals			\$14247.05	\$43277.10	
Vaughnsville	75	150	150			(*)—A 5% increase over last year's attendance.					
MARION GROUP						College-Seminary offerings this month—Bethel (Townwood), \$6.50;					
Cardington, Center	50	50	100	93	90	Richmond, \$42.45; Union Pisgah, \$26.08; Lindsey, \$43.76; North					
Fairview	22	15	30	27	30	Baltimore, \$13.50; Sandusky, Columbus Ave., \$6; Shelby, \$7.25;					
Hepburn	15	30	45	13	14	Woodville, \$73; Total \$218.54; Grand total including previous of-					
Hopewell	16	32	48	16	19	ferings, \$3,017.36.					
Otterbein	30	60	90	44	47	Miscellaneous Missions: Ft. Recovery for Africa, \$50; Woodville					
Marion, Calvary	195	195	780	306	*260	for Rev. Carl Ayres, \$175; Marion Calvary for Rev. James Hough,					
Marion, First	100	100	300	201	168	\$250; and for Rev. Paul Temple, \$250; Marion Oakland for Naper-					
Marion, Greenwood	92	92	276	204	*98	ville Library, \$40.					
Marion, Oakland	148	148	444	268	158	Missions Day Offerings this month amounted to \$1,028.33, listings					
Marion, Salem	27		50			for which will be given when all reports are in.					
Peoria	7	7	21	21	17						
Mt. Zion	4		8								
Broadway				23	15						

NUGGETS OF WISDOM

The following nuggetts come to our attention, but the source of them seems to belong among things unknown. We believe they are worth preserving and so we pass a few of these anonymous gems to our readers.

"Nations that take up the sword shall perish by the taxes." This is the truth so far as it goes, but it doesn't seem to go far enough, for the taxes are not limited to the nations that take up the sword, but remain the burden of the innocent as well.

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"Those who cross the seas change their skies but not their hearts." And that represents one of the most persistent problems in connection with world peace.

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"The most sensitive nerve in the human body is the one leading to the pocketbook." It is fortunate, however, if the nerve actually reaches the pocketbook.

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"Some people look so long before they leap that they never leap at all."

"Whom the gods destroy, they first make powerful."

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And now we do determine,
With warm fidelity
To practice every sermon
Which from the pulpit he
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To triumph, then, and glory,
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Upton Brotherhood

Upton Brotherhood met on Tuesday Eve, December 9th in the church social rooms. We were sorry that more were not in attendance—we missed you.

In the fellowship of the Brotherhood we hope that we shall come to know each other better—able to call each by his given name as we meet and greet you.

Each meeting has its devotional period, the remainder of time is given to minor jobs at the church—a game—or visiting and refreshments.

Meetings are at 8 the second Tuesday of each month. Come—and bring your wife to the Aid—which meets the same evening.

C. Arnold

Toledo Council Of Churches

The annual financial campaign of the Toledo Council of Churches will be conducted this year during the last two weeks of January. You will want to share in the support of this work of cooperative Protestantism in your city of Toledo. Mrs. Robert Snyder has again accepted the responsibility of campaign leader for our church. She deserves and I am sure will have your every cooperation. Mr. Claude Arnold is one of the city wide section leaders with the responsibility of giving direction to the campaign in a number of churches of this area of the city. Make your plans early for generous support in money and in prayer for the work.

O. E. J.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to Mrs. Harry Rice and sons Harry Jr. and Richard in the recent passing of Mr. Rice.

Also to Mr. Harold Beaubien and son Richard in the loss of Mrs. Beaubien, who died in Phoenix, Ariz. The body was returned here for burial.

Both Mr. Rice and Mrs. Beaubien were members of Upton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams have sent their thanks for the remembrance of church friends in the recent loss of an uncle of Mr. Williams, who resided at Van Wert.

Mrs. Clyde Kolbe lost her father a few days ago very suddenly and unexpected. Our sympathy to her.

Congregational Elections

Results of the election held on Sunday, December 14 are as follows:

Trustees: 4-yr. term—Theo. Ziegler, Clarence Williams, Cletus Hoel. 1-yr. term—L. V. Fletcher.

Class Leader—Mrs. J. R. Costin; ass't., Paul Stevens.

Sunday School—Supt., E. McShane, ass't., N. E. Kane. Associate Supt., Edw. Rien-deau.

Sunday School Secretary—Mrs. Robert McCarthy, ass't., Ione Martindale.

Sunday School Treasurer—Winifred Layman.

Ricky Goes A Fishin'

The day was warm and the sun was bright
Just such a day as the fish might bite.
With my fishin rod, with the wooden reel
That grandpa made with some little wheels,
I went a fishin'.

I made my way to Waldon's pond,
For they say that's where big fish are found.
I wore my red hat to attract attention
Of the big fish, no need of the others to mention.

I baited my hook with a nice fat worm
It was some job, for he wiggled and squirmed.

I stood on the dock, and looked over the pond
A nice quiet place to fish I found.

I threw out my line, and sat down to wait
To see which fish would get first to my bait.
I sat with patience, as grandpa would,
When he goes a fishin' and the fishin's no good.
Just a fishin'.

At last as I watched the bobbin went under.
Ah, Ha. I hollered. I got your number.
When I pulled in my line, I felt kind of sick
For instead of a fish, 'twas a water logged stick.

Evening came on, and I had to leave.
When those silly fish find, they surely will grieve
That they missed that can of nice fat worms.

But in life that is a lesson, we all have to learn.

When A Feller Goes A Fishin'.
—Bessie Jameson Wolcott.

LET THE CAROLS RING

By Belle D. Hayden

Oh, gaily, gaily, sound the carols!
Let the voices rise
Upon the stillness of the evening,
Ascending to the skies.

Choose "Holy Night," and then "Adeste,"
With faces rapt and bright.
Then let the strains of "Little Town"
Roll out upon the night.

Come; gather under neighbors' windows
Where the lights are clear,
And let the sacred tunes sound strongly;
Beautiful, and dear.

Oh, welcome Him who comes at Christmas!
Who once again is born
In Bethlehem; that all may wonder
And rejoice, once more, on Christmas Morn.

CHRISTMAS EVE WISH

By Madge Lay Ruark

Tonight enchantment lies across the earth
And childhood lives again,
As fragile as the flame at candletip
Against the frosted pane.
There is no death in this brief space of hours
No age, no faltering step, no tears.
The silver head that rods before the fire
Sends dancing feet down hushed, remem-

bered years

To little houses warm with firelight's gleam,
Fragrant with cedar bough and mistletoe.
Old voices speak, and beating hearts again
Know all the high, sweet rapture children know.

God, let this Christmas be a magic thing
For each small heart's remembering.

SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

By Ruth Margaret Gibbs

Christmas is a candle
Burning soundlessly;
Wreaths inside a window,
Tinsel on a tree.

Christmas is a greeting
Made by kindlier lips;
Smile of friend and lover,
Touch of fingertips.

Christmas is remembrance
Of a great star's glow,
And of Love Eternal
Given long ago.

SHE HELD HIM CLOSE

Coarse and rough were his swaddling clothes,

And coarse, indeed, was his bed of hay,
While snug beneath the Nazareth eaves
Surely his little garments lay
Neatly piled in a cedar chest:
Cedar from Lebanon, fragrant, sweet,
The wooly cloak and the linen gown,
And the fur-lined sandals for his feet.

Surely she crooned to the Child that night:
"Thy bed at home is smooth and soft,
The cradle which Joseph thy father made
Stands ready for thee in the chamber loft."
And she held him close as a mother would,
Shielding his flesh the best she could.

By Grace Noll Crowell

PAUL, A GREAT GIVER

Paul gave more service in spreading the Gospel than any other man in the church. He gave more instruction in writing than any other in the New Testament. He gave more care to the churches than any other man, and he gave all that he might win Christ. He gave up the hope of prominence in the Jews' religion. He gave up his people and the pleasures of a home and went into the world preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. He counted all but refuse that he might be found in him in that day. He gave more courage to the church members than any. He was ready to spend and be spent for the people. He was always ready to preach the Gospel and lose self-interest in telling about Christ and Him crucified. What a blessing to have such a giver in this world! Get his spirit and be a blessing.—H. M. Phillips

ORTHODOXY AT A PREMIUM

A dear old lady whose loyalty to the church knew no bounds, bitterly opposed the use of stained glass windows, declaring that she preferred the glass "just as God made it."