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The Upton Challenger

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Pastor's Column

January is another of the busy months of the year in the Upton church. Holy communion upon the first Sunday of the new year was a time of spiritual enrichment and dedication in preparation for the tasks of the new year. On January 11 the installation service was held officially installing the new officials in their offices for 1953. One could not help but be impressed with the large number of people required to lead in the various departments of the church's work. The following Sunday the lovely altar pieces, the cross, candlesticks and vases given by the families of Everett Dotson, Homer E. Knisely, Glenn Knisely, Thea Fisher and O. E. Johnson were dedicated. Our youth under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner led in the services of Youth Sunday on January 25 with youth in charge. The message was brought by two of our young people Richard Owens and Miss Ione Martindale. Anyone who missed any of these services missed sources of enrichment in the things of God. *It is our prayer that more and more of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to enrich themselves by being present at the morning hour of worship.*

I have during the month made 43 calls, officiated at two weddings, ministered in five funerals, held twelve consultations involving eleven hours, attended 33 meetings involving more than fifty hours, prepared and spoke ten times, spent more than forty hours in my office in administrative work and extra study, and tried to be generally on call to the need of my people. It has been a busy but a glorious month in His service.

Mrs. Withrow deserves high commendation for the work she is doing with our boys and girls in the Sunday School choir. On Friday, January 6, they had a choir banquet which the Johnson family was invited to share. It was a unique time. There were the king and queen and the prince and princess and the servants all according to royalty. I am sure that the boys and girls will never forget. Mrs. Withrow prepared and furnished the meal. Our thanks to her as she leads these in their music and fellowship. Boys and girls up to 12 years are welcome.

January 28 the Youth of the church under the leadership of Dale and Delores Wagner held their annual Youth Week observance with a carry-in supper followed by a silent Holy Communion of confession and dedication led by the pastor. This year our youth invited the youth from Calvary, First and Zion to share. There was a fine response from these churches.

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CHURCH ERECTION

FUND

February 1st

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Our Service Men

Word has been received from several of our Upton Church young men in service. Mrs. Harbaugh was happy to report that Pfc. Donald Harbaugh is well and expects to be back in the States soon. Pfc. Mearl Main, Jr. has arrived safe overseas, in Seoul, Korea. Letter received from Cpl. Robert E. Hummon, tells he is recovering from an attack of flu. A/3c Robert Dotson writes home he is well, and is glad to get letters from the home folk. Sgt. Donald Elzay, is still in Europe where he has some time to serve. Cpl. Charles Cruse, writes home he has arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska. He is well but winter has set in in Fairbanks and it is very cold. S/FC. Thomas W. Powless is in Japan, is receiving mail and has his first box. Sgt. William T. Schmitt writes home each week. He is fine. Pfc. Harry Powless is back in France after his holiday furlough to London. William Butz is in Europe. We are glad to welcome home Cpl. Richard Elzay from Europe. Cpl. Robert Ogle from Europe and Pfc. Alfred C. Hartado from the South Pacific. And Neil Stock from Europe. Word comes that Duane Johnson has been called for a two weeks' training in the Navy reserves.

We would like the parents or wives of the men to mark their birthday dates on their cards in the registry, in the vestibule, of the church. And that the people remember them with cards and also at Easter time.

We refer to them as our boys. But they are all brave men, and meet each day's responsibility with a courage that is typical of all America. They all write home and send best wishes and tell the folk thanks for remembering us. It may be the Christian training from Upton church will be a mantle they will carry to the far away lands across the seas that may fall gently around and comfort some soldier Buddy as those dark hours near. Remember them in prayer, as they request. Any word from these boys is gladly welcomed and will come to you in the Challenger.

Mrs. Wolcott

A GOOD EXAMPLE

When you come to one of those difficulties that you can't see through, imitate the cow. She looks over the fence when she can't see through it.

Board Of Trustees

One of the projects your Board of Trustees is thinking a great deal about at this time is the Church Erection Program. When this program was first started the Board of Trustees, together with additional members and the pastor, was designated the committee to look after this very important project. The results, to date, of the planning, working with the architect, financial campaign, etc. has been the work of this group. However, there is yet much work to be done, in order to move this momentous undertaking to a completion and have the various aspects of it working smoothly so that the whole program will be integrated and proceed as a well planned unit. In keeping abreast with the thinking of your Board, here are some of the items to be considered. The original group mentioned above designated to initiate and look after the Church Erection Program must be augmented to approximately double its size. This must be done to satisfactorily look after the various phases of the program, which becomes more complex as we progress nearer the building stage. Some of these items are as follows: A committee on outstanding pledges; A committee on specifications; A committee on furnishings; An organ committee; and there will undoubtedly be more. This group will need your co-operation if the project is to be successfully carried out to completion. We ask your co-operation in the following ways:

1—We earnestly solicit your prayers for guidance and wisdom in making our decisions. That the decisions will be to His honor and glory and not for worldly show or personal advancement.

2—If asked to serve on a committee, do so in good spirit and with a determination to devote yourself whole heartedly and to the best of your ability.

3—Give your financial support to the utmost. Make every effort to keep up your present pledge and when the time comes to renew it, you will have a basis for renewal. We hope upward.

If the work of the Kingdom is to increase and go forward we all must plan wisely and make some sacrifice. This article will give you some idea of the task ahead for all of us. If you have not already given it your earnest attention I urge you to do so, because the time is fast approaching when this project will be voted on by the congregation for approval. The decision then given by the congregation will be carried out. We ask your prayers and God's blessings in the days that are ahead for all of us.

Edw. Riendeau

Cooperative Christianity

Among the agencies with which the Upton church affiliates herself in the interest of the ongoing of the cause of Christ is the Toledo Council of Churches. There are some things that we cannot do separately which we can do unitedly. The Council is the means by which we can do some of these things. There is the Week-day Religious Education carried on in our city, the court work helping the needy in the hour of their difficulty, chaplains in our institutions including hospitals, lenten services daily in Old Trinity Church, Good Friday services in downtown Toledo and throughout the city cooperating in the more reverent observance of Good Friday, in city wide preaching missions and evangelism, etc., etc., etc.

January is the month of the annual financial campaign. I want to thank all who participated in making this a success for our church. She more than reached her quota. Her total giving to date is \$371.00. This is more than the quota we agreed to accept and we are glad that it is more. I should also like to say that it is not more than we should give. We are glad to have gone over our goal but we sincerely wish that it could be yet more. The need is so great and so worthy. Other churches are giving even more than we per capita although it must be admitted that some are giving less. As for Upton Church her attitude has been one of doing her best and praying God's blessing upon the effort.

Elsewhere there is word concerning faithful workers. Let me add a word for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder who have again led this work for this year. They have with consecration, efficiency and graciousness led to the successful culmination of this campaign. Too much cannot be said in their behalf. For the church and for myself personally I wish to say, "THANK YOU."

It will no doubt be of interest to this people to know that one of our number was a sectional director, directing the campaign in five or six churches, for this campaign. Mr. Claude Arnold deserves our appreciation for his willingness to accept this position and to do this work.

O. E. J.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to express, our appreciation to the workers, and all those that contributed, to the Annual Financial Campaign of the Toledo Council of Churches. We at Upton church, are proud to be associated, with so large a Christian organization, that has a part, in helping to make our city, a better place for our children and ourselves to live. Our thanks and appreciation, to the workers that gave their time, and efforts so willingly.

Those that worked were: Mrs. Earl Hatfield, Mrs. Clarence Williams, Miss Winfred Layman, Miss Frances Dotson, Mrs. W. C. Van Gunten, Mrs. Homer Stock, Mr. Cletus Hoel, Mr. Clyde Kolbe, Mrs. Dorothy Ransom; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner, Mr. and

Mrs. Ralph Lugibihl, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tressler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huffman, Mr. Robert Kuehn, Mr. George Kuehn, Mrs. Janeva Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, chairman.

Abraham Lincoln's Bible

Probably the first Bible that came into Lincoln's life was a rather large volume printed in England in 1799 with comments by the Rev. Mr. Ostervald, a Swiss divine, whose notes, translated from French were particularly popular toward the end of the eighteenth century. When and how this Bible came into the family and if the young Lincoln learned to read it himself and by whom he was taught to read, are matters of some dispute, but his name appears inside the front cover; and some are of the opinion that this autograph was written when Lincoln was only ten years old. Then there was the Bible given him by Mrs. Lucy Speed in 1841 with the recommendation that "it was the best cure for the blues." Lincoln was very low in spirits at that time and promised to read it regularly. He must have genuinely appreciated the gift, for twenty years later he sent Mrs. Speed a photograph of himself inscribed with her name and a reminder of the fact that she had given him the Bible twenty years earlier. This was an Oxford Bible whose present location is not known. The Lincoln family Bible, with "Mary Lincoln" inscribed on the cover, was a "Comprehensive Bible" printed in Philadelphia in 1847. It contained much supplementary matter and was typical of its period. In this Bible was kept the family record. Oddly enough, the Bible used at Lincoln's first inauguration was a very small one, bound in crimson plush, with a metal title-plate and metal edges, again typical style of the times.

There are a number of references to Mr. Lincoln's use of a pocket Testament, but Mr. Barton was not able to locate any copies. There is privately owned a copy of the Psalms in large type, printed by the American Bible Society, on the cover of which is the President's name and the verse Psalms 40:4: "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies." In the Essex Institute in Salem, Massachusetts is a Testament, printed also by the American Bible Society, owned by Charles W. Merrill, which during the battle of Chancellorsville stopped a billet. To replace this President Lincoln sent its owner a Bible on May 8, 1863, also owned by the Institute.

It was his life-long friend Joshua Speed, an avowed skeptic, to whom Lincoln said in 1864: "You are wrong, Speed. Take all of this book upon reason that you can, and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a happier and better man."—Reprinted by permission of The American Bible Society.—Friends Feb. 8, 1953.

Sunday School

Our average attendance during January was two hundred sixty-one as compared with two hundred fifty for last January. Also, our average offering was \$35.60 as compared with \$32.73 last year. We are very happy to have those with us who make up the increase in attendance. We sincerely welcome those of you who are new in our midst. We hope your lives may be enriched through our fellowship together and with your attendance and willing participation in God's work may our church continue to grow and serve our community better than ever before.

We are now in the midst of our City-wide Ten Percent Membership increase campaign. Some time between now and Palm Sunday let's ask that friend or neighbor of ours to come to Sunday School. By doing so you will help them and also help your class attain its goal. Remember, you can enroll them the first Sunday they come providing they express their desire to be a member by signing the card supplied for this purpose.

We are sorry to lose the Moseleys but wish them much happiness in their new church home. They are now attending Epiphany Lutheran Sunday School and church which is located within two blocks of their new home. For the past several years Mr. Moseley has taught a Sunday School class. For some time he taught the 9 and 10 year old boys. Later he was elected teacher of the Otterbein Class where he served quite some time. He then asked to be relieved to take a class of 13 and 14 year old boys. I personally feel that our Sunday School is suffering a great loss with Mr. Moseley leaving us. On the other hand, I know Mr. Moseley will be a leader wherever he is and I am sure God will continue to use him as He has at Upton. May God's blessing be upon you, Mr. and Mrs. Moseley and Joey.

Very soon now the Lenten period will begin. Let us now resolve that during Lent, we will not miss a single session of the Sunday School or worship unnecessarily. Will you try it?

E. McShane

Dorcas Circle

The first meeting of the Northwest group of the Ladies' Aid with Mrs. Homer Stock as leader was held on Feb. 5th in the church. This group will now be known as the Dorcas Circle. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 P. M. in the homes of members. All women of the N. W. section are invited. Mrs. Mehan of 1932 Marne has invited us to her home for the March meeting.

Plans for the year were made. Mrs. Cletus Hoel was appointed Bazaar chairman. An Easter Bazaar will be held. Our Circle will be in charge of the March supper.

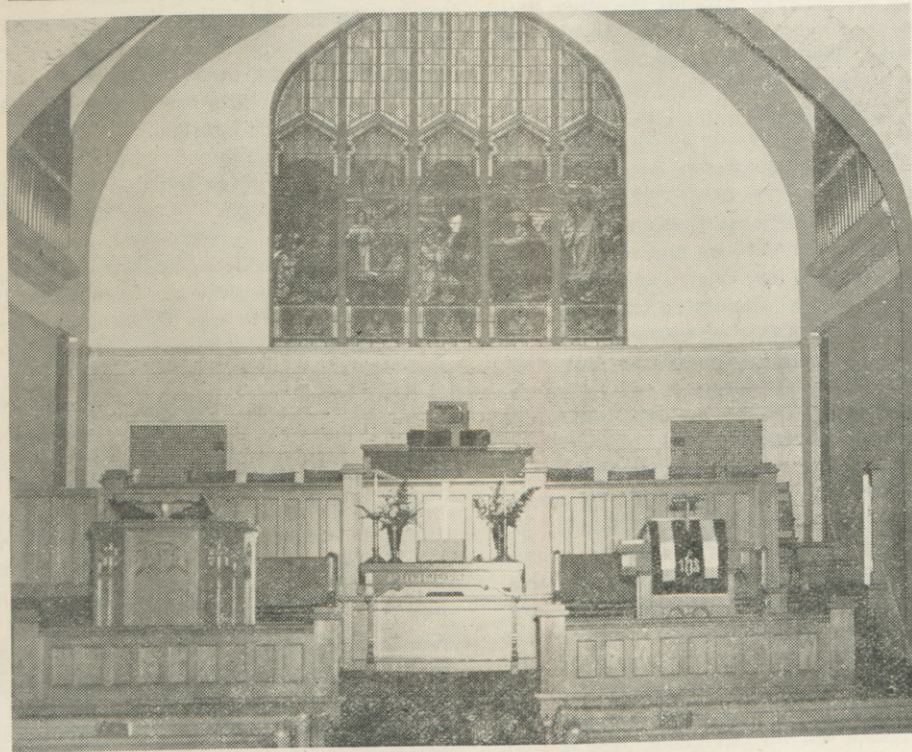
Tea and cookies were served by Mrs. Mehan to fourteen ladies in this first meeting of the group. Evelyn Braun

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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Toledo First Church Chancel, Showing Improvements

Toledo First Church Celebrates Completion Of Renovation Program

On Sunday, January 11, First Church Toledo celebrated the completion of a program of renovation and beautification of the church and grounds extending over a period of several years.

The grounds have been landscaped; a bronze bulletin board erected; the entire church redecorated; fluorescent lighting installed in the basement auditorium; the chancel enlarged; a new pulpit installed and new carpeting laid in the sanctuary. All of this was done without any financial campaign.

Superintendent F. A. Firestone was the speaker of the day. Rev. C. Clark Shedd, Executive Secretary of the Toledo Council of Churches brought greetings from the Council. The pastor, Dr. Fay M. Bowman, dedicated the new pulpit.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served in the church dining room. The pastors of the Toledo churches and their families were guests at the dinner. Rev. O. E. Johnson spoke in greeting from the Toledo Group Ministerium.

First Church is enjoying a good year. The Christmas offering for the Otterbein Home will total more than \$1000. Six candidates were received into church membership at the morning service. More are on the list who will be received shortly.

The church trustees had the Industrial Appraisal, of Pittsburg, to appraise the church and contents, which was appraised at \$350,000, with a sound insurance valuation of \$260,000.00. The trustees raised the insurance from \$86,000 to \$260,000 co-insurance.

Otterbein College News

Wade S. Miller, Director of Public Relations

E. U. B. Day

The third annual E. U. B. Day will be held on the campus of Otterbein College on Saturday, March 21, 1953. Seven scholarships valued at \$840 each or a total of \$5,880 will be awarded to winners in competitive examinations.

One scholarship will be awarded for each of the Ohio conferences, one each for Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and one for all other annual conferences combined. The program will get under way at 10:00 a. m. in Cowan Hall.

Robert Shaw Chorale

The Robert Shaw Chorale and Concert Orchestra, considered by many music critics as the most outstanding choral group in the world, will give a concert in Cowan Hall on Tuesday, March 10 at 8:15 p. m. A complete "sell-out" of tickets is expected.

Education Conference

Christian education leaders in all ten of the conferences cooperating with Otterbein

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News From North Central

Semester exams are in progress as these lines are being written. The new semester will begin February 3. Advanced information indicates that 35-40 transfer and new freshmen will enroll for the second semester. Losses by way of military service, those who complete their work, and those who do not return will nearly offset the gain.

Dr. A. H. Doescher, of Dayton, Ohio, gave valuable service to the students during our recent Spiritual Emphasis Week. In addition to the public messages he gave considerable time to personal interviews. Many of our students received new spiritual insights.

Many of our students assisted in the search for the two Naperville children that disappeared from their homes during November. The two quarries were pumped empty in the search. To date the children have not been found.

The Library Campaign is making splendid progress. The local congregations thru the channels of their annual conference are giving wonderful cooperation. Reports indicate that many congregations are raising more than one third of their goal this year. A few have raised and sent in their full three year goal. Many people from local churches are sending in special gifts for the Library beyond the contribution they are making through the local church.

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Youth Fellowship— Worship And Devotional Life Commission

The Worship and Devotional Life Commission has many duties to perform such as promoting participation in church services, supervising the devotional program of Youth Fellowship Meetings and others, but one I would like to stress is promoting the Comrades of the Quiet Hour. These are covenant cards that may be obtained from the Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio. There are three sections, all of which you fill out. You keep the top section to remind yourself of your promise. The center and bottom sections are sent to the Conference Worship and Devotional Life Chairman, which position I hold. If you have never before signed one of these I urge you to do so. If you are a reader of the BUILDERS you will find a selected passage of scripture for each day of the week to read. Two other well-known devotional helps that may be used, if you prefer, are THE UPPER ROOM and POWER. When signing the Comrades of the Quiet Hour you promise to set aside at least fifteen minutes of every day for private devotions. Every good Christian realizes the fact that in order to live a better life regular Bible reading and cultivation of private devotions are necessary.

In each Youth Fellowship meeting there ought to be a time set aside for a devotion-

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Leadership Training At Wren

During the week of January 19, the Wood Chapel Church and the Wren Church met for a most helpful training school in Leadership Training in the Wren church. The opening session found 35 interested and enthusiastic folks enrolled in six groups under the supervision of Rev. Martin, Rev. Straley, Mrs. Waldo Bennett, and Rev. Hochstettler, the conference director. The groups were leveled to meet the very specific needs and problems of the churches involved and centered Sunday School Administration and Teaching, Youth Evangelism, Christian Home-Building, and Bible Study. For five consecutive nights the interest grew and more and more were attracted to the school until on the closing night the attendance reached seventy. The testimony of the group indicated that the emphasis upon practical and useable methods and procedures accounted for the phenomenal growth. The enthusiastic support of the pastors involved was likewise a large factor in making the school a significant experience in the lives of all who attended. Plans are under way for another similar school next year and may well set the pattern for a conference-wide organization of such "Local-interest" schools.

Rev. Purdy Undergoes Operation

Rev. Walter Purdy is now at home in Rawson recuperating from a recent major operation in Blanchard Valley Hospital at Findlay, Ohio. Our prayers are for his recovery and the continued blessing of God that he may continue in His Master's service.

Foundation Principles Of Christianity

There are three principles that stand out in the teaching and example of Christ—love, faith, and service. Those principles are closely akin. So much so, that any one of them cannot exist without the other two. A tree is composed of roots, trunk and branches. Without these three, one may have a stump or a post but can not have a living, growing tree. So it is with Christianity—it is all three or nothing. Can we, as professed followers of Christ, say that we have all of these principles?

Can we truthfully say that we love everybody? It is easy to love our relatives and friends who help us. Jesus said that even the publicans and sinners do that. It isn't too hard to love those who have by accident or through mistake injured us. But what about those who deliberately and maliciously wrong us? Those who not only refuse to cooperate with us, or even leave us alone, but who actively oppose our worthy undertakings, dampen our ardor, kill our ambition, defame our relatives and friends, and butcher our reputations? If one can express active good will toward people of this type, he has nothing further to worry about as to his standing before God. He has met the acid test. Only God can and does love the unlovable; no human love can reach such a high point. Some people seem to reach it, but what actually happens is that they are filled with the Spirit of God and it is the love of God rather than their own which operates through their lives and causes them to assume an attitude of active good will toward their enemies. That is why love to one's enemies is the greatest proof that the person thus disposed is a true Christian.

If one can, by the help of God, love his enemies, then it should not be hard for him to love God, who is his best Friend, with all of his soul, mind and strength. One can check on himself at this point by raising the question as to whether or not he puts God and his cause first in life. We must be careful at this point. Many, with their words, claim to do this while they prove with their deeds that they do not.

Another foundation principle of true Christianity is faith—faith in God, in others, and self. Here again we have a triad that cannot be separated. No human who is utterly devoid of faith in others can ever believe in God, and the same is true where one has no faith in himself. It is not sufficient merely to believe in the existence of God. The adherents of heathen religions go that far. We must believe that God is Christ-like—that he is our Father. The most important thing about any person or race of people is his or their conception of God. People always tend to become like the type of God they worship. Christianity lifts people higher than any other religion because it gives the highest known conception of God.

As to the matter of faith in others, we must believe in all, even including our

enemies, just as we love all. This does not mean that we are to be gullible and not judge a tree by its fruits. It is well enough to fairly evaluate all people, including ourselves, to know their strong points and weak points. This is only the part of wisdom. All people have some good in them. As far as this good will warrant we must have faith in them, and where there is a doubt, give them the advantage of the doubt. This also goes for faith in one's self. There is a difference between humble self-confidence and egotism.

The last principle we wish to note is that of service. Jesus put this high in the realm of Christianity. When his disciples came arguing as to whom was greatest in the Kingdom of God he told them that he who would be greatest of all must be the servant of all. He was thinking in terms of unselfish deeds of helpfulness and kindness that one can render for another—service from which the worker expects no material remuneration. It is work that is done without display and is motivated by love for Christ and the recipient of the favor.

When one loves God with all the soul, mind and strength and loves others, even including his enemies, and when he has faith in God and in others, then service follows as naturally as day follows night. It was said of Jesus, "He went about doing good." He served more than all because he loved and believed more than all. Just to the extent that he lives in us the great principles of love, faith and service will operate in our lives. He longs to build his kingdom. He furnishes the power and if we will furnish the instrumentality, the two elements working together will finally succeed. Service is always the proof of faith and love.—H. O. B., in Arkansas Methodist.

Bits Of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson

You can't marry everyone you love, but you should love the one you marry.

* * *

"To err is human; to forgive is divine."

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Eve was the only indispensable woman.

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"Evil communications corrupt good manners."

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To grin makes one smile; two smiles make one happy.

"THE LIFE THAT COUNTS"

The life that counts must toil and fight;
 Must hate the wrong and love the right;
 Must stand for truth, by day, by night—
 This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked to God;
 And turns not from the cross—the rod;
 But walks with joy where Jesus trod—
 This is the life that counts.

Anonymous.

I came across this beautiful poem lately. It charmed and blessed me, so I pass on two stanzas of it. May it enrich your life as it has mine.

Former "Camper" Marries

The First Church of Christ of Shelby, Ohio, was the scene of a beautiful wedding, Saturday, January 24, when Miss Anna Lee Irey of that city became the bride of Donald L. Sullivan at 3:30 P. M. in a closed church, double ring ceremony.

Rev. Sullivan, Lima First Church, Don's father, performed the ceremony and received the vows assisted in the ceremony by Rev. Simon Davidian, the bride's pastor.

Two large beauty baskets of white gladioli and seven branch candleabra banked by palms was the beautiful background for the service.

Miss Marjorie Sullivan, sister of the groom, was at the console of the church organ for a half hour program of music before the ceremony. The bride had chosen for the occasion, "Always", "Through The Years," "Indian Love Call," "At Dawning," "I Love You Truly," "Perfect Day" and the traditional wedding marches. Mr. Paul Braden, director of music in the Shelby High School, was the vocalist singing, "O Promise Me", "Because" and for the ceremony, "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pale grey original dressmaker suit with matching stole and white accessories and carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations and stephanotis. Her travel corsage was a white orchid. The maid of honor, the bride's sister, Miss Janel Irey, wore a grey dressmaker suit and carried a cascade bouquet of pale blue iris.

Paul Smith, also a former Sandusky Camper, and fraternity brother of the groom served as the best man for the occasion.

A reception was held in the social parlors of the church following the ceremony before the couple embarked for their wedding trip to New York. Both mothers and the organist wore an orchid corsage.

The new Mrs. Sullivan is a graduate of Shelby high school employed at the present time in the First National Bank of Shelby, Ohio. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irey of Shelby, Ohio.

Don is a graduate of the Shelby High School, and was entering his junior year at Otterbein College when he was called into military service as the Ohio 37th division was called into active service. He is a Corporal in the Division Band which is stationed at Camp Polk, La. For the present the bride will reside with her parents, due to the uncertain situation of the Ohio 37th at the present time.

Don was active in the Summer Camps of Sandusky Conference attending his first camp at Lakeside, Ohio, and continuing his contact with the camping program until called into military service one year ago.

"Some men are born for great things,
Some are born for small.
For some it is not recorded
Why they were born at all."

John Oscar Mosier

Rev. J. D. Mosier was born May 22, 1862 in Van Wert County Ohio. He taught school for several years in Van Wert. In 1898 he was given license to preach by the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. 1901 he entered the active ministry. In all he preached thirty-seven years. Among the places he preached are Kendallville, Elkhart, Indianapolis, South Bend and Berne all in Indiana. He served as Superintendent in the Conference for twenty years. He was elected and attended General Conference five times. He was treasurer of the conference, trustee and held many other offices of his conference. He was married to Agatha Wise over fifty years ago. She became an invalid and Rev. Mosier dropped out of the active work to care for his sick wife. After Mrs. Mosier died fourteen months ago he went to live with their only daughter and child, Mrs. Pearl Berger in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It was at the daughter's home he died Jan. 14th at the age of ninety years and more. The funeral was held in our Trinity E. U. B. Church in Van Wert Jan. 17th at 2:00 p. m. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Maas. The burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Van Wert, Ohio.

C. P. Maas, Minister

"Why Christians Share"

A young man said, "I think I'm in love." His friend queried, "How can you tell, what makes you think so?" "That's not hard to explain," said the enamored boy, "for the first time in my life I want to give something away."

Unwittingly that boy uttered a profound statement. Love produces great changes in people. It enlarges their interests. It compels them to think and act for the sake of others.

There are many reasons why people share with God. Some give because they fear public opinion. They don't want others to think they are stingy. Some give for prestige. Some give to establish a memorial for themselves or others. Some share out of a sense of duty. When a person, however, responds to the love which is in Christ his giving is motivated to a higher level. He then shares neither grudgingly nor out of duty. Christian love has made the difference. It has enabled him to lift the horizon of his interests from self to those of God and his fellowmen.

Throughout the Lenten season let each one of us ask ourselves, "Why do I give to God? Why do I share with others? If we discover that our giving is prompted for any less reason than love, let us seek the purifying power of Christ so that our giving may actually be an expression of our devotion to the Savior.

J. Paul Jones
Sec. of Stewardship

Student Work In Ohio

The Autumn Quarter at Ohio State University came to a climactic close for the Albright-Otterbein Student Fellowship just before the Christmas holiday season. First, there was a gay tree-trimming party which not only found many students using their creative talent in putting up the beautiful tree, but also found them wrapping many fascinating toys for Santa Claus to distribute at a later party for underprivileged children. Then came the traditional Christmas dinner prepared and served in the Student Center by Rev. and Mrs. Wadsworth for the students. There were 32 students at this "family" dinner with Bishop Fred L. Dennis as their honored guest. Bishop Dennis spoke briefly concerning the significance of Christmas. Then, on the weekend before final examinations, the students displayed the true Christmas spirit by playing host to 20 underprivileged children from a community house in Columbus. A gay party with all the trimmings was thoroughly enjoyed by these boys and girls on Saturday afternoon, December 13. Shirley Soliday, David Clymer, Donna Bolen, Carol Rogers, Ted Kinsey, Gayle Niswonger, Bill Tackett, and Marjorie Harstein were the students responsible for planning and helping to make Christmas more joyous for these boys and girls. On the Sunday evening following the party, a staff member of the community house spoke to the Student Fellowship concerning the tremendous problems involved in bringing opportunities for normal living to these boys and girls.

Now the new year and the new Winter Quarter are well under way. The students are looking forward to the all-campus program of RELIGION-IN-LIFE WEEK to be held January 25-29. Several nationally known people of deep religious commitment are to serve as leaders during this momentous week of religious emphasis. The A. O. S. F. raised \$50 through a work-day program as its contribution to the Religion-In-Life budget.

The week end of February 7 and 8 will find several students from O. S. U. visiting Evangelical United Brethren students at Bowling Green State University. This fine fraternal fellowship among our EUB students on these two State university campuses was begun a year ago, and is proving to be a highlight of the year for them.

At Ohio State University approximately 15% of our student constituency are active in our Student Fellowship program. This means that if the many local students were not counted (they are not encouraged to leave their local Youth Fellowships for the Student Fellowship) the percentage would be over 25% active. Families of students, as well as home pastors, can be influential in helping their student young people to see the value in Christian fellowship and training on the campus. **THIS IS THEIR CHURCH AWAY FROM HOME—HELP THEM TO SEE ITS VALUE.**

News from the Churches

PORT CLINTON EUB CHURCH OBSERVES YOUTH SUNDAY

One hundred eighty-five persons were present at the worship service on Sunday, January 25, in observance of Youth Sunday. The young people of the church were in charge with Max Burkins presiding. Invocation was given by Miss Betty Kramer. Brief prayers were given by Mary Alice Beam, CaraAnn Webb, Donald Ice, and Judy Everett, Mrs. Ruth McRoberts, adult counsellor led the congregation in reciting the Lord's Prayer. The Junior Youth Fellowship was also present with 18 members and one visitor. The High School A Capella choir of 22 voices, under the direction of Mr. Priney Arthur, rendered four sacred numbers. Miss Deanne McRoberts read the Scripture. The offering was received by Donald Ice and Eugene Goetz. Ted Selgo, ministerial student at Otterbein College, gave the morning message, using as his topic, "These Three," and pronounced the benediction.

Rev. J. V. Bigelow, Pastor

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VAUGHNSVILLE UNION CHURCH

Vaughnsville Union Church was the center of attraction during the Christmas season. Motorist and town pedestrian alike were thrilled as they looked upon the outdoor decoration showing the birth of Christ. Special lighting features shown upon the picture revealed the beauty of many colors. Already, plans are to increase the size of the 1953 Christmas decoration.

New Year's Eve presented a wonderful opportunity for Christian worship. The four churches of the community united in a very wonderful service. The film, "Mid-Century Crusade" showing the Dr. Billy Graham's Portland, Oregon, evangelistic campaign was shown. Following the showing of the film, a Holy Communion service was offered to the worshippers, the service closing at 12 midnight.

The Vaughnsville Union Church released the minister to preach a two week evangelistic service at the Olive Branch Church of God, near Rockford, Ohio. The attendance and interest at the meeting were wonderful. The crowds exceeded the seating capacities on certain occasions.

The attendance at both the Bible School and Worship Services have suffered from the fact that many families have visited Florida, and many other families have suffered with the flu. However, the average attendance for Bible School has been 121, while the Worship Service has been 125.

The largest budget in the history of the church has been adopted for 1953. The personal envelope system has been installed and to-date has been very successful.

Wanted: One hundred sinners who will accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

Paul A. Watson, Pastor

MIDDLEPOINT CHARGE

The Mt. Pleasant Church on the Middlepoint charge closed a 3 weeks revival on Sunday, Jan. 25th. In spite of snow and ice, the attendance was very good throughout the entire campaign—an average for each service of 88. The Pastor did the preaching for the first week. For the last two weeks, our Evangelistic Singer and Preacher, Rev. Bill Pannell of Sturgis, Michigan, did the preaching and conducted the children's story time. Bro. Pannell is a very beautiful singer and his songs carry a real message. He, too, is a fearless Preacher of the Word.

As pastor and people we were all lifted to a higher realm of spiritual living during this meeting.

The above meeting resulted in the conversion of 6 young persons and 7 have been received into the fellowship of the church.

We are planning on Pre-Easter Services in this charge.

The Harmony Church of the same charge will hold their revival services from Feb. 15th to March 1st, with the JOY BELLS of Logan, Ohio, in charge of the music and Rev. J. C. Swain as the Evangelist.

Rev. Elwood Botkin, Pastor

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KELLEYS ISLAND CHURCH ERECTS NEW BULLETIN BOARD

The Kelleys Island Evangelical United Brethren Church has recently completed a new bulletin board and has it erected, of which the church people are justifiably proud. The posts between which the board is hung, are composed of stones called round heads, which have the freshly broken surface turned to face the observer. A local mason was hired for this work. Materials were obtained by the men of the church. The bulletin board is about 4 feet wide and 6 feet high. The inner board is 41" x 48" thus leaving ample room for stated services plus room for proverbs or pithy sayings.

Plans for dedication of bulletin board are being made in the spring when Rev. Firestone can be on the island.

The congregation also gave the minister and his wife a fine floor lamp with a 3 way bulb for Christmas.

C. M. Moorhead, Pastor

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CRIDERSVILLE—KEMP

Our Christmas programs at both churches were well attended. The program at Cridersville was presented by the Sunday School. An offering for Otterbein Home showed an average per member of \$1.80. At Kemp the Youth Groups had as their special guests the Accordion Band from Zender's Music Co. in Lima. This band is composed of students taught by Mr. Joe Breda. They rendered an excellent program of music for us. Our Youth Group presented a Pantomime on the Birth of Jesus to conclude the program. This was very effectively done by the use of a spotlight in various color rotations.

We began our revival at Cridersville Dec. 29 with Rev. Garrison Roebuck, Rock-

ford, Ohio, Evangelist in the Ohio Sandusky Conference, preaching. Although the first week was over school vacations and the second week weather was very unfavorable we had a very successful meeting. Many Christians expressed their personal appreciation for spiritual help received. Seven bowed at the altar either as a conversion experience or to renew faith in Christ as Lord of their life. We thank God for these victories won for His Cause.

Rev. Delbert E. Cress

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CELINA BETHANY CHURCH BUYS EAST SCHOOL SITE

Officials of the Celina Evangelical United Brethren Church recently started negotiations with the owners of the East school site to complete the purchase of the property and transfer the deed.

Trustees of the church were given the proper authority by the congregation in a congregational meeting to purchase the property as the site for the new edifice for the church.

"No plans have yet been made as to what type of building will be erected," an official of the church said, "but planning will get underway as soon as necessary funds are available." He also said that the Administrative Council had authorized formation of a temporary planning committee.

Bethany E. U. B. church was started in 1909 with 11 members under the ministry of the Rev. J. M. Lantz, who was pastor of the Celina circuit. The home of Andrew Smith was made the memorable birthplace of the church as it stands today.

The Rev. A. D. Kroft followed a year later with a camp meeting in which seven more members were taken into the fellowship of the church.

This camp meeting created greater enthusiasm for future activities, and for a time the services were held either in the city building or in the Free Methodist Church.

In 1911 the Rev. B. E. Koenig was the pastor, and with 31 members, built the present structure on the corner of Blake and N. Walnut streets. On January 14, 1912, Bishop S. C. Breyfogel led in the Dedication Service.

The following ministers then served: Rev. Frank Hartman, Rev. P. L. Browns, Rev. M. O. Herman, Rev. D. O. Wise, Rev. M. N. Sunderman, Rev. Ralph W. Loose, and Rev. Walter Adams who preceded the present pastor with nine and a half years of fine consecrated work.

The present pastor, Rev. M. W. George, moved here last September.

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DESHLER ST. PAUL E. U. B. CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE OF REMODELING PROJECT

The members of the St. Paul E. U. B. Church at Deshler, Ohio, have been busy since 1950, remodeling their church. Under the direction and supervision of the building chairman, Mr. Nelson Spangler,

many improvements have been made. The interior of the church has been completely changed. New walls, ceilings, hardwood floors, and new oak pews. A basement was put under the entire church. A modern kitchen and new furnace installed. Rest rooms were also added.

The expense of this project was met by individual and class contributions. All the dirt under the church was removed by donated labor by the men of the church. A hole was cut at the south end of the church. An incline was made so that Ford tractors could run under the church. Men with shovels and the tractors with scoops removed the dirt. Many hours of donated labor were given by the men. This fellowship and labor together brought each man satisfaction and inner joy.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 8, 1953, a special service was held when the mortgage was burned. The junior choir, which recently received new choir robes sang the anthem. The morning message was given by Rev. F. A. Firestone, superintendent of the north district of the Ohio Sandusky Conference.

The trustees were given a candle. Each candle a different color representing faith, hope, zeal, loyalty, and sacrifice, qualities of the membership which made the service possible. The trustees together touched flame to the mortgage. As it burned the congregation sang the Doxology. After the flames died out the Benediction was given by Rev. F. A. Firestone.

Emerson Iles, Pastor

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MEMORIAL E. U. B. CHURCH

The Memorial Evangelical United Brethren Church in Carey, Ohio, has purchased a Mason-Hamlin Grand Piano which is a great help in the musical portion of our services.

Revival Services

A series of revival services were held Jan. 28th to Feb. 8th. Miss Janie Bradfore of Washington, Pa., was the Evangelist. There were seven conversions. The attendance increased from the very first service and we had an average attendance at all services of 119.

The membership in general received spiritual strength and encouragement to continue the battle against sin and unrighteousness in Carey, Ohio.

We greatly appreciate the presence and help of our young people in this campaign.

S. L. Shockey

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EDUCATIONAL UNIT DEDICATED AT MOLINE, OHIO

A morning worship service and an afternoon dedicatory service were held in celebration of the completion of our educational unit, Sunday, December 14. Bishop Fred L. Dennis was the guest speaker for both of these services, speaking in the morning on the theme, "Crises of the Church," and in the afternoon concerning, "The Kingdom of God at Work." Bishop Dennis also pre-

sided during the Act of Dedication. Others present and participating in these services were the Rev. F. A. Firestone, of Bowling Green, Ohio, the District Superintendent, and the Reverends Wendell W. Freshley, of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Robert W. Sutherland, of Akron, Ohio, former pastors. Greetings which were received from two other former pastors, the Rev. L. E. Dietzel, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Rev. M. W. George, of Celina, Ohio were read.

Special music for the day included an anthem from the Ritual of St. Birgitta (14 Century), "Prayer to the Holy Spirit," arranged by Dr. M. N. Lundquist, sung by our church choir during the morning worship service, and a vocal solo, "The Narrow Way" by Florence Bjornstad was sung by the Rev. Robert W. Sutherland during the dedicatory service. James Beck, Roger Gross, Wallace Purkey, Jr., and the Rev. Edwin L. Endicott, present pastor, sang several quartet selections during the Fellowship dinner hour.

Marty former members now living in other communities and neighboring pastors and friends attended the activities for the day. A generous cash offering was received and a sizeable amount was pledged toward the cost of the new unit.

The cost of the new unit was \$25,616.00. The unit includes four class rooms, a nursery, a pastor's study room, two rest rooms and a lounge, and a large basement where two classes meet each Sunday and social groups gather during the week.

Edwin L. Endicott, Pastor

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VAN WERT CALVARY HELPS PASTOR MOVE TO NEWLY ACQUIRED PARSONAGE

Twenty four men with trucks and tractors were on hand to move the household goods of the pastor on January 12th to the newly acquired parsonage located at 117 West Maple Ave. Under the leadership of the chairman, Mr. Martin Kilgore, the following helped move: Harold Gribler, Lawrence Gribler, Eugene Mumma, Ned William, Basil Ainsworth, Walter Bashore, Silas Snyder, Meredith Springer, Bob Coutts, Clifford Bell, J. W. Shimp, J. E. Counsellor, Otto Huffine, Harold Cook, Bob Hoffman, Bob Green, Rollie Springer, Charles Smiley, R. D. Springer, Chester Greenewald, Reuben Counts and Willis Snyder. Dalton Shaw did much of the carpenter repair work in the house. Six of the ladies: Mrs. Willis Snyder, Mrs. Basil Ainsworth, Mrs. Harold Gribler, Mrs. J. E. Gribler, Mrs. Charles Smiley and Mrs. Marks prepared a lunch in the basement of the church. The moving job was over in 1½ hours. This was a splendid time of fellowship along with the work. The Ladies Aid under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Clara Faller, cleaned the entire house before moving day.

The house north of the church was also purchased and in selling the parsonage located at 223 So. Wall St. we were able to liquidate all indebtedness and \$2300.00 in the building fund. An Educational Unit and new parsonage is the vision of the

church.

Walter Marks, Pastor

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VAN WERT TRINITY

Christmas was a very busy time at Trinity church. The offering for Flat Rock Childrens Home amounted to \$306.00. We started our revival services Dec. 28th. The first week the minister and people worked together. People attended in large numbers and things were made ready for the coming of Russell Ford, who came Jan. 5 to the 11th. The attendance grew till the last night, Jan. 11th, every possible space was taken.

Rev. Ford painted pictures, directed the song service and preached. For his service Trinity gave him \$567.00. Many bowed at the altar and many more raised their hands for prayer. Our church is alive and working in earnest.

Pioneer Day was observed Jan. 18th. The full amount of \$250.00 for the Pension Fund was provided.

Now we are driving for a larger Sunday School and increased attendance at all church services. One of our largest Communion services was held Jan. 4th. The next Communion service will be held Thursday before Easter Sunday. Plans are being worked to make Easter another Red Letter Day at Trinity.

C. P. Maas, Minister

Otterbein Home Films Ready

The new 16mm Movie Films of the Otterbein Home are now ready for use for any church who desires to have them. They do not have a sound recording, but are well titled and are in color, and will run about 35 minutes.

They are free for use upon request. Make request to Dr. V. G. Hunt, Field Secretary Otterbein Home, Lebanon, Ohio, R. R. 2.

The Otterbein Home books close for the fiscal year 1952-1953 March 31, 1953. If you have not sent in your Christmas Offering, send it to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. W. P. Alspach, so that he may forward it on to the Otterbein Treasurer before that date. Thanks.

Mrs. G F. Brubaker,

Pres. O. H. Aux. Sandusky Conference

St. Marys Group Rally

The St. Marys Group Rally was held in the First E. U. B. Church at St. Marys, Ohio on January 25th. The fellowship supper at 5:30 began the activities with approximately 100 in attendance. At 6:30 the four group meetings were held with the respective officers in charge. They were inspirational and well attended. The mass meetings in the auditorium began at 7:30 with Mrs. Carl Heinmiller of Dayton, Ohio as the speaker. She showed slide films and spoke on "Gospel Trails in Nigeria". Eleven out of twelve churches answered roll call and the total attendance was 183. The offering was \$62.77. The next meeting will be held on April 26th at Hope Church on the Celina Circuit.

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1953

(Month ending February 6th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES						
Monthly Budget	Paid Jan.	Paid 5 Mo.	Home Otterbein Paid Jan.	Home Flat Rock Home Paid Jan.	Sunday School Avg. Att. Jan.	Morning Worship Avg. Att. Jan.
NORTHERN DISTRICT						
BOWLING GREEN GROUP:						
Belmore	\$70	\$50	\$250	\$187	\$	132 68
Center	25	25	125	116		15 15
Bethel-Townwood:						
Bethel	23	23	115			50 52
Townwood	21	20	100			27 27
Bowling Green	250	250	1250			342 *388
Custar	20	20	100			36 *41
West Hope	42	42	210			60 59
Deshler	60		240			89 98
Oakdale	90	90	540			112 101
Hoytville	100	70	350			110 85
Luckey	50	50	250			82 97
N. Baltimore	100	100	500	251.31		167 114
Portage	35		140			72 74
Mt. Zion	60	60	300			89 47
S. Liberty	50	50	215			66 56
Mt. Hermon	17	17	85			37 27
Tontogany	17		100			42 19
Webster	30	70	166	72		49 35
Cloverdale	25	25	119			51 52
BRYAN GROUP:						
Bridgewater	45	45	225			95 77
Bryan	160	160	800			218 209
Defiance, First	160	100	680			140 122
Defiance Circuit:						
Mt. Calvary	33	33	165		31	52 52
Rural Chapel	17	17	85			26 27
Edgerton	20	25	125			90 *89
Hicksville	165	165	825	15		*172 168
Montpelier	160	160	800	10		164 142
Salem	5					
West Unity	19		76			
Ebenezer	19		76			
Williams Center Circuit:						
Center	20	20	50			52 50
Logan	10	10	60			36 34
Mt. Olive	20	10	40	39.93		24 22
FOSTORIA GROUP:						
Bascom	65	78	390	2		86 82
Bettsville Circuit:						
Salem	36	36	180			62 38
Trinity	45	45	225			94 90
Bloomdale	70	140	350			113 75
Pleasant View	45	45	225			53 52
Fostoria, Bethel	58	116	290			107 95
Fostoria, First	280	280	1400	159		302 159
Kansas	10	10	50			28 28
Canaan	40	40	223			40 40
Rising Sun	45	41	199.47			98 *70
W. Indep'dence	75	75	375			190 183
FREMONT GROUP:						
Burgoon	100		500	330		132 *110
Fremont—						
Memorial	100	100	500			114 *129
Trinity	183	183	1049		171.20	226 199
Gibsonburg	64	64	384			137 96
Green Springs	56	71.26	229.14			
Helena	59	59	295			68 60
Lindsey	130	130	650		121.42	206 159
Old Fort	100	100	500	466.72		186 125
Riley Center	13	13	65			20 27
Woodville	160	160	800	1100		196 209

NAPOLEON GROUP:

Ai	40	56	92			50 33
Lebanon	10	20	50	23		20 22
Mt. Pleasant	40	80	160	150		48 50
Delta	56	56	280	82.50		87 82
Zion	60	60	300			107 94
Liberty Center	35	35	175			74 70
Malinta	30	30	150			48 40
McClure	100	100	500	318.54		94 60
Monclova	18		54			
Wilkins	14					
Napoleon	83	66	480			140 74
Wauseon, First	40	40	160			188 53
Wauseon Circuit:						
Beulah	20	20	100			44 41
North Dover	50	50	250			76 74
Whitehouse	59	59	295		81	126 102
SANDUSKY GROUP:						
Bellevue	138	412.50	825			233 171
Flat Rock	74		296		64	
Kelley's Island	26		100		15	
La Carne	17	17	85			35 32
Locust Point	17	17	85			24 28
Mt. Carmel	100	100	500			118 122
Port Clinton	80	80	400	166		84 99
Sandusky—						
Col'mbus Av.	22	22	110	15		*75 *62
Salem	68	68	340		25	56 *72
TOLEDO GROUP:						
Elliston	73		125		66.63	
Millbury	25	75	150			100 110
Rocky Ridge	13	60	135			30 31
Moline	55	36.35	188.15			112 84
Perrysburg	65	65.42	327.10			*122 *127
Toledo—						
Calvary	145	145	725			246 211
Colburn	160	160	800	300		100 *122
E. Br'dway	190	190	950	582.04	25	186 221
First	250	200	1000	118.06		180 140
Oakdale	170	170	850			313 245
Point Place	75	75	375	1		155 110
Saler	60	60	300			96 121
Somerset	170	170	850	252.75		184 235
Upton	250	250	1250			261 266
Zion	158	175	815			196 140
Walbridge	12	12	60			62 48
Hayes	10	10	50	38		50 31
SOUTHERN DISTRICT						
BUCYRUS GROUP:						
Bellville Circuit:						
Pleas. Grove	14					30 28
Pleasant Hill	22	6	30			19 20
Trinity	29		27.72			68 68
Brokensword,						
Emanuel	21		100			41 32
Lykens	41		140			92 91
Pleas. Home	18	36.84	92.10			44 42
Bucyrus Circuit:						
Harmony	30	31	186			40 41
Zion	30	31	186			58 57
Bucyrus—						
First	125		125			136 136
Grace	125	125	750			177 187
Galion	80	80	400	15		159 151
Johnsville	97	97	485			126 123
Lykens,						
Olive Branch	22	14	98			
Mt. Zion	90	180	360	130		
N. Winchester	35	24.58	105.42	50.03		38 38
Climax	10	20	50			25 25
N. Robnson	60	100.50	235.50			51 52
Lib'ty Chapel	33	31	101			59 61
Oceola	60	75	255	153.15		74 69
Smithville	50	50	250	100		58 57
Mt. Zion	21	14.55	100.23	71		37 27

Children's Workers Conference

On March 13, and 14, under the direction of the Conference Board of Christian Education, the Children's Workers (Teachers, Superintendents and Directors) of the conference will meet in convention at First Church, Findlay. The underlying purpose of the gathering is to supply assistance to workers with children in local churches. The various phases of effective children's work will furnish a background for the addresses and discussion groups which will constitute the program of the convention. Miss Rachel Brant, Denominational Director of Children's Work, will have a large place on the program and with her will be a representative of the Children's Publications Department of the Otterbein Press to demonstrate new materials and their proper use in the church school curriculum for children. Mrs. Barbara Nolin, former Associate Director of Religious Education, will address the group on Saturday morning. Miss Dorothea Woolcott, nationally known authority on children's work, will be the banquet speaker on Friday night. It is hoped that every church will be represented at this conference and share in the program which can be instrumental in lifting the level of children's work in the local church to a higher degree of effectiveness and meaning. To encourage attendance the suggestion is made that the local Sunday Schools assume the expense involved in sending their representatives. The plans for the convention are being cared for most efficiently by Miss White, Conference Director of Children's Work, and her committee.

Viewing Visuals . . .

"Repetition is the first law of learning" and perhaps a reminder will succeed in getting our Leadership Education Audio-Visuals Kit back into more frequent circulation. Ministers who have experimented with the LEAV Kit have found it to be an excellent source of material for Teacher-training Courses and for Sunday School Council meetings; but so many of you have never given it a try. So permit me to repeat that there are available, for the small rental fee of 50c, a series of 10 filmstrips with records:

- "The Great Adventure"
- "Leads to Leadership"
- "The Growing Teacher"
- "How Persons Learn"
- "Making the Most of Rooms and Equipment"
- "So You're the Superintendent"
- "As a Twig is Bent"
- "No Two Alike"
- "The Teacher Prepares"
- "The Teacher Teaches"

Some of these may help to solve that perplexing problem in your educational program. Make your reservations now.

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Good News for our Conference! We now

have, on a six-month consignment, the new Denominational Stewardship film entitled "More for Peace". This excellent film may be rented by our conference members only, on a free-will offering basis. With a \$15 maximum, the local church may keep any surplus for its own audio-visual treasury. Get your reservation made NOW, so that this film may get maximum use in this six-month period. Address requests to: Jack Stowell, Bascom, Ohio.

News from North Central

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This is keenly appreciated in view of the fact that \$270,000.00 must be raised in special gifts from friends of the College and Seminary. It is hoped that at least \$15,000.00 more than the total goal of \$700,000.00 can be raised to help cover added inflation, travel, administration and other incidental expenses that develop in every campaign not fully covered in the original figures.

We invite young people, parents, church workers, and all interested people to visit our campus. If you write we can suggest dates that may be of special interest.

Youth Fellowship—

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al program and it is the duty of this particular commission to promote this. For something different you may have all the young people bring their Bibles and spend approximately ten minutes with just Bible reading then have a short discussion to see what was accomplished from the reading.

In order to have a growing Youth Fellowship, more duties than these mentioned should be done and if your Youth Fellowship has done or is planning anything unique I would appreciate it very much if you would pass your ideas on to me so that I may inform other Youth Fellowships of them when I am asked for suggestions.

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Conference Worship and Devotional Life Chairman

N. C. R. E.

Our conference was represented at the annual meeting of the National Council of Religious Education in Cincinnati (Feb. 10-13) by Revs. Walter and Freshley, Conference Youth Directors; Rev. Stover, Director of Intermediates; and Rev. Hochstetler, General Director. The meeting, with its headquarters and most of its sessions meeting in the Sheraton-Gibson hotel, was a source of real help and inspiration. The new programs being promoted in the various fields will be channeled into the local churches thru the directors in attendance. Of the 1300 members present, 11% were Evangelical United Brethren. Dr. Reuben Mueller serves the NCRE as corresponding secretary. Rev. Glenn O'dell of Indianapolis, served as chairman of the Pastors' division and Dr. Ranck has for several years headed the youth section.

Otterbein College News

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have been invited to a Christian Education Conference to be held on the campus on March 10 and 11.

Faculty members and conference leaders will share their views on the contribution the college should make to the church and what the college has a right to expect from the church.

Development Fund Report

Alumni contributed to Otterbein College during 1952 a total of \$30,151.76 in the annual giving program. This represented gifts from 1,342 alumni. The average gift was \$22.46. Alumni have demonstrated in a very tangible way their intense loyalty to their alma mater.

CCA Campus Chest Drive

The Council of Christian Associations conducted a "Campus Community Chest" drive during the first week of February. The goal was \$700 to be divided as follows:

World Student Service Fund	\$200
International Christian University	125
Overseas Student Scholarship Fund	200
Religious Emphasis Week	150
Negro Scholarship Fund	25

As this is written it is expected that the goal will be oversubscribed.

Mid-Year Graduation

Twelve students completed graduation requirements at the end of the first semester. They will return in June for commencement and their diplomas. The twelve are: Lowell Bassett, Kansas, Ohio; Richard Baum, Lorain, Ohio; Bruce Caldwell, Westerville, Ohio; Helen Morton Coberly, Westerville, Ohio; Esther Granger, Qurchie, Guatemala; Doris McFarland, Columbus, Ohio; Robert McMullen, Hillsboro, Ohio; Marilyn Jean McDonald, Cincinnati, Ohio; Patricia Packer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert Seibert, Altoona, Pa.; Robert Sherman, Cleveland, Ohio; and Clara Stiles, Hadley, Massachusetts.

A New Song Dedicated To Dale And Thelma Girton

Rev. and Mrs. George Reep, of Green Springs, Ohio, have written a song, both the words and music, entitled "He Will Carry Me Through" and have dedicated it to Dale and Thelma Girton. It has been published and copyrighted both U. S. and International. It can be secured by writing Rev. Reep. There is no price on the music, but price is whatever anyone wants to give. Whatever is received above cost will be placed in their son's educational fund who is a ministerial student of Ohio Sandusky Conference.

The Reeps are members of Mt. Carmel Church where Dale and Thelma Girton belong and attend. They have been evangelists for the past 32 years.

MORE EXCITEMENT, PROBABLY

Somebody goes on to say that it is easier to live your creed than to argue about it. But still there are those who would rather argue.

W. S. W. S.

The Women's Society of World Service met in the church on Friday evening, Feb. 6th, 1953. There was a good number of our members present and it was a nice way to welcome our president back from her trip. The meeting was opened with Jesus Is All The World To Me sung by the members. Mrs. Kuehnl led in prayer. The various secretaries gave their reports. Mrs. Gilford Secretary of Spiritual Life asked us to remember our Thankoffering boxes and to remember to give thanks for our blessings.

We were asked to remember World Day of Prayer to be held in the Trinity Church on February 20th. Several other meetings were discussed. An invitation from the Zion Church was read for a luncheon to be held at their church on March 5, 1953. Reservations to be made before March 1st. The Women's Federation meets at the Colburn Church on Feb. 24, 1953.

Our election to be held next month was discussed and our president appointed Mrs. Madge Snyder, Mrs. Alice Papenfuss and Mrs. Lea Costin as nominating committee.

The program was under the leadership of Mrs. Vada Mark. Scripture was read by Mrs. Joan Main. Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Brannon gave short talks on several of the missionaries. We then had a wonderful talk by Miss Eileen Perrin, a missionary from Africa. She showed us curios from Africa and then told us many interesting things about this strange country.

We wish to thank the committee for this program and the delightful refreshments served afterwards. Thanks ladies.

R. N.

Primary Department

Attendance pins were given to the following youngsters during the months of December and January.

3 Mo.—Connie Scherer, Mrs. Katschke, Linda Rigby, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Frybarger, Sharon Garno.

6 Mo.—Karen Sowers, Phyllis Johnson, Stephen Lewis.

9 Mo.—Karen Tressler, Connie Hood, Ronnie Hood, Beth Katschke.

3 Years—Kathy Blake.

5 Years—Dennis Main.

All of us in the Primary Department were very sorry to have Mrs. Main leave us. She was a loyal and faithful Superintendent and all of the youngsters will miss her. Our new Superintendent is not a stranger to any of us, as she was the teacher for the 5 and 6 year olds. We welcome Mrs. Lugibihl and wish her every success in her new job as Superintendent of the Primary Department. We also welcome back Joanne Kerr who is taking over the 4 year olds in replacing Norma Johnson. Our third new teacher is Mrs. Nelson who is teaching the 5 and 6 year olds and is playing the piano for the assembly period.

Respectfully submitted
Frances Dotson, Secy'
Primary Dept.

Upton Brotherhood

The Brotherhood met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13th.

Rev. Johnson agreed to lead us in the study of the book of John. We are studying the book of John and those who complete the work will be eligible for credit in the Ohio Sandusky Conference study course. This period of study each month will be in lieu of the regular devotions.

Plans were made for the Father and Son Banquet which is being held this week, on Friday.

The Ladies' Aid joined us after their session in the Parish House and served us a fine lunch.

All men and boys of the church are urged to join our group in fine fellowship.

C. Arnold, Pres.

Beginners Class

If your little one did not get started in Sunday School when he was a baby and you are now hesitating about sending him because he might cry or "act up," we want you to know we understand these things, and they are to be expected.

Perhaps you would like to come with your three or four year old for a Sunday or two. He will probably soon feel at home and look forward to coming every Sunday.

Our beginners have their worship service, songs and prayer with the entire group. Then we go to our class room for our lesson. We sometimes play a little game, color, or make a little something to take home.

Beginner's Teacher, Virginia Hendrickson.

Willing Workers Class

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shaffer of 2123 Evansdale Ave., served as host and hostess to the Willing Workers class Thursday evening, Jan. 29. Thirty members were present. The meeting was called to order by the Class President, Mr. Snyder and with all repeating the Lord's prayer. During the business meeting plans were made for our 10% increase campaign. We are also making plans for a bake sale to be held in the near future. This money will be used to replenish our Erection fund.

We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson with us. Why don't some more of you folks come and meet with us and enjoy the fine fellowship.

We have been having a wonderful class attendance each Sunday morning but we need you folks who have not been coming.

After the business meeting Mr. Arnold and Mr. Shaffer had a very nice entertainment planned for the evening. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ogle and Mrs. Arnold.

We invite you to come and share with us each Sunday morning at 9:25.

S. Harbaugh

Upton Choir

The choir elected their new officers in January. They are as follows: Mr. French, Pres., Mr. Treece, V. Pres.; Mrs. Kuehnl, Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. Costin, Ass't. Sec.-Treas.; Pat Shreves, Librarian and Frances Dotson, Challenger reporter.

The choir was handicapped during the month of January due to so much illness among our members. We wish a speedy recovery to Pat Shreves, Mrs. Hoel, Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Rhoades.

We have started to work on our Easter Music and practice faithfully every Thursday night.

We wish to congratulate Ardis Brown on her recent marriage and wish her every happiness and anticipate her return to the choir.

Frances Dotson, Reporter

Otterbein Class

The Otterbein class is very happy and proud to announce that we have a new teacher in the person of Mr. Paul Stevens. The Stevens family recently transferred from Colburn church. We feel that their loss has been our gain.

Mrs. Rachel Parachek and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ziegler have vacationed in Florida since our last issue. Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Main and Mr. Paul Beck have been ill at their homes.

The monthly class meeting will be held on next Sunday, the 15th.

Evelyn Turner

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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There are many other things that might be mentioned but I must refrain. March will bring much opportunity for our christian growth as we approach the Easter Day. Don't miss them. The Sunday School welcomes and needs you. Worship will profit and you will profit by your being present. There will be mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday evenings in cooperation with Calvary, Zion and First E. U.B. churches. Look for the places and the speakers in the coming announcements and plan to be present.

Holy Week beginning March 29 will be observed in Upton church by the annual candle light Holy Communion and baptism of adults on Thursday night. Good Friday services will be from 1:15 to 2:30 Good Friday afternoon, Dr. F. A. Firestone, conference superintendent will be the guest preacher. Easter services will be at 8:00 A. M. and at 10:30 A. M. with Baptism of children and reception of members. Sunday School at 9:25. See the pastor to arrange for baptism and for church membership. Palm Sunday will also have the two services, one at 8:00 and one at 10:30 with Sunday School at 9:25.

We solicit your help in your constant prayers, in your loyalty to the calls of Christ through his church and in your presence at the Sunday services. How much you can mean to your fellows and to your pastor in the doing of these things.

O. E. J.

Upton Church Membership

Cressler, R. 2, Hillsdale, Mich. James Ruth, Mrs. Catherine		Doyen, 3716 Jackman Wilbur Mildred, Mrs.	Ki. 6929
Cruse, 1730 Mansfield Paul Marie, Mrs. Chas. Joan	La. 8253	Dreher, 2341 Oakgrove Harold Henrietta, Mrs.	KL. 3179
Cully, 3901 Elmhurst Orlo Pauline, Mrs.	Ki. 4916	Dudley, 3622 Hoiles Ladonna, Mrs.	
Cuthbert, 3827 Buell Martha Jean	Ki. 0679	Dutcher 4822 Oakland Pkwy. Eugene June, Mrs.	
Chudzinski 131 W. Park Helen Mrs.	Ma. 4452	Dutcher, 2441 Trenton Roland Lulu, Mrs.	Em. 3375
Dandino, 417 Waggoner Blvd. Geraldine, Mrs.		Eakes, 5562 Elmer Dr. Elbert	
Davis, 3311 Van Fleet Pkwy. Robert Marietta, Mrs.	Lu. 24075	Edwards, 201 Deigle Eileen, Mrs.	Lu. 73856
Degener, 5604 Gay St. Corwin Beatrice, Mrs.	Ki. 7505	Ehrmin, 2120 Marlow Katherine, Mrs.	La. 1904
Degener, 2532 Grantwood O. H. Margaret, Mrs.	La. 8265	Elder, 3665 Sherbrooke J. W. Margie, Mrs.	La. 7029
Dellinger, 1802 Stahlwood Viola, Mrs.	Ki. 8676	Elder, 438 Front St., Perrysburg, O. Lynn	
DeWese, 6122 Petersburg Rd. Mary, Mrs.	(Cox)	Ellis, 1845 Balkan Homer Donna, Mrs.	La. 8952
Dexter, Midland, Mich. Margaret, Mrs.		Elson, 1101 Cribb Miles, Dona, Mrs.	Ki. 6391
Dickson Non-Resident Jewell, Mrs.		Elzay, 311 Sumner Chas. Ira, Mrs. Richard Donald—(Service)	Ga. 8524
Diener, 3640 Sherbrooke Ruth, Mrs.	Ki. 3765	Emison, Dewey Edythe, Mrs.	Calif.
Dillon, 1516 Idaho LeRoy Margaret, Mrs.	Ta. 8725	Erb, 1821 Cone Henry Mabel, Mrs.	Ad. 9636
Dingler, Verna, Mrs.			
Divine, 2021 Mansfield Lillard Gladys, Mrs.	La. 6742		
Donovan, 1513 Biscayne Walter Barbara, Mrs.	La. 8270		
Dotson, 1747 Duncan Everett Estelle, Mrs. Francis Robert, Mrs.	La. 2570		

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Jack & Jill Class

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Papefuss opened their home to the Jack and Jill class for the January class meeting. We were delighted to have Mrs. Callender with us for it has been a long time since she has attended our meetings.

Clyde Kolbe, the new president took charge of the meeting. The class is yet taking orders for candy. Orders may be given the last Sunday of each month and

Dr. C. O. Callender

There was in last month's Challenger a sketch concerning Dr. Callender who passed to his crowning last month on Dec. 20. I would like this opportunity to speak a word of personal appreciation for this man of God who gave himself to the call of God in the least to the best within the bounds of our church for while he started with our smaller churches he soon must be used in larger fields. For nineteen years he served two of our Toledo churches, spending the longest term of years in Toledo pastorates of any man in our conference in all our history.

He upon retirement from the appointive pastorate became affiliated, together with his good wife, with Upton church. Their presence has been a blessing and a benediction from God to both the pastor and people. We can never forget the loyalty, the willingness to do whatever possible, the unobtrusiveness, the stabilizing influence of the lives of these two old veterans of the church in the midst of a very young church who needed so much this influence. His kindly, genial, christian spirit will bear fruit for years to come. His going leaves us with a sense of loss but even more with a sense of gain for what we have lost in earth's contacts we more than gain in heaven's appeal. He makes us to say, "He shall not return to us but we shall go to him."

O. E. J.

Among Our People

Our sympathy to Mrs. Samuel Goodman and family in the recent passing of Mr. Goodman. A card acknowledging and thanking the church for its expression of sympathy has been received.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilbert on the arrival of a baby girl.

Our congratulations to three of our church girls upon their recent marriages:—Mr. and Mrs. Elden Tobian, nee Geraldine Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Ziegler, nee Ardis Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers, nee Donna Brannan.

Mrs. R. C. McFarland sends her thanks for the church's remembrance when she was ill in the hospital recently.

A card of thanks has come from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wagar for the Cradle Roll Department's gift to their new arrival.

deliveries will be made the following week. Our thanks to those who helped in our Christmas project. The class is endeavoring to collect small and suitable toys for the small children of the church nursery. See any member if you have any that you wish to donate.

All young married people are most welcome to our S. S. class and class meetings.

A. P.