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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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Pastor's Column

March has been one of the very busy but also very fruitful months in this year's work of the Upton Church. There were up to and including Easter 35 baptisms, 67% who joined the church and an offering of over \$4500 for Easter with more than \$3700 in the special Easter offering. At the candlelight Holy Communion on Tuesday evening of Holy Week and at the two worship services on Easter people were turned away because there was not enough room for them.

These things indicate a busy time for your pastor and for many others. As for your pastor it has been an exceedingly busy time. In this busy time I would not be fair if I did not speak a word of appreciation for so many who did so much to help in the on going of the work. The musicians, the secretary, the officials and heads of departments, the teachers, special committees, etc., etc.

It is my candid opinion that there is also indicated the need for additional room and facilities in the Easter season through which we have just passed. But I would not base the need for the completion of the building upon this alone. How much more we could do in so many ways if we had the facilities. Our boys and girls must do with a very limited program in comparison with what we would like or could do if we had the facilities. I do not mean that we are not doing a good job now but I do mean that it could be so much better if our splendid workers were given the chance. Our youth and adults are actually being deprived of benefits that can mean so much to their lives and to the Kingdom in general.

It is my opinion that an overwhelming number of our people want us to proceed with the building. It is my opinion further that they are right in their desire. To the end that we may proceed intelligently there is now being set up by the Council of administration a Building Committee to gather facts, make plans and formulate recommendations that the congregation may have them in order that in the near future the congregation may decide whether or not to proceed with building. Pray much and if you are called upon to serve in this matter do so with all your consecration. You will be much needed.

May will be filled with many good things. Mother and Daughter banquet will be held Wed. evening, May 6th. Mother's Day will be observed May 10. Recognition for those graduating from high school and college will be May 17 and the Memorial day services will be held May 31. You will want to be present for them all. June 7th will be

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CHURCH ERECTION FUND

April 1st	\$31,957.20
Easter Offering	2,644.85
Total	\$34,602.05

PROGRAM FOR MAY

- May 10th — Mother's Day
Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanFleet—Chm.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rigby
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hopkins
Mr. Clyde Pegorch
- May 17th — Graduation Day
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frybarger, Chm.
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Spencer
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rhoades
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner
- May 24 — Memorial Day
Mrs. O. E. Johnson, Chm.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stevens
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chatfield
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stook

Board Of Trustees

Decisions were made at the March meeting to appoint committees as follows—

Mr. Riendeau and Mr. Williams to care for anything pertaining to the upkeep of the Church; Mr. Ziegler and Mr. Hoel, the Church grounds; Mr. VanGunten and Mr. Leonard, the parsonage; Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Kane, the parish house.

These committees will appreciate any suggestions you might have to offer pertaining to the above.

Again we are deeply thankful to our heavenly Father and the good people of Upton church for the splendid way in which they have answered the call for the needs of our church.

We are happy to tell you the total offering including Palm Sunday and Easter for the Church erection fund was \$2,644.85. Our thanks to each and everyone.

We should not stop for there is yet much to be done. Truly God is working with our people. With continued prayers and loyalty in attendance and with our payment of pledges we shall go forward toward the enlargement of our church by 1954, and in so doing we can continue to bring more sheep into the fold. Surely the harvest is ripe so let us all work together in the great soul saving work of our Master.

We ask the interest of all in your prayers.

C. L. Williams

W. S. W. S.

The Women's Society of World Service met in the Church Social Rooms on Friday April 10th, 1953 with twenty-two ladies present. The usual business meeting was held with our President naming her committees for the Mother's and Daughter's banquet to be held in the church Social Rooms on May 6th, at 6 P. M. Please see Mrs. Kuehn or Mrs. Virgie Ziegler for tickets. These ladies will be in the church vestibule immediately after the Sunday Morning Worship service at which time you may purchase your tickets. The price of the tickets is \$1.00 for adults and 75c for children. All reservations must be in by May 3rd.

The devotions were led by Mrs. Mary Rathke, who gave us a report on the Missionary fields and the leprosy work being done at the various mission stations. After the devotional period the ladies had brought old clean torn shirts and bed linens that we fixed to be sent to these various leprosy colonies. The linens were torn up in various widths and rolled up for use as bandages. The shirts were fixed without collars and the sleeves made short for the patients to wear. Everyone present enjoyed the fellowship of each other and felt she had accomplished something. The true meaning of missionary women was experienced with this work.

A social hour followed with home-made cookies and tea and coffee served by the committee. We wish to thank the ladies for their delightful refreshments. REMEMBER THE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S BANQUET, MAY 6th.

E. N.

Upton Choir

The choir extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. French in the death of his mother and to Mrs. Rhoades in the death of her baby grandchild.

During the month of March a short business meeting was held after rehearsal to tell our new members about our monthly dues and to get them acquainted with our rules and bylaws.

Special note to all choir members and to anyone who was ever in the choir. Will you please look in your home for any music that you might have borrowed. Our music supply is dwindling very fast. If you have a black music folder will you please return that also.

Frances Dotson
Reporter

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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Holy Communion and reception of members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the church or know of some one please notify the pastor at once.

It is past the midnight hour after a long and busy day. Some six hours have been spent in the office in executive and administrative work. There have been the hospital calls, two consultations of more than an hour each, and two meetings in official capacity of the local church and another social gathering. We began about 7:30 this morning. It has been a good and long and busy day. It is now time to rest. Pray for your church, your pastor one another and for yourself that we may do well our part in His great Cause.

O. E. J.

Girls Missionary Guild

Candlelight and roses was the setting for a very beautiful installation service for the newly elected counsellor and officers of the Girls' Missionary Guild. This service was held at the parsonage under the direction of Mrs. O. E. Johnson acting counsellor of the past year, on Wednesday evening, April 15th.

The program was opened with the singing of favorite hymns of the girls. The duties of each officer was carefully explained and following the installation, a red rose was pinned on each new officer by Princess Johnson, outgoing president and a corsage presented to the new counsellor, Mrs. E. J. Chatfield.

The girls taking new office are:

- Jan Adams, president
- Marilyn McShane, vice president
- Mary Simmers, secretary; Carolyn Daltor, assistant
- Helen Bruce, treasurer; Carole Myers, assistant
- Princess Johnson, sec. of spiritual life
- Sandra Jackson, sec. of social relations
- Sharon Spaulding, sec. of literature.
- Carol Jaynes and Patricia Shreves, fellowship committee

There were seventeen present. Following the program, refreshments were served by Mrs. Johnson and Princess.

Next month (May) being the Mother and Daughter banquet which is sponsored by all three missionary groups of the church, the new officers will actually begin their duties in June. However, committees will be meeting and planning for the coming year very soon.

These girls are looking forward to welcoming new members which will be transferred from the Friendship Guild at the banquet. Any girls from 12-24 interested in Missionary work are welcome and urged to become a member of the Girls Missionary Guild. The guild has grown very much in the past year and we feel that there are still greater things in store for them.

Pearl Johnson

Our Service Men

We are always happy for the return of boys of the Upton Church who have been in the service of our country.

Cpl. Robert E. Hummon who is stationed at Camp Custer, Mich. where he is assistant chaplain at the chapel will be discharged and home this coming week.

Cpl. Raymond Butz has returned from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and Cpl. Albert McIlrath from Europe.

While some have returned other are leaving.

Herschel D. Ulrich has left. His address is—H. D. Ulrich—A. F. 15497922 F. 2445 - 3666 Bn. Afc. Base New York, N. Y.

As these boys leave we must not forget that as we enjoy the blessings of home and friends they are going where conditions are far different. They are sacrificing all plans for the future. It is our duty to remember them with cheerful letters and cards and some of the things of which we are blessed at home. We should not need to urge the people of Upton to write these boys. Let them know that we remember them in prayer. It will give them courage for whatever the day may bring. Remember all those fighting in Korea. — Some may not have loved ones to remember or pray for them.

Will you share with the church family some word that you might receive from the boys. Birthdays should be checked on the registry.

Last month we printed two letters from boys who sent their thanks for boxes sent them at Christmas time. These letters had been sent to Mr. Kane who is President of the Otterbein class, leading some to think that this class had sent the boxes. The Willing Workers class under direction of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder had charge of and sent these boxes.

Mrs. Wolcott

Primary Sunday School

During the months of February and March the following pins were given out for perfect attendance in Sunday School:

3 Months.—Sonny Brooks, Ricky Helm, Paula Stevens.

6 Months.—Merril Kane Frank Schumacher, Richard Papenfuss, Carol McShane, Linda Hendrickson, Leslie Matheys, Daney Gustafson, Connie Scherer, Nancy Freeman.

9 months.—Deborah Johnson.

1 Year.—Ashley Wilson, Connie Hood, Ronnie Hood.

2 Years.—Doris Dunkle, Nancy Stewart.

2 Years 6 Months.—Cheryl Johnson.

4 Years.—Karen Tressler.

5 Years 9 Months.—Phyllis Johnson.

6 Years 9 Months.—Mrs. Baker.

We think it is pretty wonderful to hand out those pins to those who have attended for 4, 5 and 6 years without missing a Sunday.

Frances Dotson
Secy. Primary Dept.

Ladies Aid

There were over thirty ladies at our April 14th meeting. A few new faces each month, and this makes our Aid members very happy.

Our chaplain, Mrs. Johnson, led in devotions. It was a most interesting topic as it dwelt on the names Adah, Dorcas, Mary, Martha and Fidelis. As you know these are the names of our various groups.

Reports were heard and all committees reported.

Again—we all thank Mr. and Mrs. Meham also Mr. and Mrs. Stock for their work on the "Snuggie" Dish Cloth. This has turned into quite a project, with splendid results.

Ladies, we have a Rex Cleaner for washing walls and woodwork at 35c a pound. This cleaner is very good. Contact anyone in the Aid if you wish to try some.

There is to be a Silent Auction at our June meeting. Anything is accepted, so bring an item and come. That date will be June 9th at 7:30 P. M.

The Aid is having a Rummage Sale at Grace Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 6th. We need your rummage, so please save it for us. It can be taken to our Church basement, in the furnace room for storage, or some one will pick it up. You may contact Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Dotson, Mrs. Chatfield or Mrs. Wibel.

The Brotherhood served the Ladies Aid refreshments after the business meeting.

G. W.

Council Of Administration

Upton Council met on Tuesday evening, April 7th in regular session. Twenty-two members and one visitor were present. This was a fine group and our thanks for the interest and attendance.

Reports for the month of March were brought by the various treasurers. The month prior to Easter is a very busy month especially for the pastor, and this year it seemed more so, however, results of the Easter day show that rewards came,

Regular matters of business were cared for.

Those present were—Mr. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold was our visitor, Mr. Beavers, Mrs. Blake, Mr. Fletcher, Mrs. Hatfield, Mr. Hoel, Gordon Johnson, Mr. Knisely, Mr. Kolbe, Mrs. Kuehn, Miss Layman, Mr. Lugibihl, Mr. McShane, Mr. Fiendeau, Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt, Mr. Van Fleet, Mr. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler, Pastor and Secy. Excused were—Mrs. Johnson and Princess and Mr. Harbaugh. Those absent were — Mr. Brannan, Mrs. Braun, Mrs. Costin, Mr. French, Mr. and Mrs. Kane, Mr. Leach, Mr. Leonard, Mrs. Lugibihl, Kenneth McGuire, Mr. Main, Miss Shreves, Mr. Tressler, Mr. VanGuntten, Mr. Vernier, and Mr. and Mrs. Wagner.

H. Coder, Sec'y.

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

Otterbein College News

Wade S. Miller, Director of Public Relations
Scholarship Winners

Seven scholarships valued at \$860 each were awarded to high school seniors on the basis of grades earned in competitive examinations on E. U. B. Day, March 21.

The winner from our conference was Rae Jeanne Fox, Stonecreek, O.

Representative Seniors

The senior class elected four of its members and designated them as Representative Seniors. The seniors were asked to vote for the four persons who, in their judgment, had contributed the most to their class and to the college in all phases of college life.

The four selected were Marilyn Day, Middletown; Lenore Rosselot, Atlanta, Georgia; Gene Riblet, Mansfield; and Maurice Schutz, Pandora. This is one of the most coveted honors a senior can receive.

Speech Department Activities

Two Otterbein students will represent the college at a national speech convention to be held at Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, during the spring vacation.

Beth Hammon, Middletown, will speak on "Stone Walls Do Not a Prison Make" and Jim Gibson, Marysville, has chosen for his subject "For Whom the Roads Toll." They will participate in one round of oratory each of the four days of the convention.

Don Skelton, Columbus, won first place in the Ohio State Men's Invitational Events Contest held at Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, on March 13. His original oration, entitled "Prince of Peace", won for him a \$25 prize.

May Day

May Day activities are scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Events will get under way at 10:30 A. M. when the queen will be crowned with appropriate ceremonies.

Four girls have been chosen from the junior class, one of whom will be queen and the other three will be attendants. The identity of the queen will not be known until May Day morning. The four elected are Beverly Dodd, Johnstown; Dolores Koons, Westerville; Mickey McClure, Lebanon; and Beverly Richards, Fostoria.

Other activities of the day include a baseball game with Heidelberg, a tennis match with Denison in the afternoon, and a musical, "The Student Prince", in the evening.

Otterbein Girls Win

On Saturday, March 21, a total of 25 Otterbein girls journeyed to Cincinnati for their annual college "Pow-Wow". Sixteen colleges were in attendance, participating in four events. These events consisted of basketball, volleyball, bowling, and swimming. Otterbein entered all but the swimming events.

W. S. W. S. Branch Convention June 10-12

The second annual convention of the Ohio Sandusky Branch of the Women's Society of World Service will be held June 10-12th at Camp St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio. Registration will be on Wednesday afternoon, June 10th at 3:00 P. M. Committees will also meet at that hour. The Convention will open with the Wednesday evening service at which time Dr. S. G. Ziegler, recently returned from an official visit to Africa, will speak and show pictures of the African mission fields.

Our missionary speaker for the Convention is Rev. A. Wesley Archibald of Brazil, who founded the Goiaz Bible Institute at Anapolis. The staff member from the Dayton office is Miss Marion Baker, who is the Associate Secretary and Secretary of Missionary Education. We shall also be privileged to hear Mrs. Kellersburg of the American Mission to Lepers.

Each society is to be represented by two delegates but any number of visitors may come for the entire Convention and are most welcome.

The complete program will be printed in the next issue of the "Ohio Sandusky News."

Plan now to attend the Convention for inspiration, information and fellowship.

Mrs. C. D. Wright, President

Audio-Visual Director

Rev. L. C. Toepfer has taken over the directorship of the Conference department of Audio-Visuals. Please address all communications to him at Helena, Ohio. Note: Contact him immediately if you wish to schedule our denominational stewardship film "More for Peace". This excellent film will be an important aid in our stewardship emphasis program.

A LIFE-SAVING IDEA

From the colonial days of old Virginia comes a suggestion about taxes that ought to become popular in these days when the government wants more taxes and doesn't dare to squeeze the tax payers any harder. Here it is:

"Taxes were assessed at service time. Single men were taxed according to their dress; married men, according to the dress of their wives."

In bowling Otterbein won from Kentucky and Cincinnati and lost to Miami; in basketball, Otterbein defeated the University of Cincinnati 22-8; in volleyball Wilmington was defeated by Otterbein by the score of 29-4. The Otterbein girls are coached by Misses Joanne Van Sant and Jean Geis.

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E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR

50th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. & Mrs. P. W. Lutz

Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Lutz celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, March 29th, 1953, with a family basket dinner at their home near Deshler, O. There were two surprises when Rev. Lutz's brother, John Lutz and wife of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, arrived for the occasion; and two nephews of Mrs. Lutz, Otha and Orla Mack with their wives of Edmore, Mich. There was open house in the afternoon and evening when many guests called from the various churches which they had served, also some old friends from William county, and a brother and wife, Fred Mack, of Morencia, Mich.

They received many fine presents and money. The Malinta Church of which Rev. Lutz is pastor, celebrated the occasion on Sunday, March 22 with a basket dinner and program. They were presented with a three layer wedding cake baked and decorated by one of the members of the church, Mrs. Ray Reimund and daughter. Many useful gifts and money were given by the church.

Their grandson, Robert Wink, and Tony's Bakery presented them with very beautiful wedding cakes. Their children presented them with the fixtures for their new bath room.

May God richly bless each and every one that helped to make this day as great as it was.

The church at Malinta have purchased a lot with a small house on it, and will begin to rebuild as soon as the weather will permit. They expect to have it ready as a parsonage for the pastor by Conference time. When completed they will have a modern home at a cost of \$7500.00.

May God's richest blessing rest upon this thriving little church for their heroic effort.

North Central College-Seminary Library Project

The College and Seminary Library Project is making splendid progress. To date \$220.00 has been sent in to Naperville from our Conference. We wish to give encouragement to all congregations to do their best to more than reach this year's goal. All indications are that construction of the new library will start sometime in June, provided that the blue prints are completed within the coming month.

A TESTING TEST

A test of good manners, someone has remarked, is in being able to put up with the person who has none.

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Obituary

Clarence C. Vandersall

Clarence C. Vandersall of Helena, R. D., Ohio, answered the summons to lay aside his earthly tabernacle after many months of intense suffering borne with Christian fortitude and patience. His departure was on Thursday, March 12th, 1953 after more than 68 years of earthly pilgrimage, nearly all of which was spent in Sandusky county where he engaged in farming. On September 8, 1910 he was united in marriage with Ida Barnhope and to this union three children were born, Marguerite who died in childhood; Wilma (Mrs. Woodrow Macke), a missionary of our denomination at Bumbur, Nigeria, Africa, since 1946; and John, who is a veteran of the Korean War, and now a graduate student at Ohio State. Mrs. Ida Vandersall was called to her heavenly home May 17th, 1941. On April 10th, 1947 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Nora Brooks, who survives him as do his son, daughter, one grandson, John William Macke of Nigeria born Oct. 14th, 1952, two step-sons and three step-grandchildren.

Clarence C. Vandersall became a Christian at the age of 14 years and united with Trinity Evangelical Church (now of the Bettsville Charge). He served his Church and Savior long and well, holding various positions of trust and responsibility in his local Church and his Conference. He was Lay Delegate from the Ohio Conference to the uniting General Conference in Johnstown, Penna., in 1946; also, Lay Delegate from the Charge at the uniting Conference in 1951 when the northwest area of the Ohio Conference and the Sandusky Conference became the present Ohio Sandusky Conference. He served a number of other times as Lay Delegate to the Ohio Conference and was for many years active in the Conference Brotherhood where he held the

office of Treasurer. In his local Church he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Trustee, Steward, and was a member of the building committee when the Church building was remodeled and enlarged and dedicated in March 1951.

Although a man of impressive physical appearance, this was surpassed by his sterling Christian character and his deep and abiding faith and trust in his God which won him the respect and confidence of his associates both inside and outside of the Church, and like Zachariah of old, "Walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." (Lu 1:6)

The problem of human suffering is indeed puzzling, especially when a half century of consecrated Christian service should terminate with nearly five years of illness, but during the last long weary months of intense suffering Clarence Vandersall never seemed to question but what God had a purpose in permitting this trial of his faith by the fires of physical suffering which he accepted without question or complaint and bore with Christian fortitude. His testimony was that "God healed me once and He can again if it is His will; if not, it is all right," and twelve days before the end he said, "I have been ready for 54 years." He had given not only faithful service to his Church but his only living daughter to the mission field.

God graciously spared him to see the fulfillment of desires he must have had: the safe return of his only son from Japan, to behold his first grandchild, and to bid farewell in early February to his only daughter, her husband and little son, as they left for their field in Africa and to know of their safe arrival. God also permitted him the wonderful companionship and thoughtful, loving care of his devoted wife, and the presence of his son during the closing days.

A largely-attended funeral service was conducted at Trinity Church on March 14th by his pastor, Rev. Charles W. Cory, assisted by Dr. C. L. Allen of Akron. Other former pastors were seated with them.

ON BEING A PARTNER WITH GOD

Many people who have succeeded in life because they were part of a partnership, in all probability would never have succeeded alone. You may think of Gilbert and Sullivan, Vernon and Irene Castle, Plato and Socrates. It is true that some people seem to do their best independently, but there is one partnership that, our faith informs us, no person can live satisfactorily without; that is spiritual partnership. St. Paul sums up the idea of this in his Epistle to the Philippians: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." You, work, and God works; it is a partnership. But what are the marks of a successful partnership?

One certainly is the pooling of resources. In business one partner will put up so much and his partner will match it, perhaps not

in the same commodity, but in something that assures equality. So it is in our relationship with God. We provide the flesh and blood; God provides the inner spirit that makes it possible for our flesh and blood to live triumphantly.

Another mark of successful partnership is complete honesty. Each partner must be open and aboveboard. This applies to the partnership of the home. It applies to our partnership with God. Above all else God wants His children to be truthful. Both the Old and the New Testament make this point unmistakably plain.

The third mark of successful partnership is confidence in the results of the relationship. Christians are to have confidence that if they cast their bread upon the water, it will return to them.

Cooperation

By Olan B. Downard

(Pastor at Walbridge, O.)

Only a snow flake drifting down,
In the darkness of the night;
But with all its fellows it clothes the world,
With a coat of ermine white.

Only a raindrop, drunk up by the earth
So small it is scarcely seen;
But with all its fellows it changes the dearth
To a mantle of living green.

Only a man in a world so wide,
With its war-cries and greed and sorrow;
But with all his fellows, and love, and God—
He can build a new world tomorrow.

Bits Of Wisdom

Love your friends, that is easy
Love your enemies, that is not easy
* * *

It is never right to do wrong.
It is never wrong to do right.
* * *

Somebody did a golden deed;
Somebody proved a friend in need;
Somebody sang a beautiful song;
Somebody smiled the whole day long;
Somebody thought, "Tis sweet to live."
Somebody said, "I'm glad to give;"
Somebody fought a valiant fight;
Somebody lived to shield the right.

Was
that
somebody you?—J. R. Clements
* * *

Seth Parker says:
Some folks seem to get the idea they are worth a lot of money just because they have it.

CAN'T HELP BEING SUSPICIOUS

When I hear a man say, "My parents brought me up so rigidly that a reaction took place in my mind, and I have turned away from religion," I have sometimes asked, "Did thy teach you to be honest?" "Yes." "Were they strict about it?" "Yes." "Has any reaction taken place on this point?"

News from the Churches

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The Junior Choir of the St. John's Evangelical United Brethren Church, Columbus Grove, dedicated their new choir robes Easter Sunday. This choir has been organized since July, 1952, under the direction of Miss Judy Nichols assisted by Mrs. Ruth Bogart. There are 35 children in the choir, singing at least once a month, usually on the third Sunday. It has added much to our worship services. The robes were made by the ladies of the W. S. W. S.

There are three Catechetical Classes consisting of two Junior and one Intermediate age. The teachers of the Junior classes are: Mrs. Russell Vandemark and Mrs. Gladwin Bourquin; the Intermediate Class is taught by Mr. Wilbur Lentz. They are all supervised by the pastor, Rev. William R. Fausey. There are fifty boys and girls in the classes, the largest number in the history of the Church.

During Holy Week there were Union Services in Columbus Grove with all the services being held in the St. John's Church. Guest ministers brought the messages along with the local pastors. Thursday evening there was an impressive communion service. Good Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 o'clock, The Seven Last Words of Christ were presented. Each service was well attended.

Easter Sunday our own services had a record attendance for both the Church Service and the Sunday School.

Submitted by Mr. Byron McDowell

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EASTER REPORT FROM TOLEDO UPTON

Baptisms, 21 adults; 14 children, making a total of 35.

Membership received, 69, making a total of 79 for the year.

Special offering goal was \$3,000, with \$3,743.91 received. A total of \$4,561.26 was received on Easter.

Three services—Candlelight Communion on Thursday and two worship services on Easter Sunday—were each so largely attended that people sat in adjoining rooms and others had to be turned away.

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BURGOON CHURCH

Sunday, February 1st, was Anniversary Day at the Burgoon Church. The speaker for the occasion was Bishop Fred L. Dennis D. D., LL. D., who brought a stimulating and timely message to an overflowing crowd.

Two weeks of evangelistic services were held during the month of March, the Pastor doing his own preaching and Rev. Edwin Griswold of Kansas E. U. B., conducting the song service. The attendance was very good considering the sickness in the neighborhood. The meetings were inspiring and helpful to all attending.

Father and Son Banquet was given March 10th. Over 100 men and boys were present. Thanks to the efforts of Walter Crammer, who is the President of the newly organized Brotherhood, and Bub Wise, who is the Boy Scoutmaster.

March 15th, Rev. Don Hochstettler was present at a Youth Fellowship Luncheon with 25 members present and afterwards was the guest speaker for the evening service. It was a very delightful and inspiring evening.

The climax of all our efforts came on Palm Sunday, Holy Week services and Easter. Old timers said "We had the greatest crowds in years attending these services."

Eleven children were baptized and 16 members were taken into the church. We are looking forward to a grand closing of this conference year.

L. D. Reynolds, Pastor

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WALNUT GROVE

The Walnut Grove Church completed the first unit of their improvement plan last year at a cost of about \$12,000.00—all of which was paid before last conference. This year we have begun the second unit, which will cost another \$10,000.00 or thereabout. We now have the use of our newly remodeled auditorium, but our new windows did not get here for Easter. However this did not discourage our fine people. Here is our Easter report: Sunrise Service with 196 in attendance, all taking breakfast of ham and eggs in the church basement. The money from this breakfast will be used to send our young folks to our camps. S. S. attendance 234 and Worship Service 234. Two accessions and five baptisms.

C. H. Lilly, Pastor

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DUNKIRK

S. S. attendance 148; Church Worship 148; accessions 2; baptisms 7; S. S. offering \$230.80. A total of 6 conversions and 8 accessions this conference year.

C. H. Lilly, Pastor

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McCLURE CHURCH

A very spiritual enriching series of Holy Week services concluded in an Easter morning filled with religious activities in the McClure Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The week night service attendance averaged 42 with 86 present at the Maundy Thursday Holy Communion observance. The annual community Good Friday afternoon services involving 5 churches had 71 in attendance. Our pastor delivered the address.

Easter Sunday morning services were well attended. Fifty-two were in attendance at the 6:00 o'clock sunrise service. Selections from Handel's Messiah, by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, consisting of the chorus "Christ Is Risen From the Dead", were played for a ten minute prelude of meditation as the sun rose on a beautiful Easter morning. The Easter scene at the tomb, as recorded in the Gospel of St. John, was read by the pastor who then led in prayer. After a congregational

hymn the meditation of the morning was delivered by Mr. Paul Gasche of our Napoleon Church. He delivered an excellent sermon on the folded napkin from the head of Christ. The service was concluded with the playing of Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus" while the congregation stood in exhaltant meditation.

Following this service, activity centered in the basement where over fifty partook of an excellent ham and egg breakfast.

At the 9:30 Sunday School period, 197 were in time to be recorded. In addition to this quite a few more arrived during the last half hour.

Over two hundred were in attendance at the worship service. Baptism was administered to 11 infants and 4 adults. 10 were received into church membership. The Lenten-Easter offering totaled \$637.73.

An excellent catechetical class of 22 children met 2 hours each Saturday morning from the first of October to Palm Sunday. After a half hour general assembly every morning the pastor would teach the intermediates and Mrs. Sheriff taught the remaining juniors.

The Church Reporter

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PORT CLINTON CHURCH

A new floor has recently been installed in the entire main portion of the Church. This was a need that was greatly felt for a long time. The work of tearing up the old floor and laying of a sub floor was made the project of the Men's Brotherhood in which more than 95 per cent cooperated. The ladies also cooperated by furnishing refreshments each evening during the clearing of the old floor. The new floor includes Armstrongs 9" square linoleum under the pews with broad loom carpeting down the aisles, on the rostrum and in front of the chancel from wall to wall. The Sunday School class rooms were laid in the same color with a diagonal pattern of lighter material to add contrast. The work of laying the new floor was done by the Dwight L. Fox Co. of Port Clinton. We now have a beautiful sanctuary, of which we are justly proud. Attendance has increased and a fine spirit of cooperation prevails. Cost of the flooring \$2450.

Evangelistic Services were held from March 23 up to and including April 3rd. The evangelist was the Rev. Garrison Roebuck of Rockford, whose inspiring messages led to the conversion of 5 souls and the consecration and rededication of many others. The closing night saw many kneeling at the altar for prayer and consecration. The church has been drawn together in a real spirit of unity. We heartily recommend to any church desiring evangelistic aid the services of Rev. Roebuck. He is a fine Gospel preacher with an unusual talent and ability to present the word in its purity and simplicity. Attendance was good throughout, and we believe the church to be thoroughly revived.

Attendance at the Easter Sunrise service was 77. This service featured an Easter pageant entitled "The Great Dawn"

which was presented by the young people. Attendance at the morning worship service was 230. There were thirteen members received, 4 adult baptisms, and two infants.

J. V. Bigelow, Pastor

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MARION SALEM CHURCH

The Marion Rural Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church held an Easter Sunrise service at 6:00 A. M. with the Youth Fellowship in charge by presenting a pageant, "I Speak", which was a very impressive service. Dora Miller, president, led the devotions and Rev. Gene Clark, pastor, gave the benediction. A lovely Easter breakfast was served to the Youth Fellowship in the church basement.

The Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. had an attendance of 179 with an offering of \$130.16, which will be applied to the church building fund. The Church Fellowship (a group of young adults) presented a check of \$1,000.00 to the Church Building Fund Easter morning. The pastor, Rev. Clark, held baptismal services and reception of members following the Sunday School hour. Two children were baptized and 18 new members were received into the church. A special number under the direction of the pastor, "Beneath the Old Olive Tree", was given by the church choir accompanied at the piano by Margaret Howser. "Christus Victor," was the subject of the morning message by the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Clark conducted children's services in the evening at 8 o'clock to a group of children which included motion songs and a Bene-o-felt story given by Mrs. Clark. Celluloid souvenirs were given those present. This was followed by an inspiring evangelistic message by the pastor.

A Candlelight Communion service was held on Good Friday at 8:00 P. M. at the Church with an attendance of 80. Rev. Clark bringing the message on the theme, "What Price Glory."

The Church entered last fall the International Sunday School Attendance Contest which was sponsored by the Christian Life Magazine.

We are happy to report that we won sixth prize in class "D" of the Contest. From the efforts of the Contest we feel our Sunday School and Church were greatly helped in many ways. We wish to thank each one who helped make our contest a success and praise the Lord for the results. We are anticipating entering the contest again this fall.

Rev. Gene Clark, Minister

Miss Clara Klinefelter, Reporter

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COLUMBUS AVENUE—SANDUSKY

On Sunday evening, March 15, Rev. and Mrs. Parker Young were with us and presented Africa through pictures and a question-and-answer period. We appreciated so much their enlightening presentation of our mission in Africa.

We held a week's evangelistic effort March 16th through the 22nd. Rev. Clyde Wendell of Bellevue was the guest speaker Monday through Friday night, and his mes-

sages were searching and enlightening. Many souls were blessed through his faithful ministry, and we feel much was accomplished in the upbuilding of the work here.

Rev. Howard Porterfield of the Salem church here in the city brought the message of the closing Sunday night. It was a fitting close to the week's campaign, and our hearts were stirred to do our part in "bringing in Christ's kingdom".

The Boy Scout troop, sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood, held a court of honor at the church February 25th. Nine scouts received 2nd class pins. Approximately 50 scouts and parents were in attendance.

It was also "open house" for the new scout club room in the recently remodeled garage. The scouts worked diligently painting and redecorating the walls and floors, and their work has been rewarded by their having a comfortable and attractive club room. The Brotherhood put in a sub-ceiling to add to the attractiveness.

The Easter song and story program, "Peter and the Resurrection", by Ellen Jane Lorenze, was presented for our Easter Sunrise Service. Donald Wilson as narrator, gave the accounts of Christ's life from Palm Sunday to the Ascension as witnessed by Peter. The choir of fifteen voices sang appropriate hymns while the scenes were projected upon the screen by Mr. William Beamer.

A total of 277 were in attendance for all three services on Easter Sunday. We thank the Lord for His gracious blessing and presence during the day.

Sunday, May 3, has been set as the date for our parsonage noteburning service. Dr. M. N. Berger, associate secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Church Extension, Dayton, will be the guest speaker for the morning worship service. The note-burning service will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon, with our conference superintendents, members of the conference board of missions, and others, in attendance.

We sincerely want to thank all of our friends who have contributed to the church and have made this day possible. We also want to extend a cordial invitation to all to join us in this glorious service. The Lord has abundantly blessed us here at Columbus Avenue and we give all praise and glory to Him.

Ronald Ricard, Pastor

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CELINA CIRCUIT—MT. CARMEL CHURCH

In a recent congregational meeting, members of the Mt. Carmel Church voted to purchase a new exterior bulletin board, which has now arrived and will be mounted in stone. An evangelistic mission was held in the church during the first two weeks in March. During ten days of this campaign the church had the services of the Larason Evangelistic Trio, of Ohio Southeast Conference. Results of the meetings included two conversions and two reclamations. On Easter Sunday there was one baptism and three new members were received into the church, making four accessions thus far

this conference year. At the present writing we contemplate Dr. V. H. Allman's presiding over the local conference of the circuit in this church on the evening of April 9. The trustees contemplate building a new addition to the church and revamping the chancel in the very near future. A goodly amount has already been raised for this project.

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HOPE CHURCH

On February 20, Hope Church was host to the township's World Day of Prayer Service. Class leader, Edward Schleucher, presided. A preaching mission was conducted in the church during the last two weeks in March, with the pastor in charge. Rev. Daniel D. Corl, of Fostoria, brought the message on March 27.

Recent improvements at the parsonage include new clothes lines and new built in cupboards in the kitchen. The Youth Fellowship Self Denial offering reached \$18.25. The One Great Hour of Sharing emphasis was observed on March 15. An offering of \$33.03 was received. At the beginning of Lent, Lenten offering boxes were distributed throughout the congregation and the offering was received on Easter Sunday morning. This offering goes for the remodeling of mission residences occupied by our missionaries in Japan. This is one of the sixty-three mission projects suggested recently by the Department of World Missions.

Prior to Easter members of this church co-operated with other churches throughout the county in distributing Easter seals and collecting funds for the aid of crippled children. Upon the invitation of the Youth Fellowship, Howard Habegger, Berne, Ind., who last summer traveled to Formosa as a member of an evangelistic basketball team, will lecture and show kodacrome slides in the church on Sunday evening, April 12. At this writing we anticipate hearing Miss Betty Stuck, one of our educational missionaries to Sierra Leone, when she speaks in both of the churches on the circuit, April 19. Hope Church is now looking forward to being host to the St. Marys Group Rally April 26, when Dr. C. L. Allen, of Akron, will speak on the challenge of establishing mission churches within the Conference.

Javan R. Corl, Pastor

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FAIRVIEW CHURCH REMODELED

The Fairview Church on the Cardington Charge has entered into a remodeling program during the past year and have been able, by the help of the Lord, to make some real physical advances.

The two ever-faithful heating stoves have been removed and an oil furnace has been installed in a small room excavated under the church. Colored-glass windows have replaced the old windows, shingles have been applied to the exterior, and the belfry and windows have been painted. On the interior two 11x12 Sunday School rooms have been built in the 78 year old one room church, one on each side of the front of the church. This gives a nice vestibule in the middle. These rooms are equipped with

sliding plastic leather doors which are used for overflow crowds in the worship services. White insulation blocks have been applied to the ceiling and insulation plank has been put on the walls. This has been done to the sanctuary as well as the classrooms. Lastly, a new altar and pulpit was installed and given in memory of former members. The windows were also given in memory of former members of the church.

Although the congregational is small yet much has been accomplished because people have labored and given freely but most of all because God was in it. All credit is given Him for His faithfulness and guidance. In the future, if it is His will, the church would like to have the floor improved and also different pews.

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ROCKFORD CHURCH

The Rockford Church had three weeks of Revival Meetings, starting March 1 and closing March 22nd. The first week we sought God to revive our hearts that we could be used of Him to win other souls. March 10, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Nelson of Jamestown, New York, arrived to fulfill the call for special meetings. God blessed the heart stirring messages delivered by Brother Nelson. Also God used the outstanding musical ability of both Rev. and Mrs. Nelson. I must say I have contacted very few like the Nelsons with their God given talents which are truly surrendered to God for the winning of lost souls to Jesus Christ. Mrs. Nelson plays Piano, Organ, Solovox, Tiple, and Vibraharp. They sing solos, duets and offer God touching stories by Kodachrome slides, and Scene O Felt. Too, Brother Nelson used Gospel Magic. God is using them greatly to His praise and glory. During the meetings 14 souls came forward.

Palm Sunday we received into membership 8 persons and baptized by sprinkling 7. One child was dedicated to God without water, five others were dedicated to God with water. We are looking forward to receiving others into membership in the near future. This summer others desire to be baptized by immersion.

Sunrise Service was held at 6:15. This service was conducted by the young people of the Church; sixteen taking part. Sunrise Meditation was delivered by Bevan Kimmel, a Ministerial student of Otterbein. His tuition is paid by the local church, his home church. We recommend that other churches do the same for young people who are called from their church.

The Rockford Church also has given toward the support of another one of their boys called to the ministry, Herman Linn, who is attending Ft. Wayne Bible College. God is blessing the Church. We are also setting aside on the fourth Sunday of each quarter the Sunday School offering which is sent to Rev. W. P. Alspach for the purpose of helping to establish new churches in the Ohio-Sandusky Conference in those areas where they are so vitally in need even now. May God help all Churches to catch the vision before it's too late. Why

wait for another denomination to receive the blessing God offers us.

R. E. Williman, Pastor

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NEWS FROM TRINITY FREMONT

Trinity Church of Fremont has had a fine revival under the leadership of Rev. Roy S. Dunn, evangelist of the Ohio East Conference, with several young married couples and in some cases entire families finding a new experience of Christ at the altar. The church will be strengthened for years to come.

Improvements in the basement of the church building are almost completed at an approximate cost of \$3000.00. This is the first step in the erection of a \$90,000.00 educational unit which will connect the two present buildings, the Church and the Workers' Home, a parish home now used for Sunday School. The new building will consist of a basement and one floor providing Sunday School departmental rooms and an office, the pastor's study, dining and recreational facilities. The construction will be of limestone and brick similar to the present buildings.

Over \$60,000.00 has been raised toward the total cost, which combined with two bequests and anticipated income will make it possible to pay for the building in full the year it is completed. God has been good and the people have been consecrated. The project has been approved by the Board of Missions of the Ohio Sandusky Conference. Construction is to begin this spring. Rev. R. F. Haskins is in his sixth year as pastor.

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BETTSVILLE CHARGE

Evangelist Harry G. Deeds of Findlay, closed a revival campaign of twelve days at Salem Church on March 15th. Neighboring pastors served with ability as leaders of congregational singing, and they with others furnished special vocal numbers. During the last week, Rev. Deeds gave the children a series of mystery talks with spiritual application. A time of spiritual refreshing, inspiration, and closer Christian fellowship lifted the Church to a higher plane of experience and living, and definite help was received by a number of people.

At Trinity Church evangelistic services were conducted from Dec. 28-Jan. 11th with Rev. and Mrs. Virgil T. Speece of the Oregon Washington Conference as evangelists. The capable services of Mrs. Speece as song leader and vocalist, and the deeply spiritual and interesting expository messages of Rev. Speece, resulted in great spiritual uplift to the Church. At the closing service nearly 70 gathered about the altar signifying their determination to live a deeper spiritual life, and of these about 40 raised their hands to indicate that spiritual advance had been made, while several testified that definite spiritual help had been received including some who had accepted Christ as Savior. By a unanimous invitation Rev. and Mrs. Speece have been booked for the same dates next year.

At Trinity Church a group of 20 young

people are being given eight weeks of Catechetical Instruction as is a class of 10 Juniors. The pastor, assisted by his wife, is teaching these and similar classes at Salem Church, and using the first unit of our denominational books. The remaining units will be used later in the year.

Rev. Charles W. Cory, Pastor

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BENTON RIDGE CIRCUIT

Benton Ridge Circuit has just completed two weeks of revival services which were held from February 22 through March 8. Bill and Ruth Ohman of Cleveland, presented an outstanding program of music each evening as they served as music evangelists during the services. Rev. Stuckey served as pastor-evangelist during the services using the general theme, "Christ's Power Is Adequate". Seven conversions and one reclamation were a part of the fruit borne during the services. Many testified to the spiritual inspiration which resulted from these services. The churches generally have experienced a reviving from these services. The attendance was quite good and the interest high throughout the community.

Pleasant Hill Church has just recently completed an extensive remodeling program which has resulted in beautification of the sanctuary. A new furnace was installed, the walls were replastered and repainted and the floors and seats were re-finished. A new picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was purchased by the Young Married People's Class and presented to the church.

Trinity Church is contemplating the addition of Sunday School Class Rooms and Rest Rooms in the near future.

Pleasant Hill Church has organized an orchestra recently which provides music for the services each Sunday. An Easter play was presented Easter Sunday evening.

Trinity Church is at present engaged in a Sunday School Attendance Contest and the results have been gratifying as the members of the Church have done extensive personal visitation. The attendance of the Sunday School and Church have shown decided increases since the beginning of the contest.

Trinity held its first Father-Son Banquet, March 16, under the sponsorship of the Young Married People's Class for support of the building fund and the additions on the church. Approximately 100 men and boys were in attendance and Fred Bakker, Bluffton College exchange student from Holland, presented an interesting speech of his nation, the recent flood, and his impressions of America.

The churches are going forward in their devotion and service to God and man and we trust that He will be able to do great things in our midst.

Rev. Paul Stuckey

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TOLEDO OAKDALE REVIVAL

A genuine revival came to the Toledo Oakdale Church under the ministry of Rev.

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Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1953

(Month ending April 6th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES					
Monthly Budget	Paid March	Paid 7 Mo.	Sunday School Avg. Att. Jan.	Morning Worship Avg. Att. Jan.	
NORTHERN DISTRICT					
BOWLING GREEN GROUP:					
Belmore	\$70	\$ 50	\$350		66
Center	25	12	156		15
Bethel-Townwood					
Bethel	23		138		
Townwood	21		120		
Bowling Green	250	250	1750	334	435
Custar	20	20	140	42	47
West Hope	42	42	294	64	62
Deshler	60	60	420	103	112
Oakdale	90		540	111	106
Hoytville	100	70	490	109	*84
Luckey	50				
North Baltimore	100	100	700	188	124
Portage	35	280	420	76	79
Mt. Zion	60	60	420	87	42
South Liberty	50		245		
Mt. Hermon	17		102		
Tontogany	17		100		24
Webster	30	50	216	*61	*46
Cloverdale	25	50	169	52	50
BRYAN GROUP:					
Bridgewater	45	45	315	109	*100
Bryan	160	160	1120	231	228
Defiance, First	160				
Defiance Ct.: Mt. Calvary	33	33	231	56	57
Rural Chapel	17	17	119	28	33
Edgerton	20	25	175	90	87
Hicksville	165				
Montpelier	160	160	1120	183	151
Salem	5				
West Unity	19	19	133	34	24
Ebenezer	19			59	60
Williams Center Ct.:					
Center	20	10	70	61	52
Logan	10	10	80	51	53
Mt. Olive	20			21	24
FOSTORIA GROUP:					
Bascom	65		468	*106	*108
Bettsville Ct.:					
Salem	36	36	252	71	37
Trinity	45	45	315	106	108
Bloomdale	70	70	490	138	80
Pleasant View	45	45	315	50	50
Fostoria, Bethel	58		290		
Fostoria, First	280	280	1960	*339	*344
Kansas	10	10	70		
Canaan	40	40	303		
Rising Sun	45		270		
West Independence	75	75	525	202	*196
FREMONT GROUP:					
Burgoon	100	100	700	156	134
Fremont, Memorial	100	100	700	*137	*161
Fremont, Trinity	183	183	1415	*249	*268
Gibsonburg	64		448		
Green Springs	56		229.14		
Helena	59		354		
Lindsey	130	130	910	*218	*180

Old Fort	100	100	700	*193	*147
Riley Center	13	13	91	*30	*42
Woodville	160	160	1120	187	213
NAPOLEON GROUP:					
Ai	40	36	88	50	35
Lebanon	10	20	70	20	20
Mt. Pleasant	40	80	280	42	44
Delta	56	56	392	95	79
Zion	60	60	420	101	136
Liberty Center	35	35	245	90	85
Malinta	30	30	210	60	57
McClure	100	89	655	106	70
Monclova	18		54		
Wilkins	14		86		
Napoleon	83	89	640	*125	97
Wauseon, First	40		160		
Wauseon Ct.: Beulah	20	20	140	59	60
North Dover	50	50	350	79	77
Whitehouse	59	59	413	142	*114
SANDUSKY GROUP:					
Bellevue	138		825	261	201
Flat Rock	74	148	444		
Kelley's Island	26		100		
La Carne	17	17	119	38	39
Locust Point	17	17	119	32	34
Mt. Carmel	100	200	700	117	120
Port Clinton	80	80	560	88	91
Sandusky, Columbus Ave.	22	22	154	*82	*61
Sandusky, Salem	68		340		
TOLEDO GROUP:					
Elliston	73		125		
Millbury	25		150	100	106
Rocky Ridge	13		135	25	30
Moline	55		223.25		
Perrysburg	65	65.42	457.94	*146	*148
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	1015	*282	*249
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	1120	129	119
Toledo, East Broadway	190	190	1330	205	285
Toledo, First	250	200	1200	180	169
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170	1190	355	285
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	525	155	120
Toledo, Salem	60		360		
Toledo, Somerset	170	170	1190	186	252
Toledo, Upton	250	250	1750	275	291
Toledo, Zion	158	160	1135	*210	*192
Walbridge	12	12	84	51	39
Hayes	10	10	70	56	39
SOUTHERN DISTRICT:					
BUCYRUS GROUP:					
Belleville Circuit:					
Pleasant Grove	14			37	37
Pleasant Hill	22	6	42	22	22
Trinity	29		27.72	75	75
Broken Sword Ct.: Emanuel	21		100		
Lykens	41		280		
Pleasant Home	18	18.42	128.94		
Bucyrus Ct.: Harmony	30	31	248	44	45
Zion	30	31	248	56	58
Bucyrus, First	125	875	1000	*175	*150
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	1000	195	195
Galion	80	80	560	*182	*192
Johnsville	97	97	679	145	132
Lykens, Olive Branch	22	27	146	*31	32
Mt. Zion	90		360		
New Winchester	35	19.63	146.12	39	39
Climax	10		50	23	23
North Robinson	60	50	351.30	57	68
Liberty Chapel	33	24	137	60	59
Oceola	60	35	327	73	71
Smithville	50	50	350	63	60
Mt. Zion	21	19.30	146.13	43	40

Sycamore	75		455			Mt. Carmel	22	44	176	*81	*75
Upper Sandusky	128	138	966	276	236	Celina, Mt. Zion	45	90	405	107	100
Upper Sandusky Circuit:						Celina, Bethel	15	15	105	26	25
Belle Vernon	11			28	28	Celina, Old Town	16	16	112	36	32
Salem	30	60	240	57	59	Ft. Recovery, Bethel	18	18	126	33	32
Williamsport	40	40	280	79	78	Olive Branch	22	22	154	27	27
FINDLAY GROUP:						Pasco	40	40	320	73	70
Bairdstown	21		105	46	31	Sidney	90	90	630	82	97
Benton Ridge, Calvary	60	60	480	109	96	St. Marys	90	90	630	117	108
Benton Ridge Circuit:						Wapakoneta	48	48	336	111	107
Pleasant Hill	35		110	*53	*56	VAN WERT GROUP:					
Trinity	40	42	262	*68	*72	Continental	50		65	*57	*68
Bluffton Ct.: Bethesda	14		81	24	25	Mt. Zion	40		100	43	40
Liberty Chapel	17		80	32	34	Wisterman	20	20	140	*30	*25
Olive Branch	30	15	105	30	31	Grover Hill Ct.:					
Carey	91	91	641	203	138	Blue Creek	30		103	33	37
Findlay, Bethlehem	90	90	720	123	115	Middle Creek	35	67	245	35	34
Findlay, East Ct.: Ark	30		180	46	45	Mt. Zion	25	25	175	49	47
Mt. Zion	45	23	161	*65	*78	Mt. Pleasant &)	80	60	420	94	96
Findlay, First	312	312	2184	344	486	Harmony)		10	70	23	23
Findlay, St. Paul's	223	223	1561	386	310	Oakwood	60	40	400		
Findlay, South Ct.: Salem	25	40	70	30	29	Oakwood Ct.: Centenary	25	25	200	50	43
Pleasant Grove	25	5	40	36	36	Prairie Chapel	25	25	200	54	53
Findlay, West Ct., Zion	25		65	*64	*45	Ohio City Ct.: Bethel	25	25	175	57	47
Powell Memorial	42	42	294	*85	*85	Mt. Zion	10	15	75	24	23
Findlay, West Park	28	27.50	137.50	75	45	Rockford	200	200	1400	258	222
Salem	13	20	45	30	30	Van Wert, Calvary	105	105	735	192	179
Leipsic	50	25	275	103	*81	Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	1001	215	228
Forest Grove	20	10	70	16	16	Van Wert, North:					
Kieferville	20	9	63	40	34	Grand Victory	44	44	308	73	60
Mt. Cory Ct.: Zion	40	40	280	83	72	Union Center	25	25	175	69	69
Pleasant View	50		250	75	80	Van Wert, South:					
Rawson	100		200	112	105	Wood Chapel	25	25	175	*54	*51
Van Buren	100		300	123	99	St. Peter's	12	12	84	16	13
Vanlue	50	50	350	70	70	Willshire, Union	35	35	280	*112	*98
Vanlue Ct.: St. Paul	20	20	136	65	63	Wren	65	50	405	85	80
Union	30	30	210	31	42	WILLARD GROUP:					
Wharton Ct.: Beech Grove	25	11	77			Attica	20	20	140	*85	*81
Big Oak	42	42	294	81	81	Attica Ct.: Richmond	50	50	360	44	48
LIMA GROUP:						Union Pisgah	40	40	322	47	49
Blue Lick	25	25	175	*45	*49	Biddle	15	15	105	23	24
Columbus Grove	150	250	1050	*177	174	Bloomville	45	45	315	85	84
Cridersville	25	25	175	*44	*30	Harmony	40	24	170	104	102
Kemp	25	25	115	*39	*38	Leesville	45	45	315	68	69
Delphos	75	75	525	123	102	Republic	30	30	210	63	45
Dunkirk	65	65	455	93	81	Pietist				94	90
Walnut Grove	100	100	700	150	134	Shelby	231	231	1617	241	225
Elida	100		350			South Reed	22	22	154		
Lakeview	45	18	250	85	55	Tiffin	75	75	525	*243	*175
Lima, First	231	231	1617	296	230	Tiro	90	90	630	85	125
Lima, High St.	205	205	1435	306	348	Willard	285	285	2280	320	360
Marion, Ridge	22		198	27	32	Totals			\$13,230.27		
Santa Fe	45	20	140	28	28				\$95,696.56		
Vaughnsville	75	75	525								
MARION GROUP:											
Cardington Ct.: Center	50	50	350	*105	*103						
Fairview	22	15	105	28	31						
Hepburn	15		90								
Hopewell	16		96								
Otterbein	30		180								
Marion, Calvary	195	195	1365	351	308						
Marion, First	100		600	226	166						
Marion, Greenwood	92	92	644	*222	*112						
Marion, Oakland	148	148	1036	273	193						
Marion, Salem	27	26	159	115	110						
Peoria	7	7	49	30	16						
Mt. Zion	4	12	28								
Broadway				30	21						
West Mansfield	12	12	84	19	19						
York	50	50	350	51	56						
ST. MARYS GROUP:											
Celina, Bethany	153	306	1071								
Celina Ct.: Hope	44	44	308	55	*63						

(*) Denotes a 5% increase in attendance over the previous year.
The net contributions to the Naperville Library Fund to date, \$1,079.64.

The total contributions from 27 churches contributing this month to the "One Great Hour of Sharing," \$1,093.87.

Specials this month: Support of Missionaries, for Rev. and Mrs. James Hough, \$150 and for Rev. Paul Temple, \$150, both from Marion, Calvary Church; For Rev. Toshio Ota, \$300 from Findlay, St. Paul's church; For Holland Flood Relief, \$25 and for Korea \$50, both from the Big Oak church on Wharton charge. For the Sandusky, Columbus Avenue Mission, \$27 from the Fostoria, First church.

Amounts paid on Camp St. Marys pledges: From Bowling Green, \$8, and from Attica, \$5.

Youth Fellowship remittances for February and March aggregate \$1,086.38.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

(Continued from page 7)

Homer Britton, Chattanooga, Tennessee, with 82 conversions and five young men giving their lives to the ministry.

There were large audiences throughout the services with the membership entering in as never before. The revival concluded on Easter Sunday.

The Sunday School reported an attendance on Easter Sunday morning of 633. Two morning services of worship were held, one at 10:30 and the other at 11:45 o'clock. A goodly number were received into church membership, and as a result of the revival many more will be received during the month of April. There were 2008 present in all the services of the day.

Due to the revival that has come to the church, a large increase in prayer services and all other stated meetings have been experienced.

Rev. D. F. Emerick

THINKING OUT LOUD

The most annoying person to talk to is the one who, instead of listening to what you are saying, is merely thinking of what he is going to say.

Fun is like insurance—the older you get, the more it costs you.

The trouble with handing ourselves a bouquet is that the flowers usually look like weeds to the other person.

The best way to break a bad habit is to drop it.

It is said a wife with horse sense never becomes a nag.

Achievements are like trousers—they become threadbare if you rest on them.

It's not a mule's kick but its pull that makes it useful.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," and to some people it's a total stranger.

Manners are the noises you don't make when eating soup.

Often a man is known by the company that keeps him.

Hard work is highly respectable, but you can't make it popular.

The cynic says a girl no longer marries a man for better or for worse, but for more or less.

Advice to loose talkers: Build a better mouth trap.

Folks are funny! Everybody wants to live a long time, but nobody wants to get old.

The easiest way to get to the top is to get to the bottom of things.

If women think that all men are alike, then why is it they are so particular in picking one? — Sunshine Magazine.

A FINE DISTINCTION

Said an observant man rather regretfully: "To own and to possess are not exactly the same. I used to own and possess a good umbrella. I still own it, but somebody else possesses it."

Time given to prayer is not time lost, but time gained.

Criticism Of The Revised Standard Version

E. W. Praetorius

(Concluded from last issue)

OMISSION OF VERSES

Criticism No. 8. "The following verses dealing with indispensable fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith have been omitted in the new Revised Standard Version:

(1) 'Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.' (Matt. 17:21)

(2) 'For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.' (Matt. 18:11)

(3) 'He is not here, but is risen.' (Luke 24:5)

(4) 'For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.' (Luke 9:56)

(5) 'But if ye do not forgive, neither will your father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.' (Mark 11:26)

(6) 'And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' (Acts 8:37)

(7) The glorious presentation of the Trinity (1 John 5:27) is changed in the National Council's Bible to a drab Unitarian concept."

Answer: It would have been honest to have said that all of these omissions (and others not cited above) are omitted in the RSV because they are not to be found in the oldest and most trustworthy manuscripts which are now available, but which the King James translators did not and could not have for their use in 1611. It would also have been honest to state that all these omissions are likewise to be found in the Revised Version of 1881-1885, in the American Standard Version of 1901, and in most, if not in all of the translations made in the last seventy years, and not to make it appear as though these omissions are something recent and peculiar to the Revised Standard Version.

As I endeavor to give answer to the seven criticisms listed above, kindly refer to them by number given below:

Criticism (1). These words, except "and fasting", are found in the RSV in Mark 9:29.

Criticism (2). These words are found in the RSV in Luke 19:10.

Criticism (3). These words are found in the RSV in Matt. 28:6, and Mark 16:6.

Criticism (4). These words are found in the RSV in the margin.

Criticism (5). These words are found in the margin of the RSV in Mark 11:26, and in the text of the RSV in Matt. 6:15; 18:35.

Criticism (6) These words are found in the margin in the RSV.

Criticism (7) I am frank to say that I cannot see how any one could get "a drab Unitarian concept" out of the following words given in the Revised Standard Version (1 John 5:5-9); "Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ,

not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth. There are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son." The "water" evidently refers to the Baptism of Jesus and the "blood" to the atonement made in His death upon the cross. The whole burden of the chapter is to produce effective faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the adequate Savior. John is not attempting to prove the Trinity in this passage. I most profoundly believe in the Trinity, but I cannot see that John is endeavoring to "prove" the Trinity in this Epistle.

CONCLUSION

The fear that "this modernistic Bible will be further 'liberalized' in the near future, and that this is the first open campaign by modernism to destroy the power of the Bible in Protestant America", is not founded in fact. What the Revisers sought is the truth, and to express it in the language in good usage today. Should they find errors in their own translation, the revisers will be the first to correct the same.

We should thank God for the Revised Standard Version. The more I read it, the better I like it. I have been a consistent and constant user of the American Standard Version in private reading and in my public ministry for the past 51 years. I have committed many of its passages to memory. I still consider it an accurate translation. Yet I welcome this new Revision, because its language is in harmony with the best use of present day English. For the great mass of people it is more readily understood. I sincerely wish that every child that can read and every young person would have a personal copy for daily use, and that in every church and school it would be used as the major Version. I have 47 different versions and translations of all, or of parts of the Bible, (including Hebrew and Greek texts) and I like this Revised Standard Version best of all.

The Bible, the bulwark of our Protestant faith, is here to stay. May its use be greatly enhanced, and its Divine Lord, Jesus Christ accepted and obeyed!

A MATTER OF VIEWPOINT

Someone has come forward with the following definition of youth. It is the first fifty years of your own life and the first twenty years of everybody else's.

WHY GRANDMOTHERS ARE POPULAR

We pick up this characterization of a grandmother from a writer in one of our exchanges:

"I have never yet seen a grandmother who could spank. Most of them are good on the pumpkin pie, the delicacies, the coos, the cuddling, and the pat, but of absolutely no account when it comes to the paddle or the spank."

Sunday School

During March our Sunday School had an average attendance of two hundred and seventy-nine as compared with two hundred and sixty-seven last March. Our offering averaged \$46.26 as compared with \$44.90 last March.

It certainly is a pleasure to review the Easter reports of our classes. During our ten precent membership increase campaign we added forty-one new members to our rolls. This was three short of our goal but gave us a nine percent increase. To these new people we wish to say "Welcome," and we hope you will continue to come each Sunday and enjoy the services of our Church.

For ten Sundays prior to and including Easter our school had an offering goal of \$600.00. As we came to Easter, we were still \$216.00 short of our goal, but our wonderful offering of \$242.98 put us \$26.00 over. I believe this is the largest offering our Sunday school ever had on one day. The chart below shows a summary of the success of each individual class. The figures are as nearly correct as we can make them. Any report not fully correct was caused doubtless by omissions of class numbers on reports sent to the office. One school gave \$260.00 as our Easter offering to the Erection fund. Some of our classes exceeded their goals, others did not quite make it. However, we know they all tried hard and that, after all, is what counts. We want to thank all of you for everything you did to help make Easter the success that it was.

E. McShane, Supt.

Class No.	Teacher	Easter Offering Goal	Amount Secured
1	Mrs. Kohl	27.00	34.88
2	Mrs. Frantz	25.00	36.69
3	Miss Kolbe	40.00	33.07
4	Mr. Scherer	39.00	25.52
5	Mrs. Van Gunten	48.00	43.40
6	Mrs. Tressler	44.00	
7	Mrs. Frybarger	50.00	52.08
8	Mr. Hoel	49.00	21.34
9	Mrs. Callender	48.00	50.62
10	Mr. Stevens	65.00	72.58
11	Mr. Lugibihl	80.00	99.94
Primary		85.00	133.09
Totals		600.00	

On Sunday, April 12, the Primary Deing an additional \$17.02 Easter offering, m partment turned in offering boxes contain-aking their total \$150.11.

Jack And Jill Class

The March meeting of the Jack and Jill class was held in the Clyde Kolbe home on Sunday the 22nd. We were happy to have Rev. Johnson, Mr. McShane and Mrs. Callender among the 19 adults who attended. Also we were glad to welcome the Dick Hess's and Marvin Overmeyer's and invite them to come again. We extend the invitation to include all young married people of the church.

It was voted for our class to try meeting

in the class room formerly occupied by the Willing Workers class. It seems not many knew we met on the stage and the noise and confusion were distracting. Also it was voted to make a donation to the Easter Offering.

Candy orders are yet to be taken on the last Sunday for delivery on the first Sunday of the next month.

Our April meeting is to be held in the Richard Blake home.

M. K.

New Members

Easter victories were numerous in Upton Church and possibly the most important was that of receiving members into the Church fellowship. Sixty-seven united in the two services of the day. It is our hope that we, as older members, will do all possible to make them feel welcome and a part of the church.

Received were—

Mr. and Mrs. Fern Beard, 2027 Fairfax L. 7069.

Miss Frances Seaverson, 4736 Overland Pkey.

Mr. James Braun, 2835 Medford.

Mrs. Gertrude Carnell and Wayne, 3828 Alameda La. 2373.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowell, 2017 Berkshire, Ki. 1925.

Mrs. Russell, (June) Cox, 1534 Sarasota, La. 2308.

Patricia Cully, 3901 Alconquin, Ki. 4916.

Robert Curtis, 3832 Alameda, La. 8064 (Hutchain)

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Daler, Carolyn and Fred, 2007 Balkar La. 7272.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Good, Lou Ann, Lyle Floyd, 3402 Alconquin, Ki. 9983.

Sharon and Scotty 1735 Kl. 3196.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Greushaber, 1932 Brussels

James Guilinger, 3613 Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hopkins, 1948 Mansfield.

Mrs. Laura Hutchison, 1948 Alameda, La. 8064.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Krupp.

4748 Overland Pkwy., Apt. 101

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin,

4736 Overland Pkwy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, 3548 Bluff, Ma. 1488.

Mrs. Joann McIlrath, 6046 Whiteford Rd. Lu. 11394.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Moorhead, 3715 Alameda, La. 5764.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Myers and Karen, 7128 Durn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pegorsch, 1837 Bigelow, Ki. 9646.

Harold Ransom, Jr. 1751 Georgia, Ki. Ki. 1352.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rhoades and Janet, 1815 Joffre, Jo. 1803.

Walter Rickheim, 1451 Hagley Rd. Ki. 0221.

Mrs. Annette Rower, 1944 Talbot, La. 5897 (Adams)

Richard Schwyn, 3524 Jackson Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simon, John and Robert Jr. 7966 Dorn Lu. 73482.

Mrs. Helen Sonner, 1935 Giant St. La. 2016.

Mrs. Cyril Stewart and Carol Ann, 3511 Upton.

Mr. Howard Ulrich, Herschel and Richard, 1817 Duncan Ki. 31283.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanLandingham and Richard Jr. 1738 Runcan, La. 6214.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warner, 5218 Bilby Way, Lu. 25289.

Mrs. Elmer Wilmoth, 1940 Mansfield, La. 3333.

Neil Ziegler, 2319 Bodette.

Paul Ziegler, 3928 Crary, Kl. 2287.

Mrs. Violet Ziegler, 2052 Talbot, La. 1314.

Fidelis Circle

The regular monthly meeting of the Fidelis circle (Ladies' Aid) was held in the home of Mrs. McShane, on March 25th. Mrs. Shreves, group leader, was very happy to have fourteen ladies present.

The group decided to sell baked goods and home-made candy at the bazaar, to be held at the public supper, April 15th.

We hope that many more of the ladies of the Southwest section or district will get into the monthly meetings. We need you—and you will enjoy the fellowship.

M. McShane

Dartball

The 1952-53 season is over and a week from the day of this writing we will be having the banquet. The banquet will be held April 13th at Oakdale E. U. B. and there will be a Round Robin play off.

Upton came out in first place this year. There was really some stiff competition. Colburn and East Broadway tied for second place only one game behind us.

There is really some good fun and fellowship at these games and if there are enough fellows interested in forming another team maybe this fall Upton could enter two teams in the league.

Clyde Kolbe

Among Our People

John Bruce, a member of Upton, who is attending Bowling Green State University, was a participant in the 11th Annual Water Show, "Sentimental Journey", held at the University a few weeks ago.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert McIlrath on the arrival of a new baby some few weeks ago. (Our apologies for the late announcement through this column.)

Also to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dandino who have a new little one.

Our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Richard French in the loss of Walter's and Richard's mother this past month. Also to Mr. and Mrs. George Hook in the loss of Mrs. Hook's father.

We have a word of thanks from the French families to the church folks for their expressions of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Giffin have sent us a card acknowledging the church's expression of sympathy in their recent loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Hoel are grandparents again—our congratulations to them and the parents. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Taylor, on the arrival of a baby girl in Mercy Hospital on Monday, April 13th.

We have word from Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas who went to California in December that they are well.—(Marie says that she is gaining). Marie is very busy—as she was here. They will probably return to Ohio in June.

A word of thanks has come from Donald Snyder for prayers and cards from Upton folks while both he and the baby daughter were ill in the hospital.

Our thanks, also, to the W. W. Class for flowers and church friends for their many cards while Orville was in St. Luke's.

H. Coder

Upton Membership

Haines,
15787 Parkside, Detroit, Mich
Mrs. Garnett (Nee Hover)

Harris,
1912 Barrows
Henry
Mary, Mrs.
Allan
Hatcher, Kl. 2425
4104 Secor
Burley
Helen, Mrs.

Hatfield, Kl. 2510
1922 Marlow
Mrs. Earl

Hatfield,
9910 Brace, Detroit, Mich.
Wm.

Hatten La. 7530
3502 Northwood
Donald

Hayes,
2522 Ayres
Jeanne, Mrs.

Hazlett, Ki. 0577
3703 Westland
Carleton
June, Mrs.

Heckman, Fa. 4314
2123½ Lawrence
Eleanor, Mrs.

Hendrickson, Ki. 0140
1823 Loxley
Leonard
Virginia, Mrs.

Hendy, La. 4458
2013 Mansfield
Jessie, Mrs.

Herbster,
3918 Wrenwood
Jess

Hess, Ta. 55264
235 Plymouth
Richard
Joann, Mrs.

Hill, La. 1413
5738 Comet
Doris, Mrs.

Hoel, La. 8062
4151 Grantley
Cletus
Florence, Mrs.

Holliday, La. 0715
2255 Sylvania
Paul
Alice, Mrs.

Holloway, Em. 8924
2025 Elliott
Roger

Hood, La. 6307
1832 Fairfax
Pauline, Mrs.

Hood,
Saginaw, Mich.
Audry, Mrs.

Hook, Ki. 6941
2035 Balkan
Donald
Dorothy, Mrs.

Hood, Ki. 3848
2620 Lambert
George
Naomi, Mrs.

Hoover,
Service
Lester

Horner, La. 9180
2034 Loxley
Carol

Horton, La. 1568
4870 Monroe
Rhoda, Mrs.

Howard,
1204 E. Powhatan
Tampa, Fla.
Etta, Mrs.

Huffman, Ki. 12749
3819 Doty
Paul
Opal, Mrs.
Douglas

Hummon, La. 1040
1714 Bigelow
Carol
Verda, Mrs.
Robert

Hurtado,
Service
Alfred

Hutchison, Ki. 3040
3534 Hoiles
Elmer
Dorothy, Mrs.

Jackman, La. 4004
3244 Northwood
Olive, Mrs.

Jackson, La. 9691
2145 Loxley
Edmund
Mary, Mrs.
Sandra

James, La. 4756
1822 Wychwood
Arthur J.

Jaynes, La. 8058
1936 Mansfield
Leslie
Helen, Mrs.
Carol
Sharon
Donald

Johnson, Ki. 4700
3619 Upton
Rev. O. E.
Pearl, Mrs.
Gordon
Princess

Johnson, Kl. 3277
1834 Mansfield
Duane
Norma, Mrs.

Johns, La. 6209
3712 Jackman
Clyde
Maude, Mrs.

Jurski,
Betty, Mrs., nee Rupert

Kane,
Metamora, O.
Norris
Bernadine, Mrs.
Burdette—Service

Kanous, Ki. 9497
1931 Brame
Clarence
Ethel
Charles

Katschke, La. 3608
1726 Wychwood
Zelma, Mrs.

Kerr,
1821 Mansfield
Beverly
Joann

Kindle,
2410 Grantwood
Lou Ann

King, Ki. 3269
1801 Wychwood
Carol

Kinney,
5257 Jackman Rd.
Temperance, Mich.
Calvin
Jeanne, Mrs.

Kline,
2051 Bigelow
Chas.—Service
Shirley

Knepper, Lu. 21724
4729 Sadalia Rd.
Carrie, Mrs.