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The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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We have come through another Lenten season. These have been days in which we have been endeavoring to draw a little closer to our Master. We have been walking with Him as He faces Calvary and his great sacrifice in our behalf stirs us to even greater giving of our lives. We would dedicate ourselves anew to the work of His Kingdom.

We look forward to Easter Day when we shall be bringing our gifts to pay the remaining \$2500 indebtedness of our Church. We approach His great day with a prayer in our hearts knowing that when we have done our utmost before God He will bless our giving. Then, indeed shall we have a day of triumph.

Homer E. Knisely

Weddings

The marriage of Miss Eileen Darr to Mr. Merlin Edwards took place on February 8th, 1947. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Calendar

- March 30th—
Palm Sunday
Presentation of Catechetical Classes
- April 4th—
Good Friday Union Services
Home Acres Church of God—1:30-3:00
Good Friday Candle-light Communion at 7:45 P. M.
- April 6th—
Easter Sunday
Early Morning Worship, 8:00 A. M.
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
Worship at 10:15.
- Sunday, 9:30 A. M., Sunday School
- Sunday, 10:30 A. M., Worship
- Sunday, 6:30 P. M., Christian Endeavor
- Monday, 7:30 P. M., Boy Scouts
- Monday, 7:30 P. M., Mantle Club
- Tues., 7:00 P. M., Young People's Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, 8:00 P. M., Choir Rehearsal
- First Tues., 1:30 P. M., Ladies' Aid
- First Tues., 8:00 P. M., Official Board
- First Fri., 8:00 P. M., Women's Missionary
- Second Mon., 7:30 P. M., Mantle Club
- Second Wed., 8:00 P. M., Otterbein Guild
- Third Sun. Eve., 7:30 P. M., Jack and Jill Class
- Third Tues., 8:00 P. M., Trustee Board
- Third Wed., 5-7:30 P. M., Public Supper
- Third Friday, Otterbein Class Meeting
- Fourth Tuesday—S S. Board
- Fourth Wednesday, Willing Workers Class Meeting.

Easter

Easter is one of the greatest, if not the greatest day in all the calendar of the Church year. It is the day of our Lord's triumph. In that triumph is insight, challenge, comfort and power for us all. It is good and proper that all of us go to Church to worship the Risen Lord on Easter. Most certainly homage due Him and necessity of one's own life cannot be adequate by Easter attendance only—but if there is a time above all others it is Easter.

Easter is always a great day in Upton Church. For a number of years, the church has not accommodated the crowds which came. This year there will be two identical worship services at 8:00 A. M. and 10:15 A. M., except that there will be reception of members in the 10:15 o'clock services only.

The following is always pertinent to Easter. Good Friday Union Services will be held in the Church of God at Bellevue and Eastbrook at 1:30 P. M. to 3:00 P. M. Rev. Johnson will be the speaker. Good Friday Candle-light Holy Communion service will be held on Good Friday night at 7:45. Adults will be baptised in this service. Easter morning services will be: Worship at 8:00 A. M. and at 10:15 A. M. with Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Those wishing to be baptised and those interested in uniting with the Church in church membership should see the pastor at once

It has been our policy for a number of years to receive a special Easter offering thus giving opportunity to our people to share in particular at this time in furthering the Gospel of our Risen Lord. This year our offering goes for the purpose of liquidating our remaining indebtedness on the Church property. \$2500 is needed. Generous gifts and everyone sharing will be needed. I am sure that you will want to help.

O. E. J.

Sympathy

To Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Buchhop in the death of Mrs. Buchhop's mother, Mrs. Orpha Lantz .

To Mrs. O. E. Johnson and her sisters, Mrs. Vivian Reid of Bettsville and Miss Princess Terry of Van Wert, Ohio, in the loss of their brother Mr. Donald M. Terry of New York City.

O. E. J.

Pastor's Column

The six months reports given at our Council of Administration meeting evidenced progress in the work of the Church. We were glad for the reports but one could not help but look beyond these reports with even greater thankfulness to a loyal faithful people who have made these reports possible.

Sunday School attendance for the six months period was 258 with Worship attendance averaging 226. Both are ahead of that of a year ago although both showed an average attendance for February that was below that of a year ago. We hope that you will help in this matter by being present at the services regularly.

Twenty-five people have united in membership with the Upton Church during this period.

April is before us. During the first week of April we will be observing Holy Week. Candle-light Communion Services will be held on Good Friday Night at 7:45. In this service there will be the baptism of adults.

On Good Friday afternoon we will join in Union Services with Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church and Home Acres Community Church of God from 1:30 to 3:00. Your pastor will be the speaker.

There will be two worship services on Easter Sunday morning as is announced elsewhere in this issue of the Challenger.

April will also hold many planning days for Mother's Day, Memorial Sunday, Commencement Services, planning for Daily Vacation Bible School, and election of Sunday School officers.

The church covets your prayers and aid during the days ahead. Pray for the Easter occasion that many may find new preciousness in their fellowship with our Risen Lord. Pray for the success of our financial endeavor. We need a good response financially at Easter in order that we may liquidate our remaining debt and IN ORDER THAT WE MAY PROCEED TO COMPLETE OUR BUILDING.

Perhaps more than anything else we need to be regular in our attendance at morning worship. What it would mean if even 50% to 75% of protestantism regularly attended Sunday Morning worship! What it would mean to the enrichment of the individual life. What it would mean to the strengthening and witnessing of the Church.

O. E. J.

W. S. For W. S.

"Partners in a World Mission," the year's program theme, used "Beginning in Judea" as the February emphasis of home missions and introduced the workers on our several home fields through a clever little skit entitled "A Visit with Our Workers." Since the playlet spoke of the endeavor of our two recently united denominations, the missionaries who work in former Evangelical fields were impersonated by members of Zion church and the Upton ladies explained our former fields. The leading character was that of a lady bringing these missionaries into our local meeting that they might help us see the splendid work being carried on. This hostess part was taken by Mrs. Henry Borgelt so graciously that nobody would have suspected she had that day given three Lincoln Day addresses and that evening had sprained her ankle quite badly on her way to our meeting. Mrs. Holden W. Rightmyer as Mrs. John W. Bischoff, wife of the superintendent of the Kentucky Mountain Mission, told of the splendid work of the Red Bird Mission with 476 church members, thirty-five members of the school teaching staff, 600 Sunday School pupils, day school and high school and hospital.

Mrs. Orville Coder told us that the United Brethren church organized societies in Kentucky as far back as 1832 but that it was not till a hundred years later, we began to renew our interest in this field. Our home board and the missionary societies have been especially interested in our Barnett's Creek project where we have a church, a community center with three workers, one of whom is a trained nurse. Mrs. Coder, as Mrs. Mary Bierly, head of this center, described the outstanding projects and features of our mission and its influence on the entire community.

Mrs. Homer Stock, as Mrs. Glenn McCracken, described our Spanish American activities in New Mexico, where we have four plaza or day schools, a boarding school, and fourteen buildings on thirty-five acres of ground. Our new building program is well underway and includes a chapel, boys' dormitory, grade school building, and central heating plant, all at Santa Cruz; a memorial chapel at Alcade; a community hall at Velarde, with a number of older buildings remodeled. With the gift of \$150,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pack, as soon as materials are available a fine new hospital is to be erected.

Mrs. William Woessner described the work among Italian people in Wisconsin, and Mrs. Richard Beaubien represented Mrs. Plutarco Roa who, with her husband, is doing such a splendid work in Ybor City, a section of Tampa, Florida, where a church was organized last Easter. Here we have clubs for boys and girls, vacation Bible schools, a kindergarten, home visitation, religious articles in the

Spanish newspaper and other worthwhile projects.

After the sketch of our home mission fields, Mrs. Carl Snyder, the leader, received the annual thankoffering and the hostess, Mrs. Robert Snyder, served delicious Valentine refreshments. She was assisted by Mesdames M. N. Webb, Arthur Ostrander, and Floyd Robison.

Mrs. Cletus Hoel was enrolled as a new member.

Senior Choir

Regular rehearsal of the Senior choir each Thursday evening promptly at 8 o'clock. The rehearsals were well attended last month and all members did their work well.

The choir sang for the Brotherhood meeting last Sunday evening. From now to April 6th we will be working on our Easter music. All members are urged to be present at each rehearsal.

Mr. Paul Tressler has asked Mr. Fred Leonard to act as president in his place as he has to be absent much of the time. Mrs. Helen Fish is still on the sick list. The choir wishes her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Darr has been missed in her place. The choir hopes that these faithful members will be back soon.

Congratulations to the former Miss Darr who was married recently. She is a member of the soprano section of the choir. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beaubien spent the week end recently with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Faulk in their home in Kent, Ohio. Mrs. Beaubien and Mrs. Faulk both are members of the choir.

Mrs. Mary Rathke, Director

Primary Department

Sunday, February 9 the Primary began dropping extra money into our big Church Bank which Mr. Homer Roberts built for us. It has a bell that rings when a coin is dropped in.

This money is for our Easter offering and to help pay the remaining debt on our church. Our primary boys and girls are just as interested in helping in this as are their parents.

We have six new members, thus far in the month in the ten per cent Membership Increase Campaign sponsored by the Toledo Sunday School Association. Three month pins were given to Deanna Holcomb and Barbara Ennis. Deanna is a newcomer and hasn't missed a Sunday since starting in November.

Twenty-seven of our boys and girls have received book marks after having said from memory all Ten Commandments. We thank God for these fine boys and girls who are so faithful in their attendance and interest in their Sunday School. We ask God's blessings for all those in our Primary Department.

Mrs. Mearl Main, Supt.

Young People's Choir

The Young People's choir rehearses each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Rehearsals are for one hour closing promptly at 8 o'clock.

We have a very fine group of young people anxious to begin working on our new music which the church has bought for us. Last rehearsal we opened the new music and had a wonderful time and a lot of fun, "nibbling" at it. We are working on "The Holy City" which we will present on Easter Sunday.

The choir is now organized having held an election at which the following officers were elected: President, Neil Stock; Sec.-Treas., Miriam Hoel; membership Com., Delores McDole; social Com., Helen Hoel and Donald McDole; accompanists, Joann Ream and Tom Powless.

Members of the choir are: Billie Meredith, Ardis Brown, Betty Reighard, Delores McDole, Norma Dotson, Jeanne Waters, Miriam Hoel, Nancy Reighard, Helen Hoel, Donna Brannon, Neil Stock, Gordon Johnson, Gordon Bricker, Duane Johnson, Gordon Mehan, Robert Hummon, Bernard Falor, Donald McDole, Joann Ream, Thomas Powless. Others desiring to become a part of this choir may make application by seeing the director.

Mrs. Rathke, Director

Otterbein Guild

"If my personal attractions draw people to me, may I use them as a means of helping them to know and love Thee better."—Louise Andrews, in "One Girl's Influence".

The word attractive suggests the power to draw others to oneself. Very often we say of a friend "she is attractive" and mean that this friend has qualities of appearance and character that draw us to her. What makes her attractive? Is it her clothes, her complexion, her eyes? These may enter in for one's appearance is important, and fortunate is the one who is naturally pretty but usually the secret of a truly attractive person is beauty of character, genuineness of spirit, likeness to Christ.

The Psalmist said "The king's daughter is all glorious within."—Psalm 45:13.

In the Otterbein Guild the girls have the splendid opportunity of learning the secret of attractive personality. In these Missionary minded girls is found the desire to be of service in his Kingdom.

Misses Miriam and Helen Hoel entertained the Guild in their lovely home on Lockwood in February. Miss Winifred Layman was the leader, dealing mainly with the Home Mission tasks of the church. All the girls entered into a very interesting discussion upon our duties and chances to serve other races and underprivileged of our own city. A social hour followed with contests and refreshments in keeping with the Valentine season.

Mrs. O. E. Johnson, Counsellor

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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International Council Of Religious Education Meeting

The city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, noted for its churches and the large percentage of home-owners, provided an excellent setting for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, February 9 to 15, 1947. The Opening Session on Sunday Evening, attended by five thousand people, presented the challenge for the sessions which were to follow when Pastor Niemoeller spoke on "The Faith Which Sustains Me." There were two intensely dramatic moments, never to be forgotten by those in attendance. First, as Pastor Niemoeller vividly described a religious service with Communion at which he presided on Christmas Eve, 1944, and concluded with the statement that it was on Christmas Eve 1944, in Cell No. 34 of Dachau Prison that he became a member of the Ecumenical church greater than all denominational lines. The presentation of the One Millionth Copy of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament to Pastor Niemoeller as he stood with bowed head was made by Dr. Weigle who was chairman of the American Standard Bible Committee. The first copy of this translation was presented last year to Mr. Stassen as President of the International Council.

The Theme of the sessions which we attended was "Through Christ—One World." We were challenged as never before when we were presented with a picture of thirty million school children who, if they were placed in a line marching four abreast and four feet apart, would reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific (a distance of six thousand miles) and back again. It is our task to prepare this group to live in a world together peaceably.

At the opening session on Monday morning we were asked to consider the following quotation: "The Christian Church came into the disordered world to offer a solution through brotherhood and made some progress toward peace and order; but, becoming contaminated with selfishness and resulting strife which divided Christendom, the church lost its opportunity to unite the world through the practice of brotherhood. The Christians of today handicap the church by doing as much fighting among themselves as they

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Young Adult Camp

Young adults of Sandusky Conference have you planned that summer vacation yet? There are being plans made now to provide a week this summer for a meeting at Camp St. Marys for us young adults.

The tentative date for this week is from July 6 to the 13th. The program for this week is planned to be one of fellowship and discussion among those attending.

The theme of this program will be "The Christian Home." The program will be set up so that each day will be a complete discussion of one phase of family life. This is being done for those who will be unable to spend the whole week with us but can come for a day and not feel that they are breaking into the middle of a discussion.

As planned, there will be a discussion period in the morning lasting an hour which will be led by an expert in the particular phase of home life to be discussed for that period. We will have an opportunity to ask the experts questions and discuss problems with them. The afternoons will be free time. The evening program will in all probability be an outdoor program, such as a camp fire service or a Galilean service.

The problem arises in this type of camp as to children. You are invited to bring your children along and arrangements will be made so that during the discussion period the children will be cared for.

As to housing, it has been stated that there will be cottages partitioned off to accommodate us as a family group.

You are now probably wondering how much this is going to cost. At the present time our plan calls for a cost of \$15.00 per person for this week. This means \$30.00 a couple and the children do not have to pay. In other words, \$30.00 a family is the tentative price.

Space is limited to go into great details on our program. If you are interested, you may write Hugh E. Kirkwood, Jr., 126½ W. Center Street, Marion, Ohio, the chairman, or Ray T. Bowers, R. R. No. 7, Homewood Addition, Lima, Ohio, the secretary.

Since this is the first year that this program has been tried in our conference, we would appreciate having your reservations as early as possible. These reservations should be mailed to the secretary. It will not be necessary to send any money with your reservation, but this is simply to afford the committee of some idea of the number who will plan to attend our gathering.

Memorial Chimes

On February 9, 1947 our Church dedicated Electronic Tower Chimes in memory of our former pastor Rev. G. W. Lilly and our three gold star service men: Sgt. James Ferguson, Pfc. Charles Hartman, and Seaman First Class Richard Barnhouse. Dr. V. H. Allman, the Sandusky conference superintendent of the Evangelical United Brethren church gave a very challenging message on the "Peace which Christ gives" to a combined congregation with the Presbyterians. The Presbyterian choir sang the morning anthem. The buddies of these boys read a short memorial to their memory. Dr. Guy Cheek read an original poem in memorial to Rev. G. W. Lilly.

Emerson Iles

Rev. Mark Shedron Takes Social Service Post

Rev. Mark Shedron has been appointed executive secretary for the Protestant social service department in Akron. He will assume his duties May 1. Mr. Shedron has been institutional chaplain of the Louisville Council of Churches and a teacher in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

The department in Akron was organized recently by 20 ministers and laymen as a liaison agent between the Protestant churches and Akron and Summit County social agencies. It will act as a clearing center for personal counseling, family life, child guidance, youth work, welfare and other moral and religious aspects of social work. The new division is part of the Akron Ministerial Association but will become a separate group as soon as a Council of Churches is organized in Akron, of which it will become a part.

Mr. Shedron was granted his bachelor of arts degree at Bowling Green State University and his bachelor of divinity at Bonebrake Theological Seminary and is an ordained minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He served a pastorate in Middlepoint, Ohio before going to Louisville, where he has been extremely successful in welfare work.

Note: We are glad to reprint the foregoing article from the Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune giving us this news about one of the young men of our conference who has been making a good name for himself in a very highly specialized field. We congratulate him and offer him our best wishes in his new field.—Ed.

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EDITORIAL HOLY WEEK

This issue will reach you a little before Holy Week. Sometimes we are asked why as Evangelical United Brethren we observe Holy Week. Is not this just a Roman Catholic custom? Our answer is that we observe Holy Week because it is good for the growth of our own souls.

We look forward to a time of spiritual exaltation on Easter Sunday. But too many times we forget that we cannot have the spiritual exaltation that we desire on Easter if we have not paid the price in spiritual preparation. If we fail here we will be finding ourselves thinking of Easter in the terms of a new "Easter" outfit; thinking of new clothes and new hats and forgetting the spiritual meaning of the day.

We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. We walk with the disciples as they go with Jesus on that triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. With them we hail Him as the King that was and is to come. We join in the cries of "Hosanna," full well aware that many times our loyalties are as transient and as evanescent as those on that first Palm Sunday. Too many times we too have forgotten our shouts of loyalty and fealty in the midst of the arguments and quarrels of the work-a-day world. But we take

the time on this one day to hear again His call to allegiance, and we pledge our allegiance to Him as the King of our lives. On Monday we stand with Him as He casts out the traders from the temple, and hear again His voice, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

On Thursday evening, Maundy Thursday, we approach the Table of the Lord. Again we hear His voice as He says, "Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me." "Drink ye all of this, for this cup is my blood of the new testament which is shed for you unto remission of sins." And again at His altar we pledge anew to Him our love and life service. Again we plead His sacrifice as the pledge of the Divine forgiveness of our many sins. Again we remember that our only hope is in Him, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. And in true humility and repentance we cry out, "O Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace."

We go with Him on that sorrowful walk to Getsemane. We see Him in His agony sweat great drops of blood. When He says "Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch with Me one hour?"; we are made to think how many times we also have slept when we had a responsibility to discharge. We go with Him to the house of Caiaphas; to the judgment hall of Pilate; up the mournful mountain of Calvary. There we behold the miracle of the ages; God in human form taking voluntarily upon himself the sins and sorrows and sufferings of the whole world that man might have redemption.

Let no one say that a three hour service is too long! We sit in a comfortable church. He hung on a rugged cross. We watch beside His cross and meditate upon the grace of God by which we might have pardon and salvation! And we go out from the sanctuary having a new appreciation of that grace of God and a new determination to follow Christ because we have spent these hours before the cross.

On Friday night and on Saturday it would be well for us to meditate on the situation in which the disciples found themselves. Their Master whom they loved and trusted was dead and buried. So far as they had any assurance this was the end. They were living in a world without hope. Can you think what kind of a world this would be today if Christ had not risen from the dead? Can you think what kind of a world this would be if you were to subtract from it everything which we have because of the resurrection? A world without Christ! Ah, God, how hopeless would be our condition today!

Now if we have taken ourselves through Holy Week in this fashion we are ready to come to the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, very early in the morning. Then

we are ready to greet our friends with the ancient Easter salutation, "The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" Then we are ready for the transcendent spiritual exaltation of the Easter morning service. Then we can sing with all our hearts, "Christ the Lord is risen today! Hallelujah!"

This is the high point in the church year. The Easter message is the word on which all the rest of the Christian message depends. Truly did St. Paul say, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, your faith is vain, and ye are yet in your sins. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, then are we of all men most miserable." But because Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept, then we can say "O death where is thy sting; O grave where is thy victory." "Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Otterbein Home Auxiliary

The Otterbein Home Auxiliary of Sandusky Conference met at the First E. U. B. church, Findlay, Ohio, Feb. 19th, for annual meeting.

Reports of the directors were very excellent and showed they had fine cooperation in their district. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Carl V. Roop; V. Pres., Mrs. Gail Brubaker, Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Oscar Richard.

We as officers and directors want to THANK everyone who helped to make this the greatest Christmas offering for the Home: because it is a place where charity, love and understanding and security dwells in all their sweetness.

Let us not forget our slogan: "Enlisting Others For Others."

Mrs. Carl V. Roop, Pres.

The fire which laid London in ruins gave the famous architect, Christopher Wren, an opportunity, unprecented in modern history, of displaying his powers. Let the Church of Christ in like manner behold its opportunity, presented by a world in ruins, for the displaying of all its socially regenerative and constructive powers. The architecture of the soul affords a field for effort that immeasurably exceeds the possibilities for art expression through stone and mortar and pigments. The "curved line of beauty" bends closely in every case over the "straight line of duty." There are infinite possibilities of development in life when it is lived in devotion to the true, the good, and the beautiful.—Zion's Herald.

The United States Bureau of the 16th Census shows that in the Protestant church a large per cent of the ministers get a salary of only \$1,200 to \$1,400 annually and that the greatest number of ministers are between the ages of 35 and 44.

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

The Marion District Youth Fellowship held its quarterly rally in conjunction with the Brotherhood at Sycamore. Mr. James Craven of Marion is president of the district and presided at the meeting. Dr. Arthur H. Doescher was the speaker for the meeting and special music was furnished by the choir from Liberty Chapel. Rev. L. E. Ames and Rev. Paul Walter also appeared on the program. The attendance plaque was awarded to the Mt. Zion church which had 62 young people in attendance. We believe that this is some kind of a record. Total attendance for the service was 152 with an offering of \$128.42. Every charge in the district except one was represented.

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The quarterly meeting of the Toledo District Youth Fellowship was held Sunday, March 2 at Upton Ave. church. The sound motion picture, "No Greater Power," the story of Zacchaeus, was shown. Richard Elliot of Colburn Church read the scripture. Betty Palmer from Oakdale church gave a devotional talk. The evening prayer was given by Bill Bowman of First church, and Ellen Long from Somerset gave the offertory prayer. Special music was furnished by Joan DeVore, Linda Leonard, Audrey Leonard and Mary Fox from Point Place church. Total attendance was 115 with an offering of \$29.52. The attendance plaque was awarded to Oakdale Church, represented by 41 young people.

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The First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Lima, Ohio, is happy and proud to announce that it has an active and worthwhile Youth Group participating in its church.

The Sunday School attendance has risen until not it is a rare sight not to see 25 to 30 young men and women grace the front pews of our church every Sunday.

We are now starting on the first phase of a year around youth program. On March 18, 1947, a dinner will be served to the young people of the church and their guests by the young married people's Sunday school class. A notable speaker will speak to the young people after which a social hour will follow. This is the first in a monthly series of meetings designed especially for our young people.

Kent B. McGough

Youth Director, Lima First Church

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Young people this is your column. More news is needed. It takes only a few minutes to tell of a project, a meeting, or an event of your youth group. All items should be sent to yours truly, Robert Leon, 438 Danberry Ave., Toledo 9, Ohio.

Otterbein College News

Wade S. Miller, Director, Centennial Program

As this is written only three months remain in the Centennial year and these next ninety days are crowded with activities. All efforts are now directed toward the successful execution of the Centennial Educational Conference from April 26-29. May Day, with its customary features, is scheduled for May 10, and the Commencement activities will begin on June 5 and run through June 9.

Winter Homecoming

Esther Scott, popular college senior and daughter of Kenneth J. Scott, '20, and Edythe Cave Scott, '21, was crowned Winter Princess at the Winter Homecoming festivities on February 8. Her attendants were Ruth Ridenour of Akron and Evelyn Cliffe of Ivyland, Pennsylvania. In the basketball game which was the feature attraction Otterbein defeated Heidelberg 61-31.

Entrance Examinations

In order to give a fair and equal opportunity to every young person interested in Otterbein, the college is this year requiring of all applicants except those in the highest 10% of their classes that they take college entrance examinations. High school records do not always reveal a student's ability to do work of a college grade, whereas, the tests being offered will be a fair test. These examinations are being given every Saturday morning on the campus and in certain other areas at stated intervals.

Glee Clubs

For several years the glee clubs have been unable to travel. Now both clubs are available for concerts and several trips have already been made.

Centennial Giving

On February 28 the ten conferences in the Otterbein area had contributed in cash a total of \$226,816.82, leaving a balance due of \$65,170.68. Four more monthly payments are due which means that monthly payments must average over \$16,000. Last month the conferences remitted \$3,901.99.

Orchids to Sandusky Conference

The Sandusky Conference recently enacted legislation whereby the conference treasurer will send to the college on May 1 the entire balance due on its quota, and the churches will be expected to reimburse the treasurer. This is a fine spirit on the part of the Sandusky Conference and it is hoped that its action will be an incentive to other conferences to do likewise.

Conference Standings

Conference	Total Paid	Percent- age
Florida	\$ 1,000.00	100.
Michigan	7,789.55	91.9
Alleghany	55,502.34	88.5
Miami	51,563.73	83.1
West Virginia	24,091.68	83.
Sandusky	42,788.58	82.4
Southeast Ohio	38,855.37	78.3

Sandusky Church Progress

The Columbus Avenue Church in Sandusky has experienced a good year. There have been five conversions and five accessions since Conference. The last week in February closed a six-day series of Evangelistic Services. Rev. Richard Ward of Mt. Carmel assisted the pastor in this week of work. The attendance was fine and the spirit challenging.

The Christmas offering for Otterbein Home totaled \$86.00 or an average of \$3.00 per member. The Sunday school has taken a prominent place in the work of the church. The Women's Society of World Service is an active group with 25 members.

The Sunday evening before Christmas 155 people gathered to worship and observe the program of the children. At this service the church presented the pastor and his family with a very sizable purse.

When this paper reaches the reader, the Sandusky Church will have celebrated its second year of service in the community. On March 25, 1945 the doors of this church were opened for the first time. The church people appreciate the contribution of the conference to make the church possible. In return the church people have done much to beautify and enlarge the facilities for worship and learning. Each week the pastor meets with about 15 grade school children who come to the church after the school hour, on Wednesday, for extra religious instruction.

A sum of \$1350.00 was the goal of the finance committee at the beginning of the fiscal year. That sum has already been gained and a great portion of the sum expended for the welfare of the denomination, conference and local church.

At the direction of the local board of trustees a bulletin board was purchased. The cost of the board which amounted to \$161.00 was a gift of Mr. H. B. Monn of our Shelby church, who made one of the first contributions directly for the church. Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Holdeman gave \$100.00, to supplement the amount given by Mr. Monn. The Rev. Mr. Holdeman is Chaplain of the Ohio Soldier's and Sailor's Home in Sandusky.

The local board also purchased an Electronic Bell system with two horns outside and two speakers inside. These two implements of service for the church were dedicated February 16th by Dr. V. H. Allman. Dr. F. H. Firestone of Fremont gave the message for the afternoon service of dedication.

God has truly blessed this work.

	Total Paid	Percentage Paid
Tennessee	2,603.57	74.1
East Ohio	30,151.35	68.3
Erie	12,470.65	62.4
Total Paid	\$266,816.82	
Percentage Paid		80.3

The Challenge Of Camp St. Marys

The Conference Board of Trustees, in response to many requests, even some demands, that we open Camp St. Marys this summer for use by the Young Adult group and Youth Groups, has developed and proposes to the Conference a construction plan whereby limited service can be made available during the 1947 summer season.

One dormitory, dimensions 96 by 38 feet, is now being erected and will house approximately 78 persons. Another such dormitory is provided for in the plan. These are being built of concrete blocks. It is proposed to purchase and erect 12 to 14 prefabricated buildings to be used for housing purposes, each accommodating 16 people in double bunks. These prefabricated buildings are attractive, very durable and could serve us well until more permanent structures can be erected. Four of these are already on the grounds and are providing storage facilities for war surplus goods which has been purchased.

Arrangements are made for the possible erection of an auditorium with dimensions of 140 by 82 feet. The walls to a height of four feet would be built of concrete. The superstructure would be of quonset construction, the roof being triplex (three circular parts supported by columns). The proposed plans call for a sloping concrete floor, properly divided and arranged to care for contraction and expansion. The seating capacity of this building would be about 1500 people and could provide temporary study facilities for class groups. A churchly facade, or front, is planned to lend additional attractiveness.

Plans for a quonset mess hall and kitchen, 40 by 100 feet, or longer if desired, have been approved. A "counter-kitchen" would be placed in the center of the building and serving could be done toward either end, or both, of the building. This plan also includes a full concrete floor. The cost of these buildings is moderate and they would provide adequate service for a good many years, depending on proper care. In years to come more permanent construction could be undertaken when desired and convenient. The complete construction cost of these two buildings, except furnishings is \$40,000.

The dredging of channels is expected to be resumed shortly and under the new arrangement can be continued without interruption, save by bad weather.

An adequate water system is quite easily available. Sewerage, due to shortages and priorities, especially relating to securing necessary pipe, remains our problem. We believe that it can be solved on either a temporary or permanent basis.

The necessary brevity of this report does not permit the telling of many construction details. This report is a summary of the program proposed by your Board. The buildings described can be

erected and ready for service by June 15th, unless unforeseen and serious difficulties should be encountered.

The whole program hangs upon the question of finance. The cost of construction as indicated would fall between \$90,000 and \$100,000. The Board does not possess the money and is unwilling to plunge the Conference into excessive and burdensome debt. A minimum of \$70,000 in cash should be either in hand or assured to undertake this program. We believe that the Conference is able to provide the money for this work. The partial canvas of a minority of our churches and charges has resulted in raising some \$52,000 in cash and pledges and from the payments on these the work has gone forward to this point. It is now a question of desire, interest, willingness to give, to sacrifice on the part of all of our people. We lay this responsibility at the feet of every minister, church, and member in Sandusky Conference. If we wish the Camp this summer it is possible, and the operating plan is ready. A complete, whole-hearted and immediate canvas of every charge and church is the answer. We especially invite 14 churches or persons to contribute \$1000 in cash by May 15th to finance the purchase and erection of one of the prefabricated cottages. This contribution can apply on the giving of any church or charge.

We bring you, O Sandusky Conference, the challenge! What do YOU want us to do? Please answer in pledges and cash, as well as heartfelt interest and prayer.

L. E. Ames, president,
Conference Board of Trustees.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING

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do to combat the forces impeding the progress of brotherhood. About ninety-five per cent of those belonging to the various combatting branches of the Christian church should be excluded for not being Christians." It was a stirring challenge and every effort was made in the succeeding sessions to present plans whereby the church might "give heart and soul and mind and strength, to serve the King of Kings."

Subsequent sessions which we attended dealt with Intergroup and Intercultural Relations, Books, Radio and Audio-Visual Aids, World Wide Channels of Service, and Visual Aids. A wealth of materials and suggestions were offered here since we are face to face with new methods in Christian Education. We should strive to make the home the chief place where Christian nurture is carried on and the condition of the home today makes this task of paramount importance to the church. Space will not permit the presentation of these suggestions in this article.

The church must make use of the opportunity which is given to it within the next ten years and if it does not humanity

is doomed. This is the time to make use of every resource which we can find to put into practice the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. At one of the closing sessions, Dr. Brumbaugh, a Methodist Missionary who had served in Japan and recently returned to that country to investigate the situation there, stated that McArthur is asking for one thousand missionaries to be sent to Japan as soon as possible for that is the only hope which we have of saving the world from even more terrible destruction and desolation than that of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The leadership of the church is challenged as never before to walk worthy of the task which has been presented to it and to WORK while the opportunity is so great for rendering Service to all mankind.

The fellowship at these meetings was especially delightful. The Evangelical United Brethren Group, approximately eighty in number, held a Fellowship Banquet on Monday evening in the Episcopal church. Bishop Dennis presided at this meeting and at its conclusion the custodian of the church graciously conducted us through the beautiful edifice after which we attended services in the Fountain Street Baptist church. The address on "Christian Teaching For A New Day" by Dr. Nevin C. Harner was very inspirational as well as challenging. The Tuesday evening meeting dealt with World Friendship and a discussion of books needed for our work today. We returned from four days full of challenge and inspiration with a deeper sense of our great responsibility as workers for The Master. We must plan well for the future, planning much farther than we can see, for as Bishop Fout has so ably stated "When we plan no farther than we can see, we leave no room for faith and shut out God."

Mrs. Roy Cramer

DON'TS FOR CHURCH GOERS

Don't visit. Worship.

Don't hurry away. Speak and be spoken to.

Don't stop in the end of the pew. Move over.

Don't monopolize your hymn book. Be neighborly.

Don't wait for introductions. Introduce yourself.

Don't choose the back seat. Leave it for late comers.

Don't criticize. Remember, and think on your own frailties.

Don't stare blankly while others sing, read or pray. Join in.

Don't leave without praying God's blessing on all present.

Don't sit while others stand or kneel. Share in the service.

Don't sit with your hand to your head as if worshipping hurt you.

Don't dodge the preacher. Show yourself to be friendly.

—Church Herald.

Superintendent's Column

We are looking for the robin and the blue bird with their announcement of spring. We are also a bit impatient with winter and its deadening effect on life.

The coming of spring brings with it the resurrection of nature. The call seems to be to all to live a richer, fuller life. With anxiety we go to the garden and the field, and it is with weary body and tired hands we finish the task of making ready the soil and with high hope and expectancy we plant the seed and with confidence we wait for the miracle of awakening. The Almighty Creator resurrects, brings to life the dead grain. Who is it then, so dead, so perverted in his thought, so stubborn in his unbelief, so hopeless in his thinking and so faithless in his living that he doubts the miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and cannot see in that resurrection assurance of his own Resurrection to life eternal and immortal. "Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. . . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor 15. The Church is looking forward to Easter as all look forward to spring. Easter is the time to tell the resurrection story, to recount the events of the crucifixion and to marvel at the mystery and fact of the resurrection of Jesus. When the full significance of this great truth takes hold of the church, every member will be so overjoyed, so elated with its transforming power that everywhere the message of Easter will be told. Then there will be thousands waiting to join the church. God grant that it may be thus told this Eastertide.

The young adult camp program has been completed and the dates set for July 6-12. It is to be hoped that each charge will begin planning at once to have at least one married couple attend the camp.

Congratulations go this month to the Rev. Iles and the Van Buren church on the installation of a fine tower chimes system and the dedication of that system as a memorial to the three young men whose lives were given in the war.

Congratulations to the Rev. A. W. Pringle and the good people of Sandusky on the installation of a beautiful bulletin board and tower chimes. The city may now know who we are and by the beautiful music of the electronic bells be called to worship.

News From The Churches

Van Wert District Meeting—The ministers of Van Wert District met in their regular session on February 14th in the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Wetzel. Rev. Clyde Walters (former Evangelical) brought the devotions and led us to the throne in prayer.

Discussion at great length as to the merger of our districts, would make profitable meetings. It was decided to invite the former Evangelical ministers to meet with us. Perhaps later we would have the fellowship in their district meeting which meets quarterly.

It was decided that the district ministers sponsor the revival at Delphos due to the illness of our Brother, the Rev. Wesley Mullenhour. The revival will start March 9th with Rev. Roy Davis preaching on the evenings of 9-10-11th. Rev. Walter Marks 12-13-14th. Rev. E. W. Goings on the 16th. Rev. H. L. Smith the 17th. Rev. Clyde Walters on 18th. Rev. C. J. Mericle on the 19th. Rev. C. E. Roberts on the 20th. Rev. Paul B. Zimmerman on 21st. Dr. V. H. Allman will close the campaign preaching both morning and evening of the 23rd.

Our March district meeting was to be held with Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Mullenhour, and because of the illness of Brother Mullenhour, Dr. Alman invited us to "Hungry Hill", the invitation was graciously accepted, however, it was thought best, TO TAKE A BASKET DINNER.

Walter Marks, Sec.

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The Marion District—The Marion District Brotherhood of the Evangelical and United Brethren church met Sunday evening, Feb. 16 at the Sycamore School house, the Sycamore church being host.

Pres. W. C. Wilhelm opened the Brotherhood meeting after which R. S. Wilson lead in prayer. Frank C. Grandy, President of the Sandusky Conference Brotherhood gave a very interesting talk on Brotherhood work. Rev. Doescher of Dayton made a short talk on "Representation of Christ." Everett T. Snyder of Findlay made some remarks.

The Young Peoples' Meeting was in charge of the President James Craven. All repeated the 23rd Psalm in unison as the scripture of the evening. Rev. Troutner of Bucyrus gave a short talk.

Ninety women of the charge met and formed a Women's Organization.

At 7:45 all assembled in the school auditorium for the mass meeting of the evening being in charge of Rev. Roebuck of Marion. Rev. Fay M. Bowman of Toledo read the scripture and Dr. Patterson of Bucyrus lead in prayer. Rev. L. E. Ames of Findlay gave a fine talk on the St. Marys project. The offering amounted to \$127.42.

Rev. Paul Walters of East Findlay gave a challenging message on Rural Churches. An invitation was extended by the Mt. Zion church on the Ocoola charge for the next meeting. The invitation was accepted. A motion was then in order thanking the Ladies of the Sycamore church for the fine eats of the evening. Ocoola-Mt. Zion again claimed the banner having 147 present, the total attendance being 455.

Rev. Doescher brought a fine message on "Christ's Greatest Contribution." Christ was great in all fields of endeavor, but excelled as "Conquerer of Sin." Sin can be taken into a life but not put out. My sins are greater than I. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Specials from most of the churches, combined with a fine spirit of fellowship made the meeting one of interest and inspiration to all.

Raymond Harter, Sec.

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Fostoria—Revival services were held January 19 thru February 2. The Pastor did the preaching and had the assistance of Rev. John C. Searle, Sr., of Bowling Green as director of music. Members of the Searle family provided special numbers at several of the services. The attendance was good and a fine spirit manifested throughout the two weeks. There were 10 conversions. On the last Sunday night 4 adults were received into church fellowship.

On Sunday night Feb. 23 the Young People had charge of the service. The sermon was given by Roger Cole, a recently licensed Quarterly Conference minister of our church. This was Roger's first sermon. His subject was "The Well of Everlasting Water." The Senior Chapter of the Hi-Y boys from the High School of which Roger is a member attended in a body. Other groups were present from Toledo and Bowling Green. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinker, Young Peoples Sponsors, had records made of this service and presented them to Roger at the close of the service. The offering, which amounted to \$65.00, was given to the C. E. to carry on their work.

The A Cappella choir from Bowling Green State University under the direction of Dr. James Paul Kennedy gave a Sacred Concert in our church on Sunday night, March 2. A large and appreciative audience was present for this great service.

The Sunday school under the leadership of Mr. Fred Holliger has laid plans for an attendance campaign from Easter to Pentecost. The Sunday school has accepted the full support for Miss Emily Keck, Missionary to New Mexico.

The trustees of the church recently had the church, Friendship Hall and the Parsonage insulated. The Parsonage family is especially happy for this improvement.

Daniel D. Corl, Minister

Lima First—On the night of February 12, 1947 over 100 men and boys gathered in the basement of our church for the an-

nual Father and Son Banquet. This year as every year the banquet was sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood Society.

An excellent program was in store for those present. After everyone had enjoyed a delicious steak dinner served by the ladies of the church the program was started with songs by our own men's quartet. After the musical entertainment and short talks by the officers of the Brotherhood and the Pastor, Rev. Gerald Coen, the speaker of the evening was introduced.

The speaker, Professor H. W. Leach, Principal of Central High School, Lima, gave an interesting and worthwhile talk on the general subject of "Better Living".

It was an excellent evening of fellowship and entertainment for the men of the church. The committee of Mr. Carl Miller, President of the Brotherhood, Mr. Thad Leigh, and Mr. Jack Armentrout are to be congratulated for the success of the meeting.

Submitted by
Kent B. McGough
Lima First Church

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Bloomville Charge—This is the first report that Bloomville has made since Conference, so we have many interesting things to tell. This has been a busy year at our Bloomville charge. Coming from Southeast Ohio conference we were late in getting on the work. We moved on Oct. 3 our 10th wedding anniversary and have had a busy four months getting acquainted. Our Bloomville church gave us a wonderful reception in the church basement Nov. 25. Our Olive Branch church gave us a wonderful reception on Nov. 1 in the Parsonage. We observed our Homecomings in the Bloomville church, Nov. 17 and the Olive Branch church Oct. 13.

We had a wonderful revival at our Harmony Church with Miss Mabel Rife as our Evangelist. Thanksgiving Eve we had a union meeting of the community in our Bloomville church.

All three churches on this charge presented the Christmas Story in a wonderful manner and our Otterbein Home offering was a little over one dollar per member. Our missionary which is a combined society of all three churches has been doing a lot of work in the way of sewing for the Kentucky Missions.

Our Bloomville church purchased Steeple Chimes in honor and in memory of our service men which have been inspiring and have been heard four miles away.

In the four months we have been on the work we have had two large church weddings and seven funerals.

Our Bloomville church is receiving a White Cloud Marble Baptismal Font in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaffer.

Our Harmony church is receiving a Golden Oak Baptismal Font in memory of Mrs. Effie Sours.

The Boosters class of our Bloomville

church have put the gas and water in the church basement.

We are looking forward to the District meeting which will be held here in April. We wish to welcome everyone.

The community world day of prayer was held in our church with a large attendance.

We are looking forward with much prayer for our revival from March 31 to April 11th in our Olive Branch church and also the one here at Bloomville sometime in May with Miss Mabel Rife as our Evangelist.

Mrs. Sayre, wife of the deceased Rev. C. L. Sayre wishes to thank Dr. Allman, pastors and friends of the Sandusky Conference for the help in purchasing her and her three sons a home in Bloomville, Ohio, May, 1946.

Rv. Loyd M. Rife, Pastor

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Toledo East Broadway—Despite handicaps caused by a breakdown of the heating system, East Broadway church continues to move forward. The Otterbein Home offering totaled \$1011. The Adeste Class composed of post high school students and taught by George Valiquette, made the largest single contribution (\$260.) to this gift. The worship attendance at the evening services has been above average. Morning worship and Sunday school attendance has been good. All of these services have been held in the church basement.

The Adult choir is now equipped with new black robes. New pulpit furniture of the divided chancel variety is ordered and is being presented to the church by Mrs. Sylvia Stevens in memory of her husband, the late Henry Stevens. The family of Mrs. Pearl Siegel and the family of Chas. Fetzer, Sr. are the donors of new seven light candelabra in memory of Mr. William Siegel and Mrs. Chas. Fetzer, Sr.

A new steel steam heating plant is now being installed. This includes a boiler and oil-burning unit. The Board of Trustees anticipate the addition of rest room facilities during the summer months. This improvement will be much appreciated.

The Class of the Open Door sponsored a chili supper this month. Their classroom has been completely redecorated and a new light fixture installed. This class, composed of young married people, is growing in numbers and in spiritual relationships.

An Old Fashioned Box Social was held this month by the Win-A-Couple class. The proceeds of this fellowship affair will be used for equipment in the Children's Sunday School Department.

Evangelistic services and personal visitation are on the agenda for the Lenten season program. Rev. J. H. Patterson will conduct services from April 6-13. We pray for a real quickening and religious experience in our church.

Young Peoples' Day was observed Feb. 2. Miss Patti Moon was chairman of the

service and was assisted by the Youth Choir and other young people.

The Brotherhood under the leadership of Richard Shook as president, George Mohr as vice president, Donald Aldridge as secretary, planned an interesting program for March 9th. A pot-luck dinner at 5:30 was enjoyed by all and Rev. O. E. Johnson brought a challenging message at the 7:30 o'clock service.

Belmore Church—A two weeks meeting closed at the Belmore church on Sunday evening, Feb. 9.

In spite of the severe weather we had a good attendance. An average of 65 each evening.

Rev. Lutz was his own evangelist, bringing each evening a challenging message from God's word.

A fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, special music given each evening.

With the reunion of the two denominations we can truly say that one could not see who was who but that all seemed to work in harmony for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Our church has recently organized a Brotherhood with 38 charter members. We are looking forward for great things at Easter time when many will unite with the church.

Sunday school attendance has increased. The Belmore church is a going concern and anticipates great things in the future.

Reported by O. E. Hawk

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Van Wert—The Birth of Christian Endeavor was celebrated in the evening service of February 2nd with Miss Roselyn Hattery presiding. Mrs. Martin Kilgore played for the prelude, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour." The invocation was given by Mrs. Harold Gribler. Miss Martha Emmans sang, "My Task." The scripture lesson was read by Mr. Roger Sherman. Sentence prayers by various of the congregation. Miss Wanda Johns gave the history of C. E. Miss Joyce Johnson gave a poem fitting for C. E. The pastor brought the message on the subject, "The Church needs Youth."

At this writing, the pastor is holding a revival in the Mt. Carmel Church of God, near Celina, Ohio. We are closing our first week and will have perhaps 80 for the average attendance in this rural church. Seven have already bowed at the altar of prayer. An outpouring of the spirit is manifested in every service.

Walter Marks, Pastor

Two men, a Christian and a skeptic, were discussing the evidences of the Christian religion. The skeptic frankly and bluntly said: "We might as well drop this matter, for I don't believe a word you say; and more than that, you yourself don't really believe it. For to my certain knowledge you have not given, the last twenty years, so much for the spread of Christianity, such as the building of churches, or for foreign and home missions, as your last Durham cow cost."—C. E. World.

BENEVOLENCES			Camp Otterbein St. Marys Col. Cen.			BENEVOLENCES			Camp Otterbein St. Marys Col. Cen.					
Monthly Quota	Paid Feb.	Paid 6 Mo.	Paid Feb.	Paid Feb.	Sun. Att.	Worr Att.	Monthly Quota	Paid Feb.	Paid 6 Mo.	Paid Feb.	Paid Feb.	Sun. Att.	Worr Att.	
Smithville	15	27	177.20			48	51	Wauseon Circuit:						
Mt. Zion	10	18	78			34	51	Beulah	10	10	60		40	45
Sycamore	25	25	150			130	162	Mt. Pleasant	12	12	72		37	39
West Mansfield	4	4	24			15	17	North Dover	15	15	90		45	45
York	12	12	72			43	41	 VAN WERT DISTRICT						
 SHELBY DISTRICT								Delphos	25	25	150		124	74
Attica, Federated	10	20	82			45	48	Grover Hill Circuit:						
South Reed	10	10	60					Blue Creek	11	11	66		28	33
Attica Circuit:								Middle Creek	12	8	67		37	53
Richmond	30	36	195			45	49	Mt. Zion	8		48	10	52	58
Union Pisgah	20	50	107	5		52	58	Middlepoint Circuit:						
Galion	75	75	483			158	152	Bethel	4	4	24		16	18
Leesville-Biddle Ct.:								Fairview	8	8	48		25	27
Biddle	10	10	60			12	18	Harmony	8	8	48		20	22
Leesville	16	16	96			69	65	Mt. Pleasant	20	20	120		55	57
Shauck Circuit:								Rockford	65	65	390	55	155	97
Johnsville	15	15	90					Van Wert	50	50	300	176	123	103
Pleasant Hill	5	5	30					Willshire Circuit:						
Williamsport	15	15	90					Bethel	8	8	48		34	34
Shelby	100	100	600			182	165	Mt. Zion	5	5	30		20	20
Tiro	40	40	240			68	101	Union	15	15	90		80	80
Willard	175	175	1050			218	315	Wren	21	21	129		64	60
 TOLEDO DISTRICT								Bethel	11	11	66		40	52
Delta	25	125	250			80	65	Woods Chapel	11	11	66		50	66
Zion	25	39	164			54	95	Rev. E. J. Haldeman.....				100		
Liberty	12		60					Rentals—Cottages				182		
Monclova	12	12	84			43	43	Totals	\$4094.70			\$748.50		
Toledo, Colburn	65	65	390	30		122	132			\$24752.19				
Toledo, East Broadway	75	75	450			182	186			\$1322.75				
Toledo, First	75	81	495			185	160	Grand Total Otterbein College Centennial.....			\$43,537.08	(86.21%)		
Toledo, Oakdale	45	45	270	50	225	175	126	Additional Otterbein Home: Sandusky, \$3; Columbus Grove, \$1;						
Toledo, Point Place	25	25	150			142	115	Kemp, \$13.70; Lima, High St., \$98.70; Sycamore, \$40; Toledo,						
Toledo, Somerset	50	50	500	75		133	162	Colburn, \$3; Toledo, First, \$65; Rockford, \$27.						
Toledo, Upton	55	60	360	39		252	236	Grand Total Christmas Offering to date.....			\$32,901.57			
Walbridge	10	10	60			44	29	Grand Total of cash received for Camp St. Marys.....			\$26,519.47			
Hayes	10		9.08	12		34	33							

A century ago an English deist, calling upon Coleridge, inveighed bitterly against the rigid instruction in Christian homes. "Consider," said he, "the helplessness of a little child. Before it has wisdom or judgment to decide for itself it is prejudiced in favor of Christianity. How selfish is the parent who stamps his religious ideas into a child's receptive nature, as a molder stamps the hot iron with his model! I shall prejudice my children neither for Christianity nor for Buddhism nor for atheism, but allow them to wait for their mature years. Then they can open the question and decide for themselves." Later the poet led his atheistic acquaintance into the garden. Suddenly he exclaimed: "How selfish is the gardner who ruthlessly stamps his prejudice in favor of roses and violets and strawberries into a receptive garden-bed. The time was when in April I pulled up the young weeds, the parsley, the thistle, and planted the garden-beds out with vegetables and flowers. Now I have decided to permit the garden to go until September. Then the black clods can choose for themselves between cockleberries and currants and strawberries."

Evangelist's Report

Brother Minister & Laymen:

By the time this report is in print in the News, I will be engaged in my 6th (Sixth) Revival meeting since I began this season. There were 40 (Forty) that bowed at the altar in the services, and the churches all were lifted spiritually.

Due to one cancellation of a meeting I will have about 10 (ten) days open dates prior to Easter. Anyone who may be interested in dates write me at once.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Elwood Botkin, Evangelist
Waynesfield, Ohio

A teaching evangelistic campaign to combat juvenile delinquency and to meet post-war adjustment problems of youth and adults was approved for the 1946-49 quadrennium by the board of trustees of The International Council of Religious Education at its annual meeting in Chicago. The program will include home, church school, and community projects sponsored by the forty Protestant denominations and the 183 state, provincial, and city councils of the United States and Canada represented in the International Council.

American religious groups of all faiths are being urged to cooperate in a campaign for 1,000,000 English language classics to re-stock Russian libraries looted by the Germans. The Germans, in their invasion of Russia, destroyed 12,000 public libraries and reading rooms and more than 20,000,000 books. The study of English in Soviet Russia is nearly universal. Therefore the demand for English and American literature is far greater than the supply.

Church membership in the Continental United States totals 72,492,669 persons, according to official statistics of 256 religious bodies in the Yearbook of American churches. This is the largest total ever reported and equals 52.5 per cent of the nation's population. This membership shows an increase of almost 4,000,000 over two years ago.

Union Theological Seminary has inaugurated a \$60,000 program to provide scholarships for returning servicemen interested in training for the ministry. The school will also provide refresher courses for returning chaplains during the coming school year.

Service Men

We are very glad to report that a number of our service men have recently been discharged from service and have returned to their respective homes. They are:

Robert Halsey, Malcolm J. Snyder, Ray Ralston, James Crapes, William Nichols and Donald J. Snyder. *Welcome Boys.*

We have recent word that Olga Halbert (Hurtado) is enroute home from Hawaii for a three month vacation with her folks who live in Toledo. Welcome, Olga, it will be nice to see you again.

Mrs. LaDonna Colthrope and baby daughter from Alberta, Canada, are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas of Duncan street. LaDonna expressed her appreciation of the "Challenger" while she was away.

Listed below are addresses of our men who are yet in service:

Major Harold A. Cloore
24th Infantry Division
U. S. Army,
Kokura Kyushu, Japan
Lt. C. E. Colthorpe
B-29-Decht U. S. Army Air Base
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Olga A. F. Halbert (Hurtado)
2163-A-Atherton Ave.,
Honolulu 24, T. H., Hawaii (Nurse)
Ronald Knisely S2/c AETM
Bks. 3, N. A. T. T. C.
Ward Island,
Corpus Christi, Texas
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New Arrivals

A baby boy has arrived to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tucker, Jr. He answers to the name of Thomas Leslie and was born February 20th in Flower Hospital. No doubt the parents had a boy ordered for they have two little girls.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

Sunday School

Our average attendance per Sunday during February was 252.

On February 9th we entered the ten per cent Membership Increase Campaign sponsored by the Toledo Sunday School Association for all Sunday Schools. At the outset of the campaign, we reported a total enrollment in our school of 434 and in our Cradle Roll department an enrollment of 36. To reach our goal, we must add 47 new members. Can we do it? Yes, if each will do his part. This Lenten period is the time of the year when folks will receive us more favorably and be more receptive to the call of God and his kingdom. So let's not let this Lenten season pass without asking that person or persons we have been thinking about to come and share with us in the great work of Jesus.

The requirements for Sunday School membership set up by Sandusky Annual Conference are that a person shall attend our Sunday School for two consecutive Sundays and shall express his desire to become a member. Then there are those who for some reason have not been with us for a period of at least three months. On their first Sunday back, we will report them in our increase report. Thus far in the campaign, we have led all the Toledo District Sunday Schools of our denomination, in attendance each Sunday. We are proud of this but we can do better. I believe we can and will put our attendance over the 300 mark and keep it there.

Just a word about our Easter offering. We, as a Sunday School, accepted a goal of \$600, to be reached by setting aside all offerings from February 2 through Easter. **This, to be supplied,** as our share in liquidating the remaining \$2500 indebtedness on our church property.

As God has prospered us, let us share in the great work together.

E. McShane, Supt.

Additions And Corrections For Church Directory

Mrs. Mabel Batey, 1941 Mansfield. Phone Ki. 6041.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kuehnl, 2028 Marlowe Rd. Phone La. 1793.

Mr. Edward Kurtz, 1844 Mansfield. Phone La. 5629.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, 3402 Bellevue Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce McDole and Virginia and Donald, 2017 Bigelow. Phone La. 8260.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myer, 3209 Glenwood.

Mrs. Mabel Polick, 1947 Barrows. Phone La. 3556.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Tucker, Jr., 5851 Secor Rd. Phone Ki. 2665.

Christian Endeavor

We were very honored to have with us Sunday evening, February 23, Mr. Jamra, who spoke to us about the Holy Land. We hope to have him with us again soon. We appreciated the turnout that we had and would like to have seen more people.

Bi-weekly social meetings held in various homes follow the evening Endeavor. A monthly business and social time is also held. Other parties are featured at different times throughout the year.

At present the Endeavor is pursuing a study of the Old Testament under the leadership of Mr. Howard L. Meredith. All young people of the church 12 years of age and older are welcomed. Meetings start at 6:30 P. M. Will you join us?

Miriam Hoel, Secretary

Bowling News

The bowling season is almost over. Only eight weeks more of the good times that we have had. There are six men's leagues and two women's leagues. We have some prizes for each team at the end of the season. Berdan's is leading by four games.

We are going to have a Bowling league next year so if any one wants to be in the league be sure to turn in your names so that we can make arrangements for the number of alleys.

A big supper for all team members is arranged for the end of the season.

The leagues are open to men and women of all ages who are interested in bowling.

Mearl Main, Secretary

Junior Church

Junior church is growing. We have new people almost every Sunday. We hope to have still more Juniors coming during this Lenten season.

Dr. Callendar served communion to twenty-eight at communion service on February 9th. It was truly a worshipful service.

Did you see our Junior Church bulletins? The children are happy to have bulletins of their own and are really proud of them. We wish to thank Rev. Johnson and Mrs. Coder for making them. We know it means added efforts and time, but we do appreciate your interest in us.

Mrs. N. E. Kane, Director

Family To Go To Japan

Mrs. Harold A. Cloore, formerly of Toledo, will sail Friday from Seattle, Wash., with her two children, Mary Alice and Jimmie, for Kokura Kyushu, Japan. They will join Mrs. Cloore's husband, Major Cloore there. Major Cloore is with the 24th Infantry Division, U. S. Army. Mrs. Cloore and her children have been living in Santa Monica, California.

New Members

On February 9th Upton Church received into church fellowship seven persons. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce McDole, Virginia McDole and Donald McDole, Mr. Edward Kurtz, Mrs. Mabel Batey and Mrs. Mabel Polick. We welcome these folks and will do our best to make their church membership mean much to them.

Newsy News

The Church will be interested to know that one of our young men in the Navy has had the distinction of being first in scholastic attainment in his group. The name of the young man is Mr. Ronald Knisely. It was not surprising to us that Ronald said "I don't know how it happened that I got first place." . . . Some of the rest of us have our suspicions. Congratulations, Ronald.

Mr. Edwin Whitting, Sr., has returned to his home after having been in St. Vincent's hospital with a dislocated vertebra in his neck.

Christinia Katherine, the fifteen month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sautter, was in the Riverside Hospital during the past month for ear trouble.

Ladies' Aid News

Despite one of the coldest days of the winter, seventeen ladies were loyal to the regular meeting time of Tuesday afternoon, February 4th. It was held in the home of the president, Mrs. Clyde Thomas, 1828 Duncan.

Mrs. Ed. Riendeau gave the devotions on the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday. Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess and a social hour was enjoyed. A few old members were back after a long absence and interest was shown by several new ones. We urge all women of the church to come to these meetings. An executive board meeting was held the day following to take care of business matters.

The April meeting will be postponed till the 8th due to Holy Week. Public suppers are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Let's not forget to bring our rummage to the church for the sale which is April 22. There are still hangers, metal sponges and dish cloths for sale. Tax stamps are still being accepted.

V. Mark, Reporter

New Business

Mr. Homer E. Knisely has purchased property and is opening his own dry cleaning establishment, The Knisely Kleaners, at 6601 Monroe Street. (Corner Main and Monroe streets, Sylvania, Ohio.)

Jack And Jill Class

Attention all Young Married People! Here's more news of your class, the class that all the young married folks are joining.

It seems that the third Sunday evening of each month is becoming more and more popular, and if you would ask a Jack or Jill the reason, you'd find that "Class Party" would be the answer. Last month the Fisher's did the entertaining with the Emory's assisting in a delightful Valentine Party, which we all enjoyed. Our teacher, Mrs. Brannon, opened her home to us as she also had done in December. Ten couples plus two kiddies turned out to enjoy the fellowship which seems to abound at these get-togethers. Games were played followed by a hearty lunch of "Dagwood" sandwiches, coffee and apple or cherry pie a la mode. The Valentine theme was carried throughout in the decorations, candies and cookies.

Our class parties are not without their moments of seriousness. We have been considering ways and means to raise money for our Otterbein Home project for next Christmas, and this February meeting found us taking our first step in that direction. A Stanley Brush Party was planned as the means of raising money, and after this has been accomplished several suggestions for our Otterbein Home project will be acted upon.

The Class as a whole is anxious to be doing things for the good of the Church and for the betterment of themselves. Those of you who are eligible for this class—married and 30 or under—should join us if you aren't already a member, and share with us in the things that lie ahead. You'll find Mrs. Brannon an able teacher, counsellor and friend, always willing to do her share and more. Meet with us next Sunday morning and see for yourself the class that's going places.

Eleanor Beaubien, Reporter

Otterbein Brotherhood News

The Brotherhood meetings for February and March were really exceptional meetings. They will be past history, however, by the time this article is printed. On February 12th, the Brotherhood sponsored the annual Father and Son banquet. The registrations numbered 155, which is the largest number of men and boys ever assembled in our church for such an occasion. A delicious banquet was served by the wives of the Brotherhood members with Mrs. Wm. Schmitt in charge of the committee on arrangements. Rev. Johnson was the speaker of the evening, pinch-hitting for the scheduled speaker who became suddenly ill. Rev. Johnson's treatment of his subject, "A man's worth" was enjoyed by all.

The March meeting was the District Brotherhood meeting and Upton was the

host church. A buffet luncheon was served from 5 to 7 prepared by Mrs. Mehan and Mrs. Stock, together with their committee. The men of the Brotherhood helped in the dining room. The church was filled to capacity, in fact about 50 additional chairs were placed to seat the crowd. There were three speakers on the program discussing the following subjects: "The Contribution of the Rural Church to American Life," by Rev. John Searle; "Building for Tomorrow: Camp St. Marys," by Rev. W. P. Alspach, and "Evangelism, the Layman's Job," by Rev. V. H. Allman.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the ladies and men who worked on committees, for either or both of these occasions. It was their whole-hearted cooperation that made both meetings a success.

Edw. Riendeau, Pres.

Otterbein Class News

"The Church suffers more from our unwillingness than from our inability, more from our withholding than from our failure in usage. It is only fair that we should keep back nothing whose use would further the Kingdom of God."

May this quotation from "The Upper Room" of March 2nd spur us on to even greater efforts in our Easter campaign. We are proud to report the progress of the past month, as further proof of our whole-hearted cooperation with the plans of our teacher, our president and the superintendent. We have seven new names to report in our membership drive: Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce McDole, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wines, Mr. Gordon Anderson, Mr. Robert Reed, and Mrs. Vesta Huttinger.

To meet our goal in the Easter offering, we voted to lay aside one cent for each meal, or 3c per day for the duration of the campaign. We fell behind on the first few Sundays, but if every one will help we will more than make our quota.

Mrs. Orrin Grimes is back in Sunday School again. Also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder. We have missed them.

Miss Leona Hunsicker of Fort Wayne, Ind., was a visitor on March 2nd.

In checking our class record book, we find there are many members who have been absent for several weeks. Perhaps a visit or call from you would be instrumental in bringing them back. There may be illness that has not been reported. They may be discouraged and feel that no one cares. It should be the responsibility of each member to see that no one of Otterbein Class is neglected.

Otterbein Reporter

Our Sick And Shut-ins

Have you remembered our sick with your prayers, calls or cards? These things mean so much and we must help them as best we can. Refer to last month's issue.