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# The High Street Witness

HIGH STREET EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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## Pastor's Message

Last month as the Pastor prepared his monthly message for the High Street Witness, the parsonage was in confusion and chaos. This month, we are happy to report that order is beginning to emerge out of all the chaos of the past month. The newly sanded floors and the newly papered walls have made the interior of the parsonage clean and beautiful. In addition, new flooring has been laid in the bath room and kitchen, and new windows have been installed where old sash has rotted out. These improvements in the parsonage have been much needed, and will preserve the building against further deterioration.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is now completed and the rush and bustle of busy days is settling back to normal again. Bible School is always an interesting time, and it makes things very busy for a Pastor as well as for the workers involved. A more complete account of our Bible School will be found elsewhere in this edition, but let it suffice to say that it was a very fine school.

Upon reading the last edition of the Witness very carefully, we discover that High Street was third in the Conference in morning worship attendance during the month of April. This was the month that included Easter, so all Churches were at their best during this period. We believe that the Lord is leading us, and especially with our two services of worship. Many who might otherwise be unable to come, will attend one service of the two. We would remind everyone that we do offer two opportunities to worship the Lord, at 8:30 and at 10:30 every Sunday morning. It is good also to remind everyone that when they are planning to go away on Sunday to remember that there is an opportunity to worship at the early hour. Surely our early service of worship is helping many who would otherwise never have the privilege of Church attendance on Sunday.

As these lines are written, four of our young people are attending our Youth Camp at St. Marys. They are Robert McCormick, Ann Matthews, Peggy Mumaugh and Ladonna Engle. Others of our boys and girls will be attending other camps during the summer. Many have asked if there was a camp for their boy or girl. The answer is Yes, down to the age of 8 years and extending to the age of 24 years. Surely this will include many of our boys and girls, and we hope that many will be planning to attend a week at camp. Details as to time and schedule are found on the bulletin board and the cost per week is \$15.00 of which the Church pays one-half for all

## Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational meeting was held on Thursday, May 21st, beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30 P. M. This was the largest covered dish event since we have been holding Congregational meetings and the dining room was very comfortably full. It was a joy indeed to fellowship with the many newcomers to High Street Church, as well as with many faithful members who have been in the Church for many years.

Following the supper hour the congregation assembled in the Sunday School auditorium to hear reports by the Pastor and Officials concerning the state and condition of the Church. An election of Officers was held for trustee and for Sunday School and Church officials. A more complete roster of all Church officials will be included in the High Street Witness next month. Watch for the complete list.

A summary of some of the reports will help to understand the condition of the Church. The following reports were given:

Mr. Gerald Rone, Trustee-Treasurer

of its own young people.

The Pastor expects to be away on vacation on Sunday, July 5th. The speaker for the early worship service is expected to be Bishop Ira D. Warner, Bishop of our Pacific Coast area. The speaker at the second service is expected to be Rev. Dwight Woodworth, Pastor of Wesley Methodist Church. In the evening service we will have the sound film "More For Peace." We trust that all of our people will be faithful to Church even when they are away on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuber sent the Pastor a bulletin from the First Congregational Church in West Springfield, Mass., where they attended while they were away, and it was a real joy to read this bulletin. Why not bring your Pastor a copy of the bulletin where you worship when you are away on vacation? It is nice to know what other Churches are doing and by examining the bulletins which you bring, we can learn much of what others are attempting.

Remember to pray for your Church during the summer days. Conference will meet August the 12th to 16th, and a complete report on High Street activities will be found in a future edition of the Witness. Also a summer number will contain the annual directory giving all the names of our officials and also our members.

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Hamblen

## Church Council News

The Pastor's report to the Church Council on June 2nd was as follows:

May has been a good month in every department and we are grateful to be able to present a good report. The following averages were reported for month:

Sunday School, 304; Morning Worship, (8:30) 116; (10:30) 224. Total morning worship, 340; Evening service, 73; Mid-week, 73. The averages for a year ago were: Sunday School, 285; Morning worship, 264; Evening service, 63. The total income for all purposes according to the bulletin reports was \$3,291.05, for an average of \$658.21 per Sunday. Our total income for May 1952 was \$1,891.31, or an average of \$472.82 per Sunday.

The past thirty days have seen the parsonage schedule badly thrown out of joint, with paper hanging, floor sanding and carpenter work being done on the interior in laying down new floors in the bathroom and kitchen. For part of the month we have slept at the O. R. Roberts home on West Spring street when it was impossible to sleep in our own beds. In spite of these dislocations and other problems, the Pastor has the following report:

During the month I have made 54 pastoral calls, preached fifteen times, attended 17 meetings not including Sunday School, Sunday worship, Youth Fellowship or Prayer meeting, performed one baptism and one dedication and received 23 new members into the fellowship of the Church.

The actions of the Council that were of interest were:

1. Eight Ushers Manuals were purchased at a cost of 25-cents each from the National Council of Churches.

2. The Pastor was authorized to care for the services of worship during his vacation and during Annual Conference.

3. The Church Council voted to pay one-half the expense of all our young people to summer camp at St. Marys.

## Stated Services Of The Church

Morning Worship	- - -	8:30 A. M.
Sunday School	- - -	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship	- - -	10:30 A. M.
Evening Service	- - -	8:00 P. M.
Senior Youth Fellowship	- - -	7:00 P. M.
Mid-week service for Adults and Young People, Junior High Youth Fellowship, and Good News Club for Children,		
Thursday	- - -	7:15 P. M.
Concludes at	- - -	8:30 P. M.
Choir Practise—Thursday at		8:30 P. M.

(Note)—(The two Sunday morning worship services have identical sermons.)

## High Street Church Financial Statement

Owed to The Defiance Building & Loan, August 1, 1952 .....	\$47,415.98
Now owing .....	43,426.87
Total paid on Church debt since August 1st .....	\$ 3,989.11
Paid for interest during this same period .....	\$1,910.12
Owed to Mrs. Mack, August 1, 1952 (parsonage) .....	\$ 6,064.60
Now owing on parsonage .....	5,636.86
Total paid on parsonage principal .....	\$ 427.74
Paid for interest during this same period .....	\$ 352.26

### TRUSTEE TREASURY

Balance August 1, 1952 .....	\$ 1,484.42
Receipts from J. W. Frail .....	2,500.00
Easter Offering .....	2,028.17
Refund from Greggs .....	51.60
Total .....	\$ 6,064.19

### DISBURSEMENTS

New Improvements .....	\$1,534.96
Insurance .....	379.42
Miscellaneous expense .....	245.73
Janitor .....	875.00
Total Expense .....	\$3,035.11
Among the items of new improvements were:	
Coat Racks .....	\$ 100.00
New canopy over back door .....	24.89
Toilet seat .....	11.07
Insulation on Sanctuary Ceiling .....	88.00
Bulletin Board Letters .....	8.50
New carpet .....	336.50
New paint .....	966.00

### Report of John W. Frail, Church Treasurer

Balance in Treasury August 1st, 1952 .....	\$1,703.30
Regular receipts .....	\$22,135.45
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	3,988.81
	\$26,124.26

### DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's salary .....	\$ 3,335.00
Janitor's salary .....	375.00
Choir Director .....	453.50
Organist .....	287.50
Secretary .....	153.00
Otterbein Home .....	817.00
Board of Trustees .....	4,428.17
Benevolences .....	1,845.00
Defiance Loan Company .....	6,300.00
Mrs. Mack for parsonage .....	650.00
Bluffton News Publishing Co. ....	357.65
Ohio Power Co .....	285.96
West Ohio Gas Co. ....	480.14
Water Bill .....	49.33
Coal .....	376.82
Board of Pensions .....	360.00
Music .....	38.64
Telephone .....	80.06
Sandusky News .....	30.00
Tuning organ and pianos .....	39.50
Otterbein Press .....	290.68
David C. Cook Publishing Co. ....	60.30
Scripture Press .....	217.53
Evangelical Press .....	121.00
Tables for dining room .....	202.70
Parsonage tax .....	45.08
Chairs for basement .....	200.00

Total paid out to date .....	\$23,077.54
Balance in treasury to date .....	\$4,750.02

John W. Frail, Treasurer

A. G. VANDEMARK, Financial Secretary

The average weekly collections exclusive of all specials, such as Easter, Missionary, Otterbein, etc., for the period from January 1, 1952 to May 18, 1952 (a total of 19 weeks) was about \$451.00. The average weekly collection for the same period this year, that is, from January 1, 1953 to May 17, 1953, also a total of 19 weeks, was about \$558.00, making an average weekly gain of \$108.00 per week over the same period last year.

An analysis of the individual givers shows there are about 25 who are very regular in giving from \$5.00 to \$9.00 per week, and about 10 who give regularly \$10.00 or more per week.

Along with these givers there are also a good many who give a certain amount regularly each week. Because of all these consistent givers our average collections hold fairly constant with a nice average over last year.

Your Financial Secretary,  
A. G. Vandemark.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

Your Pastor will endeavor to report this evening on three items: growth of the Church, spiritual progress and pastoral duties.

1. Our attendance figures for the period from August 1st of last year to the present are as follows: Sunday School, 282; Morning worship, 287; Evening service, 89; prayer meeting, 68. The figures for average attendance last year as submitted to the Annual Conference were as follows: Sunday School, 245; Morning worship, 234; evening service, 84; and prayer meeting 31.

The growth in attendance is an indication of the total picture of the Church. Our financial secretary has also revealed the fact that our offerings are up by approximately \$100.00 per week.

2. Spiritual condition During the past several months of the Church there has been a marked increase in Spiritual fervor, and in general good-will among the members and friends of High Street Church. During our revival meeting in February 62 persons bowed at the altar for various reasons, and during the past twelve months since our last Congregational meeting, 58 members have been received into our Church.

The gospel has been preached as faithfully as your pastor knows how to do it, our young people have been catechised in two classes for 6th and 7th grade young people taught by Mrs. Clayton Bucher and Mrs. Lewis Johnson.

Our spiritual condition is by no means all that we desire, but we believe that progress is being made and we are looking forward to the future with anticipation.

3. As Pastor, I have averaged 75 pastoral calls per month, preached an average of 12 sermons per month, attended an average of 15 other meetings per month in addition to our Worship, Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and

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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.

## CAMP ST. MARYS SUMMER CALENDAR

### CALENDAR

JUNE 10-12

Branch Convention of the Womens Society for World Service

Mrs. C. D. Wright, President

JUNE 12-14

Senior Youth Week-end Camp

Rev. Don Hochstettler, Director

JUNE 14-20

Senior Youth Camp

Stan Ruggles, President

Rev. Paul Walter, Director

JUNE 20-21

Conference Youth Fellowship Officers Retreat

Rev. Wendell Freshley, Director

This evening we welcome the choir of Findlay First Church who will present a service of sacred choral music interspersed with solo, duo and quartet numbers. This very talented and superbly trained church group has won acclaim as an outstanding church choir over all northwestern Ohio. Professor Clifford Hite who heads the music department of the Findlay Schools is the director of the group.

JUNE 23-27

Bible Conference

Rev. Roy Cramer, Director

Conference School of Music

Rev. C. D. Osborn, Rev. J. C. Searle, Rev.

John Osborn, Directors

Observation School

Mrs. Neva Witthune Corl, Director

### BIBLE CONFERENCE

The annual Bible Conference under the supervision of the Conference Board of Evangelism will convene on Tuesday, June 23, and continue through the following Sunday. Included on the program will be Bishop I. D. Warner of the Pacific area whose special emphasis will be evangelism. Bishop F. L. Dennis of our own area will be present and conduct a seminar on some very practical aspect of the ministry. Dr. John Clippinger will speak daily on subjects related to pastoral counselling and will deal with procedures and techniques that make for effectiveness in this field.

### CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The School of Music will also be included in the Bible Conference program. Various aspects of church music will be treated by three of the members of the conference. Rev. C. D. Osborn will treat with problems of conducting group singing and how such singing can contribute to the worship of the church. Rev. John Searle who is a member of the Hymn Book Commission of the church will consider the value and usefulness of the Hymnal and Rev. John Osborn will give guidance of the place of in-

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## Conference Visitation Plans For 1953

All pastors of the Ohio Sandusky Conference will be called upon shortly after Conference to participate in a Friendly Visitation Campaign that should have far-reaching effects upon the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Northwest Ohio. We give below summarized plans and pastors are asked to clear the dates mentioned in this column. It is important that there be perfect participation.

First Step—(Tentatively, Sept. 7-11)  
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## Letter From Bishop F. L. Dennis

Esteemed Co-Workers in Our Churches of Ohio:

I have been receiving from many persons, some unknown to me by name, communications of sympathy accompanied by expressions of appreciation and prayer for my speedy recovery from the illness reported by the Associated Press some two weeks ago. You are entitled to a clearer statement than was given in that connection. My hospitalization was largely a precautionary measure. The physician in Marion, Ohio, where I was having some physical difficulty, strongly advised hospitalization and a course of medicine calculated to forestall what he feared was a symptom of a coronary disease. Two days of numerous tests in the hospital failed to substantiate his fear; consequently, I was released after two days with the assurance that the heart situation, at least, is normal for a person of my age. The physician did order one week of absolute rest and beyond that, that I reduce my schedule wherever possible. I followed his advice in the former part and am endeavoring to reduce my schedule wherever possible. However, I am confident that it will be possible, barring unforeseen complications, to fill my Sunday engagements including, also, the Annual Conference sessions. As a matter of fact, I am able to report that the one week of rest has done wonders for me in giving me increased vitality and, altogether, enabling me to serve more effectively.

I desire to take this opportunity to thank one and all for the prayers that were offered and for the kindly consideration which has been shown. May God richly bless you and yours is the prayer of your Bishop.

Fred L. Dennis

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## Evangelical Theological Seminary Commencement 1953

Naperville, Illinois

Forty-four young ministers in the Seminary Class of 1953 were granted the degree, Bachelor of Divinity, at the Commencement, May 4, by the Evangelical Theological Seminary with eight hundred people present in the First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Naperville, Illinois. This is the largest class in the history of the institution which has an enrollment this year of 154 students.

The Commencement speaker, Dean Walter G. Muelder, Ph. D., of Boston University School of Theology, gave the Commencement address on the theme "THE NATURE OF THE CHRISTIAN HOPE." The address pointed out the basic Christian affirmation of belief in God manifest in Jesus Christ as the only sure foundation for hope. The hopeless 'hopes' on insecure foundations represented by materialistic communism, unrealistic utopias, and blind confidence in militarism and anachronistic nationalism were compared to the Christian hope built upon the solid foundations found in the ultimate nature of the Living God and His purpose for the human race in history. A plea was made for a real revival of the intellectual and spiritual content of the evangelical good news and a re-discovery of the meaning of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, God active in history here and now. The message benefited by the study given the theme by the advisory committee of the World Council of Churches preparing for the third Assembly to be held in Evanston, Ill., in the summer of 1954 of which committee Dean Muelder is a member.

The speaker conducted a forum in the Alumni meeting at 3:00 p. m. attended by a large and representative group of Seminary graduates, students and friends, at the Grace Church, Naperville, Illinois. After a presentation of the subject "CHRISTIANITY AS A PRINCIPLE OF COMMUNITY" the group participated in discussion with Dean Muelder concerning the implications of the thesis that community breaks down when communication between men and groups of men disintegrates and that the function of the Christian church is to provide the only basic and adequate ground for community in shared assumptions and convictions about the nature of the Ultimate Reality, God our Father, known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. The practical meanings of such communication which permits creative community to be actualized were confronted.

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## Camp St. Marys

Camp St. Marys is the conference grounds owned, developed, and operated by the Ohio-Sandusky Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The summertime activities of the Conference center here and the invitation to share in them is extended to all who appreciate and who would benefit from such a program. All activities of the Camp are conducted in compliance with the best religious tradition of our church in order that the influence of the Camp be completely Christian in every aspect.

The grounds include 80 acres located on the southeast shore of lovely Lake St. Marys. Most of the land has been beautifully landscaped and beautified to make a most delightful retreat in the midst of an environment definitely Christian.

The program which includes the camps, special days, conventions, Sunday evening services, and conferences is designed to promote the interests of the Church and of the Kingdom in an atmosphere of quiet beauty and reverence which is Camp St. Marys.

Living facilities which are available include cabins, dormitories, roomettes and accommodations in the recently completed 48 room hotel. All are strictly modern throughout including hot and cold water, heat, showers and toilet. Three dining rooms are located on the grounds. Recreation facilities in these delightful surroundings include tennis, volley ball, shuffle board, baseball, swimming, fishing, boating, etc. Further information concerning the camp and its program, as well as reservations for accommodations may be secured by writing to Dr. V. H. Allman, Camp St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio.

## SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

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strumental music in the church program with special emphasis to instrumental accompanying.

### JUNE 28 (St. Marys Pilgrimage Day)

To conclude the activities of this significant day we welcome the chorus from the local Goodyear Rubber Company. They will present a service of sacred and semi-classical choral music. The chorus is composed of men who are employees of the local plant. They are an exceedingly popular singing group and have earned an enviable reputation for their interesting interpretations of numbers especially adapted for male chorus. Mr. J. E. Cattarin directs the men.

### JUNE 28-JULY 4

Junior Youth Camp (Bowling Green, Fremont, Toledo, Lima, St. Marys, Findlay, and Bryan Groups)

Miss Helen White, Director

### JULY 5-11

Indiana Conference Childrens Camp

Mrs. L. G. D. Wertz, Director

### JULY 12

The Sunday School Orchestra of 1st Church, Marion, will present the service this evening. This is one of the oldest continuing Sunday School orchestras in the conference. Today it numbers twenty-four members and plays a large part in the program of the local Sunday School as well as other church activities. Mr. Miff Gilmore is the director of the group. Rev. John Searle, Jr., will be guest soloist with the orchestra.

### JULY 12-18

Intermediate Youth Camp (Junior High) (Bowling Green, Toledo, Fremont, Lima, St. Marys, Findlay, and Bryan Groups)

Rev. Kenneth Stover, Director

### JULY 19

This evening the Drama Guild of Toledo bring to us their presentation of the religious drama, "The Rock." The interesting character-growth of Peter, the Apostle, is the theme of this production and is especially well done by this group of semi-professional actors who are most understanding and completely reverent in their treatment of religious subjects. Over a period of more than 18 years, Mr. A. J. Mattoon has directed the group in their specialized presentation of religious drama. During this period they have accumulated an impressive quantity of equipment, settings and lightings which enhance the acting of a most talented caste of players.

### JULY 19-25

Intermediate Youth Camp (Junior High) (Fostoria, Bucyrus, Van Wert, Napoleon, Sandusky, Willard, and Marion Groups)

Rev. Howard McCracken, Director

### JULY 26-AUGUST 1

Junior Youth Camp (Fostoria, Bucyrus, Van Wert, Napoleon, Sandusky, Willard and Marion Groups)

Miss Helen White, Director

### JULY 26

The Ministers Chorus of the Ohio-Sandusky Conference have been scheduled (tentatively) for the service this evening. The chorus is made up entirely of ministers of our conference under the direction of Rev. C. D. Osborn, pastor of Findlay, St. Pauls Church.

### AUGUST 2-8

Apostolic Church Camp

### AUGUST 9

This evening we welcome the Apostolic Church group who will present a service of worship following the tradition of their group.

### AUGUST 12-16

Annual Conference

## A New Bell Rings In The Mountains

The response to Christian stewardship expressed itself in a unique fashion within one of the Edgerton Trinity members a few weeks ago.

Mr. Paul Keppeler was reading his Telescope-Messenger one evening and read of a particular need at the Mill Creek Center branch of the Red Bird Mission, Kentucky. It seems that they had recently constructed their new church building but were in urgent need of a bell with which to call the community to worship. The thought quickly flashed across Mr. Keppeler's mind as he schemed, "Why couldn't I send them the bell that has been lying around the farm; the one that we took from the abandoned country church when we purchased it for material use." So, immediately he wrote the mission and made his offer. Of course, they were eager to receive and thanked him for the offer. On March 27, 1953, Mr. Keppeler crated this heavy object and hauled the 840 pound bell to the freight station where he shipped it to the Mill Creek church.

A letter of thanks and assurances of the arrival of the bell was received by Mr. Keppeler. It arrived on April 9th. The church was in the midst of a revival effort, so when the bell arrived they erected it temporarily so that it could be in service for that very evening.

Rev. David E. Weinzierl

## PERSECUTION WILL COME

The better a preacher lives and the truer to God he is, the more fearlessly he preaches the Gospel, and the more unselfishly he lives, the more he will be hated and persecuted by the world. The preacher against whom no one ever says anything bad is not God's preacher. It is not a sign that a man isn't a Christian because he has trouble. It is one of the signs that a man is a Christian. The selfish unregenerated, unconverted world is always condemned by the lives of unselfish consecrated Christian People. The world does not wish to be condemned. Therefore, all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.—Fellowship News.

## News from the Churches

### TOLEDO OAKDALE DEDICATES MEMORIAL CHIMES

On Sunday, May 24, at 10:30 A. M. a service of high interest to Toledo Oakdale Church and community was held. Memorial Tower Chimes and a complete sound system was installed in the building, including the basement. The cost was \$1100.00.

These chimes were dedicated to the memory of: Mrs. Hila Bargahiser, Mr. Clifford Snyder, Mrs. Frieda Wharff, Mrs. Sadie Baehar, Mrs. Mary Creps, Mrs. Jennie McCrory and Mrs. Charity Kirkman.

The names were presented by Mr. Adam Poffenbaugh, Mrs. Alice Schafer, Mrs. Velma Crawford, Mr. Harold Schman, Mr. Herman Pitzen, Mr. John Watts and Mrs. Bertha Zedro. The president of the board of trustees, Mr. Wm. Hackman, received the Memorial Plaque with appropriate words and placed it in position on the sanctuary wall.

The chimes are played at 6 P. M. each day.

The church has been insulated and a kitchen restaurant range installed at a total cost of \$660.00. Rev. D. F. Emrick is the pastor.

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### MOTHER-DAUGHTER PARTY AT MARION SALEM

A Mother-Daughter Party was held with fifty-three present at the Womans Society World Service meeting held at the Rural Marion Salem Evangelical United Brethren Church on Tuesday night, May 12.

Mrs. Russell Gillson gave a history of the Society since its beginning and was assisted by two charter members of the local church here, Mrs. Mary Sergent who told of the first meeting held in 1911 and Mrs. Mary Tittelbaugh who spoke of the second meeting at which time she joined. Mrs. Sarah Tittelbaugh of Marion, gave a very interesting talk of the beginnings of the Mission Band at which time she then was leader.

Mrs. Eunice Klinefelter was program chairman and leader. The program included: Prelude, Mrs. A. E. Clark; "Welcome" by Miss Vera Bratton, President; Devotionals, "The Mother Hannah" by Miss Clara Klinefelter; Recitation, Yvonne Hord; Vocal Solo by Miss Gloria Hoffman accompanied by Mrs. Gillson; The History given by Mrs. Gillson was entitled "We Remember Our Heritage."

A vocal trio was given by Marilyn Howser, Delorus Hough and Gwen Fields accompanied by Mrs. Gillson at piano.

Roll call in the business session conducted by the president was answered by introducing your guests.

Following the program in the sanctuary the members accompanied by their guests went to the basement where refreshments were served.

Refreshment committee consisted of Mrs.

Harold Miller, Mrs. Louis Chappell and Mrs. C. W. McChesney.

Clara Klinefelter, Reporter

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### COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR AT GIBSONBURG CHURCH

A concert by the North Central College Concert Choir was one of the highlights of the spring program of Trinity Church in Gibsonburg. Professor George E. Luntz directed the group in its presentation of an evening of music before a large and appreciative audience.

On Pentecost Sunday 17 new members were welcomed into the fellowship of Trinity Church. Most of the group had been enrolled in a course of study on the teachings of the Evangelical United Brethren Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. Herbert Maurer.

Seven young people of the church, 1953 High School graduates, received New Testaments from the congregation on May 31. At this service also Trinity's Book of Golden Memories containing fitting memorial tributes to many former members and friends was read by Mrs. C. S. Stilson. This was followed by a challenging talk by Monroe Willison, Sunday School Superintendent, on Trinity's need of either a parish house or an enlarged church basement.

H. M. Maurer, Pastor

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### VAN WERT: CALVARY

Our high school graduates were honored with a banquet served by the Gleaners Class of which the parents are members, on Wednesday, May 6th. Then on Sunday, May 24th, which is Baccalaureate Sunday in our city, the service of recognition was held honoring them and the eighth grade graduates. The seniors were presented a testament with their names engraved upon them, by their teacher of the Sunday School, Mrs. Clifford Bell, in behalf of the Sunday School.

The annual Mother - Daughter banquet was held May 13th, served by the men of the Church. A gift was presented by Grace Gribler to Mrs. Shock, who had been a member of W. S. W. S. for a longer period of time than anyone else present. A gift was also presented to Mrs. Robert Green as the newest member of the society. Mrs. Bode from New Knoxville, O., was the speaker for the evening.

Because of the 10 month conference year, all organizations and offices of the Church are being filled this month, closing our books as of June 30th. With all new officers taking their office July 1st.

Walter Marks

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### WREN CHURCH OBSERVES STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

The Wren Church Board of Christian Education, under the direction of the Youth Director Mrs. Daniel Jones, observed Student Recognition Day, May 31st, by honoring five high school graduates with gifts of Christian Worker's New Testament, and by honoring one high school sophomore, David Roop, who placed first in the district's his-

tory tests and tenth in the state, with a gift of Mountain Trailways for Youth, a daily devotional book.

The Board of Christian Education has also set aside \$25.00 for young people who wish to go to Camp St. Marys this summer. There is a maximum of \$7.50 for each person.

The Student Aid offering, the first of its kind to be taken, amounted to \$13.00.

Don Martin, Pastor

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### ROCKFORD W. S. W. S. SPONSORS MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET

The annual E. U. B. Mother - Daughter banquet, sponsored by the Women's Society of World Service, was given at the church Friday evening, May 15, with 169 present.

Mrs. Wilma Ralston led the group in singing a welcome. Mrs. Merle Snyder was pleasantly surprised when her seven daughters came from the study and lined up to win her an orchid for having the most daughters present. The speaker, Mrs. Karl Dilbone, was welcomed and presented an orchid corsage. Others receiving recognition and rose corsages were: Mrs. Molter, the oldest mother; Mrs. Lucille Bayles, the youngest grandmother; and Cindy Deitsch, the youngest daughter.

Seventeen of the men and boys of the Brotherhood served a delicious meal of meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, succotash, vegetable salad, and chocolate cake. The men cleared the tables and washed the dishes which was very much appreciated.

Mrs. DeVota Graham played the organ as the group gathered to the main auditorium for the program. Mildred Ransbottom presided and she, Opal Huffman, Mary Beerbower and Florence Stover were attired in old-fashioned costumes—through the courtesy of Mrs. Bess Smith and Mrs. Molter. Our theme for the evening was "Our Christian Heritage."

The speaker, Mrs. Karl Dilbone, was introduced. She was born in Czechoslovakia, but is now living in Van Wert. Margie, as her friends call her, gave a wonderful address. She told her life story and inspired her audience to a deeper consecration to God and a greater appreciation of America.

### There's A Saying . . .

A lot of Christians are like wheelbarrows—not good unless pushed.  
Some are like canoes—they need to be paddled.  
Some are like kites—if you don't keep a string on them, they fly away.  
Some are like footballs—you can't tell which way they will bounce next.  
Some are like balloons—full of wind and ready to blow up.  
Some are like trailers—they have to be pulled.  
Some are like neon lights—they keep going on and off.  
Some are like a good watch—open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.

## Languages Spoken In Palestine

AT THE TIME OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

by Javan R. Corl

### I. Latin

Palestine in the time of Jesus was characterized by a fusion of culture and social patterns. This always results in a degree of language fusion. Socially and linguistically the country was quite heterogeneous in the days of our Lord. The linguistic influences of the invasion of Alexander the Great was still keenly felt. The intervention of the Romans in 63 B. C. was to have a marked effect on both the social life of the people and the language which they spoke.

A clue to the languages used in Palestine in the time of Christ is found in St. John 19:20. Here the writer is describing the inscription placed on the cross of Christ. He says "it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin." Although the degree to which each of these languages was used in Palestine varied greatly, in general, the languages used by the bulk of the populace of the land consisted of these three. (When the word "Hebrew" is used in verse twenty, the writer probably means "Aramaic," which was the language of most of the common Jews. Fuller consideration will be given to this matter in the second article of this series.)

With the intervention of the Romans in 63 B. C., Latin was first introduced to the inhabitants of Palestine to any appreciable extent. Its use, however, was very limited. Even with Roman soldiers in Palestine some fifty-five to sixty years before the advent of Christ, the language had not gained much of a foothold. Latin in Palestine was the language of the Roman dwellers in the cities and the garrisons, the publicans, the soldiers and the tax collectors. It was not the language of the masses by any means.

Except for its use in the names of a few coins and some military terms, Latin did not enter into the current speech of Palestine, nor did it in any eastern province, until the last days of the empire. One of the uses of Latin was in the publishing of official decrees, in accordance with a precedent set by Julius Caesar. But this was never done, apparently, without an accompanying translation into Greek in the eastern provinces, and in Palestine, a translation into Aramaic.

In his book, *The Times of Christ*, L. A. Muirhead cites this example of the use of Latin from Josephus:

As parallels to John xix. 20, may be mentioned from Josephus (*Antiq.* xiv. 10.2) the decree in favour of the appointment of Hyrcanus II as Jewish high priest, which Julius Caesar ordered the Sidonians to have inscribed on a brazen tablet in Latin and Greek, and the legend on the inner wall of the court of the Gentiles in the temple, forbidding further passage of foreigners, which was partly in Latin and partly in

Greek (*Wars.* v. 5.2; vi. 2. 4).\*

Edmond Stapfer says that Latin remained a despised tongue in the mind of the Jews, and that they did not speak it.\*\* It is his belief that the centurion and the four soldiers who were charged with the execution of Jesus were possibly the only ones to understand the Latin part of the inscription on the cross.

It is improbable that Jesus ever discoursed in Latin, for undoubtedly he, too, shared the common opinion toward the language. However, Alfred Edersheim feels that it is possible that Jesus understood Latin.\*\*\*

Even as the presence of American soldiers in Germany and Japan is not supplanting German and Japanese, so likewise the presence of Roman occupational forces never made Latin the dominate language of the Palestinian masses at any time.

In the next article consideration will be given to the use of Hebrew and Aramaic.

\*L. A. Muirhead, *The Times of Christ* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark), p. 53.

\*\*Edmond Stapfer, *Palestine in the Time of Christ*, trans. Annie Harwood Holmden (New York: A. C. Armstrong and Son), p. 132ff.

## TMT—Tools for Mission Teachers

If a teacher is going to teach, he must have something with which to teach. Imagine what it would be like to go to school where there were no desks or blackboards or books, or maybe even no real school building! It would be very hard to learn. Mission teachers all over the world need materials badly. In some places they need books in the language of people learning to read through the Laubach methods—people to whom printed words have until now been unfathomable mysteries! Everywhere they need paper and chalk and pencils and books. When people are ready to learn, they will take whatever is taught them. Christianity will bless the lives of those who are taught in Christian schools. Education guided by Christian principles will prevent the growth of tyranny and injustice. We must make the Christian way of life the most-lived, fastest growing way of life on the face of the earth. This is our way of doing something about world peace and brotherhood and of helping to realize God's Kingdom on Earth.

See page nine of the *World Service Fund* pamphlet for promotional ideas. Your Youth Fellowship or Sunday School class can provide Tools for Mission Teachers. Money is to be sent to the YF treasurer by June 30.

It is when an adverse criticism is true that it hurts—and that is when it also helps.

Unless you form the habit of doing what you know to be right you will often find yourself unable to know what to do.

## Recreation and Leisure

Whenever there is a need, wherever there is a problem, God is concerned. God knows that we have need of recreation and relaxation. He made us. Our lives are as an open book to him. Our well-being is his deepest desire.

When we become tired, when the toils of the day have left us depressed, when the adversary of the soul has hammered at our faith, when God's creation in the clay of our souls has been undone, it is time for re-creation.

To be made new is the purpose of recreation. Our leisure moments should be used for the revitalization of our souls. If we have no leisure, we must take time for re-creation. The growth of our souls depends on this.

There are many channels through which springs of new life may flow. Devotion, reading, music, nature, sports, are all animate waters. Devotion quickens us. Reading inspires us. Music exhilarates us. Nature prompts us. Sports rouse us.

Devotion is of primary importance; time set aside for Bible study, praise, and petition. It is in this that our souls are made keen. We are made sensitive as God intended us to be. The shells of our hearts are broken. We are in tune with this complex creation—through devotion.

Reading is a means of recreation. Impressions of importance, which have faded, are called to memory. New growth of intellect is introduced. Narrowmindedness is repelled. Our Youth Fellowships have lists of books which will help us in developing our potential. Let's make use of them. It would please God.

Music is an artisan well flowing from the river of God's omniscience. It refreshes wearied bodies. It soothes strained nerves. It centers wandering minds. It cheers saddened hearts. It deepens shallow souls. Music is a ministry all its own.

Nature is an expression of God. It is a sermon in judgment, in stability, in strength, in patience, in perseverance, in peace, in love. It we study, we gain much from nature.

Sports are recreation common to all of us. They build strong bodies. They furnish a release for stifled emotions. They teach co-operation. These are all necessary to the abundant life.

Recreation matters. It is not a sideline, but an inside track. If we neglect it, we know it, those about us know it, and God knows it. Are we re-created daily?

### WHY IS THIS THUS?

You may call a woman a kitten, but you must not call her a cat.

You may call her a mouse, but you must not call her a rat.

You may call her a chicken, but you must not call her a hen.

You may call her a duck, but you must not call her a goose.

You may call her a vision, but you must not call her a sight.—Exchange.

## NCC Alumni Meet At Toledo Zion

The fourth annual organized meeting of NCC Alumni met on May 22 at the Zion E. U. B. church in Toledo, Ohio.

Rev. Harry Shadle led us in opening prayer. Twenty alumni, friends, and future students enjoyed the delicious dinner.

Following the group singing led by Rev. Wendell Freshley, a short business meeting was held. The newly elected president is Rev. Leonard Toepfer, Helena, Ohio, and the Sec.-Treas. is Miss Ruth Maurer of Gibsonburg.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Harold Eigenbrodt from NCC brought us up-to-date on new facilities added to the college, the beginning of the new library, and new faculty members. He also told of the many advantages offered at NCC for future students; and answered questions from the group.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Alma Mater.

Very truly yours,  
Marna Schneider, Secretary

## Bits of Wisdom

By Dr. J. H. Patterson  
Toledo, Ohio

"You can make more friends in two months by being interested in other folks, than you can in two years by trying to get others interested in you."

Dale Carnegie.

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"It is the quick thinker who becomes a leader. He who hesitates, is bossed."

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Who ne'er has suffered,  
he has lived but half.

Who never failed,  
he never strove or sought.

Who never wept  
is stranger to a laugh.

And he, who never doubted  
—never thought."

Rev. Goode.

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Do unto others as though you were the others.

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"Rome was not built in a day." John Haywood.

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Money talks. It says "Good by" to so many preachers.

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The easiest person to deceive is ones self.  
Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

## ARE YOU A TAG-ALONG?

The reason that so many people drink, says Allied Youth, is that they are "tag-alongs." Everybody's doin' it so they are doing it, too. Just born "Yes" men and women.

But have you noticed that what "everybody's doin'" is generally wrong? The folks who make it the rule of life to do right are still in a minority.

## Observation School

An innovation in the program of the Bible Conference this year will be the inclusion of an "Observation School" which will be under the direction of Mrs. Neva Witthune Corl. The school will be divided into three sections to care for the kindergarten, primary and junior children with two specially trained teachers in charge of each group. Teachers of children, children's directors and superintendents of local churches are invited to observe the teaching, which will as nearly as is possible, be carried on in ideal situations. Following each session there will be a seminar period where all the observers will discuss the preceding period from the standpoint of methods, procedure and lesson content. The program has been arranged so that those who share in it will not be missing messages of vital interest to them in the Bible Conference program.

The "Observation School" has come to be a most effective means of "Teaching Teachers" who are interested in doing the best work possible in the children's departments of the church school. It is the only means by which teachers can actually see how it can and should be done and gives the opportunity for seeing for themselves the best educational methods in practice. Those who attend the Bible Conference both ministers and laymen, are urged to bring their families in order that the school may be as large as possible. Teachers and children's workers should plan especially to be present that they might take advantage of the opportunity of the "Observation School."

## FIVE INVESTED LIVES

A business man in Wales spoke to his office boy about his soul, and from that word a work began which won his entire office force to Christ.

A merchant in England determined that no day should pass without his speaking to someone about Christ; in one year he had led scores to the Master.

An invalid Christian woman in Australia, for thirty years unable to put her foot to the floor by means of her pen and prayer led forty people to Christ in a single year.

A Christian gentleman spoke to his servant while they were walking together; the boy became a Christian and later a minister of the gospel.

A Sunday school teacher took one of her class of boys for a walk on Sunday afternoon when the session of the school was over; she told him of her concern that he should become a Christian, and had the joy of seeing him take his stand for Christ.—Selected.

Anyone can find fault. It is the person who can find and apply a remedy that humanity is looking for.

The most dangerous falsehood is one which embodies a few grains of truth to make it pass current.

## Viewing Audio-Visuals

This is the very first word from your new director of Audio-Visuals for Ohio Sandusky Conference, so greetings to every reader of this paper. I realize the great responsibility which is mine as this is a rapidly growing field. I feel safe in saying that every church and Sunday school in our Conference has available to them a slide-film projector or a motion picture machine or a record player. Our great task is to make available to them materials that will assist their teachers, class leaders or pastors in doing a better job for Christ and His Church. Therefore we make known to them slides, filmstrips, and movies that present the best in Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Education, Worship, and Missions. Many churches are building their own libraries of visual aids, but we can help churches large and small to have many more audio-visuals available at a cost they can afford. There are so many new things out now and they are better than first attempts were so you will be thrilled with their use.

Our hope is to have available a complete catalogue which will let you know what is in the library and to what uses you can put it to in your program.

Has your church made use of the wonderful "LEAV kit" in the training of your teachers and officers? This Leadership Education Audio Visual kit has ten filmstrips with records, available for a rental fee of 50c.

Our Consignment Film "More For Peace" is being used every Sunday, so we have had our time extended to August 1st. Make your date early for this Denominational Stewardship film available to our Conference members only on a free-will offering basis, with a \$15 maximum—the local church may keep the surplus for their own audio-visual treasury.

New items this month: "Everyone Likes to Eat" Filmstrip, 20 frames, black and white. Produced by Christian Rural Overseas Program for use in children's groups, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and Adults. 25c service charge.

"The Life of Christ" by Jacques Borosin 82 frames in color, in two parts (1) Birth to Transfiguration. (2) From Transfiguration to the Great Commission. Script for children and one for adults. The rental on this one is \$1.00 per part.

As you plan for Daily Vacation Bible School, we have the slide films "Planning and Conducting the D. V. B. 25c; "Some Learning Experiences" 25c and "It Can Happen In Summer" 25c rental. We have over 50 Filmstrips in our library so write your needs to: Rev. Leonard C. Toepfer, Secretary of Audio-Visual Library, P. O. Box 7, Helena, Ohio.

Among the things that don't work is electing an indifferent church member to office for the purpose of getting him interested.

## Conference Treasurer's Report

For the Month of May 1953

(Month ending June 6th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES						
Monthly Budget	Paid May	Paid 9 Mo.	Haven Hubbard Home Paid May	Sunday School Avg. Att. May	Morning Worship Avg. Att. May	
NORTHERN DISTRICT:						
BOWLING GREEN GROUP:						
Belmore	\$70	\$100	\$550	\$	128	67
Center	25	25	225		20	20
Bethel-Townwood Ct.:						
Bethel	23	23	207	8	49	48
Townwood	21	20	180	5	23	21
Bowling Green	250	250	2250		361	*364
Custar	20	20	180		47	*52
West Hope	42	42	378		63	58
Deshler	60	60	540		103	123
Oakdale	90	90	810		119	98
Hoytville	100	70	630		*141	*95
Luckey	50	50	450	35.81	92	107
North Baltimore	100	100	900		194	109
Portage	35		420			
Mt. Zion	60		480			
South Liberty	50		295			
Mt. Hermon	17		136			
Tontogany	17		150		52	26
Webster	30	30	276		50	37
Cloverdale	25	25	219		52	49
BRYAN GROUP:						
Bridgewater	45	45	405		*129	97
Bryan	160	160	1440		222	212
Defiance, First	160	200	1213		160	142
Defiance Ct.:						
Mt. Calvary	33	33	297	27	56	48
Rural Chapel	17	17	153	8	24	29
Edgerton	20		200	13.75	78	78
Hicksville	165	165	1485		*201	199
Montpelier	160	160	1440		193	163
Salem	5					
West Unity	19	19	171	16.64	36	30
Ebenezer	19	19	152		60	62
Williams Center Ct.:						
Center	20	10	90		57	48
Logan	10	10	100		51	39
Mt. Olive	20	10	80		31	47
FOSTORIA GROUP:						
Bascom	65	78	598		97	*102
Bettsville Ct.:						
Salem	36	36	324	13	77	43
Trinity	45	45	405	19.35	115	107
Bloomdale	70	70	630		154	90
Pleasant View	45	45	405		60	57
Fostoria, Bethel	58	116	522	40	106	90
Fostoria, First	280	280	2520		333	324
Kansas	10	20	90			
Canaan	40	40	343			
Rising Sun	45	44.25	397.82		*113	*71
West Independence	75	150	750		211	205
FREMONT GROUP:						
Burgoon	100	100	900		153	150
Fremont, Memorial	100	100	900		*123	*157
Fremont, Trinity	183	183	1781	80.23	251	230
Gibsonburg	64	64	640	13.36	*149	*105
Green Springs	56	133.74	646.07			

Helena	59	59	531	75	67
Lindsey	130	130	1170	72.43	224
Old Fort	100	400	1200		182
Riley Center	13	13	117	*22	*24
Woodville	160	160	1440	181	*227

## NAPOLEON GROUP:

Ai	40	14	125	48	30
Lebanon	10	10	90	10	24
Mt. Pleasant	40	40	360		52
Delta	56	56	504		90
Zion	60	60	540		119
Liberty Center	35	35	315		98
Malinta	30	30	270		63
McClure	100	82	805		131
Monclova	18		108		
Wilkins	14		86		
Napoleon	83	64	779	43.01	156
Wauseon, First	40		240		65
Wauseon Ct.: Beulah	20	20	180		63
North Dover	50	57.84	450		78
Whitehouse	59	59	531	37	137

## SANDUSKY GROUP:

Bellevue	138		1237.50	45.75	279
Flat Rock	74		592	10.25	215
Kelley's Island	26		100		
LaCarne	17	17	153		30
Locust Point	17	17	153		30
Mt. Carmel	100	100	800		125
Port Clinton	80	80	720		90
Sandusky, Columbus Ave.	22	22	198		92
Sandusky, Salem	68	68	748		67

## TOLEDO GROUP:

Elliston	73		125		
Millbury	25		299		125
Rocky Ridge	13		135		25
Moline	55	41.25	416.70		120
Perrysburg	65	130.84	588.78	53.64	125
Toledo, Calvary	145	145	1305	120	256
Toledo, Colburn	160	160	1440		121
Toledo, East Broadway	190	380	1710		184
Toledo, First	250	200	1800		160
Toledo, Oakdale	170	170	1530		371
Toledo, Point Place	75	75	675		172
Toledo, Salem	60	60	540		109
Toledo, Somerset	170		1360		*145
Toledo, Upton	250	250	2250		377
Toledo, Zion	158	158.34	1425.01	80.25	209
Walbridge	12	12	108		50
Hayes	10	10	90		62

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

## BUCYRUS GROUP:

Bellville Ct.: Pleasant Grove	14				39
Pleasant Hill	22	6	54		20
Trinity	29		320.72	34.14	89
Brokensword: Emmanuel	21		189		85
Lykens	41	140	420	2.84	
Pleasant Home	18		165.78		
Bucyrus Ct.: Harmony	30	31	310	22	52
Zion	30	31	310	22	63
Bucyrus, First	125	250	1250		*181
Bucyrus, Grace	125	125	1250	79.59	*214
Galion	80	80	720		181
Johnsville	97	97	873	46	151
Lykens Olive Branch	22	20	193		33
Mt. Zion	90	180	810		122
New Winchester	35	20.85	190.24		39
Climax	10	10	70		19
North Robinson	60	81	476.30		*65
Liberty Chapel	33	31	188		*64
Oceola	60	35	397		76

Smithville .....	50	50	450	73	73
Mt. Zion .....	21	17.31	203.20	45	46
Sycamore .....	75	22	549	102	64
Upper Sandusky .....	128	276	1380	*297	*259
Belle Vernon .....	11		132	29.28	38
Salem .....	30	60	300	56.54	56
Williamsport .....	40	40	360	102	104

## FINDLAY DISTRICT:

Bairdstown .....	21		168	65	40
Benton Ridge, Calvary .....	60	60	600	37	*129
Benton Ridge Ct.:					
Pleasant Hill .....	35		110	*59	*66
Trinity .....	40	27	325	64	59
Bluffton Ct.: Bethesda .....	14		121.50	23	*24
Liberty Chapel .....	17	75	155	*46	42
Olive Branch .....	30	45	165	*39	*40
Carey .....	91	91	914	49.65	215
Findlay, Bethlehem .....	90	90	900	130	125
Findlay East Ct.: Ark .....	30	30	270	39	38
Mt. Zion .....	45	23	207	67	60
Findlay, First .....	312	312	2808	377	454
Findlay, St. Paul's .....	223	223	2007	385	294
Findlay South Ct.: Salem .....	25		70	35	30
Pleasant Grove .....	25	5	50	41	41
Findlay West Ct.: Zion .....	25	30	95	*65	45
Powell Memorial .....	42	42	378	*77	*77
Findlay, West Park .....	28	27.50	192.50	68	40
Salem .....	13		111	29	29
Leipsic .....	50	40	355	97	*100
Forest Grove .....	20	10	90	19	20
Kiefernville .....	20	9	81	47	43
Mt. Cory, Zion .....	40	40	360	50	97
Pleasant View .....	50	150	400	88	87
Rawson .....	100		200	126	102
Van Buren .....	100		500	137	97
Vanlue .....	50	50	450	75	75
Vanlue Ct.: St. Paul .....	20	19	175	63	63
Union .....	30	30	270	40	40
Wharton Ct.: Beech Grove .....	25	11	99	28	28
Big Oak .....	42	42	378	89	89

## LIMA GROUP:

Blue Lick .....	25	25	225	*54	*57
Columbus Grove .....	150	150	1350	*170	*152
Criddersville .....	25	25	225	61	30
Kemp .....	25	20	153	40	41
Delphos .....	75	75	675	*151	*129
Dunkirk .....	65	65	585	73	83
Walnut Grove .....	100	100	900	175	179
Elida .....	100		450	154	151
Lakeview .....	45	45	295.05	75	50
Lima, First .....	231	462	2079	295	225
Lima, High St. .....	205	205	1845	*304	*340
Marion, Ridge .....	22		198		
Santa Fe .....	45	16	206	42	42
Vaughnsville .....	75	75	675		

## MARION GROUP:

Cardington Ct.: Center .....	50		400	112	111
Fairview .....	22	15	135	28	30
Hepburn .....	15	15	120	12	12
Hopewell .....	16	16	128	12	15
Otterbein .....	30	30	240	38	38
Marion, Calvary .....	195	195	1755	108.70	342
Marion, First .....	100	100	900	218	159
Marion, Greenwood .....	92	92	828	48.50	*230
Marion, Oakland .....	148	148	1332	45.25	281
Marion, Salem .....	27		216		
Peoria .....	7	7	63	32	18
Mt. Zion .....	4		28		
Broadway .....				24	17
West Mansfield .....	12	12	108	16	16
York .....	50	50	450	56	57

## ST MARYS GROUP:

Celina, Bethany .....	153	153	1377	253	226
Celina Ct.: Hope .....	44	44	396	25.69	55
Mt. Carmel .....	22	44	220		*85
Celina, Mt. Zion .....	45	135	540		119
Celina, Bethel .....	15	15	135		24
Celina, Old Town .....	16		128		
Ft. Recovery, Bethel .....	18		144	25	
Olive Branch .....	22	22	198		
Pasco .....	40	40	400		*75
Sidney .....	90	90	810		111
St. Marys .....	90	90	810	1	125
Wapakoneta .....	48	48	432	39.74	93

## VAN WERT GROUP:

Continental .....	50	172	237	56	81
Mt. Zion .....	40		160	48	46
Wisterman .....	20		160	26	27
Grover Hill Ct.:					
Blue Creek .....	30		149	29	29
Middle Creek .....	35	35	315	48	48
Mt. Zion .....	25	25	225	61	60
Mt. Pleasant &) .....	80	60	540	129	123
Harmony ) .....		10	90	25	25
Oakwood .....	60	40	480		
Oakwood Ct.: Centenary .....	25	25	250	67	65
Prairie Chapel .....	25	25	250	67	64
Ohio City Ct.: Bethel .....	25	25	225	55	46
Mt. Zion .....	10	15	105	28	19
Rockford .....	200	200	1800	277	246
Van Wert, Calvary .....	105	105	945	165	153
Van Wert, Trinity .....	143	143	1287	208	211
Van Wert, North:					
Grand Victory .....	44	44	396	85	68
Union Center .....	25	25	225	76	76
Van Wert, South:					
Wood Chapel .....	25	25	225	*65	*59
St. Peter's .....	12	12	108	6	*22
Willshire, Union .....	35	35	350	101	95
Wren .....	65	65	510	90	91

## WILLARD GROUP:

Attica .....	20	20	180	83	67
Attica Ct.: Richmond .....	50		385		
Union Pisgah .....	40		362		
Biddle .....	15	15	135	27	27
Bloomville .....	40		360		
Harmony .....	40		209		
Leesville .....	45		405	65	68
Republic .....	30	30	270	42	65
Pietist .....				115	110
Shelby .....	231	231	2079	238	200
South Reed .....	22	22	198	35	25
Tiffin .....	75	75	675	47.44	226
Tiro .....	90	90	810	121	135
Willard .....	285	285	2850	300	350

Totals ..... \$14,206.92 1,580.83  
\$125,571.64

\* Denotes a 5% increase over last year's attendance.

Specials: Support of Missionaries: Lindsey church, \$1000.00 for Miss Florence Walter; Upper Sandusky, Trinity, \$450.00 for Miriam Faust; Woodville, \$175 for Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Ayres; Marion, Calvary, \$50.00 each for Rev. James Hough and Rev. Paul Temple; Vanlue Ct., St. Paul, \$10.00 for Rev. Nellwyn Brookhart; Celina Ct.:Mt. Carmel \$50 for clinic equipment, Yokohama, and \$34.06 for Sierra Leone Missions; Hope church, \$75.14 for repair mission residences in Yokohama; Attica, Federated church, 012.00 for Foreign Missions. Bowling Green church, \$50.00 for the North Dover church; and Fostoria, First, \$23.00 for Sandusky, Columbus Ave. Church.

## SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

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Professor E. F. George, B. D., M. A., D. D., who has served on the Faculty for thirty nine years and Mrs. George were honored at the Commencement Dinner held at 5:30 p. m. in the First Church parlors with 280 guests in attendance and the Reverend Harry H. Kalas as toastmaster. Richard Tholin, '52, presented on behalf of the Alumni association to Dr. George an electric clock, and to Mrs. George a large bouquet of roses. In the Commencement exercises the Reverend Wilmert H. Wolf, B. A., S. T. M., trustee from Illinois, representing the Board of Trustees by their appointment, presented the resolution of the Board recognizing Dr. George's service to the Seminary during his long and fruitful career as professor since 1914, announced officially his retirement in keeping with the constitutional provisions of the Seminary, his appointment as Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, his placement on pension basis September 1, 1953, and presented on behalf of the Board of Trustees a cash gift of \$100.00 as a token of appreciation. The Reverend Willard A. Giese, Past President of the Alumni Association, presented a bound volume containing more than three hundred letters from former students and friends in the United States and Canada, Africa and Japan. The Student Body in the Thursday Chapel previous to Commencement had paid their respects to their teacher in addresses given by Kenneth Mitchell of the Junior Class, William J. Schmidt of the Middler Class and Donald Gruber of the Senior Class and presented a pen and pencil set to Dr. George in expression of love and affection. The Baccalaureate sermon at the Grace Church on Sunday, May 3, was preached by Dr. George on the subject: "The Memory That Challenges," using with great effectiveness the text "Remember Jesus Christ, Risen from the dead . . . as preached in my gospel." (2 Timothy 2:8.)

The John M. Baitinger Memorial was established by the gift of \$50,000.00 to the Seminary by the Evangelical Hospital and Deaconess Home, Ramsey County, St. Paul, Minnesota, the check for this amount being presented by Mr. J. C. Zehnder and Mrs. Elise Baitinger to President H. R. Heininger who dedicated it beneath the Cross of Christ for the purposes of the JOHN M. BAITINGER MEMORIAL READING ROOM in the Seminary wing of the College and Seminary Library to be constructed this summer. A brochure announcing this appropriate memorial giving the picture of this earnest preacher of the Gospel, evangelist, and hospital superintendent and his biography, together with the names of the Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Hospital and Deaconess Home which is no longer operative, has been published and is available for those interested.

Mr. Charles Attig presented \$675.00 secured by student body action for the Roland W. Trapp memorial lectureship fund. Mr. Owen E. Miller, '53, was reported to

have been named by the Pulpit magazine in the Seminarian Preacher of the Year contest carried forward by this journal on preaching in cooperation with the Chicago Sunday Evening Club as the author of one of the best ten sermons chosen from those submitted by Seminary students from all the theological seminaries of the country as meriting "honorable mention" in this contest. Mr. William J. Schmidt, Middler from Seymour, Wisconsin, and a graduate of North Central College, was named the Hartmann Scholar for 1953-54 in recognition of merit as a student. The scholarship pays \$750.00 per annum.

Mr. Harold E. Utzinger received his degree with his classmates in spite of back injuries sustained in the Seminary Chapel Choir bus accident in Kansas on April 11. However, he was in attendance on an ambulance cot. His father, the Reverend Earl J. Utzinger of the Minnesota Conference, read the scripture lesson and the Reverend C. D. Osborn, Findlay, Ohio, father of the president of the Class of 1953, Mr. Neel Osborn, offered the prayer. The Seminary Chapel Choir, directed by Professor Gordon Farndell, Mus. M., A. A. G. A., A. R. C. O. Choirmaster, brought the Commencement music. David Bailey of the Central Pennsylvania Conference and a senior, sang as a solo "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" at the Commencement Banquet where John Davis led the singing and Irwin Plumer of the graduating class accompanied.

The Alumni Association in annual meeting adopted a new constitution which had been prepared during the year by a special committee and studied prior to this session by the members. The officers chosen for 1953-54 are: The Reverend Paul Washburn, '38, President; The Reverend Wendell Freshley, '44, First Vice President; The Reverend Floyd Bosshardt, '28, Second Vice President; The Reverend Louis Bloede, '53, Third Vice President; Dr. E. F. George, '16, Secretary; Dr. E. D. Riebel, '20, Treasurer.

Dr. W. C. Harr, retiring Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni Association who has served for ten years, has given continuity to this organization which is appreciated.

## HE DWELLS IN OUR HEARTS

The Holy Spirit is a Person. The Scriptures make this plain beyond a question to any one who candidly goes to the Scriptures to find out what they really teach. Theoretically, most of us believe this, but do we in our real thought of Him treat Him as a Person? Do we regard him as indeed as real a Person as Jesus Christ, as loving, as strong, as worthy of our confidence and love, and surrender as He is? The Holy Spirit came into this world to be to the disciples and to us what Jesus Christ had been to them during the days of His personal championship with them. Is He that to us? Do we walk in conscious fellowship with him? Yes, and better than that, He dwells in our hearts and is ready to fill them and take complete possession of our lives.—R. A. Torrey.

## CONFERENCE VISITATION

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Training of Group Leaders of Evangelism. (Perhaps two day sessions)

**Second Step**—(Set-up meeting) Led by Group Leaders of Evangelism in Groups) One session, sometime the week of Sept. 21-25.

**Third Step**—Training of Local Pastors, layman and guest leaders by the Group Leaders of Evangelism. (Entire Conference will be divided into two groups, half of these men will carry on program as host pastor and other men will serve as guest ministers. One group will carry out the training project in October, the other in November. Assignments will be made about Annual Conference time.)

(1) Monday, Oct. 19 (Evening), introductions, explanation of Plan, demonstration of Self-analysis Plan of Church and Sunday School. Pastors and laymen of local churches and guest leaders meet as a mass group at a point in group area as selected by Group Leader of Evangelism.

(2) Tuesday, Oct. 20 (Evening) Meeting of local S. S. and Church Councils to set up final plans for and doing an analysis similar to the one demonstrated the night before. Guest leader will conduct this analysis.

(3) Wednesday, Oct. 21, (Evening) Meeting of same councils to make final plans for visiting and improvement of Church and Sunday School program in light of summary of analysis.

(4) Thursday, Oct. 22, (Evening) Trial Visitations by selected teams and selected prospects.

(5) Sunday, Oct. 25, Report of findings and sermon by guest minister. (a) Observe Sunday School in morning; (b) Preach in morning, if possible; (c) Preach in evening on some phase of the analysis and meaning of Lay participation; (The Second half of the churches will observe the same schedule, but will conduct their program on November 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15)

**Fourth Step**—Continuation of Friendly Visitation: (a) First group, during November, December, January and February. (b) Second group, during December, January and February. (c) At conclusion of each of above periods have a sort of check up meeting and plan for further visitation and a Preaching Mission.

**Fifth Step**—During March and April, if possible plan for a Preaching Program of Evangelism.

Ministers are further urged to familiarize themselves with the materials which are available, charts, films, packets, etc. which are to be used in the project. At the Bible Conference plans will be further amplified (June 23-28). Your prayers are earnestly sought in behalf of the planners and the plan. Win for Christ.

Prejudice cannot see the things that are because it is always looking for things that aren't.

Treating facts by ignoring them removes no difficulties.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Prayer meeting activities, have performed 31 baptisms, 19 of which were children and 12 were adults, have preached 14 funerals and conducted 10 weddings.

I have endeavored to carry out the functions of a Pastor faithfully and trust that any short comings and errors will be forgiven and understood by those who know the many calls upon a Pastor's life. We believe the future is bright and by God's grace we hope to possess that which our Lord has promised to those who earnestly endeavor to serve Him.

Faithfully yours,

*Frank R. Hamblen*

During the course of the evening our new members who had united with the Church during the past twelve months all received Certificates of Membership in High Street Church. Special music for the evening was provided by a ladies ensemble made up of members of our Missionary Societies. Mr. Charles Gregory led in the hymns and Mrs. Gregory presided at the piano.

## Baptisms and Dedications

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Kikly presented their infant daughter, Grace Lynn, in dedication to God by the anointing of oil and laying on of hands before the altar of the Church in the 8:30 morning worship hour on Sunday, May 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Raymond Shaw presented their infant daughter, Claudia Renee, in baptism to God before the altar of the Sanctuary on Sunday June 7th during the 10:30 worship hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Ward presented their infant daughter, Susan Kay, in baptism to God before the altar of the Church on Sunday morning June 7th in the 10:30 worship hour.

We are more than happy when young parents bring their little children to God in dedication or in baptism, for we believe that such an act is the true basis of a Christian home. Baptisms are performed on the first Sunday of any month, or dedication is provided for those who prefer it in place of baptism. See the Pastor if you are interested.

## High School Graduates Honored

On Sunday morning June 7th the High School graduates of 1953 who are members of or associated with High Street Church were present in the morning service to receive New Testaments as a gift of the local congregation. The New Testaments selected were the King James version bound in leather and with a zipper pull in the shape of the cross.

The following young people received New Testaments:

Elida High School: Ruth Bame, Robert Ruff.

Shawnee High School: Tom Dekan.

South High School: Bill Avery, Billy Vandemark.

Central High School: George Bailey, Tom Frail, Dick Hilgendorf, Jerry Schoonover, Carol Frayer.

High Street is always proud of its Seniors, and this year we have a very fine group. We pray God's blessing upon these young people, some of whom will be attending college this fall, and others will be entering into their life's work.

## Boy Scout News

Troop 13 of our Boy Scouts in High Street Church is continuing to make steady progress. The following young men have been approved for advancement and were to receive their awards at a local court of honor scheduled for June 17th in the Church dining room following a covered dish supper:

Doug Ca Jacobs—Merit Badge in Swimming.

Dave Armstrong—Merit badges in First Aid, Physical Fitness, Citizenship in the Home and Recommended for Life Rank.

Tom Fletcher—Merit badge in First Aid and Scholarship. Recommended for Star Rank.

Jim Harris—Merit Badge in First Aid.

Fritz Heil—Merit Badge in First Aid.

Bob Yoesting—Merit Badge in First Aid.

John Pfouts—Merit Badge in First Aid.

Bob Coover—Merit Badge in First Aid.

Albert Gleim—Merit Badge in Basketball.

Ethan Jacobs—Merit Badge in Reading.

Rodney Mulvania—Recommended for Life Rank.

The following boys who are graduates of Troop 13 Cub Pack of High Street Church are to be admitted as Scouts in Troop 13:

Dennis Bosch, David Hamblen, Dick Walter, Charles Warren, Robert Walker, Ronald Goldman.

The new assistant Scout Master of our local troop is Mr. Norman E. Whitney, who is well known to many of our people. We are happy for the progress that is being made by our local Scout unit, and we believe they are rendering a genuine service to the boys of our community through the activities they carry on.

## Catechism Graduation

Catechetical Instruction for our young people has been an important part of our Church program at High Street for the past three years. This year the 6th Grade Class was under the instruction of Mrs. Clayton Bucher and they used the denominational text, "Being a Christian." The 7th Grade Class was under the instruction of Mrs. Lewis Johnson and they used the text, "The Christian Way." Both classes met on Thursday evening at 7:00 P. M., while the adults and young people were in Prayer Meeting and while the children were in the "Good News Club." The year was a happy ex-

perience for all who were enrolled in both classes and several of the young people accepted Christ during the year through the instruction they received.

Graduation day came on Sunday morning, May 17th during the 10:30 worship service. Both classes were present in full and a brief program was presented as follows:

Salute to the Christian flag (led by Sharron Sherrick.)

The Apostle's Creed (led by the 7th Grade Class.)

The Beatitudes—Phyllis Frail.

The Ten Commandments (led by the 7th Grade.)

Individual Scripture verses by each member of both classes.

The Lord's Prayer in unison.

Following this brief program fourteen members of the 6th Grade Class received gift pens (ball point) inscribed "Jesus Christ, The Way, The Truth, The Life," as an expression of the Church's appreciation for the fine work they had done. They were Marsha Anderson, Nancy Crow, Phyllis Frail, David Hamblen, Dickie Hefner, Gloria Jackson, Paul Kunkleman, Larry Lathem, Toneta Long, Emma Jane Ruff, Sharron Sherrick, Annabelle Smith, Jerry Crider and Gary Herman.

Seven members of the 7th Grade Class received leather-bound Bibles as gifts from the Church in addition to certificates of recognition upon completion of their work. They were Tommy Beeler, Janet Harris, Wendell Hollingsworth, Jane Johnson, Ronnie Lutz, Stanley Shutt and Larry Clemans. Four other young persons who were unable to complete the course for reasons beyond their control received Bibles in appreciation for the fine work they had done. They were Nancy Riker, Terry Williams, Linda Thompson and Ronnie Moore.

Catechism is relatively new to the Evangelical United Brethren Church, but as a means of evangelization it is here to stay. The excellent texts prepared by our own Board of Christian Education present the truths of the Bible, the Christian Life and the Church in such an effective way that any young person is forever richer in spirit for the experience of such study.

Catechism will begin again about the end of September or the first of October. The pastor will make an appeal for all 6th and 7th grade boys and girls at that time and we hope many will be planning for the next course during the summer months.

It might be easier to mobilize the church if it wasn't already automobilized.

To worry about tomorrow is to fail of devotion to the tasks of today, and so to spoil both days.—William DeWitt Hyde.

God will forgive you for starting late, but not for quitting early. Make up for lost time by keeping on the job until the Lord calls.

## Items Of General Interest

Recent patients in Memorial hospital were: Mrs. Albert Shutt, Sandra Bitler, Charles Carder and Sharon Metzger.

Recent patients in St. Rita's Hospital are: Bobby Roethlisberger, Mrs. Darl Hult, Fred Current, Don Kinkley and Guy McClure.

Grace Barrett is continuing as a patient in St. Rita's Hospital and Mr. Leslie Church is still in Memorial Hospital. Both are receiving excellent care and we hope many will remember them often with cards and in prayer.

As these lines are being written, Mr. Clarence Long, Mrs. Mabel Knetts, Mrs. Fanny Saeger and Mr. Harold Carey are patients in Memorial Hospital. We trust they will be much improved or will be able to return home by the time this paper arrives.

The Telescope Messenger is making a special offer for new subscribers during the last part of the year. From August 1st to December 31st, a total of 22 issues will be given for \$1.00. Call Mr. Carl Schubert for this special offer. The annual cost of the Telescope Messenger is \$3.00 per year.

A new radio program "Unshackled" is being heard over WIMA every Monday night at 9:30 P. M. This story is the dramatization of many incidents from The Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago and is well worth hearing. Remember to tune your radios to WIMA on Monday night.

The Semper Fidelis class has taken as its missionary project the providing of some support for two of our young ladies who are preparing for full time Christian service. They are Miss Blanche Jones and Miss Dorothy Kempher. The class is sending \$5.00 per month to each of these young ladies while they are in school.

A good used sweeper was donated to the Church by Mr. Orval Cowell to be used in cleaning the auditorium rugs. Mr. Cowell is the Kirby agent in Lima.

Dr. William Wright was inducted into the Army Medical Corps on Monday, May, 25th. He expects to be home for a brief visit toward the end of June and after that we will be able to include his mailing address.

## New Church In Lima

On Wednesday June 10th it was the happy privilege of your Pastor to stand with the Conference Board of Trustees and with representatives from the Conference Board of Missions on the new property on Bellefontaine Avenue that has been selected as the site for a third Evangelical United Brethren Church in Lima. The movement for another Church in Lima has been gathering momentum for some time, and we believe that God is leading in this venture of Faith.

The basis for our new third Church has been found largely in the need of the congregation of our First Church at Spring and Union Streets for better facilities. The Sunday School has outgrown

the present plant several years ago, and it was a matter of discussion whether the Church should re-locate, or whether those who want a Church in the east part of Lima should withdraw to form such an organization. After much discussion, and after projecting many possible solutions into the total picture, it was finally decided to turn the issue back to the Conference. The Conference has responded by making its own careful investigation, and in purchasing four lots on Bellefontaine Avenue at an approximate cost of \$5,000.00

Many of our people will want to know where these lots are located. They are found on the northeast side of Bellefontaine Avenue between Dana and Collins and are about 120 feet in depth. The total frontage of the four lots is about 200 feet, although there is a matter of straightening the property line at one end.

The future of the Church will be worked out in the weeks which are ahead. A congregation will be assembled and a Church building will be erected during the fall months. There are no plans as yet on hand for the worship structure itself, but there are many suggested means of procedure. The Conference may assign a Pastor to this field in the fall, or it may be served by Rev. V. I. Sullivan, the Pastor of our First Church.

Many people are wondering how this new congregation will affect our own. We will open the door to any of our own members who would like to take their letters of transfer to this new congregation to become charter members. Of course no one is asked to leave, but we imagine there will be some for whom the new Church will be more convenient and who will want to become a part of it. The initiative will rest upon the individual member and by the time this paper arrives, a canvas concerning this matter will already have been accomplished.

Pray for our new third Church, and for its future congregation. As a sponsoring local body interested in the future of Lima we will consider in our Church Council any means whereby we can help to promote this new Congregation. Announcements will be made from week to week as more information is available on this venture of Faith by the Conference and people of Lima.

## New Members

The following new members were received into the fellowship of our congregation on Sunday morning, May 17th during the morning worship hours: Mrs. Francis Elizabeth Bozeman, 1311 N. Metcalf St.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Crider, 423 S. Metcalf St.; Mrs. Hobart Hollingsworth, 1253 Feeman Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Darl Hult, 1013 Burch Ave.; Miss Carol Ann Jackson, 1422 Elida Road; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dement Kikly, 726 S. Glenwood Ave.; Miss Marjorie Ann and Mary Lee Rose, 1298 Elida Road; Miss

Linda Lorene Thompson, R. R. No. 2, Lafayette; Mr. and Mrs. Orla O. Weaver, 1115 W. Wayne St.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Williams and daughter Terry, 311½ N. Jameson St.

The following graduates of our 7th grade catechism class were also received into Church membership on the same day: Tommy Lee Beeler, 923 West High St.; Janet Arlene Harris, 1200 W. High St.; Wendell Sydney Hollingsworth, 1253 Feeman Ave.; Rosalie Jane Johnson, 901 Western Ohio Ave.; Ronnie Lutz, 654 Ewing Ave., and Stanley Albert Shutt, R. R. No. 4. We are happy indeed to welcome all these new members into the fellowship of the High Street Church and we trust and pray that God will use them greatly in the service for the Lord in this congregation.

For the benefit of others who may be interested in Church membership it is the custom in High Street Church to receive new members on the third Sunday of every month. Those who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord are eligible for membership in our congregation.

## Daily Vacation Bible School

It is difficult to write up the myriad of details which would adequately describe our Daily Vacation Bible School of this year, but we will do our best to give you some idea of what was done during the nine days our boys and girls met together. It was the largest Bible School in the history of High Street Church and there were a number of unique features about it.

Bible School opened on Wednesday, June 3rd at 9:00 A. M., which was the day after our public school dismissed. Many people wondered why we started so soon, but the answers are obvious to those who study our calendar of activities. Our summer camping schedule at Camp St. Marys begins very early in June, and unless we start our Bible School quickly we will lose many of the young people who help us, to the summer camps. Also, many of our young people go away on vacation in the weeks that follow, so it seems best to hold Bible School either at the beginning of summer or to postpone it to the very end.

There were 174 boys and girls enrolled this year and assisting them were 41 teachers and helpers. The average attendance during the nine day period was 160 plus. Over 17 Churches or more were represented among the boys and girls who were enrolled this year.

The material used in our Bible School this year was provided through The Gospel Light Press. This was a new kind of literature to our Church, but it seemed well planned and very useful in many ways. The theme of the material was that of Knighthood and Crusading, and every detail was worked out in the light of this theme.