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The High Street Witness

HIGH STREET EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

VOLUME I

NOVEMBER, 1951

NUMBER 1

A Message From Your Pastor

These have been exceedingly busy days at High Street, as many of you already know. October was filled with activities not the least of which was the Sunday broadcasting of our morning service over radio station WLOK. The broadcasting of these services made it possible for many of the shut-ins to worship with us for the first time in several years. The broadcast was appreciated by many others who sent word to the Church, and perhaps some day it may be possible to have such a program on a regular basis. It is at least a matter for prayer, for God is able.

During the month of October our morning worship averaged 235, our evening service averaged 129, and our Sunday School averaging 230. There were gains in morning worship and evening service, but our Sunday School showed a slight loss for the same period over 1950. We should have 300 in our Sunday School and the same in our worship services. We have much for which to work in the weeks and months ahead.

As these lines are written our remodeled church building has received its final coat of plaster, and now has a much neater appearance than the gray rock lath presented. Our children and some adults now have new class rooms which are brighter and more conducive to the study of the lesson. Our great task now is to measure up to our capacity in our buildings themselves. We must work, pray and labor to reach the boys and girls and men and women who should attend regularly at our Sunday School. There are other improvements to make, but the plastering was the big hurdle we all were dreading. There is nothing worse than plaster dust to clean up, but most of it has now been eliminated, at least enough to permit us to proceed with the use of our new facilities.

Before this paper comes to your home we will doubtless have observed our "Completion Day" and received our special offering. We pray that it may be enough to make the Chimes ring again from our Tower, for our members and friends miss hearing the bells on Sunday morning. While there are still things to be done around the Church, we rejoice that so much has been accomplished in the last few years. Continue to pray and work, and if we all work as we should High Street will grow beyond our dreams in the months ahead.

Faithfully yours,
Frank R. Hamblen.

Stated Services and Meetings

Sunday School	9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A. M.
Youth Fellowship	6:30 P. M.
Evening Service	7:30 P. M.
Wednesday—Boy Scouts	7:00 P. M.
Choir Practice	7:45 P. M.
Thursday—Prayer Meeting	7:45 P. M.
Saturday—7th Grade Catechism	9:30 A. M.
Youth Chapel	10:25 A. M.
6th Grade Catechism	10:45 A. M.
Youth Choir	10:45 A. M.

Christmas Greetings

Your Pastor and his family would like to take this means of expressing their sincere best wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas to every member and friend of The High Street Church. This paper will come to your home about the end of November, by which time we will be entering fully into the Christmas season. We pray God's blessings upon each one of you, and we trust that Jesus, God's greatest gift to mankind shall bless your homes and your hearts during this season.

Rev. & Mrs. Frank Hamblen
and family.

City Wide Revival

The city wide revival will take place in Lima, January the 2nd to the 20th, of 1952. Our Church will close its evening services and mid-week prayer meeting during this period, and all of our people will be urged to attend the meetings in Memorial Hall. Already prayer groups are organized to remember the meetings before the throne of God, and the committees for ushering, advertising and arrangements are already functioning.

The city wide revival has always been a blessing to Lima, and many people have found a new vision through its services. This is the time to plan for our activities during that season. Begin to pray now for friends who you would like to see find the Lord, and then work to get them to the meetings after they begin. God can work through you if you dedicate your life and service to Him. Souls will be saved if Christians pray at work as they should do. We hope the Lord can count on each one of us to do our part.

Victory At The Polls

This afternoon I walked past the "Anti-Prohibition Headquarters" in the old State liquor store on East High Street, and found it a sad place indeed to behold. Papers littered the floor, two typewriters set forsaken and forlorn in the middle of the floor, and posters that are much out of date plastered the windows in front. The permit holders of Allen County made a determined effort to defeat the forces of righteousness on Election Day, but the citizens of Lima showed they could think for themselves as they cast their ballot on election day. It was an important victory for many reasons, most important of which is the fact that it was a definite moral issue. This is the first time in the recollection of your Pastor that a Church ever embarked into an election campaign, but this time it was not escapable. The Church had no course to follow except to exert every ounce of energy to defeat the forces of liquor at the polls.

It is heartening to see our city council upheld on this most important decision. No doubt many of its members had misgivings at times as they faced the test by the electorate, but their wisdom and foresight have been proved by events. We in Lima are proud of our city council, we are proud also that Mr. Clarence Long who introduced the ordinance to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday is a member of the High Street Church. You can meet him any evening in the mid-week Prayer Meeting. It is refreshing to have officials of our city who can lead in a prayer meeting as well as voice their sentiments in political gatherings.

This victory at the polls should indicate a better day for Lima in the future. When the forces of righteousness are willing to stand for God's cause, then we can be sure that things should take a turn for better in our midst. Pray for your leaders. Pray that God's will may be done in our city. Pray that the Church may increase its testimony and power through the stand which it takes.

Jr. High Youth Fellowship Officers

President	Jim Harris
Vice President	Shirley Moyer
Secretary	John Rockhold
Ass't Secretary	Sue Matthews
Song Leader	Nancy Clemans
Ass't Song Leader	Janet Harris
Pianist	Basilda Reese
Ass't Pianist	Carol Jackson
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The North District

Rev. F. A. Firestone, Superintendent

Among the happy and undergirding experiences during the month of October were the privileges of association and fellowship with several of our churches in special services—rally and homecoming, and in celebration of achievements—with, we hope, the impartation of some spiritual gift. These churches were: Rural Chapel on the Defiance Circuit, C. W. Wallmer, pastor; Liberty Chapel, Charles Rex, pastor; Malinta, P. W. Lutz, pastor; Fostoria First, D. D. Corl, pastor. It was a pleasure also to speak in the rally for men and their families in the Hoytville church, sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Bowling Green Group. Earlier in the month we had the opportunity to meet with laymen and ministers of the Toledo Group, planning for a great rally and also organization in the very near future. These and other promotional activities point up the fact that many of our men are on the march to bigger and better things in men's work. We are reassured too by the growing spirit of unity and oneness.

EVANGELISM—"Evangelism is a year-round responsibility." "The Evangelical United Brethren Church is in a great Evangelistic Advance." These quotations are from a rousing and illuminating booklet entitled, "The Larger Evangelism," published by our General Board of Evangelism. It sets forth our major emphasis and lays out an evangelistic program of the local church.

The use of this little book along with the denominational study book on evangelism, "Christ Calls to Commitment," will help immensely toward revitalizing our churches and girding them for soul-winning.

This is our release to this date. On November 26 and 27 there will be a "Central

Area Workshop" in Marion Calvary church under the direction of our Bishop Fred L. Dennis. Dr. R. H. Mueller and Dr. L. L. Baughman, with Bishop Dennis, will be the resource leaders. Our Conference Board of Evangelism will hold its second meeting of the year very soon after the Marion meeting, and further information will be forthcoming. Just another reminder at this point. "Evangelism Emphasis Sunday" on January 13 and "Youth Evangelism Month"—January. Plan and pray!

On October 23 it was your Secretary's privilege to attend the meeting of the department of evangelism of the Ohio Council of Churches. It was encouraging to note the tone of concern manifest there by different denomination leaders. The feeling is that we need a revival regardless of what name it goes by locally.

It is a joy to report that Mrs. M. W. George is at home after being hospitalized, Rev. D. D. Corl has returned from Marshalltown, Iowa, after a successful operation on one eye, although he will again enter the hospital for surgery on the other eye, and that Rev. H. M. Maurer is at home recovering from surgery also. "The Lord bless thee and keep thee" is our prayer for these and all others who are in affliction.

The South District

Dr. V. H. Allman, Superintendent

The men of the Evangelical United Brethren Church are on the march. More than two thousand of the Brotherhood gathered on October 27-28 at Harrisburg, Pa., to celebrate the victories of the past four years and plan the work of the coming quadrennium. The immediate goal is forty thousand dollars for a new church in the city of St. Petersburg, Fla. It will soon be proven that our men are no less missionary minded than our women. The men of our own conference are now working with our missions at Sandusky and Toledo, Hays Station. Besides this work they expect next year to undertake the education of a foreign student committed to full time Christian service.

The Board of Pensions held its annual meeting in Harrisburg Monday following the Men's Congress. I count it an unusual privilege to be a member of that Board and render what assistance I may to the building of a living substance for our aged ministers and their widows. The funds of this Board are growing and the amount given is increased this quadrennium.

The second Sunday of the month was indeed a busy one for this Supt. At 10 A. M. I was at Fostoria First Church for the morning worship service and at 11:30 I was at Republic preaching for them in their service of Homecoming and Rally. At the noon hour we had an important Quarterly or Local Conference and another service at 2:00 P. M. At the close of the afternoon message I undertook the raising of \$1900 for a new electric organ. The response was generous. Now a beautiful new organ is ready to assist this

small congregation to enlarge its borders. Great things may be expected under the leadership of its new pastor the Rev. Donald Martin. At 4:00 P. M. I was back in Fostoria for a meeting of the Executive officers of the Conference Brotherhood, and at 8:00 P. M., was at Powell Memorial church on West Findlay for a Local Conference and the hiring of the new pastor, the Rev. Robert Baumgarner. Fine reports are coming from West Findlay.

The Third Sunday I was with our Mission Church at Sandusky, Ohio. Rev. Ronald Ricard and his wife are leading this congregation to new heights. The occasion was their annual Homecoming and the dedication of the new parsonage.

I am glad to report that Rev. Delbert Cress is slowly recovering from an extended illness. It is to be hoped he will soon be able to assume all of his pastoral duties. Rev. Dale Girtin and family who were so seriously ill at Conference with polio are slowly recovering. The baby is doing quite well, Mrs. Girtin is walking with the aid of crutches, Dale is still in the Crippled Children's Hospital of Toledo and will likely have to remain in bed for another month.

Mrs. L. D. Reynolds of Vaughnsville underwent a serious operation at Memorial Hospital, Lima, and has recovered her health to the extent that she is again busy with her church work.

The stork left a bundle from Heaven in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Adams of Bucyrus, Ohio, Tuesday morning, Oct. 23rd. The new daughter was christened Marla Joan. To the proud parents we offer our congratulations.

No cause is more worthy of our support than when we are helping to care for some one who can not care for themselves. Since the merger the combined groups will have two homes to consider, the Otterbein Home and the Flatrock Home. Each church will take their offering as usual, and the offerings will be allocated accordingly.

Pastors should have a card to fill out for their Christmas supplies. If you have not done so please do so at once, so that they will be ready for distribution by the first Sunday in December. There are several hundred churches for the office to take care of and with a limited staff it will help greatly if you order early.

If you are sending Christmas gifts, please do not wrap, but send the wrapping with the gift. If you should wrap them, put on the package whether it is for a boy or girl and for what age, and what it contains.

Mrs. G. F. Brubaker

The average Sunday School attendance last month for Sidney Church should have been 87 instead of the reported 37.

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So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When duty whispers, low Thou must,
The youth replies, I can.

News of the Churches



LEESVILLE CHURCH LAYS CORNER-STONE FOR NEW PARSONAGE

On October 7th, Dr. V. H. Allman was the guest speaker and officiated in the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of the new parsonage which is being built by the members of the Leesville E. U. B. Church. Using as his text from Psalm 118:20th verse "This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter." The First Epistle of Peter, 2nd chapter, 17th verse, "Honor all men, love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King. He stated we should remember four things, honor all men, love thy brother, fear God, and be a servant clear of conscience to God and man. The cornerstone we're rejecting is our self wills. The cornerstone we should lay is Jesus Christ, a foundation on which we can build our lives.

The choir sang as their special number "Bless This House."

A fellowship lunch was served in the basement of the church following the ceremony.

Chairmen named for the building program are Edgar DeVore responsible for obtaining the carpenter, George Funk and Oliver Eckert to purchase electrical appliances, Arthur Hoover to take care of the heating system, Robert DeVore in charge of plumbing, Richard Finney and Lee Neumann in charge of the basement and drainage. Mrs. Edgar DeVore is secretary of the building committee.

The entire congregation is working on the project.

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RECEPTION HONORS REV. MILLER AT DEFIANCE

Rev. C. Elmer Miller, pastor of the Ev. United Brethren church, was honored by members and friends at a reception in the church parlors Wednesday, October 17, in observance of the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the Christian ministry, the event also celebrating the beginning of his fifth year as pastor of the Defiance church.

Greetings by church organization lead-

ers were followed by an informal program with Karl H. Weaner, Jr., presiding. The choir, under the direction of Marvin Blanchard, sang two numbers: "Onward Christian Soldiers" (a Waring arrangement), and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (Negro spiritual), with Mrs. Harold Osborn, pianist.

A vocal duet, "The 23rd Psalm" (Smart), was sung by Mrs. Basil Winners and Mrs. Harold Osborn with Martin Lasson, piano accompanist.

Rev. O. E. Johnson, pastor of Upton EUB church, Toledo, related incidents of fellowship, both Christian and personal, with Rev. Miller whom he has known more than 20 years.

After expressing remarks of appreciation, Rev. Mr. Miller introduced out-of-town guests: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Haines, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Parent; Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Arnold, Toledo; Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Beyer and Susan of Lima; also Mrs. O. E. Johnson, wife of Rev. Mr. Johnson; and Mayor and Mrs. Ronald B. Baringer.

Following these introductions, the program concluded with a slide trombone solo, an intricate arrangement of "My Old Kentucky Home" with variations by Marvin Blanchard, accompanied by Mrs. Martin Lasson.

In behalf of the congregation, Mr. Weaner presented a sterling silver gift to both Rev. and Mrs. Miller.

—Mrs. Nelson Noffsinger

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BRYAN CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

A large crowd was present at the Family Night Party October 17 at the Bryan EUB church, given in honor of Rev. Victor Roebuck and family. The occasion was prompted by his return as pastor of the church for the tenth year.

After a bountiful carry-in supper, colored slides were shown in the auditorium by Mr. Walter Robrock, with narrations by Mrs. Robrock, being pictures taken by them on their recent European trip. Mr. and Mrs. Robrock are instructors in the

Bryan schools.

Talks were given by Mr. Howard Maneval, Rev. D. C. Hollinger, Rev. and Mrs. Roebuck and Mrs. Delber Long who presented the pastor and family a beautiful gift, to which Mrs. Roebuck graciously responded.

Mr. Maneval expressed appreciation to the Robrocks for the showing of their beautiful pictures and the able way in which the narrations were made, which brought to mind much ancient history.

With Mr. Robrock at the piano, the audience sang "Blest Be the Tie," and Rev. Hollinger pronounced the benediction.

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VAN WERT: CALVARY—

Rally Day was held on October 14th. The "Minute Men Quartet" of Auburn, Ind., appeared in all of the services. Basket dinner at noon in the basement of the church. An all musical program at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The offering for the day was placed in the improvement fund.

Men's Day was observed on the 21st with Robert Hoffman, president of the Brotherhood presiding. Harold Cook at the chimes and Willis Snyder at the organ.

Also in connection with this day, the traditional "PUMPKIN" was placed in the front of the church to receive the dollars to purchase fruit for Otterbein Home under the leadership of our representative of the home, Mrs. J. E. Gribler.

Our director of Visual Education, Mr. Willis Snyder presented his program Sunday evening, Oct. 28, to an audience of 176 with the latest film presenting Colleen Townsend, the converted movie actress, in "Great Discovery." This was one of the finest programs we have had in this field.

Walter Marks, Pastor

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SIDNEY HAS 50th ANNIVERSARY

The 50th anniversary of the Memorial Evangelical United Brethren Church in Sidney was held on Sunday, October 21.

Although this was a 50th anniversary celebration, E. U. B. history in Sidney actually goes back in years even farther than 1901, say the records. As early as Sept. 1, 1894, a Sunday school group was organized as a United Brethren body, even without a church program in connection with it. W. W. Lucas was the superintendent of this earliest Sunday school which began in the old Dunkard church in Sidney.

When a church was organized that same year, the Rev. E. E. Swords became the first pastor. He was followed by L. C. Reed in 1895 at which time the transfer was made from the Dunkard church to the Goode building. Services were held there for two years. During that time, however, the oldest section of the present church was erected as a "Sunday school room" at a cost of \$3,500. It was Rev. J. W. Lower, who served in Sidney in 1898 and 1899, who first conceived the idea of the Ella Schenck Memorial Church which later became a reality.

Our New Church Paper

It is a joy indeed to have the "High Street Witness" come to our home for the first time. Such a paper has been the dream of your Pastor for many months, and much planning and work have gone to make possible its appearance. We sincerely thank the Upton Avenue Church in Toledo for their pioneering in this field which has helped to guide us in our own decisions. The Upton Avenue Church published the "Upton Challenger" which is printed on much the same lines as the High Street Witness.

Perhaps the name of our paper has already aroused your curiosity. A new name was desired and sought after, but for a long time no usable suggestion appeared. After much thought and prayer the name we have chosen occurred to your Pastor late one evening as he was in prayer about this paper. We call it the "Witness" because a witness is one who tells what he knows, and in the Christian sense he stands for that in which he believes. We desire that our Church paper not only give out the information in the Church but also be a living testimony before its members and friends.

The publication of this paper was authorized by the Church Council on October 1st, and given complete approval by the congregation on October 21st, at a specially called meeting. At that time it was voted to send the paper to every member of the Church, and to deduct the annual subscription of \$1.00 from each member's annual giving. This means that the paper cannot be sent to friends of the Church except as they subscribe in the regular way. We desire strongly that all our friends subscribe to the paper, and members of the Church will be permitted to subscribe for their friends if they wish. No doubt there are members who will be willing to give amounts of money to make possible gift subscriptions to others who do not yet belong to the Church.

In order to truly tell the events that take place in our Church program every organization is asked to appoint a representative to write up the news of that organization. Such copy should be in the hands of the Pastor by the 5th of every month, since the 12th of the month is the deadline for getting the copy to the Bluffton News which will print our paper. See that all articles are carefully written, and typed double space on regular typing paper. Any suggestions and material for publication that are useful or helpful will be greatly appreciated.

You will observe that in the center of this paper the material of the "Sandusky News" also appears. We trust that every one will read this material also, and that it will help our people to understand better the program of our annual Conference. Read your paper all the way through, and it will help to make better churchmen of you. We also suggest the "Telescope Messenger" and "Our Home"

which are official publications of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Mrs. Mary Furry will be glad to take your subscriptions to these papers.

Baptisms

The following have been baptized in High Street Church recently:

Sonya Annet Winner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Winner, was baptized on June 24th, 1951.

Jeffrey Scott Sibert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Sibert, received Christian baptism also on June 24th, 1951.

Janice Elaine Frail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Frail, received Christian baptism on Sunday morning, September 30th, 1951.

Miss Janis Fran Schragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Schragg, received Christian baptism on Sunday, August 5th, 1951.

Robert William Yarger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Yarger, received Christian baptism on Sunday, November 4th, 1951.

We are happy for the privilege of dedicating these little lives in Baptism before God. We trust that the vows made by the parents and witnessed by all who are present in the worship services will always be filled with meaning for everyone. Baptisms are performed on the first Sunday of any month barring changes sometimes made necessary by conflicting events in which case changes are always announced in advance. See the Pastor if you wish baptism for yourself or your children.

Items Of General Interest

The following persons have been patients in Memorial Hospital during the month of October:

Miss Edna Holten, Mr. Carl Schubert, Mr. Lawrence Stombaugh, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mr. John Frail, and Mr. Robert Thatcher.

Patients in St. Ritas Hospital were Mr. John Stirns, Mr. Mauk, and Miss Drena Deubler.

Miss Joan Johnson who has been a patient in St. Ritas Hospital since the last part of August is making a rapid recovery. Friends of the church and of Joan have been praying earnestly for a complete restoration of health and strength. Remember all of our sick and shut-ins when you pray.

Dr. J. H. Dutton has been a recent Hospital patient in Rhode Island. His new address is—No. 1 Opechee Drive, Barrington, Rhode Island. He will be glad to hear from you.

Don Frail has transferred his membership to the Methodist Church at Plymouth, Ohio where he is coaching athletic teams in the High School.

Mrs. Rhea Parcell united with High Street Church on September 8th, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert May united with

the Church on October 14th. We are happy to welcome these new members.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Scott will be recording some of our morning services on the wire recorder and taking the service to our shut-ins. Call them at their home if you would like a recorded service brought to some shut-in.

Mr. Paul Durphy recently constructed a new teaching stand for the Pastor to use with his Saturday morning classes. It is located in the Win One class room.

Miss Virginia Hinkle has been working in a Methodist Church near Stryker, Ohio. On November 14th she will go to Hudson, Indiana to work until December 2nd. She is employed as a home Missionary by "Youth Home Missions, Inc." Remember Virginia in your prayers as she labors in the Lord's work.

The Boy Scouts assisted in the folding and stamping of the last edition of the "Visitor." Thanks to the boys for their timely assistance.

Prof. Calvin Reber, our former Missionary to China, was officially installed as a professor in Bonebrake Seminary on November 2nd.

Paul Weikert is a student in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio.

Miss Helen Hawkins is our guest organist while Mrs. Thelma Sadders is on leave of absence. It is a privilege to have Miss Hawkins to assist us in our music staff.

Your Pastor was elected Secretary of the Bonebrake Seminary Alumni Association at the annual last June.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nye celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, October 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richards celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, November 4th. Congratulations to these who have reached the fifty year mark.

Contributions for our new paper have already been received from: Mr. and Mrs. David Allgire, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Newell, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Vandemark, and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dutton. Many thanks for the advance loyalty shown for our new paper.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Myers have returned to Florida, and their mailing address during the winter months will be

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Myers
Bradenton Trailer Park
Bradenton, Florida

Funerals

The Pastor assisted in the funeral of Mr. Rodney Delaney on October 9th in the First Baptist church. Rev. Howard Bloom, Pastor of Mr. Delaney, preached the sermon and was in charge of the service.

Services were held for Miss Tressa Barton of the High Street Church on November 2nd in the Church Sanctuary. Miss Barton passed away suddenly on October 30th at her home after a few hours illness. The church extends its sincere sympathy to the loved ones and relatives of the deceased.

December Calendar Of Events

Monday 3rd, 8:00 P. M. The W. S. W. S. Unit II Meeting.
 Tuesday 4th, 7:00 Sunday School Council.
 8:00 Church Council of Administration.
 Friday 7th, 8:00 P. M. The W. S. W. S. Unit One will meet at the home of Mrs. Martha East, 405 N. Collett St.
 Sunday 9th, 7:30 P. M. Universal Bible Sunday will be observed with a Bible Reading Contest by the Young People. Copies of the Revised Standard New Testament will be given as awards.
 Tuesday 11th, 8:00 Christian Service Guild Meeting.
 Wednesday 12th, 7:00 P. M. Brotherhood Meeting.
 Friday 14th, 8:00 High Street Night at the Lima Rescue Home.
 Sunday 16th, 8:00 P. M. The Church Choir will present "The Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint Saens.
 Tuesday 18th, 7:30 P. M. Win One Class meeting.
 Tuesday 18th, 8:00 Semper Fideles Class Meeting.
 Tuesday 18th, 8:00 Pathfinders Class Meeting.
 Sunday 23rd, 10:30 A. M. Otterbein Home Offering.
 Sunday 23rd, 7:45 P. M. Children's Christmas Program.
 Wednesday 26th, 10:00 A. M. Young People's Mid-Winter Convention will convene at our Marion, Ohio, First Church. The Convention will end Friday at noon.
 Monday 31st, 7:30 Trustee Meeting.

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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd—
 Morning, "The Transfiguration"
 Evening, "Remember Lot's Wife"
 Sunday 9th—
 Morning, "You Can Trust Your Bible"
 Sunday 16th—
 Morning "Observations from the Life of Samson"
 Sunday 23rd—
 Morning, "No Room For Jesus"
 Sunday 30th—
 Morning, "White Fields"
 Evening, "Christ's Coming—The Hope of the World"

Suggested Radio Programs

Good radio programs can bring blessing to the day or be a weight, depending on what they do for you spiritually. We suggest a few programs which we have found to be helpful and useful in the hope that they may prove the same in your own home.

Over station WRFD at Worthington, Ohio the "Back to the Bible Hour" is heard each morning from 8:30 until 9:00. Many of our people listen to this program, and find it a source of help and strength for the day. The music is excellent, and the sermons are sensible and appealing.

We suggest you hear this program every morning.

On Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M. Eastern Standard time the program "Unshackled" is heard over Chicago station WGN. This program is sponsored by the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago, and tells the story of various converts in that mission. It is a program you will want to hear every week.

The "Bible Study Hour" is heard each Sunday evening at 9:30 P. M. over station CKLW, Windsor, Ontario. Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse is the teacher, and he is known widely for his knowledge of the Bible. You will enjoy hearing him.

If other good radio programs are called to our attention and we believe they will prove helpful we will announce their place and time in this paper.

Weddings

The following persons have been united in marriage by the Pastor since the last edition of the "Visitor."

Mr. Mahlon Smith and Miss Jean Fralick on June 3rd in the Church Sanctuary.

Mr. Joe E. Slone and Miss Anna May Roby on July 2nd in the Church Sanctuary.

Mr. Dale Sherrick and Miss Ileen Soders on August 26th, also in the church.

Mr. Bill F. Shaw and Miss Evelyn Furry on September 2nd in the church.

Mr. Ray L. Lauck and Miss Anita L. Walther on October 13th in the church.

Mr. Marion J. Frail and Miss JoAnna Summers on October 14th in the sanctuary.

Mr. Francis Mauk and Miss Vera Stiles on October 20th in the church sanctuary.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the newlyweds, and we pray God's blessings on each of their homes as they seek to start out in a Christian way.

Our Men In Service

One of the items we expect to appear each month is the column of news from those who are in their country's service. We know we are behind in this department, and for any we may miss, we ask your forgiveness and for your help in order that our information may be up-to-date next month. Here is our present information on some of our boys.

Jack Young is stationed at the Rhein-Main Air Force Base at Frankfurt, Germany. He says that Germany is a beautiful country, and the people are very courteous.

Fred Bruner had expected to enter Law school after receiving his B. S. in Business Administration at Miami University, but instead he enlisted in the Finance Division of the Army at Ashland, Kentucky on July 22nd.

Bill Bonecutter is in a Navy Hospital in Japan, and his wife and daughter have just returned to Lima as this item is prepared. We expect to have further word by next month.

Park Blubaugh was recently promoted

to Sergeant. He is still at the Air Force Base at Geneva, New York.

Melvin Shook has completed his Basic Infantry Training, and is now in Medical Corps Training. He was home on November 11th, and sang in the choir at morning service.

Jack Lepley is in Tokyo, Japan, serving as a member of General Ridgeway's personal honor guard.

George Hefner is driving a truck, hauling ammunition to the front lines in Korea.

Bill Sonntag is a Marine Scout, and has seen much front-line service in the last few months.

Ronnie Kautz has enlisted in the Air Force and will leave for induction December 29th.

New Addresses

Pvt. Alex Peters U. S. 52-144-079

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Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

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Great Lakes, Illinois

For obvious reasons we cannot give addresses of service men in the same edition where we tell what they are doing and where they are. Next month we hope to list both more news and more addresses. Remember the copy for the paper goes to the Bluffton News on the 12th of the month, so information should be written out and given to the pastor or to the Service Men's Committee, which is composed of Mrs. Mary Sonntag, Mrs. Julia Myers, and Mrs. Dorothy Young. Remember these boys in your prayers, and send them Christmas greetings if possible.

TURTLE CHRISTIANS

They searched the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). Prof. J. A. Carlson, in "Your Body," speaks of hunger. A bird can go nine days without food. A man twelve days. A dog twenty days. A turtle five hundred days. A snake eight hundred days. A fish one thousand days. Insects twelve hundred days. But food is necessary for all of God's creatures . . . There are some "turtle" Christians, who go five hundred days without much real Bible meat. And many "bird" Christians, who go more than nine days without food. And not a few "fish" Christians, who go one thousand days without eating much of the honey and meat and bread of the Bible. Classify yourself!—From "Pickings," by Robert G. Lee, D.D. Sent by Grace Robinson, Topeka, Kans. Prize illustration.

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking

This fact we merely mention,

And he can't kick while pulling,

Which is our chief contention.

Let's imitate the good horse

And lead a life that's fitting;

Just pull an honest load, and then

There'll be no time for kicking.

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1951

(Month ending Nov. 6th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

Monthly Budget	Paid October	Paid 2 Months	Group Ins. Paid October	College and Seminary Off'ng.	Sunday School Avg. Att.	Morning Worship Avg. Att.
NORTHERN DISTRICT						
BOWLING GREEN GROUP						
Belmore\$70	\$ 38	\$ 92	\$ 7.50	\$	135	85
Center 25	18	48				30
Bethel 25	70.26	70.26			6.07	*57 48
Townwood ... 21	61.50	61.50	8		4.50	*25 *25
Bwlng. Green 250	250	500	6		27	343 304
Custar 20	20	40	6			*51 *49
West Hope ... 42	42	84				*66 *64
Deshler 60	60	120	6		10	116
Oakdale 90	180	270				101 95
Hoytville100						
Luckey 50	100	100			34	*96 *116
N. Baltimore ...100	200	200	12		3	178 120
Portage 35						
Mt. Zion 60	60	120				
S. Liberty 50	40	70			68	65
Mt. Hermon 17	18	34			40	32
Tontogany 17	50	50				
Pleas. View 6						
Webster 30	21	41			42	*45
Cloverdale ... 20	20	40			62	62
BRYAN GROUP						
Bridgewater ... 45	45	90	6		5	92 75
Bryan160	160	320	6		201	194
Center Circuit:						
Center 20	20	40	6		2	41 31
Logan 10	30	30			2	*27
Mt. Olive 20	10	20				26 30
Defiance, First 160	75	235			140	130
Defiance Circuit:						
Mt. Calvary 33	33	66	6			63
Rural Chapel 17	17	17			7	51
Edgerton 20	20	40	24			*75 *74
Hicksville165	165	330			*247	201
Montpelier160	160	320	6		*185	*162
W. Unity 19	19	38	30			39 *39
Ebenezer 19	19	38				50 51
Salem 5	5	10			10	10
FOSTORIA GROUP						
Baseom 65	78	156	12			95 93
Bettsville 36	36	108	6			78 47
Trinity 45		139.34			*117	*122
Bloomdale 70	70	140	6			
Fostoria:						
Bethel 58		177	6			122 88
First280	280	840	6		5	299 288
Kansas 10	10	20				
Canaan 40	40	120				
Pleas. View 45	90	90			28.46	
Rising Sun 45	75.24	75.24			*91	77
W. Indep'dence 75	75	150	6		*235	*216
FREMONT GROUP						
Burgoon100	100	300	6			144 119
Fremont:						
Memorial100	100	200	6			116 *120
Trinity192	375.03	375.03	10		81.80	283 223
Gibsonburg 64			6		30	164 124
Green Springs 56	56	56	10			
Helena 59	59	118	6			
Lindsey130	130	260			*232	*155
Old Fort100	100	200	12		121	*198 *170
Riley Center... 13	13	26			1	*20 *26

Woodville160	160	320	6		*220	*220
NAPOLEON GROUP						
Ai 40						
Lebanon 10	10	20				
Mt. Pleasant 40						
Delta 56	65	121	24		109	86
Zion 60	60	120			10	110 95
Liberty Center 35	35	70				88 84
Malinta 30	35	60				*50 43
McClure100	128.62	200				120 91
Monclova 18	18	36				45 35
Wilkins 14	28	28	30			40 45
Napoleon 83	42	150	6		21.95	*153 82
Wauseon, First 40	40	80				78 61
Wauseon Circuit:						
Beulah 20	20	40				55 62
North Dover 50	35.54	85.54				73 75
Whitehouse 59	59	177	6			*133 96
SANDUSKY GROUP						
Bellevue138	650	650				235 178
Flat Rock 74						
Kelley's Island 26						
La Carne 17	17	34				33 38
Locust Point ... 17	17	34				*32 *33
Mt. Carmel100	75	150	6			108 112
Pt. Clinton 80	94	154	6			81 78
Sandusky:						
Clmbus. Av. 22	22	44	6			*71 *50
Salem 68			13.50		22.46	85 72
TOLEDO GROUP						
Elliston 73						
Millbury 25						
Moline 55	110	110				31.07 112 100
Perrysburg 65						10.10
Rocky Ridge.... 13						
Toledo:						
Calvary145	145	290.09	2			
Colburn160	160	320	6			124 134
E. Br'dway 190	253	477				173 219
First 250	250	500	6		5	210 160
Oakdale170	170	340				
Point Place... 75	75	150	6		17	168 105
Salem 60	60	120	6		46.50	91 72
Somerset170	186	372	6		10	180 248
Upton 250	250	500	6			258 261
Zion158	320	480	8		84.04	174 140
Walbridge 12	12	24	12			
Hayes 10	10	20				

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

BUCYRUS GROUP						
Belleville Circuit:						
Pleas. Grove 14						
Pleas. Hill.... 22						
Trinity 29						
Brokensword... 21	123	123	8			
Lykens 41	140	140				
Pleas. Home 18	37.26	37.26				
Bucyrus Circuit:						
Harmony 30	60	93	6			47 48
Zion 30	60	93				69 71
Bucyrus:						
First125		125	6			145 *143
Grace125	125	250	6			*217 *215
Galion 80	80	160	6		34	169 145
Johnsville 97	97	194	6		30.59	143 140
Mt. Zion 90						
Nrth. Robinson 60	77	77	30			77 80
Lib. Chapel 33	23	23				57 64
Oceola 60	40	100				*110 *103
Olive Branch ... 22	20	20				34 30
Smithville 50	50	100				
Mt. Zion 21	37.96	56.09				
Sycamore 75	50	87	6			120 102
Upper Sndsky 128	255.50	388.25				261 219

Upper Sandusky Circuit:

Belle Vernon	11		6	8	40	40
Salem	30	60	60	31	67	86
Williamsport	40	40	80	21.80	87	87

FINDLAY GROUP

Bairdstown	21	42	42		45	36
Benton Ridge	60	60	180	10	131	118

Benton Ridge Circuit

Pleasant Hill	35					
Trinity	40	21	61		60	60

Bluffton Circuit:

Bethesda	14			6	23	28
Lbty. Chapel	17	15	30		26	27
Olive Branch	30				43	61

Carey	91	92	276	6	27.37	207
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East Findlay Circuit:

Ark	30	30	60		39	42
Mt. Zion	45	23	46		45	*59

Findlay:

First	312	312	624	6	354	*396
St. Paul	223	223	446.09	2	390	304

West Park	28	27.50	65	6	1	51
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Salem	13	7.25	7.25	2	21	21
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Bethlehem	50	50	100	6	80	80
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Leipsic	50	50	50	6	98	72
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Forest Grove	20				23	22
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Kieferville	20	9	18		43	45
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Mt. Cory	40	40	80	6	91	78
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Pleas. View	50				81	76
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Rawson	100	80	160	6	96	100
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South Findlay Circuit:

Pleas. Grove	25	10	20		36	36
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Salem	25				29	28
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Van Buren	100	100	200	6	124	76
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Vanlue	50	50	100	24	74	74
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Vanlue Circuit:

St. Paul	19	20	40		65	65
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Union	30	30	60		43	61
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West Findlay Circuit:

Powell Mem.	42	50	50		62	62
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Zion	25				34	34
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Wharton Circuit:

Beech Grove	25	11	22	30	39	39
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Big Oak	42	42	84		*75	*75
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LIMA GROUP

Blue Lick	25	25	50	6	49	52
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Col. Grove	150	125	250	6		
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Cridersville	25	17	36	6	44	25
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Kemp	25	4	24		*35	*44
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Delphos	75	75	150	6	142	134
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Dunkirk	65	65	130	6	78	91
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Walnut Grove	100	100	200		135	133
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Elida	100	50	100	21		
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Lakeview	45	52	52		*70	43
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Lima, First	231	231	462	6	290	210
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Lima, High	205	205	410	6	230	235
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Marion (Elida)	22					
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Santa Fe	45	25	55			
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Vaughnsville	75			6		
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MARION GROUP

Cardington	50	50	84	6	93	95
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Fairview	22	22	44		30	31
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Climax	10				28	28
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Hepburn	15	15	30		*43	*29
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Hopewell	16		16		10.50	15
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Otterbein	30	30	60		13.20	37
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Marion:

Calvary	195	195	585	6	302	256
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Greenwood	92	275.52	275.52	8	49.40	*210
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Oakland	148	148	296	6	271	160
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Salem	27	25	69	8	32	*122
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N. Winchester	25	15	25.50	12	40	40
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Peoria	7	7	14		36	26
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Mt. Zion	4	4	8		12	12
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W. Mansfield	12	12	24	6	26	*25
York	50	50	100		55	52

ST. MARYS GROUP

Bethel	15	15	30		28	27
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Celina	153	153	306	6	233	200
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Celina Circuit

Hope	44	44	88		60	74
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Mt. Carmel	22	22	22		77	72
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Fort Recovery

Bethel	18	18	36	6	*45	42
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Mt. Zion	45	45	90	6	102	97
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Old Town	16	16	32		37	35
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Olive Branch	22	22	44			
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Pasco	40	40	80	6	45	49
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Sidney	90	90	180	6	*112	*112
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St. Marys	90	90	180	6	*116	*100
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Wapakoneta	48	96	96	12	114	101
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VAN WERT GROUP

Bethel-Mt. Zion

Bethel	25	25	50	6	51	*57
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Mt. Zion	15	10	20		*47	*48
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Continental	50			6	46	50
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Mt. Zion	40				43	43
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Wisterman	25				29	29
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Grover Hill Circuit:

Blue Creek	30	30	30		37	40
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Middle Creek	35	15	30		46	41
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Mt. Zion	25	25	50		58	55
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Mt. Pleasant	80	50	100	6	89	90
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& Harmony	10	20			27	27
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Oakwood	50	40	100		10	*110
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Oakwood Circuit:						
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Centenary	25	25	50	6	52	52
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Prairie Chpl.	25	25	50		61	56
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Rockford	200	200	400	6	273	228
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Van Wert:

Calvary	105	105	210	6	183	166
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Trinity	143	143	286	6	215	198
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Van Wert Circuit:

Gnd. Victory	44	48	88	6	90	90
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Union Cntr.	25	25	50		67	67
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Wren	65	65	130	12	*32	*45
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Wood Chapel	25	25	50	6	60	56
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St. Peter's	12	12	24		14	21
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W'lshire, Union	35	35	70	6	84	79
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WILLARD GROUP

Attica, Fed.	20	20	40	6	*71	65
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Attica Circuit:

Richmond	50	70	150	16.50	62	62
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Union Pisgah	40	38	96		60	60
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Biddle	15	30	30	6	32	35
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Bloomville	45	45	90	6	75	55
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Harmony	40	40	80		86	80
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Leesville	45	45	90			
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Republic	30	30	60	6	*61	50
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Pietist					108	110
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Shelby	231	231	462		242	222
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South Reed	22	22	44		36	32
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Tiffin	75		150			
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Tiro	90	90	180	6.66	108	120
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Willard	285	311	622	30	220	325
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Totals \$14433.23 \$890.16
 \$28,792.47 \$938.79

Late, on last year's budget: Bethel-Townwood, \$43.92; Brokensword, Pleasant Home, \$18; Defiance Ct., Rural Chapel, \$17; Fremont, Trinity, \$175; Green Springs, \$24.25; Moline, \$28.53; Toledo, Zion, \$160; Upper Sandusky, Salem, 30, a total of \$ 496.70

Grand Total for the Month \$14929.93

New Arrivals

BORN:

To Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Frail, a daughter, Janice Elaine, June 27th, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lawson, a daughter, Sherry Ann, June 22nd, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bowers, a son, Michael Alan, June 14th, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Richards, a daughter, Charlotte Diane, July 7th, 1951 at home, 447 Franklin Street.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kahlor, a daughter, Anna Mae, July 18th, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stiles, a son, Thomas Lee, August 26th, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Frail, a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, August 26, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bucher, a daughter, Beverly Jane, September 2nd, 1951 at Bluffton Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richter, a son, Joseph Allen, September 2, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warren, a son, William Andrew, October 11th, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Maxwell, a son, Thomas Olin, October 3rd, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brush, a daughter, Raylean Elizabeth, October 14th, 1951 at St. Ritas Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunger, a daughter, Sherra Leigh, October 26th, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Watt, a daughter, June Marlene, October 31st, 1951 at Memorial Hospital.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to all the new parents. If we have missed any in this edition, please help us bring this column up to date in our next issue by giving us the name and birth date of any new babies in our congregation or among our friends.

Catechism Classes

Each Saturday morning the Pastor teaches two classes in Catechism for the 6th and 7th grades of our Church. The 7th grade class meets at 9:30 A. M. and the 6th grade class meets at 10:45 A. M. In between the two classes is a young peoples Chapel in which various ones light the candles, read the Scriptures, and offer the morning prayer. The Chapel is instruction in worship, while the classes are instruction in the Bible and the Christian way of life. During the 10:45 hour Mrs. Roberta Morris has the 7th graders plus a number of 8th and 9th graders in a young peoples choir which also provides music for the Chapel period. It is our hope that our 6th graders will be able to have a choir with the co-operation of the 5th graders as soon as a

director can be found for this group.

The following are members of the 7th grade Catechism class:

Ruth Ann Mayer, Norma Mesarvey, Koneta Everett, Lenah Windle, Larry Curtland, Tom Bitler, Jean Swisher, Karen Raymone, David Widmark, Donna Lou Carr, Gerry Smith, and Larry Clemans.

The members of the 6th grade class are: Freddy Albridge, David Logan, James Johnson, Janet Harris, Marjorie Deaubler, Stanley Shutt, Wendell Hollingsworth, Richard Hastings, Tommy Beeler, Nancy Ricker, Terry Williams. Any other 6th and 7th graders who would like to belong to these classes should see the Pastor at once.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Look, God, I have never spoken to you,
But now I want to say, How do you do.
You see, God, they told me you didn't exist,
And like a fool, I believed all this.
Last night from a shell hole, I saw your sky,

I figured right then they had told me a lie.
Had I taken time to see things you made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder God, if you'd shake my hand?
Somehow, I feel you will understand.
Funny I had to come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face.
Well, I guess there isn't much more to say.
But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.
I guess the "Zero Hour" will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.

The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go,
I like you lots, this I want you to know.
Look now, this will be a horrible fight,
Who knows I may come to your house to-night?

Thou I wasn't friendly to you before,
I wonder, God, if you'd wait at your door?
Look I'm crying, me! Shedding tears.
I wish I had known you these many years,
Well, I have to go now, God, good-by,
Strange, since I met you I'm not afraid to die.

—Author Unknown

—Request to be published by

Mrs. Cecil Windle and Mrs. Joe Sonntag
In memory of our boys in the Armed Forces.

"LEAN ON HIM"

By Miles A. Kenefick

"Little crosses—large ones too
We meet along life's way;
Each to carry on our back
With patience, best we may.
And though at times our cross may seem
A burden hard to bear
There stands close by—unseen by us,
The One whose cross we share.
And as St. John leaned on his breast
His love for Him to show;
We, too, can lean on Jesus now,
And light our hearts will grow.
For He will draw us to his heart
The heart of love Divine;
Then he will whisper to our souls;
"I'm yours and you are mine."

MY SON'S CLOTHES

My son's clothes came home today,
The things he had worn when he went away.

He says, "I'm in the service now,
And won't need these any more nohow."
But oh my heart was crushed—
And my mind ran back again
Through all the twenty-one years,
I had nursed my little man.
No need to keep his dinner hot,
Or turn his bed down now,
He's sleeping on an army cot,
And a man calls when it's "chow."
I call his name out in the night,
And think I hear his step,
And then I breathe a little prayer
And know, O God, he's kept
Warm and safe from every harm;
Why do we worry so
When Thy great love is everywhere
Thy mercies to bestow?
We need to nestle closer
To Thy great loving heart,
Knowing Thou hast a healing balm
On Thy loved ones to impart.
And though they wander far away
And our hearts are grieved and torn,
We know Thy hand will guide them still
And Thou wilt bring them home.

DON'T STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH

DON'T stay away because the church
does not need you; never did the church
need more and better men.
DON'T stay away because you have no
influence; the churchgoer preaches a
sermon as long as the way thither.
DON'T stay away because the church is
cold; bring your little blaze, it may set
the crowd on fire.
DON'T stay away because you are not
needed; the stay-at-home citizen loses
the election.
DON'T stay away because there are plenty
there; there are a thousand million non-
churchgoers in the world; you are
responsible for one.
DON'T stay away because of the children;
the boy who eats at your table should
sit in your pew.
DON'T stay away because you are critical;
wouldn't it be interesting to know what
God thinks about you?
DON'T stay away because the church is
doing nothing; every agency for human-
ity's uplift is born of the church.
—Anonymous

THE PARENT'S 10 MOST USEFUL SENTENCES

1. Where's your other shoe?
2. Give it back to the little boy.
3. I warned you it would break, didn't I?
4. Sh-h-h-h.
5. Why can't you bend over your plate?
6. Not now, I said.
7. Who did that?
8. Because—well, it just does, that's all.
9. Take that out of your mouth.
10. No—now quiet down and go to sleep!

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