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The High Street Witness

HIGH STREET EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

VOLUME I

SEPTEMBER, 1952

NUMBER 10

Pastor's Message

By this time most of you are aware that Annual Conference is over, and your Pastor and his family have been returned to High Street for another year. It will hardly be possible in this brief article to give any summary of Annual Conference actions, but perhaps such an item can be included elsewhere in this edition. In the center pages of your paper many of the reports of the Annual Conference will be appearing in what is the Ohio Sandusky News in the rest of our Conference. Some of these reports will interest you, and others will seem very routine. Perhaps a summary of important actions will be included before this paper goes to press.

Annual Conference was exceedingly hot, and it was almost more than many of our people could bear. The sessions were long, and the items of business so numerous that it seemed for awhile that Conference might not be concluded on Sunday morning. For the first time within your Pastor's memory an evening business session was held on Friday night of Conference week. By Saturday it was clear that Conference would conclude on schedule although many items were omitted because of the press of time. Your Pastor observed his birthday on Sunday at the close of Conference although his actual birthday was Monday. At this point he would like to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to all the friends who remembered him with cards and to several who also included a small remembrance. A birthday cake appeared when he arrived home in Lima. At least this is one birthday that was well remembered with cakes.

While on the subject of cakes the Pastor would like to thank whoever placed a lovely chocolate devil's food cake on the kitchen table of the parsonage when Mrs. Hamblen was in the hospital in June. In spite of repeated requests for information no one is able to inform them as to who placed that cake there so the Pastor and his family would like to thank the donator by this means.

We will be beginning our fall program during the month of September. Our two catechism classes for 6th and 7th graders will be taught this year by Mrs. Clayton Bucher and Mrs. Lewis Johnson, and the classes will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock. All boys and girls who will be in the 6th grade will be taught by Mrs. Bucher, and those in the 7th grade will be taught by Mrs. Johnson. In addition Miss Ida Frail will be in the Good News Club also on Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock in the near future. With Thursday evening assuming such important proportions

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The High Street Church

Evangelical United Brethren
Corner of High and Cole Streets
Lima, Ohio

Stated Services of the Church:

Sunday School—9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship—10:30 A. M.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 P. M.
Evening Service—7:30 P. M.
Choir Practice—Wednesday, 7:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 7:45 P. M.

Scout News

High Street has a Scout Troop, and also a Cub Pack of some five dens. Both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop had displays at the County Fair which were well arranged and were much appreciated by everyone. The Cub Pack will begin its fall meetings very soon having dismissed the Dens' meetings for the summer.

The following scouts have completed work as listed below: Fritz Heil, 1st class; Jim Frazier, 2nd Class; Danny Huffer, Merit Badge in Basketry; Rodney Mulvanian, 1st Class, and Merit Badge in Public Health; Jim Harris, 1st Class and Merit Badge in Blacksmithing; Albert Gleim, 2nd Class; Ethan Jacobs, 1st Class and Merit Badge in Basketry; Jerry Courtney, Merit Badge in Metal work; Tom Fletcher, 1st Class; Stephan Amstutz, 2nd Class; Dave Armstrong, Merit Badges in Metal work, Swimming, and Public Health; Dennis Goodenow, Merit Badges in Swimming, Basketry, Pioneering, Firemanship, Camping, Soil and Water Conservation, and Wild Life Management.

We're proud of advances being made in our Scouting Program, and are happy that the Scout Committee is so active in promoting this work. We commend our Scout Master and all their workers for fine reports that are being turned in.

Weddings

Mr. Wm. T. Wright M. D. and Miss Carolyn Shank R. N. were united in marriage before the altar of the Sanctuary on Sunday September 7th at 2:30 P. M. in an open church formal wedding. Miss Shank is a graduate of the nursing school at Memorial Hospital in Lima and has been a member of The High Street Church for several years. Dr. Wright is a graduate of The Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio and the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, Penna., and will be opening his office the middle of September in Room 505 of The Citizens Building. Dr. and Mrs. Wright will make their home at 580 N. Charles Street. Congratulations and best wishes for the bride and groom.

Away To School

High Street will have ten boys and girls in various schools this fall, which is a very fine group indeed. Half of this number are entering for the first time, and half are already enrolled and pursuing their studies.

Ohio State University will have four of our boys and girls, namely Jim Horn, Joe Sargeant, Janet Harrod, and Nancy Wilson. Jim Horn is entering school to study Dentistry, and his address will be Stadium Dormitory
Buckeye Club 1-N
Columbus, Ohio.

He will be enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Miss Janet Harrod is entering O. S. U. to study nursing, and her address will be Canfield Hall
Neil Ave. (O. S. U.)
Columbus, Ohio

She will study for a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing plus an R. N. She is looking forward to possible service in some full time religious field.

Miss Nancy Wilson will be enrolled in the College of Arts and Science, and her address will be Baker Hall (O. S. U.)
Columbus, Ohio

Joe Sargeant is enrolled in the Pre-Medical Course, and his address is A. O. Student Center
47 E. 12th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

We were pleasantly surprised to learn the other day that Joe is President of the E. U. B. Youth Group at the Student Center where he makes his home. This Center is supported and operated by the four Ohio Conferences of the E. U. B. church, and there is a full time minister to students in attendance, the Rev. Tom Wedsworth who also resides at the Student Center.

Miss Dorothy Kempher has enrolled this fall in the St. Paul Bible Institute, St. Paul, Minn. Her address is 1361 Inglewood Ave., St. Paul 4, Minn. Dorothy felt a call to Bible School on Sunday evening September 7th and on Tuesday noon September 9th she was on her way. We pray that God will richly bless her in her studies, and prepare her for some full time service according to His will.

Miss Carolyn Mayer is enrolled as a nursing student at Lima Memorial Hospital. Also Miss Carolyn Lotz of our church is beginning her second year of studies at the same hospital in working for an R. N. degree. It will be a joy to see these girls occasionally as you may visit in the hospital from time to time.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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in our church program perhaps it should be called to the attention of everyone that this is an important church night and that other Church functions are not to be placed upon it without the knowledge of the Pastor. Perhaps our Thursday evening will develop as an all-family night with an activity for every member of the family.

Several important events are looking at us from the future. The biggest day in our Sunday School will be September 28th which will be Rally Day and Promotion Day. We want all of our boys and girls and adults to be present on that day when we should have an attendance of over 350. There will be a presentation of every department in the Sunday School during the Sunday School hour, and it will not be possible to have a Sunday School lesson that morning. We hope also that everyone will plan to attend morning worship on that day. All of our boys and girls will be promoted to their new classes at the close of the Sunday School presentation, so please mark this important date on your calendar.

On Tuesday evening, September 30th there will be an important observance in the South High School Auditorium as the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible is placed on sale in all book stores. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Lincoln Long, Pastor of the Collingwood Presbyterian church in Toledo, Ohio. At this meeting you will learn the Why and Wherefore of another translation of the Bible. All of Lima is expected to be represented at this important gathering.

World Communion Day will be observed on Sunday, October 5th, and no Christian should miss the Lord's Supper when it is observed. The one commandment Jesus gave which we are to observe until He comes again is to remember Him through the Holy Communion service. All over the world Protestants will be observing the Lord's Supper on October 5th, and our own church is fully participating. Every shut-in who would like to have communion brought to their home just call the Pastor or Mrs. W. P. Bruner and make arrangements for the Lord's Supper to be received in the home.

Orchestra practice will have begun by the time this paper reaches your home. Our church orchestra contributed much to our Sunday School last year, and we trust it will continue to be an active force in our Sunday School program. All who play instruments and would like to be in the orchestra are asked to meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 o'clock for practice. Your presence is important, and we hope you will be there.

The most important part of our fall program will get quietly under way without announcement and fan-fare. A visitation program that will be continuous and wide spread in scope will be begun in the very near future. It will be our policy to ask laymen to do all the calling they pos-

sibly can do as we look forward to reaching our field for Christ. This will take consecrated Christian laymen who are willing to give time and energy, to witness before those who need the message for Christ and His Church.

Pray for your Church, and pray for its every member whom you know. The blessing of God will be upon us if we seek out the lost, and if we earnestly hold up a standard of righteousness for our Lord and Savior. This can be the best year in the history of High Street Church if we are faithful to our spiritual commission. Let us all be witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ, and for High Street church as we embark in another year of activity together.

Faithfully yours,

Frank R. Hamblen

AWAY TO SCHOOL

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Don Reese is returning to his studies at Bowling Green University where he is enrolled in the Commercial Dept. Paul Weikert is also continuing his studies at Miami University after a brief vacation at home.

Miss Blanche Jones is returning to The Kings College, Delaware, (State of Delaware, not Delaware, Ohio). She is studying for some form of full time Christian service, probably in the field of church work, church and Sunday School Missionary and Secretarial. Pray for Blanche as she prepares for the Lord's work that God will guide her in her preparation and open up a field of service in His will and plan.

We are happy and proud as a Church to have such a fine group of young people in preparation for life's calling. Pray for them that each one may hold up a Christian standard as they are away from home, and that God will be near to bless and help them in their preparation.

A Letter

Some letters are more pleasant to read than others, and below is one which brought great joy and satisfaction to your Pastor as he read it. The letter is exactly as received, and we hope it is the experience of others as well as the one who has written it.

Lima, Ohio

August 11, 1952

Rev. Frank R. Hamblen

220 N. Cole St.

Lima, Ohio

My dear Mr. Hamblen:

I am wondering if you have any idea how much good is received by those who listen to the chimes from your church each Sunday morning?

I can speak only for myself of course. They are a joy and inspiration to me and set the tone of my day; they are truly a call to worship and every open heart must feel their benediction.

I am not a member of your Church or even of your congregation, but since the music of the Chimes is free to all, and the

hymns played have universal appeal, I feel moved to express my gratitude for the enjoyment they bring.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. A. E. G.), Lima, Ohio

The author of this letter is not a member of High Street church, but we deeply appreciate her thoughtfulness in writing these lovely lines.

Funerals

Mr. Allen Reeves of Lima, Ohio passed away on August 18th at the Findlay Rest Home. Funeral services were conducted by the Pastor on August 20th at the Welker Bros. Funeral Home, and burial was in the cemetery east of Beaverdam.

Mr. Jerome Basinger of 334 W. North St., Lima, Ohio, passed away on Monday August 25th at Lima Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted by the Pastor on Thursday August 28th in the High Street E. U. B. Church, and burial was in the cemetery across from the Pike Mennonite Church near Elida. Mr. Basinger was a member of High Street church for many years, and had been ill for some time before his death.

Miss Debra Weber, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Weber of 422 N. Kenilworth in Lima died on Wednesday evening September 10th at Lima Memorial Hospital at the age of one day. Graveside services were conducted by the Pastor at Memorial Park Cemetery east of Lima on Friday, August 12th.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the families and loved ones.

QUAINT RULES FOR CHURCH DECORUM

I

Thou shalt not come to service late,
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.

II

Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
When speaks the organ its refrain.

III

But when the hymns are sounded out,
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.

IV

The endmost seat thou shalt leave free,
For more must share the pew with thee.

V

The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
But give thine uttermost with cheer.

VI

Thou shalt this calendar peruse,
And look here for the church's news.

VII

Thou shalt the minister give heed,
Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.

VIII

Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend,
And if a stranger, make a friend.

IX

Thou shalt in every way be kind,
Compassionate, of tender mind.

X

And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.

—From N. Y. Church Bulletin.

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.

Board Of Publication

The Conference Council of Administration

E. S. HECKERT . . . EDITOR

Missionary Institutes to be held October 6-14

The Ohio Sandusky Branch W. S. W. S. will hold its fall missionary institutes October 6-14. Miss Lucille Esbenshade, a missionary teacher from the Philippines, will be the speaker. GROUPS, TIMES and PLACES are as follows:

October 6—Willard, Bucyrus and Marion groups at Bucyrus Grace.

October 7—Findlay group at Rawson.

October 8—Lima, St. Marys and Van Wert groups at Van Wert Trinity.

October 9—Napoleon and Bryan groups at Napoleon.

October 13—Fremont, Sandusky and Fostoria groups at Fremont Trinity.

October 14—Toledo and Bowling Green groups at Toledo East Broadway.

The institute program is as follows:

9:30 A. M.

Group Leader Presiding

- 9:30 Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us"
Devotions Miss Lucille Esbenshade
10:00 Presentation of Conference Interests
11:00 Offering (special music)
11:15 "Information Please"

12:00 Noon Meal

- 1:30 Hymn
1:35 Departmental workshops
2:15 Roll Call Recheck

Special music

Missionary address
Offering
Benediction

6:30 Youth Fellowship Supper

- 7:30 Hymn
Devotions
Preview of Y. F. of 1952-53
Offering
Special music
Missionary Address Miss Lucille Esbenshade
Benediction

Awards will be given to all local societies having seven out of nine of their elected officers present.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Raymond Heter

Editor's Note

This issue of The Sandusky News carries important sections of reports adopted at the recent Annual Conference. These reports are not printed in their entirety. For a detail coverage of the 1952 Annual Conference, consult the Conference Journal which will be printed later.

Report Of The Rural Life Committee

The Rural Life Commission is naturally very much interested in the strengthening of the rural churches. We are aware of the fact that statistics show that there are nearly 10,000 communities in the United States with no church, and many other communities where there are several small Protestant churches and none of them able to carry on an effective ministry. Steps must be taken to correct this situation. In our Conference there are many cases such as are described above.

Therefore for the promotion of the Kingdom of God as a whole we recommend that where at all possible one of the following courses be pursued as the case may warrant. The rearrangement of charges, the federation of churches, the union of churches, the assuming of the full responsibility of a minister by churches able to do so, and in some cases even the closing of churches. The particular course taken to be determined only after careful and prayerful consideration of each situation.

Since such moves are not unique to our denomination, but a part of the program of every major denomination, we recommend and encourage cooperation with their agencies to the fullest extent that the end goal may be achieved. This cooperation to be encouraged at denominational, conference, district, and local levels.

Be it further resolved that we as a Commission on Rural Life offer our service in regard to the surveying of any rural community, and any other aid that we can render so as to make intelligent and progressive moves in the direction of strengthening the rural work. The areas to be surveyed or given other special attention by our Commission to be determined by the Conference Council of Administration.

Whereas, we, as a commission, feel the need of keeping the importance of the ministry of the rural church before our people, and, inasmuch, as that history shows that the rural church is the greatest feeder to the city churches, and the greatest source of Christian workers; therefore, be it resolved that each church in the conference observe Rural Life Sunday which comes on May 17th., at which time in an appropriate way present the need of better equipment and churches in the rural community and the importance of their ministry.

Respectfully submitted by

E. T. Shepherd, Chairman
E. W. Goings, Secretary
Donald Bartow
Argo Suddith and
S. G. Sheriff

O. S. Annual Conference Stationing Committee Report

F. L. Dennis, D. D., L. L. D., Bishop
Dr. V. H. Allman and Rev. F. A. Firestone,
Superintendents

BOWLING GREEN GROUP

- * Bowling Green John C. Searle
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Deshler Emerson Iles
Hoytville Lynn Harris
Luckey S. W. Brandyberry
North Baltimore A. G. Myrice
Portage E. E. Roush
South Liberty-Herman..Marion Hanover
Tontogany Edward Snyder
Webster-Cloverdale Milton Ryerson

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- Bryan Victor Roebuck
x Bridgewater J. L. Phillips
Defiance C. E. Miller
Defiance Circuit C. W. Walmer
Edgerton David Weinzerl
* Hicksville Cleo Roth
Montpelier Russell Hawk
Salem Care of the Superintendent
* West Unity Arnold Ettenhofer
* William Center Charles Yoh

FOSTORIA GROUP

- Bascom Jack Stowell
Bettsville Charles Cory
x Bloomdale Lloyd Rife
Fostoria Bethel R. A. Krisher
* Fostoria First D. D. Corl

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Standing Rule Changes

Ministers' Expenses. It shall be the policy of the conference that each local church or charge bear the expenses of the pastor of such basic bills as telephone, water, postage, stationery, and pulpit supply during vacation; and all utilities and salary inducements given by the church or subsidiary organizations shall be listed in the ministers' expense allowance in the Statistical Report; the conference to defray like expenses of the conference superintendents.

Employing Evangelists. Any pastor responsible for securing the services of evangelists not holding membership in the denomination without permission of his Conference Superintendent shall be delinquent.

Minimum Salary. The minimum salary for pastors for full time service shall be \$65.00 per week for 52 weeks and the parsonage. The conference shall also establish a minimum salary schedule for each charge of the Conference. Pastors re-

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Report Of The Conference Board Of Trustees

The Conference Board of Trustees organized on September 18, 1951 by electing L. E. Ames, President; H. M. Shadle, Vice President and Fay M. Bowman, Secretary. During the year many important items have occupied the attention of the Board.

1. **Conference Incorporation.** The plan and basis of organization of the Ohio Sandusky Conference provided that there should be one over-all corporation for the conference; that this should be the successor to the Sandusky Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, an Ohio Corporation not for profit, and for the several corporations of the other parts of conferences entering into the new conference. The conference board of trustees was to be the board of trustees of the new corporation. As this was a matter of somewhat intricate procedure and as it will need separate action by the conference, it will be presented in a separate report.

2. **Superintendent's Manse.** The churches of the former Ohio Conference now in the Ohio Sandusky Conference had a very considerable equity in two superintendent's manses in the former Ohio Conference; one in Akron and one in Columbus. This equity amounted to more than \$10,000. It seemed wise to use this money in the securing of a manse for the superintendent of the North District rather than to pay rent while having a substantial sum toward the acquiring of a manse. As a matter of fact there was an understanding in the minds of those concerned in formulating the plan and basis of union that the equity derived from these two manses should be used toward the same type of investment in the new conference.

To find such a house is not easy. We were practically shut up to two locations; Bowling Green or Perrysburg, preferably Bowling Green. We found a number of

houses priced at from \$17,500 to \$19,500, all of which would require from \$1500 to \$2500 to put into shape.

After looking carefully at all the properties shown to us, it seemed best to look into the proposition of securing a location and building new. The cost would not be a great deal more, and we should have two advantages: (1), a new house, and (2), a house built particularly for the purpose in mind.

After some searching a beautiful location was secured on Sand Ridge Road just a little way west of South Main Street in Bowling Green. An agreement was entered into with Mr. Siders of Bowling Green, a member of our Bowling Green Church, to build the house. It is hoped that before winter we will have a lovely and commodious house for the superintendent of the north district. The cost, of course, is higher than we would like. But considering the inflation of the currency it is not higher than that of parsonages dedicated in the conference in the past ten years. It is a nice home, as nice but no nicer than several of the parsonages in the conference.

3. **Camp St. Marys.** The necessities of the camp demanded a great deal of attention from the Board. Time will not allow going into detail concerning all of the work done at the camp. We have been aware for some time of the inadequacies of the dining hall, as well as the fact that the interior of the building had never been finished. With the enlarging of the conference and particularly with the decision of the Board of Education to hold the quadrennial general convention here it became imperative that we enlarge the capacity of the dining hall. Early in the conference year the board determined the extent of the work to be done, and by the time of the convention it was completed. This included the installation of the second floor, the finishing of the walls and ceilings, installation of additional kitchen equipment so as to care for much larger crowds, and ventilation so as to make the building more comfortable. We now have not only a commodious but a beautiful dining hall.

Some matters at the auditorium called for attention. No one of this conference needs to be told anything as to the relative discomfort of the chairs. These were purchased immediately after the war, and we had to take what we could get. Now we have bought 1000 steel chairs which we think are a great improvement over those in use heretofore. Also a ventilation system has been installed which has been a great comfort in this exceptionally hot and humid summer. Repairs were made incident to damage done by lightning in the spring. This was fully covered by insurance.

For some time there has been a call for better accommodations for those who wished them and were willing to pay for something more than dormitory or cabin accommodations. This came to a head with resolutions passed by various group meetings over the conference, and by an action taken by the Conference Council of Administra-

tion, which passed a resolution authorizing the construction of a 16 room building. This has been constructed on peninsula No. 2 immediately north of the auditorium. It has been decided to call this building the Camp St. Marys Hotel. At the same time that this was authorized the board decided that it would be better to drill a new well on the peninsula rather than pipe water from the old well. Not that there was not a sufficient supply of water in the old well, but we felt it would be safer to have a second source of supply if for some unforeseen reason the pump should fail. Accordingly the board had a new well drilled; 158 feet deep, cased down far below any surface or lake water. The stream is very strong; the water rising to within 10 inches of the top of the casing. The well has been fitted with an electric centrifugal pump; the water will be piped to the hotel, the missionary cottage and other cottages on that peninsula; and also has been connected with the main water system to that in case of necessity it may be used to provide water all over the camp. In compliance with an order from the State Board of Health we installed a water softener at a cost of about \$2500.

There was turned over to the board of trustees the sum of \$6500 from the Indiana Conference (Ev) representing the equity of the churches coming to Ohio Sandusky Conference in Oakwood Park, the camp grounds of the Indiana Conference (Ev). By stipulation of those churches this money was invested in the Camp St. Marys Hotel.

Work is proceeding on leveling the rest of the grounds. The peninsulas to the west are being leveled and cleared and will provide choice building spots. The effort is to look to the future and to provide that in the years to come the people of our conference will have a religious center primarily for the use of our own conference. We look forward to the time when our own conference organizations will be using the camp during practically the whole summer.

4. **Revolving Fund.** At the last session of the conference the board of trustees was instructed to borrow not to exceed \$50,000 for use as a "revolving fund" to be loaned to various churches in their building or expansion programs. This money was to be loaned by the Board of Missions on approval of the Board of Trustees. Early in the conference year in a joint session of the two boards a mode of operation was set up. Some loans have been made. Every effort will be made to keep this on a sound basis. Churches borrowing these funds will be expected to keep up their payments both on interest and principal, as the interest payments will go to the holders of the conference notes and the principal will be used in making further loans to churches.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Conference urge local congregations to incorporate according to the provisions of the Discipline paragraphs 671 to 683 inclusive.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the conference purchase a corporation seal.

Report Of Committee On Stewardship

Kagawa has said, "I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It is very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about." If a great steward of God like Kagawa felt thus disturbed for evading his stewardship responsibility, how much more ought we to sense our condemnation. Most of us have squandered so much of that with which God has so richly endowed us in irresponsible and selfish living, and have so often brought but mere fragments of our plenty to Him. Stewardship challenges us, in fulfillment of a noble resolve formed on some peak of spiritual dedication, to give back to God, for His glory and the blessing of our fellowmen, that which He has so lavishly given to us. Our own characters are beautified with Divine grace, and our personal needs are wonderfully met thru following out the thrilling discovery that we have something which God can use. And it is not enough that we come to the actual practice of stewardship ourselves. To spread the evangel of stewardship everywhere, beginning in our own local churches, is a most vital part of our Christian World Mission. The pastor is the key man in this important adventure.

Every local church ought to have an active stewardship committee. Every member who has stood before our altars and promised to support the church with his prayers, presence, gifts and service, and to study to know his duty as a Christian steward, ought to be challenged with his responsibilities thru an annual every member enlistment. No Pastor or official group should be complacent with maintaining the "status quo", and stopping at merely paying the necessary bills. We often lack in effort and concern for definitely and systematically enlisting more of our inactive members. That is the key in enabling our people to pay increasingly more to Kingdom activities beyond the confines of our local parishes, as we ought to do. A great many more of our people should accept the obligations and blessings of tithing. The stewardship light that really shines, burns not only the oil of God, but the wick of self. There is surely much more that we can and will do once we catch the vision that Christ is yearning to impart to us in this needy generation of wide-open opportunity and appalling need. We do greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our small nucleus of loyal, sacrificing people; but we are condemned by the great host of our soft, easy-going, unproductive constituency, and are humbled by the vast reservoirs of our untapped resources. We must aim at, and by God's grace achieve, that greater efficiency in practical dedication to Christ, for which Christian stewardship calls.

During this second year of our quadrennium, our General Evangelical United Brethren Church is joining with many other leading Protestant Denominations in stressing stewardship in an intensive way. Our

Denominational theme for this year is: "CHRIST CALLS TO STEWARDSHIP". The aim is "to answer Christ's call by dedicating to his service our total resources of discipleship". Let us then not fail to give Christian stewardship a very prominent place, and a very diligent emphasis in all our local church programs thruout the year ahead.

Incorporated in our Ohio Sandusky Conference Stewardship Program for the coming year are numerous suggestions which have come out of the office of our General Secretary of Stewardship, Dr. L. L. Baughman. Our recommended program which follows is divided into Three periods, with a listing of several points toward which we all should strive during each period.

I. PERIOD OF STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION — October thru December, 1952.

- A. An active committee on stewardship in each local congregation to study with the pastor stewardship needs of the whole membership, especially with the aim of enlisting the greatest number possible in their individual responsibility to the program of Christ and the church. (See Discipline, page 170, paragraph 572.)
- B. Each local council of administration responsible for placing in the hands of each council member the complete packet, "Opportunity Aids", and the 32 page booklet, "Stewardship Nuggets", these excellent, recent Denominational stewardship materials to be discussed in the council of administration session as to utilization in a round-the-year local church stewardship emphasis.
- C. Each congregation placing a copy of the study book for this year, "Christ Calls to Stewardship", in each home, with a planned program of home reading, followed by a planned program of study and discussion in the church.
- D. Each church showing the Denominational stewardship sound films, "A Wonderful Life", (unless already shown) and the new film, "More For Peace". It is urged also that other of our good Denominational audio visual aids on stewardship be widely utilized.

II. PERIOD OF ENLISTMENT AND DEDICATION—January thru March, 1953.

- A. The distribution of selected stewardship literature as a preparation to commitments, thru signing of cards.
- B. The promotion of and enlistment in the Tither's Fellowship in every church. Consider promoting a Tithing Festival during the

Lenten period.

- C. Emphasis up "The Immortality of Christian Influence," using a stewardship leaflet by this title, giving educational emphasis to remembering God thru wills, annuities, memorials and special gifts. Solicit selected persons for this type of enlistments.
- D. Especially during Lent—place stress upon increased local church giving for missions and benevolences, with the ultimate goal of raising one dollar for missions and benevolences to match every dollar of local expenditures.
- E. Strive to make the whole program of stewardship enlistments on a spiritual level, with the purpose of enriching Christian character and glorifying Christ.

III. PERIOD OF ACTION—April thru June, 1953.

- A. Use the time from Easter to Pentecost as an opportunity for special stewardship emphasis thru projects, displays, dramatic presentations, discussion groups and preaching.
- B. Set up a budget for the coming conference year in each local church.
- C. Let every church, where deemed advisable, accept the unified budget plan, and the use of the single offering envelope.
- D. Aim to get every church member to contribute proportionately and systematically to the local church program thru a carefully planned and executed every member enlistment, using the materials in the "Opportunity Aids" kit and the "Every Member Canvass Kit".

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. V. H. Allman, Chairman
H. V. Falor, Secretary

College Library And Seminary Project

Be it resolved:

"That the former Evangelical Churches in the Ohio Sandusky Conference accept their quota of \$26,910.00 for the Library Project at North Central College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois."

Be it therefore resolved that the Ohio Sandusky Conference approve the resolution and direct in accordance therewith that the sum of \$26,910.00 be apportioned to the above named churches, according to the membership thereof and that because of the manifested interest in this project by the entire conference, we recommend that all other churches of the Conference not in the compact of North Central College and Evangelical Theological Seminary be given an opportunity to participate in (Continued on page 7)

O. S. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Kansas Edwin Griswold
 Rising Sun Ralph Cornell
 West Independence...Howard McCracken

FREMONT GROUP

x Burgoon L. D. Reynolds
 Fremont Memorial Kenneth Stover
 Fremont Trinity R. F. Haskins
 * Gibsonburg H. M. Maurer
 Green Springs John Hoover
 Helena L. C. Toepfer
 Lindsey J. Paul Jones, Jr.
 Old Fort E. H. Daubert
 x Riley Center Nicolas Cucare
 Woodville P. C. Young

NAPOLEON GROUP

Ai H. F. Kear
 Delta E. W. Goings
 Liberty Center Charles Rex
 McClure S. G. Sheriff
 Malinta P. W. Lutz
 Monclova Loren Onweller
 * Napoleon A. C. Mathias
 Wauseon O. L. Heltzel
 x Wauseon Circuit E. J. Belella
 Whitehouse R. A. Gallagher

SANDUSKY GROUP

* Bellevue C. R. Wendell
 Flat Rock D. L. Williams
 Kelley's Island C. M. Moorehead
 LaCarne Roy Davis
 x Mt. Carmel W. D. Ramsey
 Port Clinton J. V. Bigelow
 x Sandusky Salem H. N. Porterfield
 Sandusky Columbus Ave...R. P. Ricard

TOLEDO GROUP

Elliston Clyde Huther
 Moline Edwin L. Endicott
 Milbury Jesse Frey
 Perrysburg W. W. Freshley
 Rocky Ridge Jesse Frey
 x Toledo Calvary Gerald Coen
 Toledo Coburn C. J. Mericle
 Toledo East Broadway Roy Cramer
 Toledo First F. M. Bowman
 Toledo Oakdale D. F. Emerick
 Toledo Point Place ... Eustace Heckert
 Toledo Salem Harry Troutner
 Toledo Somerset M. R. Frey
 * Toledo Upton O. E. Johnson
 Toledo Zion H. M. Shadle
 x Walbridge-Hayes O. B. Downard

BUCYRUS GROUP

x Belleville L. G. Crew
 Bucyrus Grace H. L. Adams
 Bucyrus First Mahlon Wenger
 x Bucyrus, Mt. Zion .. Darwin D. Clupper
 Bucyrus, Circuit A. E. McVey
 Brokensword J. W. Martin
 Johnsville John Osborn
 Galion Paul Walter
 x New Winchester Harry Edinger
 North Robinson Clarence Carnahan
 Ocoola Donald Young
 x Olive Branch T. Everett Wonder
 Smithville C. C. Nichols
 Sycamore Thomas Weisenborn
 * Upper Sandusky W. A. Tabbert
 Upper Sandusky Circuit
 T. Everett Wonder
 Williamsport John Osborn

FINDLAY GROUP

Bairdstown R. L. Clark
 Benton Ridge E. T. Shepard
 x Benton Ridge Circuit Paul Stuckey
 Bluffton Dick Powell
 Carey S. L. Shockey
 Findlay East Donald Bartow
 Findlay Bethlehem Donald Bartow
 * Findlay First G. L. Fleming
 Findlay St. Paul's C. D. Osborn
 Findlay South Stanley Walton
 Findlay West Robert Bumgarner
 x Findlay West Park Henry Brooks
 x Leipsic Billie Krugh
 Mt. Cory E. W. Leist
 Rawson O. C. Metzker
 Van Buren R. L. Clark
 Vanlue V. J. Lathey
 Vanlue Circuit V. J. Lathey
 Wharton Richard Ward

LIMA GROUP

x Blue Lick Ralph Conine
 Columbus Grove W. R. Fausey
 Cridersville Delbert Cress
 x Delphos N. D. Bevis
 Dunkirk C. H. Lilly
 Walnut Grove C. H. Lilly
 Elida P. B. Zimmerman
 Elida, Marion Robert Breeze
 Kemp Delbert Cress
 Lakeview Eugene Whitmer
 x Lima First V. I. Sullivan
 * Lima High Street Frank Hamblen
 x Santa Fe Calvin Wise
 x Vaughnsville Paul Watson

MARION GROUP

Cardington Robert Hochstettler
 Hepburn T. A. Hiatt
 Marion Calvary R. W. Faulkner
 Marion First L. E. Ames
 * Marion Greenwood R. L. Sutherland
 Marion Oakland H. V. Falor
 Marion Salem A. E. Clark
 Peoria J. C. Forsythe
 West Mansfield Francis McCracken

ST. MARYS GROUP

East Bethel Argo Sudduth
 x Celina, Bethany M. W. George
 x Celina Circuit Javan Corl
 Fort Recovery-Bethel .. Charles Adams
 Celina, Mt. Zion Argo Sudduth
 Celina, Old Town Charles Adams
 x Olive Branch Walter Gunther
 Pasco Joseph Graham
 * St. Marys Paul Strause
 Sidney John Searle, Jr.
 Wapakoneta E. J. Haldeman

VAN WERT GROUP

Continental D. J. Young
 Grover Hill J. C. Swain
 Middlepoint Elwood Bodkin
 Oakwood Lawrence White
 Oakwood Circuit Rea Book
 Ohio City Jack Cordier
 Rockford Robert Williman
 * Van Wert Calvary Walter Marks
 Van Wert Trinity C. P. Maas
 Van Wert North W. A. Lydick
 Willshire, Union H. L. Smith
 x Wren Donald Martin
 Van Wert South N. Straley

WILLARD GROUP

Attica C. L. Miller
 x Attica Circuit K. Zimmerman

x Biddle David Wright
 x Bloomville Claude Chivington
 x Harmony Claude Chivington
 Leesville R. J. Oyer
 Republic T. W. Bennett
 x Shelby Walter Adams
 South Reed C. J. Ludwick
 x Tiffin H. Joe Grimm
 Tiro Palmer Manson
 * Willard C. D. Wright
 x Indicates New Appointments.
 * Indicates Group Leaders.

STANDING RULE CHANGES

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ceiving the minimum or more shall give full time to that pastorate. Any pastor receiving less than the \$65.00 minimum prescribed shall be entitled under the direction of the cabinet to accept employment to supplement the salary paid by the church. The type of work and hours shall be approved by the cabinet.

Successor's Record. Each pastor shall keep a permanent Church Membership Record Book of the whole charge in addition to the Official Record Book of the church as prescribed by the Discipline, page 120, paragraph 364. This shall be annually reviewed by the Conference through the local groups and subject to revisions and approvals thereby.

Ministers from other denominations shall serve as ministers employed but not members of the conference until a probation period of one year has been served. After this period they may be given membership in the conference.

Elections At Annual Conference

Trustees: Rev. Cleo Roth; Rev. O. E. Johnson and Sanford Price.

Judicial Committee: Rev. John C. Searle, Jr.

Conference Secretary: Rev. Frank Hamblen.

Assistant Secretary: Rev. Harry L. Adams.

Trustee of Otterbein College: Dr. V. H. Allman.

Committee of Ohio Council of Churches: F. A. Firestone, V. H. Allman, H. L. Adams, D. D. Corl, Merel Dustin, Noel Smith, Mrs. C. D. Wright and Mrs. H. V. Falor.

Trustees of Ohio Temperance League: G. L. Fleming, R. L. Sutherland, E. J. Haldeman, C. D. Wright and W. A. Tabbert
 Memorial Secretary: Paul Walters.

Lay Representatives on Council of Administration: Earl H. Bibbler, Sanford Price, Merritt Metzker, Park E. Stuckman, Torrey Kaatz and Norman Opperman.

Executive Secretary of Evangelism: Rev. H. V. Falor.

Secretary of Christian Social Action: Rev. R. H. Gallagher.

Secretary of Stewardship: Rev. John P. Jones, Jr.

Director of Christian Education: Rev. Don Hochstettler.

Statistician: Rev. S. W. Brandyberry.

Report Of The Conference Board Of Evangelism

Since Evangelism is the heart and soul of the church, the Board of Evangelism wish to make the following recommendations for the Conference year 1952-1953.

1. That the goal of ten-win-one be continued in both the area of converts and securing of new church members.

2. That each church provide for a local committee on Evangelism which shall be held responsible for program of Evangelism in each local church, either visitation, public meeting or both. See discipline paragraphs 1893, 1895.

3. That every pastor use evangelists from the Evangelical United Brethren Church where it is possible, and where an evangelist is not recognized by our church and is desired for meetings the pastor must comply with Par. 1877 and 372 of the Discipline. Failure to observe this rule the pastor will be referred to the committee on Delinquencies.

4. That every evangelist of the Conference recognized as an evangelist must file the proper reports at the close of the conference year with the Board of Evangelism as per Discipline, Paragraph 1879. This does not refer to ministers who have been assigned by conference to charges and do evangelistic work in other churches because of desire to serve the Lord.

5. That the Ohio Sandusky Conference promote through the Board of Evangelism the Larger Evangelism Program as outlined by our denomination and as presented to the Board by Dr. O. T. Deever of the General Board of Evangelism. Such a program would be as follows:

a. Organize in such a fashion that seven of the fourteen groups of the conference will carry on the program and the other half of the groups furnish ministers for group leaders. (Four to six months for the Project).

b. On October 20th, 1952 in Findlay a day of Penitence and Prayer will be held in the interest of the program of the Larger Evangelism. Dr. Deever and Dr. Mueller will present the program. Attendance of all pastors is required and if possible a layman from each church.

c. Definite working of the plan.

1. Men from Dayton will train a group evangelistic leader (and a layman also if available) who will serve as trainer for the ministers and guest leaders of each group. Time for the training will be set by the Board of Evangelism in cooperation with the General Board and the Conference officers.

2. On the field work shall consist of five steps.

a. Set up meeting of ministers in group for purposes of organization; publicity, prayer periods and other activities connected with the planning of this program.

b. Week of training of pastors and laymen who will carry that program back to the people in the evening meetings in the local churches. This includes a self-analysis of the Sunday School to determine

where the Sunday School needs to be strengthened and where visitation is needed, etc.

c. Launching of the Strengthening of the Sunday School Program and following up with three or four months of visitation. This also may include Church membership as well as Sunday School.

d. Check up meeting, when the campaign is about two months in length. On this day, plans for further visitation and preaching services may be discussed.

e. Close the venture by having a guest minister or evangelist conduct with the pastor a preaching mission of one week or more.

We recommend that this program be started in 1952 by prayerful consideration and study of Sunday School Program Packet and be so organized that in October, 1953 we may launch this Larger Evangelism Program for the entire Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

The Ohio Sandusky Conference Board of Evangelism

Rev. F. A. Firestone, Secretary

Rev. Roy Cramer, Chairman

Rev. E. T. Shepard, Cor-Sec'y

Annual Report Of The Board Of Missions

1. Organization. At the Conference session of 1951, the Board of Missions organized by electing the following officers: President, John C. Searle, Sr.; Vice President, C. P. Maas; Secretary, C. D. Osborn.

Those elected to serve as the Executive Committee were: Chairman, J. C. Searle, Sr.; Secretary, C. D. Osborn; V. H. Allman, F. A. Firestone, W. P. Alspach.

Miscellaneous Actions Of The Board

1. Approval of Projects. The attention of ministers and lay representatives of the Conference is called to the provision in the Discipline, Paragraph 892, which reads, "The Conference Board of Missions shall examine all projects for the construction or remodeling of congregational properties involving a maximum cost of more than twenty percent of the total amount of money raised by the congregation for all purposes during the previous Conference year; the Annual Conference, however, shall have the right to lower this percentage at its discretion. This examination shall include: (1) the need for such projects; (2) the maximum cost; (3) the architectural design; (4) the plan for the liquidation of the indebtedness."

(As an illustration, if the total amount of money raised in any one year be \$10,000, then any projects of construction or remodeling of congregational property with a maximum cost of \$2,000 or more, must be submitted to the Board of Missions for approval before any work is begun.)

2. The Board desires to emphasize the fact and importance of missionary work. Missions should mean extension and vast areas where new residences are being erected should be entered by our conference. Several churches are handicapped at

the present time by larger attendance than can be adequately cared for. Unless new churches are built or sizeable additions made, people will go to other churches where available room for instruction and worship is provided.

The Board of Missions

3. (1) Although much of the aid now given is "Token Assistance", the Discipline plainly states, Paragraph 74, that "A charge that receives aid in the form of missionary appropriation from the annual conference or from the Board of Missions, is a mission."

(2) We wish to call attention to the following special rule adopted by the last annual conference, Rule No. 8, p. 14, 1951 Journal: "Churches receiving appropriations from the Board of Missions shall liquidate them by reducing the amount appropriated by \$50 a year."

4. Church Extension Fund. Pursuant to Conference order, on October 2, 1951, action was taken to create a revolving loan fund, to be known as the CHURCH EXTENSION FUND OF THE OHIO SANDUSKY CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH. A copy of the By-Laws is appended to this report. To this date, \$15,000 has been borrowed from the Otterbein Home permanent funds, at 4%, to make this fund operative. Loans to churches are to bear 4½%, the additional ½% to cover operating cost.

Recommendations

A. We recommend that the Budget for the Board of Missions for the year 1952-53, shall be \$19,000.00.

B. We recommend that special consideration be given at this session to peculiar situations at Kelly's Island, Hayes Station and West Unity Charge.

C. Whereas the Attica Federated Church situation was presented to this Board, and consideration was given at several sessions, we recommend that certain features of the problem involving property be referred to the Conference Board of Trustees for consideration, before this Board can take any action.

Committee On Resolutions And Courtesies Gave To Dr. L. E. Ames

Our appreciation for his 22 years of untiring efforts as the conference secretary. "We wish to extend to him our hope and prayer that his future years will be as productive as have been the years he has so unselfishly given to his job as secretary."

College Library & Seminary Project

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the gathering of these funds by a free will offering.

That these funds be collected within a period of two years from this present Conference and in the event that there be a surplus in the total gathering of these funds, the same shall be turned into the Board of Christian Education to be used in Student Aid Funds.

Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1952

(Month ending September 5th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES					
	Monthly Budget	Paid Aug.	Paid 12 Mo.	Sunday School Avg. Att.	Morning Wor. Avg. Att.
BOWLING GREEN GROUP:					
*Belmore	\$70	\$	\$840	138	
*Center	25	32	300	25	27
Bethel-Townwood					
*Bethel	25		304.42		
*Townwood	21		275		
*Bowling Green	250		3000		
*Custar	20		240		
*West Hope	42		504		
*Deshler	60	120	720		
*Oakdale	90		1080		
Hoytville	100		840		
*Luckey	50		600		
*North Baltimore	100	100	1200		
*Portage	35	35	420		
*Mt. Zion	60		720		
South Liberty	50	140	447		
Mt. Hermon	17		195		
*Tontogany	17		199		
Webster	30		266		
Cloverdale	20		220		
BRYAN GROUP:					
Bridgewater	45		495		
*Bryan	160		1920		
Center Circuit: Center	20	15	215		
*Logan	10		120		
Mt. Olive	20	20	120		
Defiance, First	160		1288		
Defiance Circuit:					
*Mt. Calvary	33		396		
*Rural Chapel	17		204		
*Egerton	20		240		
*Hicksville	165		1980		
*Montpelier	160		1920		
*West Unity, Immanuel	19	19	228	30	22
*Ebenezer	19	38	228	55	60
Salem	5	40	55		
FOSTORIA GROUP:					
*Bascom	65		780		
*Bettsville, Salem	36		468		
*Trinity	45		584.34		
*Bloomdale	70	70	840	119	90
*Fostoria, Bethel	58	58	759		85
*Fostoria, First	250		3360	297	308
*Kansas	10	10	120		
*Canaan	40	17	497		
*Pleasant View	45	45	540	51	50
*Rising Sun	45	61.62	540.01		
*West Independence	75		900	211	204
FREMONT GROUP:					
*Burgoon	100		1200		
*Fremont, Memorial	100		1200		
*Fremont, Trinity	192		2247		
*Gibsonburg	64		768	129	86
*Green Springs	56	185.63	670		
*Helena	59	59	708		
*Lindsey	130	130	1560	213	139
*Old Fort	100		1200		
*Riley Center	13	13	156	x15	x24
*Woodville	160	160	1920	166	158
NAPOLEON GROUP:					
Ai	40	15	120		
*Lebanon	10		120		
*Mt. Pleasant	40	40	480		
*Delta	56		672		
*Zion	60		720		
*Liberty Center	35		420		
*Malinta	30		360		
*McClure	100		1200	x122	74
*Monclova	18	36	216	52	20
*Wilkins	14	56	168	50	40
*Napoleon	83	128.95	1077.95		
*Wauseon, First	40		480		
*Wauseon Ct.: Beulah	20	40	240		
*North Dover	50	132.25	601		
*Whitehouse	59		767	121	92
SANDUSKY GROUP:					
*Bellevue	138		1807.50		
*Flat Rock	74	74	959		
*Kelley's Island	26		309		
*La Carne	17	17	204	36	35
*Locust Point	17		204		38
Mt. Carmel	100		1050		
*Port Clinton	80	80	960	77	90
*Sandusky, Columbus Ave.	22		264		
*Sandusky, Salem	68		816	66	70
TOLEDO GROUP:					
*Elliston	73		872.04		
*Millbury	25		299		
*Moline	55		768.58	86	70
*Perrysburg	65	65.42	850.46		
*Rocky Ridge	13		150		
*Toledo, Calvary	145		1886.17		
*Toledo, Colburn	160	160	1920	103	96
*Toledo, East Broadway	190	185	2180	160	190
Toledo, First	250		2500		
*Toledo, Oakdale	170		2040		
*Toledo, Point Place	75	75	900	128	90
Toledo, Salem	60		665.04		
*Toledo, Somerset	170		2040		
*Toledo, Upton	250	250	3000	207	172
*Toledo, Zion	158		2058.34		
*Walbridge	12	12	144		
*Hayes	10	10	120		
SOUTHERN DISTRICT:					
BUCYRUS GROUP:					
Bellville Ct.: Pleasant Grove	14		67.50		
Pleasant Hill	22		30		
Trinity	29				
*Brokensword, Emanuel	21		274.94	91	70
*Lykens	41		606.66	39	37
*Pleasant Home	18		253.49	50	52
*Bucyrus Ct.: Harmony	30		393	50	52
*Zion	30		393	58	64
*Bucyrus, First	125		1500		
*Bucyrus, Grace	125		1500		
*Galion	80		900	149	144
*Johnsville	97		1201	124	125
Mt. Zion	90		90	97	97
North Robinson	60	80	527.17	57	63
Liberty Chapel	33	31	230.15	63	67
Oceola	60		530.46		
Olive Branch	22		124		
Smithville	50	50	550		
*Mt. Zion	21	18.61	253		
Sycamore	75	55	615	116	96
*Upper Sandusky	128	128	1662.50		
Upper Sandusky Circuit:					
*Belle Vernon	11		132		
*Salem	30		360		
*Williamsport	40		480	84	78

FINDLAY GROUP:

Bairdstown	21	42	231		
*Benton Ridge, Calvary	60		721		
Benton Ridge Circuit:					
Pleasant Hill	35	100	250		
Trinity	40	29.92	323.92		
*Bluffton Ct.: Bethesda	14		162		
*Liberty Chapel	17		200.04		
Olive Branch	30	31	196		
*Bethlehem	50	50	600	121	123
*Carey	91	92	1382	192	119
*East Findlay Ct.: Ark	30	30	360	35	35
Mt. Zion	45	23	276	60	60
*Findlay, First	312		3744	255	790
*Findlay, St. Paul's	223		2900		
*Findlay, West Park	28	55	330	50	29
*Salem	13	27.89	158	26	26
Leipsic	30	34	195	x118	85
Forest Grove	20	16	38	16	16
Kieferville	20	18	108	46	45
*Mt. Cory, Zion	40		480	78	48
Pleasant View	50		300	58	61
Rawson	100		1065	114	102
South Findlay Circuit:					
Pleasant Grove	25		170		
Salem	25		185		
*Van Buren	100	200	1200		
*Vanlue	50		600		
*Vanlue Ct.: St. Paul	19		230		
*Union	30		364		
West Findlay Circuit:					
*Powell Memorial	42		504		
*Zion	25	40	300		
Wharton Ct.: Beech Grove	25	11	132	32	32
*Big Oak	42	42	504	92	80

LIMA GROUP:

*Blue Lick	25	25	300	x38	x31
*Columbus Grove	150	175	1800	165	140
*Cridersville	25		300	38	x28
Kemp	25	10	155	x37	x37
*Delphos	75	75	900		
*Dunkirk	65	65	780	54	54
*Walnut Grove	100	100	1200	125	125
Elida	100	50	600		
Lakeview	45	45	444	67	50
*Lima, First	231		2772		
*Lima, High St.	205		2460		
*Marion (Elida)	22		264		
*Santa Fe	45	90	480		
*Vaughnsville	75	800	900		

MARION GROUP:

Cardington, Center	50	50	459	93	71
*Fairview	22	22	264	31	35
*Climax	10		120		
*Hepburn	15		180	14	16
*Hopewell	16		192	14	16
*Otterbein	30	30	360	45	49
*Marion, Calvary	195		2535	288	212
*Marion, First	100	100	1200		
*Marion, Greenwood	92		1194.08		
*Marion, Oakland	148		1772		
*Marion, Salem	27		318	x134	x124
*New Winchester	25		198.96		
*Peoria	7		84		
Mt. Zion	4		28		
Broadway					
*West Mansfield	12	12	144		
*York	50		600		

ST. MARYS GROUP:

*Bethel	15	15	180		
*Celina, Bethany	153		1836	213	204
*Celina Ct.: Hope	44	44	528	60	53
*Mt. Carmel	22		264	74	79
*Fort Recovery, Bethel	18	18	196		
*Mt. Zion	45	45	540		
*Old Town	16	16	192		
*Olive Branch	22	22	264		
*Pasco	40		480		40
*Sidney	90	90	1080	76	x94
*St. Marys	90		1080		
*Wapakoneta	48	48	576		

VAN WERT GROUP:

Bethel-Mt. Zion Circuit:					
*Bethel	25	25	300	58	47
*Mt. Zion	15	70	180	x48	32
Continental	40		250		
Mt. Zion	35		180		
*Wisterman	15		180		
Grover Hill Circuit:					
Blue Creek	30		192		
*Middle Creek	35		420		
*Mt. Zion	25		300		
Mt. Pleasant	80		600		
& Harmony			120		
*Oakwood	50	50	600	94	94
Oakwood Circuit:					
*Centenary	25		300		
*Prairie Chapel	25		300		
*Rockford	200		2400	235	192
*Van Wert, Calvary	105		1250		
Van Wert Circuit:					
*Grand Victory	44	44	528		
*Union Center	25	25	300		
*Van Wert, Trinity	143	143	1716	169	148
*Willshire, Union	35		432		
*Wood Chapel	25		300	60	66
*St. Peter's	12	12	144	13	11
*Wren	65	130	780		

WILLARD GROUP:

*Attica, Federated	20		240		
*Attica Ct.: Richmond	50		600		
*Union Pisgah	40		480		
*Biddle	15	15	180		
*Bloomville	45		540		
Harmony	40		480		
*Leesville	45		540	74	75
*Republic	30		390	41	35
Pietist				95	93
*Shelby	231		2772		
*South Reed	22		264		
*Tiffin	75	75	975		
*Tiro	90		1080		
*Willard	285		3420		

NOTE: 179 churches, indicated *, paid full budgets; 21 of these were former Ev. churches that paid in addition, the August 1951 apportionment. A few churches have paid in advance the September, 1952, budget apportionment, which will be reported in the regular September statement.

The August attendance record is incomplete, owing to the fact that many churches had paid full budgets in July, and had no need for a report.

Additions to the Girton Fund this month: Lindsey, \$75.10; Monclova, \$12; Toledo, Upton, \$91; Wharton, Big Oak, \$18; Wilkins, \$28; Perrysburg, \$5, a total of \$229.10; Grand total, \$5,622.77.

Committee On Social Action

In view of the need for positive action in this very important area of our total church program, your committee submits the following recommendations:

I. We reaffirm our position on the separation of church and state, and express our beliefs as set forth in the first amendment to the constitution of the United States. We believe that the church and the state should hold each other in high esteem and cooperate for the high ends of moral purposes; but we do not favor the state's granting any preferment to any church or religion. We reaffirm our opposition to the appointment of a representative of the United States to the Vatican, and recommend that when necessary this action be transmitted to the President and to our legislators, the secretary of this conference being authorized to do this. We further urge our people individually to send letters of protest to the President and to their congressmen in the event that any action of this nature seems pending.

II. We reaffirm our opposition to Universal Military Training, and should a bill embodying such a measure be introduced into congress, we hereby recommend that the secretary of this conference be authorized to transmit this action to the proper officials.

III. Whereas the general committee on Christian Social Action has submitted a clear, discerning outline of Christian practices in various areas of our common life, as set forth in paragraphs 1906-1941 of the Discipline and in the pamphlet, "The Church and Social Issues" put out by the general council of administration of our church we hereby recommend the following:

1. That our pastors be urged to offer vigorous, wise, and constructive leadership in removing the forces of evil which are laying waste so many lives, namely, gambling, narcotics and the criminal element.

2. That we further urge our pastors to enlist their congregations in the study of their respective communities to discern evils, and ways and means of outlawing such evils.

IV. We recommend the renewing of efforts of the church to control and outlaw alcoholic beverages. . . .

We further recommend that our pastors give special attention to the needs of alcoholics, with specific consideration being given to the field of personal counseling as it relates to the alcoholic. We also recommend that our pastors cooperate whenever and in whatever way possible with the Alcoholic Anonymous organization.

We further recommend that the first Sunday in March, set aside as Temperance Sunday by the general committee on Christian Social Action, be observed as such by every church in our conference, and that full use be made of all opportunities for bringing this very important matter before our people in an effective manner.

V. We recommend that every church of

our conference adopt the emphasis, "Christ Calls to the Stewardship of Christian Family Life", and seek to make it effective and meaningful. We urge the use of all promotional material provided by our denomination for the observance of National Family Week, the Family Altar, and other related emphases, and the increased use of Audio-visual materials in this field.

Report Of Committee On Christian Education

The committee on Christian Education submits the following recommendations:

1. That every church, in so far as possible, organize its educational program with officers and offices as specified in the Discipline.

2. That every church arrange for at least one visit by the Director and that his services be utilized in the way deemed most effective by the local pastor.

3. That the Educational Program of the Conference comply in objectives and promotion with the program of the general church with emphasis placed upon the theme for this year, "Christ Calls to Stewardship" as it relates to the ten areas comprising the scope of Christian Education activities.

4. That all camps begin with a Sunday afternoon registration with a Sunday evening program under the supervision of the general director.

That there be two one-week periods of children's camps and two one-week periods of intermediate camps to accommodate the growing number of campers in these two groups.

That there be included in the camping program a camp for Young Adults and a Family camp.

That every church in the conference be represented in each camp.

5. That the Mid-winter Convention be held for two days and one night on the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving.

6. That there be included in the program for next summer a Conference Convention on Christian Education at St. Marys with a program planned to be of assistance to each age and each interest group in the field of Christian Education as it is related to the local church.

7. That every available means be used to assist with the "Strengthen The Sunday School" Campaign.

8. That all churches observe the publication celebration of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and use the occasion to quicken people's interest in the Bible.

9. That we commend the pastors who have loyally and cooperatively supported our Church Colleges and Seminaries, and we urge every disciplinary action be taken to direct every pastor to encourage the youth of our church to enter and support our schools.

We highly commend the local churches that are giving financial support to stu-

dents in our denominational schools, and we encourage other churches to do the same.

J. S. Engle, Chairman
E. S. Heckert, Secretary

Report Of The Board Of Pensions And Insurance

At the 1951 Annual Conference Session of the Ohio-Sandusky Conference the following men were elected to the Board of Pensions and Insurance: O. E. Johnson, Gerald H. Coen, George Schmidt, D. D. Corl, C. J. Mericle, A. E. McVey, C. W. Walmer, and Howard N. Porterfield.

The Board of Pensions and Insurance met at the time of the Annual Conference Session and organized with the following results. O. E. Johnson, Chairman; Gerald H. Coen, Vice Chairman; and Howard N. Porterfield, Secretary. The work of the Board was divided into four departments with O. E. Johnson and Howard N. Porterfield looking after the interest of the Group Hospitalization Insurance; A. E. McVey and George Schmidt, the Group Life Insurance; C. J. Mericle and D. D. Corl, the Pension Interests; and Gerald H. Coen and C. W. Walmer, the Burial Benefits. Each group was to study his particular department so that he would be in a position to make, if necessary, any recommendation in that particular interest.

The year's expenditures total: \$14,204.23 for premiums on insurance; \$824.69 maternity benefits; \$900.00 burial benefits; and \$1,166.85 operating expense. The Board received a total of \$11,940.00 in premiums for group life and hospital and burial benefits.

In the light of study during the year we are here submitting for ratification the following recommendations.

I. That all men who have served in a mission field of our denomination and still held membership in either of the uniting conferences now forming the Ohio-Sandusky Conference, and are as of now members of the Ohio-Sandusky Conference, that all such years of service be added and credited as being served in the Conference where the membership was held.

II. That the By-Laws and Constitution of the Ohio-Sandusky Conference Pension and Insurance as hereto attached and rewritten be accepted as the By-Laws and Constitution for the coming year or until further need for change is presented to the Annual Conference in the manner as stated in the By-Laws and Constitution of the Pension and Insurance of the Ohio-Sandusky Conference.

III. That payment of grants be upon the same basis as last year if at all possible.

O. E. Johnson, Chairman
Howard N. Porterfield, Secretary

Date for 1953 Annual Conference Was set for August 12-16 at Camp St. Marys.

Annual Conference Summary

It will take much reading and examination to glean through all the reports of the Annual Conference, so a few of its decisions are here summarized for your help and assistance. In the way of Pastoral changes many of you already know that Rev. Gerald Coen has left Lima First church, and is now the Pastor of our Toledo Calvary Church. The new Pastor at Lima First is Rev. V. I. Sullivan, known to many of the older members of our Congregation. Mrs. Sullivan is a sister of Mrs. Mary Baker, and is a product of High Street Church. We are happy to welcome the Sullivans to Lima, and we now have the rather odd situation where the Pastor's wife at First Church is a product of High Street, while the Pastor's wife at High Street is a product of First Church.

Other changes within the Lima area are at Bluelick where the Rev. Ralph Conine is the new Pastor. The new Pastor of our Delphos Church is the Rev. N. D. Bevis. Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Strawser have gone to the Otterbein Home where they will be in charge of cottages as Governor and Governess. The new Pastor at Santa Fe is the Rev. Calvin Wise, a young man just entering into the ministry. The new pastor at Vaughnsville is the Rev. Paul Watson who has come to us this year from the Church of God. Until very recently he has served as a professor in Winebrenner Seminary in Findlay. We are happy to welcome all these new pastors into the Fellowship of Lima Group.

One of the important far-reaching decisions of the Conference was the election of a full-time director of Christian Education, Rev. Don Hochstettler. Don has been active at Camp St. Marys all through the summer months, and during the winter season he will be visiting in the various churches of the Conference. He will spend a week at each Church evaluating the Christian Education Program and helping to revise and strengthen the local work. Don was a logical and an excellent choice for such a post with his long years as youth director and his over-all knowledge of Christian Education methods in general. We believe he will do a fine work, and we will look forward to the time when he can visit High Street Church.

Another very important decision of the Conference was the approval on the complete Motel project. Such a building has long been needed at Camp St. Marys to provide hotel accommodations at any time for friends and guests who cannot rest comfortably on Army style bunk beds. The completed project will probably cost over \$60,000, but the investment will amortize itself in a period of a few years. The project should be completed by next year. It is located on the peninsula immediately north of the auditorium, and has a wonderful view of the lake.

A very important item considered at

this session was the rental price on the lots at the camp. Until this session the lots rented for \$50. per year for a ninety-nine year lease, but this year the price dropped to \$30 per year. This includes water and sewage connections at the edge of the lot, and the maintenance of roadways to the lots. These lots are for lease to members of the E. U. B. Church only, and as the camp develops every lot leased will prove to be a good investment.

The stewardship committee of the Conference presented a program of stewardship education and training that will mean much to every Church. If the program is followed as outlined by the committee the claims of Christ upon every Christian will be presented in an effective way. The details of this program will be presented later to the Church Council and to the Church in general through our regular program.

One other item will soon be brought to our attention as action of the Annual Conference. North Central College at Naperville, Illinois, is seeking to raise funds for a College-Seminary Library, and the share to be apportioned to the former Evangelical Churches now in the Ohio Sandusky Conference will be over \$26,000. The Conference asked that every church do something in a voluntary way for this offering, and in due time we will doubtless have an offering for this purpose. Perhaps your pastor will exchange pulpits with a pastor who is a graduate of this Seminary some Sunday in order that we may be better informed on the project before we ask for the offering.

For twenty-two years Rev. L. E. Ames has served our Conference as secretary, and has served exceedingly well, but this year he declined to let his name be used in this connection. Against your pastor's better judgment, and in spite of his expressed wishes his name appeared on the ballot, and he was elected. There will be some minor duties during the year, but the main obligations will appear next summer and at Conference time. It is an honor to be selected by the Conference to such an office for the secretary has an influence and a voice in the formation of Conference policy and program. Pray for your pastor as he prepares to assume his new duties in the wider field.

It will greatly benefit you if you will take time to read as many of the Conference reports as appear in full in the center pages of this paper. We belong to a growing-living Conference, and every layman should inform himself as to its activities.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Steele of Route 3. Lima are the proud parents of a son, Dennis Alan, born at St. Rita's hospital in Lima, August 19th, 1952. Mrs. Steele is a member of the High Street church, and is known better to many of our people by her maiden name—Betty Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conkle, 108 W. Sugar St., Cridersville, Ohio, are the proud

parents of a son, Mike Edward, born Saturday September 6th, 1952 at St. Rita's hospital. Mr. Conkle is a member of the High Street church, and has been active in the soft ball team. They are members also of the Pathfinders S. S. class.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemmenway of 442 N. Shawnee Street are the proud parents of a girl, Peggy Lee, born Friday September 12th at St. Rita's hospital. Mrs. Hemmenway is a member of the church, and is probably known better to the older members of the church by her maiden name—Betty Shock.

Congratulations to the new parents and to the babies who are the future church.

TEN REASONS WHY I SWEAR

These reasons for swearing, sarcastically stated, appeared in a church bulletin, the product of alert thinking on the part of the pastor:

1. It pleases mother so much.
2. It is a fine mark of manliness.
3. It proves I have self-control.
4. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
5. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
6. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
7. It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education.
8. It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society.
10. It is my way of honoring God, who said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

MY HEART'S DESIRE

(Written by a girl 12 years old)

Oh, Lord of Heaven, I mean to be
A soldier brave and true to Thee,
To tell the whole world through and
through

Thy loving story that's so true—
To tell with warning so sincere,
So they'll believe Thy judgments near.

Oh, Lord of Heaven, I'd like to do
So many, many things for You;
I'd like to make the heavens ring
And know that some poor soul can sing
Of Thy redeeming love for me,
It won my heart and set me free.

Oh, Lord of Heaven, I want to show
Thy wondrous work that all may know
Thy gracious gift that is so free,
Receiving which, in Heaven they'll be—
To show them Thy redeeming love
And point them on to Heaven above.

Jacob was not the only man who discovered after it was too late that the woman he had was not the woman he thought he was marrying. And vice versa.

There are no baggage cars on the train that is marked for heaven.

Breadth without depth spells weakness.
Breadth plus depth spells strength.

Items Of General Interest

Recent patients in St. Rita's hospital were Miss Peggy Mumaugh, and Mr. James Anderson. Recent patients in Memorial hospital were Mrs. Wesley Bow-ers, Mrs. Robert Lauck, Mr. Graydon Watt, Mrs. Edna Rhodes, Mr. Rufus Newell, and Mr. Chas. Wildt. All have now returned home, and are improved or well at this writing. Peggy Mumaugh was injured while at the High Street Camp at Camp St. Marys, but is well and back in school again. Mr. Newell and Mr. Wildt had prolonged hospital experiences but are better at this writing and both are now at home.

As these lines are written Mr. Virgil Lauck, Jr. and Mrs. Ruby Myers are patients in St. Rita's hospital. Virgil was injured on Monday, September 8th while at work for his employer, Mr. Cletus Cary. His condition is much improved at this time. In Memorial hospital are Mr. George Stewart, Mrs. Francis Mauk, and Mrs. Harry Mullenhour of our Delphos church. Geo. Stewart is recovering slowly from burns received in an accident several weeks ago. His condition is greatly improved but he has suffered severely from burns.

Mr. Marion Priddy who has been bed-fast for about three years is recovering from a serious illness of recent weeks. He is now at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ross Patton on Route 3 north of Lima. Mr. Priddy is a friend of the church, and is the father of Mrs. James Borchers who is a member of our Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Clemans have purchased four new records for our Tower Chimes. They are No. 3225—"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" and "The Lord is My Shepherd"; No. 3246—"I Love To Tell the Story" and "Jesus Shall Reign"; No. 3250—"Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and "The Church's One Foundation"; No. 3148—"Church Bell Ringing (Call To Worship)". Friends who would like to provide additional records for the Church Tower Chimes are invited to see the Pastor to select the numbers they would like to provide. The cost is \$2.50 per record.

The Pathfinders Sunday School class is selling Christmas greeting cards and wrappings. See any member of the class, such as Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Richer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Grimm, or others if you would like to have greeting cards or wrappings.

The Missionary Societies of the Church are sponsoring a Junior Mission Band which will meet once every month. It will meet for the first time on Sunday September 28th during the hour of morning worship, and all boys and girls of ages three to twelve are invited. The sessions will be held in the Church Basement.

Fred J. Bruner recently graduated from The Engineer Officers Candidate School, U. S. Army at Fort Belvoir, Va., and received his commission as 2nd Lieutenant. After a 15 day leave he will report to his new assignment as Supply Officer, U. S.

Army, Corp. of Engineers, attached to the United States Air Force Base at Orlando, Fla. Lt. and Mrs. Fred J. Bruner's resident address is 2300 E. Colonial Drive, Apt. No. 2, Orlando, Fla. Captain Floyd E. Jones' address is as follows:

Capt. Floyd E. Jones—AO1589934 USAF
57th Fighter Interceptor Gp.

APO 942 c/o PM
Seattle, Washington

Paul Walther has been shipped over seas for service in the Far Eastern area (Japan and Korea). We will try to have his new address in the October Witness.

Jack Wade (husband of Mrs. Faye Lauck Wade) was inducted on Thursday, September 4th. He is now stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Myers were in the morning worship on September 14th, on their way to Bradenton, Fla. for the winter. They spent the summer near Hicksville, Ohio.

The speaker on Sunday morning August 31st during the Worship hour was Mr. Homer Moser, New Assistant Superintendent of The Lima Rescue Home. Mr. Moser is a member of our Bethany Church in Celina, Ohio, and is now engaged in full-time Christian activity with The Lima Rescue Home. Under the leadership of Rev. James Welty the Lima Rescue Home is assuming an increasingly important place in the life of Lima.

THE DIARY OF A BIBLE

"The word of the Lord was precious in those days" (I Samuel 3:1). Is it precious to you?

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January 15—Been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year, my owner met me regularly, but he has forgotten me, I guess.

February 2—Clean up. I was dusted with other things and put back in my place.

February 8—Owner used me for a short time after dinner, looking up a few references. Went to Sunday school.

March 7—Clean up. Dusted and in my old place again. Have been down in the lower hall since my trip to Sunday school.

April 2—Busy day. Owner led League meeting and had to look up references. He had an awful time finding one, though it was right there in its place, all the time.

May 5—In grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Colossians 2:5-7.

May 6—In grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on I Corinthians 13 and the last four verses of the 15th chapter.

May 7, 8, 9—In grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

May 10—Grandma's gone. Back in the old place. She kissed me good-bye.

June 3—Had a couple of four-leaved clovers stuck in me today.

July 1—Packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I

guess.

July 10—Still in trunk; though nearly everything else has been taken out.

July 15—Home again and in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

August 1—Rather stuffy and hot. Have two magazines, a novel and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

November 5—Used by Mary a few moments today. She was writing a letter to a friend whose brother had died, and wanted an appropriate verse.—Selected

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH—IT'S YOU

If you want to have the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like,

You needn't slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind,

For there's nothing really new.

It's a knock at yourself when you knock

your church,

It isn't the church—it's you.

When everything seems to be going wrong,

And trouble seems everywhere brewing,

When prayer meeting, Young People's

meeting, and all,

Seem simmering slowly—stewing,

Just take a look at yourself and say,

"What's the use of being blue?"

Are you doing your "bit" to make things

"hit"?

It isn't the church—it's you.

It's really strange sometimes, don't you

know,

That things go as well as they do,

When we think of the little—the very

small mite—

We add to the work of the few.

We sit, and stand around, and complain of

what's done,

And do very little but fuss.

Are we bearing our share of the burdens

to bear?

It isn't the church—it's us.

So, if you want to have the kind of a

church

Like the kind of a church you like,

Put off your guile, put on your best smile,

And hike, my brother, just hike,

To the work in hand that has to be done—

The work of saving a few.

It isn't the Church that is wrong, my boy;

It isn't the church—it's you!

Spirituality is not a spasm.

Easy-going religion makes weak souls.

There is no speed limit on the road

that leads to perdition.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The tenor who sang "Now I Lay Me

Down To Sleep" just before the sermon?

The minister who preached on "Can You Face The Music?" just before announcing the special organ selections?

The minister whose subject was, "Promptness, a Christian Virtue," and the choir sang "I Waited For The Lord"?

The quartet which sang, "Steal Away" when the sermon was on "The Honest Christian"?—Lorenz's Choir Courier.